

condition he thinks he is still fully awake and imagines he sees specters rushing at him or wandering vaguely about, differing from natural creatures in size and shape, and hosts of diverse things, either delightful or disturbing”.

The oracular dream (*oraculum*) comprises a revelation about what will happen in the near future, and this revelation is made by a parent of the dreamer, a revered or pious man, a priest or even by God himself. The revelation is very clear and is followed by the action to take or to avoid.

A prophetic vision is when we actually dream of what will happen.

Enigmatic dreams (*somnium*) are those “that conceal with strange shapes and veils with ambiguity the true meaning of the information being offered, and require an interpretation for their understanding”.

Actually there are five types of enigmatic dreams: personal, alien, social, public, and universal.

*It is personal when one dreams that he himself is doing or experiencing something; alien, when he dreams this about someone else; social, when his dream involves others and himself; public, when he dreams that some misfortune or benefit has befallen the city, forum, theater, public walls, or other public enterprise; universal, when he dreams that some change has taken place in the sun, moon, planets, sky, or regions of the earth.*

Finally we should stress these 2 points:

- Macrobius is interested too in prophetic dreams that he