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## **Preface to the Second Edition**

During a period of 29 years the neurologist and psychiatrist Dr. Flöttmann has explored 1.901 dream symbols. By means of the computer and his great experience of psychoanalysis and psychotherapy he has scientifically researched 45.000 dreams of 1.087 men and women.

Most dreams deal with the detachment from the parent house, with sexuality, the overcoming of infantility and the healing of the Self. Relationship troubles, feelings of guilt, missing joy of life and aggression are further important subjects of dreams. Dreams lead us into the centre of our conflicts. They confront us with our faulty attitudes and actions. Moreover, dreams reveal the soul-images which we can develop.

The sense of this work lies in bringing the reader a scientific encyclopedia of dream symbols and supporting him in his maturation.

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### **The frequency of the symbols in 45.000 dreams**

Very common: more than 2636 dreams

Common: 978 to 2635 dreams

Uncommon: 57 to 977 dreams

Rare: 14 to 56 dreams

Very rare: 1 to 13 dreams

# **I. Encyclopedia of dream symbols**

**The most common meaning of a symbol comes first.**

## **Abdomen**

The abdomen is the seat of fear, anger, sexuality and intuition. It is a place of fertility, pregnancy and illness. Intrusiveness, aggressive actions, also tenderness turn against the abdomen. Sexuality is expressed by slashed bowels or knives which are held against the abdomen.

*Frequency: uncommon (598 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Aberration**

An aberration indicates the venture on new things in life. But the feeling of guilt says: if you continue in this manner, you will lose your way. The dreamer indulges in the unknown part of life only under fear. The symbol of aberration can also stand for a difficult part of life or inner difficulties of orientation.

*Frequency: rare (42 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Abitur**

Passing the abitur is a sign of mental maturation. The failed a-levels points to a delay of development.

*Frequency: uncommon (87 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Abortion**

The artificial abortion usually means that the infantilism is aborted by means of medical help. The abortion also symbolizes the sex prohibiting sting of remorse, which destroy the possible consequences of the sexual intercourse: a child.

*Frequency: very rare (6 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Abroad**

Being abroad means a psychic new ground which often appears strangely to the dreamer. Therefore, the person carefully, anxiously and under feeling of guilt steps on to the new area. The dreamer is sometimes accompanied by misfortune. The foreign country also symbolizes the freedom from parental orders.

*Frequency: common (1318 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Abscess**

Soul contaminating contents ooze outside in the guise of pus.

*Frequency: rare (39 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Abyss**

The abyss is often connected with the fear of falling. The dreamer is afraid to let go of the past and to become familiar with the new.

*Frequency: uncommon (143 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Accident**

An accident symbolizes that mental sorrows become conscious. The dream sends an aggressive or sexual impulse in the clothes of a guiltily experienced accident. The accident stands for the detachment from a person, usually from father or mother.

*Frequency: common (1318 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Acolyte**

The acolyte is a symbol of the inhibited man who bravely conforms to the parental authority.

*Frequency: rare (24 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Acquaintance**

The acquaintance often symbolizes mother or father, especially the friends from the past: my old friend.



*Frequency: common (2338 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Acrobat**

The dream symbol of the acrobat expresses a desired property which the dreamer can realize by hard and courageous work on his character. The acrobat also represents narcissism.

*Frequency: rare (28 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Acute hearing loss**

If hearing suddenly decreases within an atmosphere full of joy of life, it points to feelings of guilt of the dreamer.

*Frequency: very rare (1 dream out of 45 000)*

### **Addiction**

The addiction is a sign of unsolved dependency on a person who is substituted by the addiction or the addictive drug. In some dreams, behind the addictive drug the defence and depreciation of male sexuality is hidden: the ejaculate – the addictive drug – is perceived as dangerous and addictive. The powder or the injection is described by the addictive drug.

*Frequency: uncommon (341 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Adhesive**

In some dreams the adhesive is a symbol of a clinging parent figure.

*Frequency: uncommon (190 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Advertising**

Advertising is a symbol of self-expression or of sexual seduction which the dreamer either can indulge in.

*Frequency: rare (20 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Aeroplane**

The aeroplane symbolizes aggression, freedom, might, greatness, power, pleasure and symbiosis. An aeroplane

with an opened or missing door can stand for a beginning detachment from the motherly object. The crashing aeroplane illustrates the womb which explodes as an expression of separation from the mother.

The aeroplane represents the manly Self, which either powerfully and unsteadily jets around the world or calms down and prepares to an everlasting landing with his wife. The aircraft is also a penis symbol. The steep angle while starting corresponds to the erected penis. The exhaust fumes of the aircraft describe the ejaculate. A plane crashes into the earth: the penis is introduced. The exploding plane sometimes signifies the orgasm.

*Frequency: uncommon (682 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Affair**

Having an affair stands for an uncertain sexual identity which is manifested in the reproach of unfaithfulness.

*Frequency: rare (34 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Age**

Age allegorizes the psychic transformational process. An old man or woman symbolizes a sage who gives advice to the dreamer. The age also stands for father or mother. An old building, a timehonoured person or just sticking to old ways gives evidence of the dreamer's unsolved binding-conflict with his parents.

*Frequency: common (1695 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Aggression**

An aggressive action often points to a guiltily or fearfully experienced aggressive conflict. Aggression signifies energy of transformation and detachment from the symbiosis. See: war, weapons.

*Frequency: very common (8624 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Aids**

The HIV-Infection often stands for feelings of guilt which refer to sexuality. As a contagious venereal disease, aids points to a guiltily experienced conception. HIV also indicates psychic change, if death stands in the foreground, for example.

*Frequency: rare (46 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Aim**

It is often the aim in a dream to satisfy a wish, usually the desire for sexuality. The dreamer gets the climax, the aim, the orgasm. The dreamer sometimes achieves the aim, the realization of the impulse, too late. Parental ties are mostly the cause that he misses his target.

*Frequency: uncommon (504 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Air**

Air is an important element of life. Many dreams, in which the air becomes insufficient, indicate psychic misery or change by illness or death.

*Frequency: common (991 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Air balloon**

A flabby or blown up air balloon symbolizes the penis or a preservative. An air balloon is seldom floated upwards with the aim of giving a signal.

*Frequency: uncommon (57 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Air mattress**

The airbed symbolizes the penis which can swell or be blown up.

The airbed contains diverse sexual properties like stiffness, softness and the lying on it for having fun and relaxation.

*Frequency: rare (31 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Airship**

The airship represents the penis.

*Frequency: very rare (10 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Alarm**

The alarm stands for psychic defence mechanisms.

*Frequency: rare (15 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Alcohol**

Alcohol is a symbol of comfort, or joy of living, regression and the devouring, dangerous mother. Alcohol that inflames stands for aggression.

*Frequency: uncommon (815 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Alien**

The alien symbolizes the outlawed foreign, also the instinctive behaviour which the dreamer fears, interdicts to himself or looks at fascinated and curiously.

*Frequency: rare (43 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Alienation**

Alienation is a sign of the new which the dreamer regards as alien because of feelings of guilt. Alienation is also a symbol of distance or detachment from the parents.

*Frequency: very rare (5 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Alimony**

Paying maintenance stands for responsibility towards the female friend and for a stable relation in love.

*Frequency: very rare (2 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Aloneness**

Being alone is a sign of autonomy and confidence. Behind the harmony unsolved autonomous-heteronomy-conflicts often hide. Loneliness can reveal fear of separation and a depressive mood.

Being alone also expresses joy of life, especially the sexual wish after the saying: "Look, men and women, I'm

still on the market, for I'm alone." Moreover, being alone describes the role of the outsider, of the crank who avoids contact with the others.

*Frequency: very common (2760 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Altar**

The altar is a holy site, a symbol of God.

*Frequency: rare (47 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Altar boy**

The altar boy is a symbol of an inhibited man who bravely conforms to the parental rules.

*Frequency: rare (24 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Alzheimer's**

Like other serious diseases of the parents or of the best friends, Alzheimer's disease symbolizes the growing distance from them.

*Frequency: very rare (10 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Amber**

Amber is a symbol of the enclosed state of a precious psychic content. This evolves out of the inner of the amber capsule.

*Frequency: very rare (6 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **America**

America stands for a psychic new ground which appears strangely to the dreamer. Therefore, the person steps carefully and anxiously and with feelings of guilt on to the new area, sometimes accompanied by misfortune. America also symbolizes the freedom of parental orders.

*Frequency: uncommon (232 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Amniotic sac**

The amnion symbolizes the Great Mother, the Motherly.

*Frequency: very rare (10 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Amok**

Amok symbolizes the fear of male experienced sexuality, also the fear of the dreamer's masculinity and aggressivity. Amok as a disaster is also a symbol of transformation.

*Frequency: very rare (6 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Amputation**

Amputation is a sign of a narcissistic wound and a psychic lesion. An amputation also stands for alienation, dissolving the relationship with the amputated person.

*Frequency: very rare (7 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Anal intercourse**

Anal intercourse stands for guiltily experienced sexuality. Anal intercourse is also a sign that the dreamer transgresses taboo boundaries while he disengages from his parent's home. The infraction of the taboo causes a high degree of intimacy between man and woman. The anal penetration of a male expresses great intimacy which a dreamer strives after searching for his identity. Moreover, the anal intercourse is a picture of avoiding – behaviour, because the dreamer fears to be fertile or to be too near to the partner. Anal intercourse also means: to back someone up, to shoo away one's infantility.

Within one dream the anal intercourse expresses the unrestrained sexual abuse of a female by her grandfather.

*Frequency: very rare (11 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Anarchist**

The anarchist symbolizes instinctual demands which should be developed or restrained.

*Frequency: very rare (2 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Anchor**

Come to anchor means to retire, to settle down, to forge a steady link to someone, to find a home.

*Frequency: rare (24 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Angel**

The angel is a symbol of the childish and well-behaved kind of the dreamer. The infantile, asexual angel also stands for an insufficient psychosexual maturity and identity. In one dream, the angel represents a beloved, dead person who ascends into heaven.

*Frequency: rare (16 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Angularity**

Squareness is a dream picture of manliness, of phallic sexuality.

*Frequency: rare (40 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Animal**

Animals symbolize the wild, impulsive life. The unconscious has recognized the characteristic quality of the animals and processed them into a symbol. Animals arouse our interest by their naturalness and driving power. The aggressive or sexual component is characteristic for many animal dreams.

Animal symbols are multi-layered in their statement, also contradictory. A lonely budgerigar can stand for the restricted and sick self of the dreamer, in other dreams a budgerigar expresses joy of life and sexuality.

Beasts in their free hunting ground are a symbol of the unconstraint and freedom of prohibition. Animals usually embody split-off qualities of the soul which urge to realization. To that belong aggressivity, sexuality, fertility, child wish, beauty, pride and faith. Animals also represent passivity, obtrusiveness, infantility, loneliness or society.

A dream with a rabbit usually expresses that the dreamer is infantile, too lovely and well behaved. In a few dreams, however, rabbits defend themselves aggressively.

Beasts such as the bear, beetles, hounds or horses are common symbols of the Self, the friendship, faith, the

parental object and of the own force.

*Frequency: very common (9091 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Ant**

Ants are a symbol of sexual intrusive sperm or for parental violation of one's boundaries.

*Frequency: rare (44 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Antique**

The antique is symbol of the past which is misty-eyed, glorified or searched. The antique often stands for the parents of whom the dreamer does not get rid.

*Frequency: rare (25 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Anvil**

The anvil is a symbol of psychic change, also a sign of emotional hardness.

*Frequency: very rare (1 dream out of 45 000)*

### **Apartment**

An apartment is a symbol of the Self. This appears as old, run down, permeable or renewed. Sometimes the Self, the apartment, is invaded by a parent, as a picture of violation of the dreamer's private sphere. When the dreamer fears human beings, which enter an apartment, he is incapable to distance himself from them or he refuses contact.

The strange room symbolizes an unknown part in one's soul. The doors or windows open new ways of living.

*Frequency: very common (3529 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Ape**

The ape symbolizes aggression. According to the context, the ape is also a metaphor for a clinging attitude of the dreamer or of his parents. Depending on its size and its behaviour, the ape occasionally represents the infantility of the dreamer.



*Frequency: uncommon (76 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Aphid**

An aphid especially a fat aphid stands for sexuality and semen.

*Frequency: very rare (3 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Apocalypse**

The apocalypse symbolizes the death of the parental fields. With the doom there is connected a new beginning of fear and feelings of guilt.

*Frequency: very rare (12 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Appendix**

The appendix symbolizes the penis. The appendicitis allegorizes the sexual, guiltily experienced excitement and desire. The appendectomy incorporates sexual intercourse.

*Frequency: very rare (9 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Apple**

The apple enjoys the dreamer, often under feelings of guilt. Most common, the apple is a female sexual symbol. The Bible states that the apple is a prohibited fruit. The apple symbolizes a seductive offer, to which the dreamer cannot resist: read the biblical story of Adam and Eve.

*Frequency: uncommon (113 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Apple-juice**

Beside the oral gratification, the apple-juice symbolizes sexuality, the sperm.

*Frequency: very rare (12 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Apple tree**

An apple tree which is bearing apples symbolizes the expected or an existing pregnancy.

*Frequency: rare (17 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Apprentice**

The apprentice allegorizes freedom from the super-ego, the rebellious part of the dreamer or the growing and maturing process. Moreover, the apprentice symbolizes a part of the personality which has to be educated. This includes sexual activity: wiping f.e.. The apprentice of former days also stands for infantility. Moreover, the apprentice incorporates a bad conscience.

*Frequency: rare (48 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Apron**

An apron usually stands for a particular work without any recognizable deep symbolism.

*Frequency: rare (20 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Aquarium**

An aquarium is a symbol of the female womb. To fill up an aquarium with water or with fishes means to have sexual intercourse. The aquarium also stands for the maternal-regressive, the Great Mother.

*Frequency: uncommon (66 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Archer**

The archer is a symbol of manliness, power and of the penis.

*Frequency: very rare (4 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Architect**

The architect is an allegory of the psychotherapist, also of salvation and structure giving function to the soul.

*Frequency: rare (28 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Arena**

The arena is a site of meeting of narcissistic magnitude and competition.

*Frequency: rare (26 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Arm**

The arms serve as a tool to use aggressively, to grasp for in his life and to help oneself. Arms are also used for stroking or embracing. The arm symbolizes nearness, security, tenderness and the sheltering of a person. Open arms signalize security and frankness; furthermore, to come easily into contact with someone.

*Frequency: common (2183 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Armed forces**

The armed forces are mainly a symbol of inner and exterior order, authority, potency and power, also of instinctiveness. The military complex stands for one-eyed, small-minded way of thinking. Furthermore, the army symbolizes helplessness, security by obedience, prohibitions or parental orders and laws. The army is a picture for transformation and maturation. An army of children, an army of peace or an assistant of the army symbolise the fight of the parental houses, the inner forces.

*Frequency: uncommon (150 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Arrival**

In many dreams, an important person arrives, e. g. mother or father.

Sometimes they appear inconveniently.

*Frequency: rare (46 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Arrow**

The arrow stands for cupid's dart. An arrow is also a sign of aggression and a symbol of the penis and manliness.

*Frequency: uncommon (64 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Artist**

The dream symbol of the artist expresses a desired trait, which the dreamer can comprehend by hard, brave labour at his Self. The artist can also be a picture of an exaggerated narcissism.

*Frequency: rare (49 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Ashes**

Ashes are common a sign of change: the old burns down to ashes. New things grow – a phoenix, for example. Ashes rarely symbolize the sperm which remain after the sexual intercourse.

*Frequency: rare (33 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Ashtray**

The ashtray is a symbol of the female sexual organ into which a cigarette – symbol of the penis – is placed. In some dreams, the ashtray also serves as a tool for executing an aggression.

*Frequency: rare (19 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Asparagus**

An asparagus is a symbol of the penis.

*Frequency: very rare (11 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Asylum**

Asylum symbolizes curiosity, criminality, instinctiveness and persecution because of racism. Asylum seekers, who take pity on themselves, incorporate a bad conscience which violates boundaries.

*Frequency: rare (16 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Atmosphere**

The atmosphere indicates the dreamer's mood: he feels sexual, erotic, sincere, gloomy, cool, convenient, happy or funny. The atmosphere also mediates the unconscious relation to the contents of the dreams.

*Frequency: uncommon (264 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Atomic bomb**

The atomic bomb is a symbol of psychic energy, aggression or sexuality. The dreamer is living it out with guilt that is

reflected in the picture of the atomic bomb. The aggression points to the parent's home. See: radioactivity.

*Frequency: rare (36 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Atomic power plant**

The nuclear power plant is a place of inner change, where sexuality and aggression are fearfully or guiltily experienced. Moreover, a nuclear power plant symbolizes the negative aspect of the supreme and poisoning Great Mother.

*Frequency: uncommon (89 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Atomic war**

The atomic war usually represents to the breaking-up of the parental home and the dreamer's infantile world.

*Frequency: very rare (6 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Atomized spray**

The toxic atomized spray symbolizes the ejaculate and guiltily experienced sex.

*Frequency: very rare (1 dream out of 45 000)*

### **Attack**

An aggressive action points to a guiltily or anxiously experienced conflict.

*Frequency: uncommon (379 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Attorney**

The attorney symbolizes an internal instance of order and law or mental change.

*Frequency: rare (37 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Aunt**

The aunt usually symbolizes the mother.

*Frequency: uncommon (587 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Auricle**

The auricle stands for the vagina.

*Frequency: very rare (3 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Autumn**

Autumn is a sign of psychic change: The convenient way of living, temporally retires. The autumn is also a symbol of depression and metamorphosis: per aspera ad astra - through austerity to lucky stars.

*Frequency: uncommon (71 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Avalanche**

The avalanche symbolizes sexuality which the dreamer perceives as dreadful and as violating his borders. The avalanche also expresses the penetrating ejaculation of the penis. In one dream, the avalanche represents burdening feelings of guilt, which relate to the binding maternal object.

*Frequency: rare (20 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Avocado**

The avocado pear is a symbol of female fertility and pregnancy. The stone of the avocado stands for the embryo.

*Frequency: very rare (4 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Axe**

The axe is a sign of aggression, of sexual might and strength. The axe also represents the penis.

*Frequency: rare (50 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Axillary**

The axillary is a place of intimacy and sexuality.

*Frequency: rare (29 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Baby**

The baby mainly symbolizes infantile behaviour, which the dreamer overcomes in the baby's illness, dead or lost. The infant, who is sought for or did not come home, usually allegorizes the process of separation from the parents.

The birth of the baby describes the dreamer's process of transformation. A child rarely stands for the own Self which is to shelter or to further. Depending on the dreamer's living conditions, to dream of a baby points up a wish to have children.

*Frequency: uncommon (118 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Baby's high chair**

A baby's high chair is a symbol of infantilism or of a wish of children.

*Frequency: very rare (2 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Back**

Lying on the back is a sign of confidence or powerlessness. To turn one's back to someone means to avoid contact. The back is often a place of violation which occurs by persecuting someone.

*Frequency: uncommon (859 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Badger**

The badger stands for male sexuality and manliness.

*Frequency: very rare (2 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Bag**

The bag symbolizes the scrotum or motherly security. The bag is also a place without symbolism.

*Frequency: rare (55 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Baggage**

Baggage symbolizes an appendix, father or mother that one has to pay attention to, but actually does not like. The dreamer sometimes forgets the bag or he does not pack it: he wants to gain more distance from his parents. The leaving behind of one's baggage means that the dreamer wishes to overcome his detachment conflict with father or mother. The saying "to pack one's bag" strengthens the

definite decision to separate from the parents. Baggage contains something; rarely, it takes over the function of a coffin.

In many dreams, baggage represents an object without a recognizable symbolism.

*Frequency: uncommon (297 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Bag of fruits**

A bag of fruits symbolizes the penis.

*Frequency: very rare (1 dream out of 45 000)*

### **Baguette**

A baguette stands for the penis.

*Frequency: rare (24 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Bailiff**

The bailiff symbolizes a bad conscience that hinders the dreamer from joy of living and of sexuality.

*Frequency: very rare (4 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Bake, to**

Baking stands for psychic change. Baking also mirrors a sexual intercourse: "I'm making the biggest bread in the world for my friend".

*Frequency: uncommon (108 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Bakery**

A bakery is a place where sex and psychic change take place.

*Frequency: rare (48 dreams out of 45 000)*

### **Bakery sales assistant**

A bakery sales assistant is a symbol of female identity. She represents the positive aspect of the Great Mother of seduction and female desire.

*Frequency: very rare (2 dreams out of 45 000)*



## **Baking oven**

The oven represents the vagina. In the oven the baguette, the fish, the cat and other food are warmed up. The baking food sometimes begins to burn or sticks to the side: feelings of guilt impair the joy of the sex.

The stove is also a symbol of aggression and mental transformation: in the oven something is burnt - the negative aspect of the Great Mother or father.

*Frequency: rare (20 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Balcony**

The balcony is a sign of the maternal bosom, of which one is often afraid of falling down: this means dissolution of symbiosis. The balcony is also a term to enlarge one's life-possibilities, one's horizon: by entering the balcony, the glimpse onto life opens.

*Frequency: uncommon (383 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Baldhead**

The baldhead often incorporates manliness and aggression, sometimes narcissism. Loosing one's hair is also a sign of mental change and growing up.

*Frequency: rare (43 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Ball**

To play the ball into a person's hand means that the dreamer can indicate the enjoyment of life and that he has the capacity to form relations. A ball into the goal means a penetrating penis and sex. If the ball is failing the goal, the dreamer does not indulge in sex. The ball which rolls over the dreamer represents the burdening childhood.

*Frequency: uncommon (447 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Ballet**

Ballet is a dream picture of narcissistic self-love.

*Frequency: rare (55 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Balloon**

A hot air balloon-excursion may be dangerous or fascinating. Then the balloon-excursion symbolizes the psychotherapeutic way, which one fears because of feelings of guilt, but which one also longs for.

If the balloon is flabby or blown up, it stands for the penis. Moreover, the hot air-balloon is a symbol of a preservative which can burst like a balloon. Depending on its size, a balloon can also be a symbol of a child or a gift. By its dimension and form, the balloon allegorizes also the Great Mother or the narcissistic Self which hangs upon the earth without any adhesion. The archaic balloon belonging to the times of Jules Verne tells about the dreamer's unresolved parental binding.

*Frequency: uncommon (111 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Ballpoint pen**

A ballpoint pen is a sign of authenticity. The composition done by a ballpoint pen is inextinguishable. The ballpoint pen is also symbol of the male organ.

*Frequency: rare (28 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Balustrade**

The balustrade is usually a dangerous place, from which someone threatens to precipitate as a sign of maturation.

*Frequency: uncommon (60 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Ban**

A ban expresses the seducing sexual might of man and woman. Mother also has cast a spell on daughter or son. They deliberate in an awful fight from the spell of their mother. The seducing charm of women by looks and appearance stands in the foreground of the analysed dreams.

*Frequency: rare (15 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Banana**

The banana symbolizes the male genitals. A black banana stands for suppressed starved manhood.

*Frequency: rare (31 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Bank** (institute)

The bank is a place of life possibilities. Wealth which helps oneself comes only with feelings of guilt and fear: then a bank robbery takes place.

*Frequency: uncommon (214 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Bank** (river)

A bank stands for security and protection. A bank serves for demarcation. A bank points to steadiness referring to a border violating parent. A bank shelters and defends against one's own aggression and sexuality, which impend to overflow the dreamer.

*Frequency: uncommon (596 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Bank robbery**

The treasure of the soul is lifted under feelings of guilt in the form of the bank robbery. The bank covet symbolizes the guiltily cathected process of deliberation from the confining conscience. The dreamer wants to allow himself something under feelings of guilt or fear.

*Frequency: very rare (5 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Baptism**

A baptism symbolizes gratefully perceived motherliness and symbiosis. These afterwards enable maturity and the capacity to connect relations. To be immersed too long and deeply into the baptismal font indicates an unsolved mother binding.

The baptism also stands for the beginning process of maturation and detachment from childhood.

*Frequency: rare (22 dreams out of 45 000)*

**Bar**

The bar of iron, also the bar of chocolate or a peanut bar incorporates the penis. The bar rarely functions only as a technical tool.

*Frequency: rare (16 dreams out of 45 000)*

**Bare-foot**

Bare-foot is a sign of power and native status, of childish behaviour, but also defencelessness; rarely has it signified sex without a contraceptive.

*Frequency: uncommon (118 dreams out of 45 000)*

**Barn**

A barn is a symbol of the parent house. A barn stands for a sheltering or passivating mother, respectively motherly object. Moreover, the barn is a site of transformation.

*Frequency: uncommon (117 dreams out of 45 000)*

**Barn door**

The barn door symbolizes the vagina.

*Frequency: very rare (3 dreams out of 45 000)*

**Baroque**

The baroque illustrates the seducing and pleasing aspects of the Mother, the yesterdays with her.

*Frequency: rare (14 dreams out of 45 000)*

**Barrack**

A barrack symbolizes the family prison. The barrack is also a place of internal order, maturation and relentless transformation.

*Frequency: uncommon (89 dreams out of 45 000)*

**Barrier**

A barrier symbolizes an inner control instance, from which the dreamer liberates himself or which he accepts. So a

barrier can indicate that the dreamer has not learnt enough boundaries in his childhood.

A barrier is also a taboo, which one is breaking, fearfully or under feelings of guilt.

*Frequency: uncommon (532 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Basin**

The basin is symbol of the womb or the vagina which gives or receives. The basin is commonly impurified as a sign of a deficient conflict resolution: guilt impairs the free and sexual sensation. In many cases, faeces and urine overflow the toilet basin - a fact of which the dreamer is ashamed. This dirty toilet symbolizes a bad conscience which the dreamer wants to overcome by standing to his Self. The polluted basin also represents the guiltily experienced psychotherapeutic process.

*Frequency: uncommon (747 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Basket**

A basket is a container which grants shelter and safety. A basket also symbolizes the vagina and the glans penis: The basket and the hydraulic lift stands for the penis.

*Frequency: uncommon (287 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Basketball**

A basketball symbolizes the penis and the glans which the dreamer fears, because he has feelings of guilt to live out his sexuality freely. In many dreams, the game of basketball is blocked, that means sexuality is inhibited. This suppression of sexuality is expressed by a lonesome player, an over criticising coach, a maliciously grousing mother, by missed appointments, failed throws of the ball and other unhappy situations.

*Frequency: rare (49 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Bat**

A bat is a male sexual symbol, which is feared in the picture of the chasing bat. A bat in the gap symbolizes the penis in the vagina. The bat also stands for a parental object, which violates the dreamer's borders.

*Frequency: rare (18 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Bath**

A bath is the realm of feelings and sexuality: the basin symbolizes the abdomen. The pool is also a sign of the female womb, from which one emerges and into which one sinks: propulsion versus regression, forward direction against going backwards.

*Frequency: uncommon (278 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Bathrobe**

The bathrobe stands for a security and warmth giving personal trait. The bathrobe also represents an overprotecting, always accompanying mother. Moreover, the bathrobe is a sign of a usually sexual intimacy that expresses a sense of shame - or not, if the person is without clothes.

*Frequency: uncommon (87 dreams out of 45 000)*

## **Bathtub**

The tub is a site of intimacy and sexuality. As a symbol of living and feelings, water is found in the bathtub. The dreamer wants to enjoy it. He is afraid to drown in the tub or to bare his private sphere. Skinny-dipping in the bathtub symbolizes a strong, common feared wish of intimacy and sexuality. The tub stands for the female pelvis, which sometimes is full of red water - blood. The dreamer sometimes rubs and washes the head - the glans penis - in the tub. Man and woman are taking a bath together, to be tender, intimate and to have sexual intercourse. Fishes rarely swim in the bathtub - a scene of sexual content. Overflowing, frothing over bath water marks the guiltily