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Posted by bymknh - 20 Feb 2019 06:56

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Re: Desperate Dreams

Posted by Shteeble - 20 Feb 2019 09:24

Welcome to GYE!!

I can relate a lot to what you write about getting past filters, being up in middle of the night, and "opportunity triggers." It's going to be a journey. You can get better. Keep on posting.

You mentioned the dream thing. Here's a tip. If you ever want to wake up from a dream, try this: Move your eyes from side to side in rapid succession. You have control over your eyes during sleep. Doing this will most likely wake you up quickly.

Welcome again.

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Posted by mggsbms - 20 Feb 2019 16:29

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Your story is a very familiar one - sans the dreams - it reminds me a lot of my personal story. stick around here and post. Get in contact with someone real, it could be someone from GYE, it should be a game changer. You need to get out of isolation and share your struggles, and get to the bottom of why you are being pulled to bypass the filters etc. My heart goes out to you chaver please don't feel all is lost, there is a way to get better.

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Re: Desperate Dreams

Posted by Workingguy - 20 Feb 2019 16:49

All very normal for us normal guys here on GYE- the obsessive searching even with filters in place, bad and guilt ridden dreams.

Reach out to people; it sounds like you're frustrated with your situation, and maybe it can be an impetus to really give a serious go at this issue now.

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Posted by Tzvi5 - 20 Feb 2019 21:38

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You need a stronger mind which would allow you to control your life better.

pm me if you are interested.

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Re: Desperate Dreams

Posted by ColinColin - 21 Feb 2019 01:32

I have those type of dreams.

especially where I am in danger and no matter what I do I cannot break free.

But then sometimes I have similar dreams and I escape the danger.

My answer is to daven, and to take part in activities which reduce stress.

Always have an activity lined up to replace the internet with.

Even if it is reading a book.

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I guess you're right that I shouldn't be going this totally alone. How do I get in touch with someone real? (I hope I'm ready...)

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