

Editorial

Dream On

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I am a dreamer. It won't be an exaggeration to say that I am a product of my dreams. I didn't dream to achieve anything higher than what I already have accomplished in life. All I wanted was a good education and security in life. To a degree I have obtained that. Some people dream of greater things in life. All men who have achieved great things have been great dreamers. I also read somewhere that some great people found their achievements in real dream.

"The theory of relativity was given to Albert Einstein ($E=MC^2$), Elias Howe received knowledge about the sewing

machine, Robert Louis Stevenson received ideas for the book "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde", Thomas Edison received the invention of the light bulb, Dr. Vivien Thomas got the cure for blue baby syndrome, and Christopher Columbus received direction to discover America, all in a dream!"

I must also add that all men who have achieved great things are not just dreamers, they are a doer also. The dream I am talking about relates to ambition, aspiration hope and desire not the dream that comes to us in our sleep only.

After my mother died when I was six months old, my custody was given to my uncle and aunt who took me on the farm in a village. They loved me and gave me a very happy childhood. I was so happy that there was no need to dream of anything.

My father took me to his home in a big city when I was five years old. Without going into much detail, I was miserable and led a fearful adolescent life in his custody. I could have become demented, misfit and distraught. What saved me was my hope and dream. I always dreamed that I'll be successful, will have a nice job, and a great family and will live in another world away from bleak and dismay. Though there are always ups and downs in life, nevertheless, I got what I wanted, nothing more and nothing less.

I knew at an early age I wanted to move to the USA one day and work for a large company like General Motors. It came true along with sundry other things that I dreamed about. Though I studied engineering for earning a livelihood, I wanted to be a writer. Now after my retirement, I run an online magazine and have four published books to my credit. They are all results of my dreams.

Dreams in the context of this article can be synonymous with ambition. Usually, ambition is looked down upon as something bad. We always hear people complain that such and such person is ambitious. In fact, ambition is a strong desire to achieve whatever goals we set for ourself. It's the spark inside us that compels us to keep putting effort into whatever we do.

Having achieved the dream is the best feeling in the world. Here are some expressions of joy that I felt when my dreams came true:

“Despite everyone’s low expectation, I passed my high school in first division.

“I’m holding my published book for the first time. I wrote this book of humor while going through desperate times.

I watched the president Clinton landing in Air Force One while my plane was waiting to take off. (Wow!)

“When I grow up, I want to be a more successful version of me. (Rhonda)”

“One day, I'm gonna give a Ted Talk. That day is today.

“Can't wait till my new book becomes a best seller. I am working on it.

So dream on and remember: “We Are Such Stuff as Dreams Are Made On” wrote William Shakespeare in Tempest.