Among the writings of a distinguished philosopher, we shall find an essay on the subject of procuring pleasant and romantic dreams, when they depend on physical causes, his views are sensible and interesting.

But there are some dreams of divine origin and of supernatural character, designed to indicate the purpose of God in regard to individuals and whole nations of people. The history of Jacob and Esau is a familiar story of the Old Testament. While these twin brothers remained at their father's house, Esau threatened the life of Jacob.

In order to escape the vengeance of his brother, he set out upon a long journey to Padan Aram. The first day of his journey, he travelled to the City of Luz, a day's journey of about 50 miles. The gates of the city being shut, he lay himself down upon the cold earth and while basking in the sun, his thoughts were absorbed with the sublime pictures of his vision, the consoling truths which they unfolded when his mind was absorbed in the arms of sleep, he saw in his vision a strange mysterious ladder with its feet resting upon the earth.
There are several important truths indicated by this, to which I shall invite your serious and prayerful attention for a short space of time.

1. In the first place, it is agreed among all commentators, that the ladder in this vision, was intended as a type or symbol of Jesus Christ, as the Great Mediator. He is evidently the grand connecting medium between heaven and earth.

2. In the next place, the two sides of this ladder, will furnish a striking emblem of the two-fold Character of Christ as God and Man united in the same person. The Scriptures plainly teach, the Godhead and Manhood of Christ, as harmoniously and mysteriously united in the same person. Behold for instance, the blessed Saviour born in Bethlehem—born of a woman, cradled in a manger. But mark the circumstances of grandeur which indicated his divinity—a strange mysterious star stood over the place of his birth, while the angelic host sang his natal song to the wakeful shepherds on the plain. At the age of 12 years we find him in the Jewish temple in the character of a little boy, after confounding the doctors and the lawyers, with his questions and answers. When he approached the barren fig-trees, he manifested like a man and then with a simple word, he withered it forthwith with all the authority of a God.
Having wrought a stupendous miracle at Lystra, he went up on a mountain to pray, like a man, but in the 4th watch of the night, he approached his disciples, walking upon the sea like a God. See him on the x, he bleeds & suffers like a man, and then shows the gate of Paradise to the repentant thief like a God—follows him to the sepulchre see him cold in death like a man, but on the morning of the third day he shook off his grave clothes, came forth like a God confounded after his resurrection he ate with his disciples as a man, and then led them out to Bethany, pronounced his blessing upon them, and ascended to heaven like a God—Hence said the Psalmist, God is seen up with a shout.

3. The winds in the ladder, should teach us the progressive nature of our holy religion—there is nothing in nature, in providence or grace, that gains its perfection all at a sudden: we see the tube— the blade of corn— the little leaven God will not despise the day of small things—

There are several other points of great importance involved in this subject—such as a special Providence, the faithfulness of God, the immortality of the soul. But upon these, I cannot dwell. I can only call your attention to the ministry of angels to God's people—