## Heritage talk

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## Sheikh Tantawi and Nobel Prize 'Political Dreams'

AS mentioned in the last article, 70 years ago in 1939, Sheikh Tantawi Gawhari was the first Egyptian to be nominated for the Nobel Prize. The claim for nomination was based on his two published books: "In Search of the Humane" and "Political Dreams" that I promised to elaborate on in these articles.

I'll start by the book "Political Dreams"; it was published in 1935 and it talked about a set of six dreams that the author had in which he was accompanied by five higher beings to visit another celestial body in the constellation of Gemini.

The guiding souls explained to him that the purpose of this journey was to get introduced to the perfect laws of creation, the laws that govern the universe by the wise men of this hosting planet in order to be able to convey an understanding to the inhabitants of planet earth of how to establish peace and harmony among themselves.

The six dreams were questioning six subjects. The first was about the wonders of the magic mathematical square which had five by five squares giving 25 total squares. Every cell contained one of the non repetitive numbers from one to 25 so that the sum of every horizontal row and every vertical column as well as the two diagonals added up to the fixed number 65.

The question was: How can you read wisdom from this matrix? And the answer was summarised in the fact that these individual numbers resemble different nations; they are big or small, they are rich or poor, yet they can compliment each other in spite of their differences and thus experience the same harmony that is existent within the magic square.

Then the second dream was about the wisdom driven from the periodic table of elements, known as Mendeleev table in which all basic elements are arranged in an arithmetic progression horizontally and vertically. The third dream was about the oceanic water currents that flow between continents carrying warmness to the cold parts of the world and freshness to the hot parts giving an inspiration on how coexistence is inevitable; nations have no other solution but to compliment each other because they need each other. The fourth dream was about some of the spiral plants that would follow in their growth of yielding again an arithmetic pattern.

The fifth dream was about the solar system and how the distance of different planets from the sun follows another arithmetic relation. Finally, in the sixth dream, there was a question about the human brain and how it was divided into sections to control, with great precision, the different activities and senses of the human body.

The six dreams show clearly how the different aspects of life arithmetic, elements, oceans, plants, celestial bodies and human body are all arranged with great perfection and that the human being in his behavior is very distant from this perfection and harmony. If the human nations learn to carefully contemplate nature, they would then learn in the most instinctive way how to harmonise the relations among themselves and the world would certainly witness much more peace and prosperity.

To download Sheikh Gawhari's books, you can visit the website: www.tantawi-gawhari.net

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