

Leonardo da Vinci's Memory of an Early Childhood Dream

Below is Alan Tyson's English translation of Sigmund Freud's German translation of Leonardo's Italian from his notebook:

It seems that I was always destined to be so deeply concerned with vultures; for I recall as one of my very earliest memories that while I was in my cradle a vulture came down to me and opened my mouth with its tail, and struck me many times with its tail against my lips.

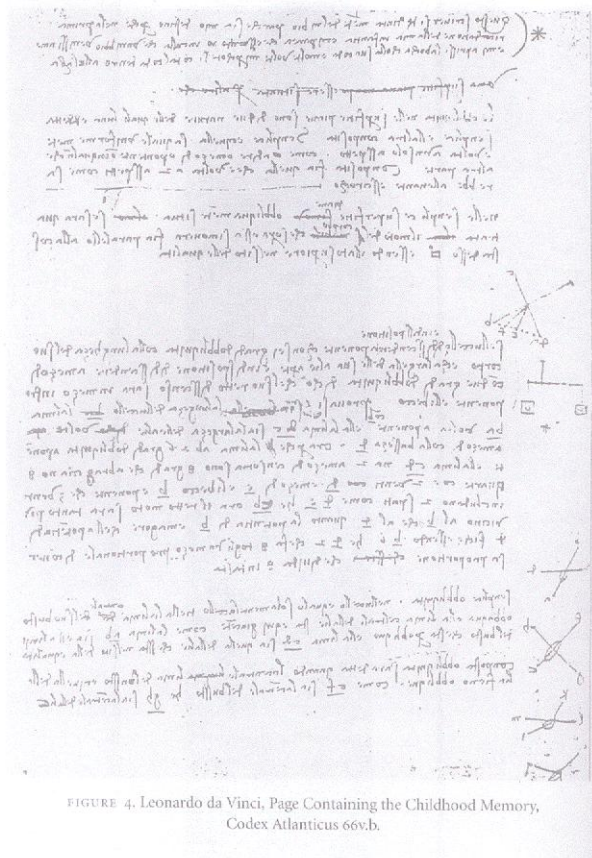


FIGURE 4. Leonardo da Vinci, Page Containing the Childhood Memory, Codex Atlanticus 66vb.