

**Four
Wonder-full
Mysteries**

Proverbs 30:18-19

“So, you consider yourself a nothing and a nobody? Regardless, you must not excuse yourself from the high calling of God on your life just because you think you're a ‘nothing.’ In God's eyes, being a nothing is an actually an improvement over ‘anyone [who] thinks he is something when he is nothing’ (Gal. 6:3). Remember, God created the universe out of nothing.”

- Francis Frangipane

Proverbs 30:18-19

{18} Three things are too wonderful for me; four I do not understand: {19} the way of an eagle in the sky, the way of a serpent on a rock, the way of a ship on the high seas, and the way of a man with a virgin. [Proverbs 30:18-19 ESV]

1. Eagle

- The eagle represents:
 - Life in the spirit
 - Prophetic vision
 - Living in heavenly places
- Life in the Spirit can be a mystery because we do not lean on our own understanding (Prov. 3:5-6).
- Following the Holy Spirit is not always logical
- You rest upon the strength of the wind (Spirit)

{28} Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. {29} He gives strength to the weary, And to [him who] lacks might He increases power. {30} Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, {31} Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up [with] wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary. [Isaiah 40:28-31 NASB]

2. Serpent on a Rock

- Serpents represent the sin of pride
 - Pride is the chief of sins - a demonic virtue and power
 - Pride will cause you to rebel even in the midst of unhindered glory (see satan's story).
- Our sin was placed upon the rock who is Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 10:4)
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- *{8} Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery [serpent,] and set it on a standard; and it shall come about, that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, he will live." {9} And Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on the standard; and it came about, that if a serpent bit any man, when he looked to the bronze serpent, he lived. [Numbers 21:8-9 NASB]*
- When we see our sin upon the body of Christ, lifted up on the cross, we see the forgiveness of our sins.

3. A Ship on the Sea

- A ship rides upon the high seas - much of the ocean is a mystery and is yet to be explored.
- Our lives are oftentimes like a ship upon the seas. We're heading towards a destination that we haven't yet laid eyes on.
 - *{7} for we walk by faith, not by sight-- [2 Corinthians 5:7 NASB]*

- The rudder of our ship is our tongue
- {2} *For we all stumble in many [ways.] If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well. ... {4} Look at the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder wherever the inclination of the pilot desires.*
[James 3:2, 4 NASB]
- Where is your tongue taking you?

4. The Way of a Man (Warrior) with a Virgin

- Man = warrior or bridegroom
- A laid down life
 - Read Ephesians 5:25-28
 - Jesus laid down His life for His bride (church)
- Healthy marriages and families preach the gospel
 - Restoration of families preaches the gospel

{25} Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, {26} so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, {27} that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. {28} So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; [Ephesians 5:25-28 NASB]

