



REN 510 - 4 credits

Wisdom Through Dream Interpretation Graduate

Complete the course requirements for REN 310, with the following alterations and additions:

1. The paper described in Course Requirement #6 is not necessary for REN510. You will be incorporating your findings from this collateral into a different paper, described in Requirement #5 below.
2. Course Requirement #7, a paper discussing what you have learned about yourself, is to be a minimum of five typewritten pages, rather than the four pages required for the undergraduate course.
3. Carefully read *Exploring the World of Dreams* by Benny Thomas.
4. Carefully read *The Dream Workbook* by Jill Morris, Ph.D.
5. Submit a paper detailing your personal comparative analysis of the teaching of the five texts you have studied, as well as your personal application of their teaching. This paper will have three main sections.

A. Section I: For each of the five texts (Virkler, Riffel, Thomas, Morris, and your elective), answer the following questions:

- 1) According to the author, what is the purpose or function of the dream?
- 2) According to the author, where do the symbols of the dream originate and how can they be interpreted? Are there fixed or universal symbols which appear in everyone's dreams? If so, give at least three examples.
- 3) According to the author, what is the role of the dreamer's current life situation in understanding the dream?
- 4) According to the author, how should one go about uncovering the meaning of his dreams?

B. Section II: Select three of your dreams which you recorded in your dream journal during this course.

- 1) Describe the dream.
- 2) Interpret the dream as instructed by each of your course texts. You may need to approach each dream five different ways and arrive at five different interpretations. Clearly describe your processes and your conclusions.

C. Section III: Write a summary statement which clearly presents your understanding and belief system concerning dreams.

- 1) Include answers to the following questions:
 - a) What is the purpose or function of the dream?
 - b) Where do the symbols of the dream originate and how can they be interpreted? Are there fixed or universal symbols which appear in everyone's dreams? If so, give at least three examples.
 - c) What is the role of the dreamer's current life situation in understanding the dream?
 - d) How should one go about uncovering the meaning of his dreams?
- 2) In addition, interpret the three dreams you worked with in Section II according to the principles of dream interpretation which you personally now hold.
- 3) Discuss why you believe what you do concerning dreams and dream interpretation. Write as if you were presenting your case to a skeptic who claims dreams are merely the result of yesterday's undigested burrito.