

ONE SOUL'S JOURNEY
INTO THE PAST, TO
SAVE THE FUTURE

A PHOENIX
*D*REAM

ERIC C. MARIONEAU



Outskirts Press, Inc.
Denver, Colorado

This is a work of fiction. The events and characters described herein are imaginary and are not intended to refer to specific places or living persons. The opinions expressed in this manuscript are solely the opinions of the author and do not represent the opinions or thoughts of the publisher. The author has represented and warranted full ownership and/or legal right to publish all the materials in this book.

A Phoenix Dream
One Soul's Journey into the past, to save the future
All Rights Reserved.
Copyright © 2010 Eric C. Marioneaux
v2.0 r1.1

Cover Photo © 2010 JupiterImages Corporation. All rights reserved - used with permission.

This book may not be reproduced, transmitted, or stored in whole or in part by any means, including graphic, electronic, or mechanical without the express written consent of the publisher except in the case of brief quotations embodied in critical articles and reviews.

Outskirts Press, Inc.
<http://www.outskirtspress.com>

PB ISBN: 978-1-4327-6179-0
HB ISBN: 978-1-4327-7249-9

Outskirts Press and the "OP" logo are trademarks belonging to Outskirts Press, Inc.

PRINTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Contents



Acknowledgements	v
A Phoenix Dream	vii
A Phoenix Dream	ix
Prologue	xiii
Chapter 1: An Unexpected Journey	1
Chapter 2: A Glimpse of Eden	9
Chapter 3: A New Beginning, A New World.....	19
Chapter 4: Dance of the Sol –Renna	29
Chapter 5: Desperate Times	47
Chapter 6: A World Apart	64
Chapter 7: An Unexpected Bond	78
Chapter 8: An Unrelenting Burden.....	92
Chapter 9: Searching for Answers	103
Chapter 10: An Anxious Evening	112
Chapter 11: A Meeting of Minds.....	125
Chapter 12: Plans in Motion.....	136
Chapter 13: The Chase	146
Chapter 14: The Archons.....	166
Chapter 15: Choices	180
Chapter 16: Return to Eden.....	202
Epilogue.....	207
Names and Terms	213

Acknowledgements

It has often been said by many, that Angels communicate with us in our dreams. I was never entirely sure whether or not I believed this to be true, until one night in January of 2004, when I had such a dream. It was a very vivid and detailed dream, and one that I could not stop thinking about the next morning.

In this dream, I was visited by a beautiful woman, who introduced herself as the Archangel Uriel. She talked with me about the Afterlife, Reincarnation, and the Journey of the Soul. She revealed many things to me during this dream, many of which were the direct inspiration for this book. However, one of the things I remember best, was something she said, something that I could not get out of my head. She said, "Remember your faith in God, remember love, and you will not fail."

What made this particular dream so unusual for me, was the fact that I had never heard of the Archangel Uriel in all my life. Like many, I knew of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel because they are mentioned in the Bible and other prominent works and prayers, but I knew nothing of Uriel.

The next morning, I decided to look up Uriel on the Internet and was amazed by what I found.

I began writing this book in April of 2008, and along the way I have received a lot of moral support from both friends and family alike. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their encouragement and for believing in me.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to my mother Katreen Marioneaux, for her support, and for allowing me to use some of her beautiful paintings to help bring this book to life.

She has painted hundreds of paintings in her lifetime, sold the majority of them, kept a few for herself, and given many to me. I use many of her works to decorate my home and office, and I personally think she is one of the best artists in Texas...

I know I'm biased because she's my mother, but hey... it's the truth.

Thank you...

A Phoenix Dream

This book is dedicated first and foremost to my son Alexander, who I love, an in whom I see so much of myself. To my parents, Lester and Katreen Marioneaux, who have inspired me all my life, and provided me with a strong moral compass.

To all of my friends, and to all of those people who love to imagine and dream of a better world, and do their part to make that dream a reality...

Also, to all of those people who are open-minded and have the intelligence to recognize that the Origin and Ancestry of the Human Race extends beyond the boundaries of our world.

Last but certainly not least, a special dedication and thank you to the Archangel Uriel for her divine inspiration, and for giving me a wonderful dream...

Without her, this book would simply not exist.

Eric Marioneaux...

A Phoenix Dream

“Remember your faith in God, remember love, and you will not fail.”

(Archangel, Uriel)

“I believe in the immortality of the Soul, because I have within me immortal longings.”

Helen Keller.

“For behold, this is my work and my glory – to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man.”

Bible: Moses (1:39)

“No one has lived longer than a dead child, and Methusala died young. “Heaven and Earth are as old as I, and the ten thousand things are one.”

Chuang Tzu, about 300 B.C. China.

“What are you? From where did you come? I have never seen anything like you.” The Creator Raven looked at Man and was...surprised to find that this strange new being was so much like himself.

An Eskimo creation myth.

“To be born here and die here, to die here and to be born elsewhere, to be born there and to die there, to die there and be born elsewhere-That is the round of existence.”

Buddhist Text; Milinda's Questions 77

“And Allah hath caused you to spring forth from the Earth like a plant; Hereafter; will he turn you back into it again, and bring you forth anew.”

Koran (Sura 71;17-18)

“The first step on the path of redemption, is remembering our sins.”

Eric C. Marioneaux

“The tomb is not a blind alley; it is a thoroughfare. It closes on the twilight. It opens on the dawn.”

Victor Hugo.

“No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new doorway for the human spirit.”

Helen Keller.

“Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage.”

Lao Tzu

“Let him who seeks, not cease seeking until he finds, and when he finds, he will be troubled, and when he is troubled, he will marvel.”

(Gospel according to Thomas)

The Phoenix hope, can wing her way through the desert skies, and still defying fortune's spite; revive from the ashes and rise.”

Miguel De Cervantes.

Prologue

“I believe in the immortality of the Soul because I have within me immortal longings.”

(Helen Keller)

Hello, allow me to introduce myself... My name is Alexander Cole Manning. Most people who know me of course, just call me Alex. There is one exception to this though. A close female friend of mine named Fatimah, who is a teacher of Theology, took to calling me by my initials ACM, which she pronounces as ACOM. Actually, after a short time, ACOM somehow became ACORN, and this is a nickname which has become very popular with some of my students; as well as; my co-workers.

I haven't fully forgiven her for that yet, but in the end, I have to laugh because it is a nickname that seems to suit me. Acorns after all, are symbols of rebirth, and new beginnings, and as you will see... I'm all about new beginnings...

My friends and I are all sort of a geeky group of people I suppose. Most, like me, are Teachers or Professors of various subjects at a local University here in Georgia, which I will not name for privacy reasons.

I am a Professor of Philosophy and History. I love to compare and contrast the views of the past with the

present, and to theorize about the possible adventures that await humankind...

I of course, never imagined the kind of adventure that was waiting for me...

It is this adventure, which has prompted me to write this book. You see, I want to tell you a story. It is a true story, at least from my perspective, but it is a story many people will find difficult or impossible to believe.

To put it simply, it is a story of one Soul and two lifetimes. It is a story about a journey through time, and the search for redemption. It is a story of reincarnation, and this is a subject, which is one of the founding principles of my faith.

Now there are those in this world who may find this story easy to believe, as they may have had similar experiences. I know for a fact, that there are many people all over the world who have had vivid memories from Near-Death Experiences or from Past Life Regression, and most of these people have been afraid or reluctant to speak about their experiences. And who could blame them after all. As a society, we are not always the most understanding of people, especially when it comes to topics we don't fully comprehend.

I know I have until very recently, only confided this tale to my closest friends. Some of whom say that it couldn't possibly have happened. That it only happened in my head. That I dreamed the whole thing, or it was my just my imagination running wild.

Well to this I say, even if it only happened in my head, it doesn't make it any less real...

It is through our minds that we determine reality anyway isn't it? It is through a multitude of experiences; either real or imagined, in which we grow. It is how we evolve, and that is the whole point of life after all...to evolve.

With each succession of lives, we gain more knowledge and experience, allowing our Souls to move closer to a state of perfection...to move closer to God. Or perhaps I should say to increase our understanding of God. The more we understand God, the closer we become to being one with him. This I think is one of the purposes of reincarnation.

When people think of reincarnation or rebirth, they often think of the Phoenix...that beautiful mythical bird that rises from the ashes of its own death to live again. It is probably the most recognized symbol for reincarnation in the world.

In fact, the very myth of the Phoenix was born in a place where a belief in the afterlife and rebirth was of paramount importance... Egypt. It arose as a symbol for the Egyptians belief in eternal life, and then came to prominence once again later in Christian Art and Literature. The Phoenix was a direct representation of Christ. It stood as a symbol for his life, death, resurrection, and eternal life. So you see the Phoenix literally represents the immortality in us all.

It is for this reason, and my own personal experiences,

that I chose to title this book “A Phoenix Dream”. This is essentially, what we all are. We are all Phoenixes.

We are a continuation of Spirit or Soul or Consciousness if you prefer. We move from one life to the next, and so on, and so on, until we can journey no more... Until there is no need for rebirth anymore, when we will at last be truly complete...

Well, more on that later... I know I have certainly learned some very valuable lessons from this little adventure.

Lessons that I will never forget...

So now, I invite you to take from this story what you will. Some of you will believe in it and some will not. However, even if you choose not to believe, it is my sincere hope that this tale will at least get you thinking of the possibilities...

So, make yourself comfortable... Find a nice cozy place to relax. Get yourself a favorite drink and something to snack on...and prepare yourself to take a journey with me...

Are you ready?

Ok, let's begin....

