## From Nightmares to Peaceful Sleep with The Dream Completion Technique Page 1 – How to stop your nightmares (Watch http://tiny.cc/stopnightmares)

When bad things happen, we are supposed to dream about them. This all happens from inside the 'washing machine' of the mind





Nightmares happen when the dream has run out of ideas, or the experience has become too intense and woken us up

- However, these are your dreams, you are in control and because you can change anything, you have nothing to fear.
- Don't waste time trying to interpret the dream there is no logic to dreams.
- You need to kick start the dream with a new dream ideas so that when you go to sleep, your dreams can continue and your mind relearns that it is ok to sleep through anything, however wild the content.
- \* The dream idea is uncensored and is not necessarily something you want to happen in real life, it is dreamland....
- It can be violent, abstract, seemingly unrelated to dream content....but must feel good. You have control!

## **3** Steps to Peaceful Sleep

- Step 1 During the day, focus on the part of the most recent dream when you woke up
- Step 2 Then ask yourself "What would I like to happen next that feels good at a gut level"
- Step 3 Visualise your new dream idea just before going to sleep, thinking "this is what I want to happen in my dream"

If you cannot recall your dream, focus on the negative feelings and sensations you wake up with and create a dream idea to get rid of them that also feels powerful.

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## From Nightmares to Peaceful Sleep with The Dream Completion Technique Page 2 – Examples, Success Log and Top Tips

## REMEMBER YOU ARE IN CONTROL AND THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR FROM YOUR DREAMS.

Being shot at. "On return from Afghanistan, I had dreams of being chased by armed insurgents most nights which really affected me, even though it never happened.

My new dream idea involved my love for photography, so I made all the guns SLR cameras, and now we are a paparazzi pack chasing a celebrity for the perfect photo".

**Being chased.** "In my dream I was being chased by some very dangerous prisoners down my local high street. I woke up at the point they jumped on me. My wife was scared because I was thrashing around so much. **The new dream idea** that worked was that I was being tackled in a rugby game, but I dragged them over the try line and scored. The crowd went mad and it felt great".

Ship being attacked. "I was a machine gunner on the deck of a ship trying to shoot down a plane that was dropping bombs on us – it was very frightening. I would often dream about it waking up in a terrible sweat. The new dream idea I created was to grab the plane out of the sky and fling it away. I haven't woken since!"

**Cannot remember dream**. "I woke up regularly lashing out but couldn't remember my dreams. **My new dream idea** was to I imagine I was the Incredible Hulk throwing everyone off me in an uncontrollable rage, which felt good".

Waking up sweating. "I wake up sweating buckets, but don't remember any dream content. When I went to sleep, I imagined myself in a massive wind tunnel, blasting the sweat off me, and my sleep got better".

Day/Date	<b>My New Dream Idea</b> (example – I grab the plane out of the sky and fling it away)	<b>Comments</b> (example – woken less frequently, nightmares less intense)

- If your dream idea only partially works, create a new one
- Always go for the most POWERFUL idea you can usually not what you would want to happen in real life
- ✤ You idea should be unconstrained could be violent there is no logic or law to your dreams
- Continue until peaceful sleep achieved this may take some practice
- DON'T GIVE UP!