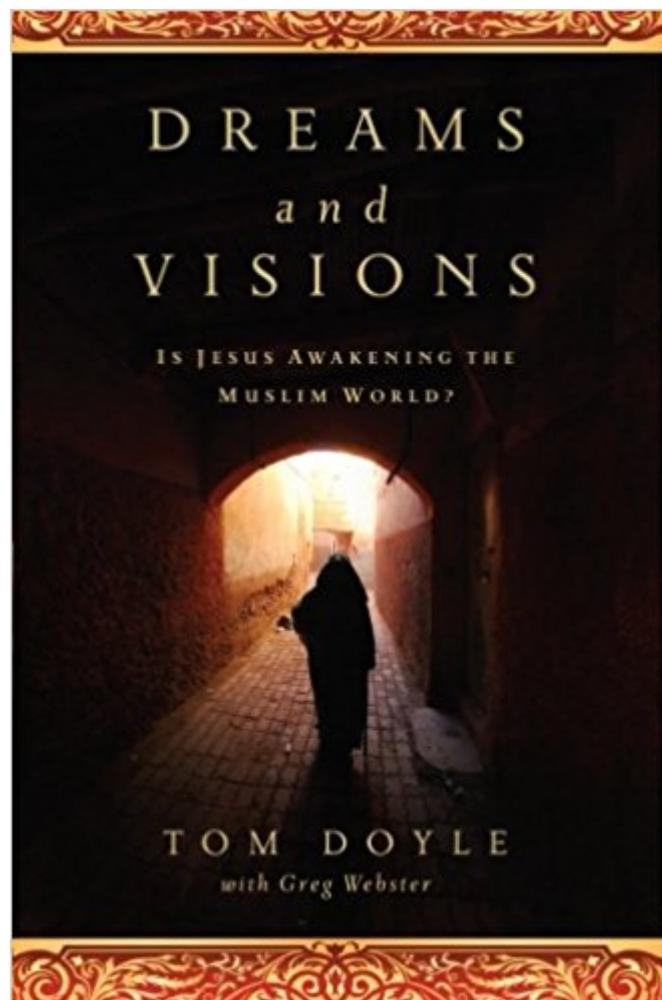


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DREAMS AND VISIONS: Is Jesus Awakening The Muslim World?



Synopsis

What would you do if Jesus appeared to you in a dream? What if He came to you in a vision and told you to follow Him? What if these visions continued for over thirty days? would you believe? Would you put your trust in him? Would you devote your life to him? Would you if you were Muslim? Pastor Tom Doyle has spent eleven years as a full-time missionary in the Middle East and Central Asia, spreading the word of Jesus Christ. Throughout his journey he has encountered a staggering number of Muslims who were first introduced to Jesus through a vision or dream so powerful that they eventually turned from their lifelong religion of Islam and embraced Christ as their Savior. Despite living in a culture where converting to Christianity can result in execution, these former Muslims have found hope, peace, and inspiration that comes from knowing Christ. Their stories will amaze you. Jesus is reaching out to the Muslims and they are responding. Did you know that Iran has the fastest growing church in the world? Dreams and Visions is a remarkable collection of stories directly from the world of Islam. Doyle not only relates these stories, but also addresses the questions: Why would God use dreams to reach the Muslim world? Can dreams be trusted? What happens after these dreams or visions occur? Travel to the heart of the Middle East to meet new believers who have truly been touched by Jesus in the most miraculous way, through their nightly dreams.

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Customer Reviews

Tom Doyle's collection of stories of divine encounters and visitations among Muslims stands as a potent testimony to the power and love of God, introducing not only supernatural dreams and

visions in the Muslim world, but also the supernatural love of God for all of His creation. The book contains careful reporting of documented cases of dreams and visions of Jesus in almost every nation of the Middle East. While it's obvious that Doyle has been a responsible and thorough reporter, the writing is active and follows a nonfiction novel format, recreating scenes, emotions, and action through numerous interviews and meticulous research. Using the stories of dreams and visions as a centerpiece, Doyle carefully constructs the context for each story to take place, illustrating the history of numerous nations, describing Islam and its worldview, and describing how house churches and Christianity functions in these parts of the world, making the book as essentially informative as it is inspiring and exciting. Doyle comes from a significantly strong conservative perspective and often highlights the ugliest aspects of Islam. As a field worker and an experienced researcher, he is well entitled to this perspective and portrayal. What he presents is fact; my only apprehension is that the sometimes sensational tone of his prose when partnered with these facts may inspire more fear than he intends. In some odd way, I feel like this book should have been better. Some of these stories have been published before in Voice of the Martyrs newsletters etc. They are highly impacting and poignant, and the author's energetic portrayal of the events seeks to make the most of each story. There are times when the prose seems overactive and too much like fiction writing.

I have to say that this was one of those books that was almost impossible to put down. As I'd finish one chapter, I'd just have to read another, then another before taking a break. It is an exhilarating read, especially as a Christian pastor, seeing what God is doing to reach the Islamic people in these last days. Tom Doyle is a missionary who has extensive experience in the Middle East, but he explains that when he first heard of the supernatural move of God taking place in the Middle East, he had difficulty believing the stories. But the stories kept coming... and coming. One former Islamic person after another told stories of how Jesus himself came to them in dreams or visions which opened the door for them to become a follower of Christ. A statement made in the book that sticks in my mind is this: "God showed me that my theology does not determine his actions." Powerful thought right there. In this book the authors have compiled several stories as told by former Muslims who were introduced to Jesus through a dream or a vision. These are real stories, not exaggerations or fantasy. One of the things I loved about the book is that these are all verified accounts. As Doyle writes in the book, "If we couldn't verify the experience, we left it out--no Christian fairy tales here." These are powerful stories that will not only lift your faith, they will amaze you as you come to see the breadth and length of God's loving effort to reach the Muslim people in

countries where spreading the Gospel is strictly forbidden and punishable by death. Yet in this setting, Doyle writes that "More Muslims are coming to faith in Jesus today than ever before.

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As a researcher working with a Muslim language group in Asia, I was very interested in the subject of this book since I have personally met Muslims who have become more interested in Jesus as a result of dreams. Let me tell you of a dream one of my friends had. In my friend's dream, he was walking down a dark tunnel. Then there was a light in the tunnel shinning on Noah. Noah didn't say anything but he pointed for my friend to go further up the tunnel. My friend walked further. Then the light shined on Moses. Moses didn't say anything but he pointed for my friend to go further up the tunnel. My friend walked further. Then the light shined on David. David didn't say anything but he pointed for my friend to go further up the tunnel. My friend walked further. Then the light shined on Mohammad. Mohammad didn't say anything but he pointed for my friend to go further up the tunnel. My friend went further and then saw Jesus at the end. It was like all the previous prophets including Mohammad were pointing my friend toward Jesus. This made my friend curious to know more about Jesus. I made an observation about dreams back then and Tom Doyle's book seems to support this observation. God doesn't seem to lead any Muslim to a saving knowledge of Him through dreams alone. God always leads the Muslim to a believer in Christ who will then help the Muslim come to the point of following Jesus as Lord and Savior. This was true in Tom Doyle's first chapter, Friday at the Khan. In this chapter we see that God spoke to Noor, a Muslim woman, through a dream but God also showed her that she needed to meet "Kamal" who would explain the way of God more clearly.

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