

WHAT ABOUT KARMA?

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Karma has always been an acceptable and understood thing in the Eastern countries for many centuries, but it is a relatively new word to the Western civilisations. It is bandied about by all and sundry, yet do they really know and understand what Karma represents.

Karma is the law of cause and consequence of merit and demerit. As well as this, it is the force which molds our physical destiny in this worldly environment. Karma regulates our period of misery or happiness in the world to come, Also we are told that 'Karma is the cold inflexible Justice, which metes out to each individual the exact same measure of good and evil at his next physical rebirth, that he measured to his fellowmen in this'.

This Karma at death remains somewhere down upon the Astral planes of the Planet, like an avenging demon, waiting for the Soul to reincarnate, then it will re-project the soul once more into the magnetic vortices of the material incarnation, There with its load of bad Karma, hanging around its neck like a Millstone, and it will, in all probability, generate a still greater load of this theological dogma. Consequently at each re-birth it will sink deeper and deeper unless the Spiritual Self can bring it to some consciousness of its fearfully sinful state.

How this happens is not satisfactorily explained however.

Now if the Human Soul only received punishment for the sins and wrong it inflicted upon others during a previous life, the Soul when it first became incarnated must have started its human journey without any Karma to suffer for. Now one is naturally led to ask, "How did it (the soul) first begin to commit sin?" Are we not distinctly told that what we now suffer at the hands of others, is only just repayment for our own past sins. Is it not a fact that according to this, if we had no past sins, we should have no trouble. So how did this get started in the World?

Some general idea of the Karma is presented in Theosophical Buddhism, but before discussing the origin of this Oriental delusion, perhaps we can peruse the Hermetic Doctrine of Karma first.

1. Karma is not an active principle but on the contrary, it is a crystalised force. It in the picture gallery or a cosmic play of nature.
2. Karma constitutes the Scenery, essence, and mental imagery of a persons total past experience,
3. The Karmic spheres of an individual's existence exist as Astral currents along which the Soul travelled, and which become crystallised forms. These are expressive of actions and motives which prompted them. Therefore, our past Karma constitutes the Soul's past history in Astral light, just like a movie, and it can be deciphered by a properly trained mediumistic Clairvoyant.
4. Karma is the offspring of everything, or everything that possesses pictorial records of its past evolutions. It is by this means of Karma that the psychometric sensitive can read the unwritten past, and without Karma the power of Psychometry would be totally useless. However, they can only deal with small Karmas.

On a grander scale, the Karma of Moons, Planets, Suns, and Systems exist, as well as Races of Men and species of animals and classes of plants also evolve special racial Karmas which constitute their Astral world .

5. The harmonies and discords of Cosmic evolutions generate their special Karma just as thoughts and emotions do.
6. Karma is absolutely confined to the realms of Astral light, and is consequently always subjective, for Karma can exist only as long as the Soul which generates it is attached to the same planet. For whom the Soul leaves the Planet, and one day it will, the Karma disintegrates, for a Soul cannot carry its Karma around the Universe, for Astral light differs in quality and degree on each Orb.
7. When the Soul enters the states of the Soul (which Buddhists call Deva Chan) the power of its earthly Karma can never attract it to Earth, for its influence over the Soul is lost forever. Not only that, the lower cannot control the higher. To assert that the past fossilized Karma can attract the soul from the realms of Spiritual happiness, and re-project them into the Mire of Earth, is to exalt matter to the throne of a Deity which of course degrades "pure spirit" to the level of passive brute substance.

Well, here we have the case against re-incarnation according to the Hermetic principles, which naturally overlook many points of a Soul's evolution, and are obviously unaware of the pertinent aspects of GOD'S plan for Man.

First let us deal with how Sin commenced in the first Soul that started Karmic indebtedness. In the beginning God Jehovah, or The Elohim, which means the Gods, or all the specific essences of GOD, had a plan to create a World and fill it with righteous people, which HE set about doing, and incidentally his plan has not as yet come to fulfillment, and if it doesn't then HE has failed. Just a thought to keep in mind.

Once the World was created and functioning properly HE then set about creating ADAM. First came the spiritual creation (or the etheric, plus the Soul, plus the Spirit) as is always the case, then this "spiritual being" was able to attract to it the basic elements of the Earth, thereby resulting in a perfect, or immortal Man. Just as Jesus Christ became, when he was resurrected, a man who could move at will between two dimensions from the Earth plane to the astral plane, and perceive all aspects of both realms at once. This first created person he called ADAM, and without a doubt he was the first prototype of Mankind. After a while, as he watched Adam, he felt that he needed a mate, so then came the advent of EVE, So now suddenly we have Man in bi-polarity, male-female, positive-negative, action-reaction. So now we start to see the basis of energy flow from opposite poles, which seems to constitute the whole structure of the Universe..

As the story weaves on one could assume now that as he had created something HE naturally wanted to see how good it was, whether HE would have to go back to the drawing board if it failed him and start all over again. So we learn that a third factor was introduced to conduct these tests to see if Man was obedient, or perhaps mindful of God's advice in respect to their living standards. However, before HE (God) had introduced this 3rd Factor, there were already created in the Spirit Realm, millions upon millions of spirits that he had intended should follow ADAM'S example and become immortal beings on the planet Earth. These, of course, were ready and waiting, and they were able to watch the 3rd Factor being introduced into the proverbial Garden of Eden.

History tells us that ADAM failed the test, and was reduced to a mortal being. Now he could, and would, die. Imagine if you can the consternation on the "other side". All of these spiritual creations that had expected to come down and live on Earth may now be "scrapped", destroyed, without being given a chance.

As a hypothesis I would like to suggest that God saw a way out of a sticky predicament, and knowing that love was the most powerful force in the Universe, decided to give Man a chance to win back his immortality, and right at that moment the plan for Jesus to redeem the World was brought into action.

As well as this, the world could have been filled with the caveman type of brutish Male

species running around full of animal passions, and little better than an animal, spending most of its time eating and chasing its female counterpart.

So here was the situation. GOD may have said to the spirits, "Down there are your "earthly bodies" and if you impregnate yourselves in those carcasses you may be able to exert enough influence over them to uplift them out of their animalistic way of living by trying to develop some form of reasoning power that will eventually overcome and control body passions. So here was a way out. Not an easy one but one that with spirit guidance could slowly evolve to a higher species through experiences, that becomes stored knowledge and is transmitted genetically, and spiritually through each life existence.

So it was at this point in time, when the SOUL of Man was first created, that the spirits grabbed at this opportunity and descended into the Animal Man, where the battle between the Spirit and the Flesh has been going on ever since.

Now Sin itself commenced when Man knew without a doubt that his actions were wrong to his fellow man. For the guiding spirit within him showed him new ways to live and protect himself, to develop things that would assist him in his daily living, to come to agreements with others concerning certain behaviour patterns and eventually to accept these as Laws, or Rules, of the newly formed Society that was developing under Spirit Guidance.

Then, and only then, did Karma really start to work, for GOD is a just GOD and allows us to learn what is SIN first, then once we know and fully understand it, the law of Karma, of cause and consequence, becomes activated. For to sin willfully is a crime against two people or more and against the Spirit, therefore, as Man's reason and intellectuality grew with each Soul's evolution, Karmic indebtedness grew also in respect to Man's failure to use the God given "reason" and allow himself to resort to passions and carnality.

So we see that Karma really didn't come from any sinless person, but it evolved as a counterbalancing system that is designed (it is hoped) to bring us all to immortality. This is why Jesus warned us when he said, "do not do to others what you would not want done to yourself", and to this he may have added, for if you do, then you will be paid back in full for everything.

God has proved to us on thousands of occasions what a perfectly balanced system the Universe is. Therefore, it is only just that the reward and punishment system be the method that leads us to Spiritual maturity and immortality.

It is good to remember that we may rise as high as we can in search of good. but all this remains within the earthly sphere -- that which is eternal is above all this. If he who has power is just, in himself, the power must so subjugate him so that he is sadder than most under him. For all power comes from the Spirit, and bears the human burden that derives from it. For it follows that to each is given the spirit he desires. To one the spirit of wisdom; to another the spirit of science; to a third, the spirit of faith; to a fourth the spirit of healing; to a fifth the spirit of power; to a sixth the spirit of prophecy; to the seventh the spirit of tongues. Thus God gives diverse things through the spirit. Not just one, but many hundreds, so man may know how marvellous is the spirit. from which all thing. come.

Each is twofold. For on one hand there is the knowledge we can learn from man., and on the other hand the knowledge that we can learn from the spirit. The making of glass is not an art for he who has learnt it from someone else. But he that was first to invent it, at the prompting of the "spirit" deserves to be praised as an Artist, for in him we can learn and see the actions of the spirit, whereby the man that has learned from others does not show them. So it must now be obvious to all that man can do nothing by his own strength, for all his wisdom, his reasoning, and everything that is in him cannot discover the new, let alone fully develop its properties. Those who learnt from the first teachers learnt directly from others,

but they too lived by the Spirit. For it was put into those men, and it has thus come down from the first to the most recent man, and thus the Spirit triumphs on Earth among men.

Therefore, now we can see that although physical death came to Man through Adam's folly, or perhaps shall we say Man's weaknesses, everlasting life was restored back to us through Jesus on behalf of GOD the Father, for in him, God found that it was possible for a human, a natural man, to live in this world and conduct his life according to the prompting of the Spirit. Yes, Jesus "ran the Gauntlet", so to speak, on behalf of us and to show us the way.

Finally, we can conclude that the Hermetic Laws on re-incarnation are full of erroneous statements, for they do not take into account the manner in which Man was created, or the reason for his creation, so they only present half the facts.

WARNING TO PEOPLE INTERESTED IN KARMA

There is a book published called "Windows in the Mind" concerning conscious Astral travel in search of one's previous Karmic life patterns. It is known as the Kristos experiment.

My advice to investigators is to treat this information very warily for I feel that there is a strong element of danger to the seeker in using this out-of-the-body type of investigation. Besides that, there are far safer ways to investigate one's past lives rather than by this method.

Q. Do you believe in the existence of UFO's or Flying Saucers as people call them?

A. Yes, I do believe they exist because I have seen them myself, so I have to believe my own eyes, Remember, Jesus said, "In my Father's house there are many mansions" and I feel he meant in the vast kingdom of GOD, there are many other worlds with their own type of living patterns, and they don't have to be necessarily like ours in any way. Not only that, there is nothing to stop colonization of this earth by people from other worlds., who could actually be living and existing right alongside us at this very moment of time.

Why it is even possible that many of the different races we have here today in this World could have had their "roots" in another Solar System, and were immigrants to this Earth many thousands of years ago.

The world is not without evidence to say that this did not happen. On the contrary, there are many strange unexplained things, like where the Africans suddenly learn to make steel, who taught them how to find the correct components, etc. There is a whole multitude of unexplainable things similar to this, that as yet lack a satisfactory explanation. Despite all this, I don't support the idea that GOD drives a space ship, or that Jesus was an Astronaut nor do I believe that "flying saucers" have any significance for our own SOUL development. No doubt, if it were possible to conduct some dialogue with them on patterns of existence, we may learn something that will give us a better idea of what Karma is all about, but I still think that Man has to serve his apprenticeship first in the Earth environment before he looks elsewhere.