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"Straight from the beginning the God ordered me to write down my dreams. And this was the first of his commands. I made a copy of my dreams, relating them, whenever I was unable to write myself. However I did not add in what circumstances each took place nor what resulted after them. But I was satisfied as it were, proudly to fulfill my duty to the God, both because of the weakness, as I said, of my body and because I would never have expected that the God would be so considerate."

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... I believe that at least three hundred lines are in my copy book....

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... ~~I~~ have undertaken to recount some of these things in a cursory way. But if someone wishes to know with the utmost

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precision what has befallen us from the
God, it is time for him to rock out the
parchment book, and to dream themselves.
For he will find words of all kind and
some ~~of~~ discourses and full scale orations
and various visions, and all of the prophecies
and oracles about every kind of matter,
some in prose, some in verse and all expressions
of my gratitude to the God, greater than one
might expect."

IV, 25 And indeed the greatest and most valuable thing for
my training was the arrival and communion of my dreams. For
I heard many things, which excelled in purity of style, and were
gloriously beyond my model, and I dreamed that I
myself said many things, better than my words and things
of which I had never thought. As many of these as I
remembered, I put in the copies of my dreams, among
which is the speech given in Defense of Running, when he
commanded me to practice running and many other things."