

## Examples of Bridges into Gospel Conversations

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In addition to the bridges discussed in the T4T book, Chapter 12, here are some **supplementary examples**:

Almost anything you experience on a regular basis could be turned into a bridge:

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- Animists will wear amulets, make offerings, etc. These can be an occasion for bridging.
- Common questions you get asked:
  - “You’re a foreigner. Why did you come to my country?”
  - “Our country is in a mess (e.g. USA).” Use this as an opportunity to talk about eternal answers.
- Religious bridges
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Many others use miracles as an opportunity to share the gospel. Here is an example related to dreams.

- Dreams: Ask “Have you heard about anyone in your area having unusual dreams?” Many people around the world are having visions of a man in white they recognize as Jesus. Ask them if they have had any unusual dreams OR if they know anyone else who has had an unusual dream. This becomes a great way to share an interpretation and then get to the gospel.
- Offer to pray for needs
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