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Dear Albert -

I enjoyed your piece on Kekulé's Ouroboros - thank you for sending it.

And I'm glad you've demolished his "dream": surely it was a "reverie"; and I concur with your observation about dreams being unimportant.

The half-wake state is another matter - I find that a common experience. My interpretation is that the underbrush is cleared away (perhaps by prior dreamwork) and it's an excellent time for a fresh start, new deviations, on a problem.

Carl Djerassi figures an example in his novel, Cantor's Dilemma.

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Have you noted Judson's "Search for Solutions" (1970)? And "Mind's Eye" is a title of a book on Engineering Design that I've seen.

"Brainstorms" may describe a related psychological (hypnagogic?) state. I've seen a few books with that title - but you probably know that literature very well.

Best wishes,

Joshua

P.S. Creativity is not just unfettered imagination; it entails the appropriate reality-grounded criticism as well.