

## **Karma - Does This Affect The Healing Process?**

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Among many mystics and occultists the word Karma is heard frequently in discussions and is used as a point of interest covering many aspects of our mortal lives. What does this word actually mean? My belief is that the intention of the word karma is that we have to fulfill some obligation or repay some debt while we are alive on the Earth plane. Karma, I believe, is a system of balancing. In other words, that which has become unbalanced, similar to such phrases from the Bible as 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for-a tooth', or 'Those that live by the sword shall die by the sword'. These make interesting comment as people may live all their lives by the sword but not perish by the sword. Many people may appear to live all their lives by taking eyes and taking teeth and yet not giving up any of their own. This gives cause for contention regarding these Biblical quotations. Regarding 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth', Jesus said, 'This law has not been done away with or abolished, it has been fulfilled. Perhaps we could presume that, if there were such a thing as other lives for human beings on this Earth plane, if it is possible that we are born over and over again, then we may have to pay in this life for unbalancing situations that have occurred in our previous lives. Here we have an answer, perhaps, for karma.

Karma covers people; it covers nations; it seems to cover families. If a whole nation of people have been involved in an unbalancing situation in the Universe, then it may appear that this whole nation may be called upon at some future time to fulfill their karma by suffering that which they visited upon some other people so that the situation can be balanced. It is not to be considered a reward and punishment system, but, if we consider that it is only fair and logical that if we treat people in a manner that seems unfavourable to them, then they should have the prerogative of treating us at some stage in an unfavourable manner. Likewise, if we treat people in a favourable manner, then at some future date we shall also be treated in a favourable manner. It is similar to the saying about casting ones bread upon the waters. The same shall return to us as we give out to others.

It is believed that we are now manufacturing our next body and some of our next life while we are living in this life. Therefore, if we have a good life in the next life, it is because of the good karma that we have built up in this life. If we have a bad life in our next existence, it is because of the bad karma that we have accrued in previous lives. This seems to be quite a fair system. We cannot really blame anyone but ourselves for our misfortunes. This may give us to understand in some manner why huge nations are sometimes decimated. If we look at what happened to the Jews in the last World War during the Holocaust and see the terrible

way that they were treated, but also look back into the Jewish history, we can see the terrible way that the Jews treated other people. The Bible tells us of the slaughtering and pillaging that the Jews subjected other nations to. We can ask ourselves this question— Was this a karmic debt that had to be paid?

If this was so, then karma affects many facets of our lives. If we had a task to do in our last existence and we wasted the talent or did not fulfill the task, it is possible for us to be reborn in the next existence with the desire to do that task, but in these circumstances we cannot fulfill it because of the inability of people to believe what we have to say or many obstacles that are placed in our way that prevent us from fulfilling that task.

It is possible for us to be 'karmically healed' in this existence or it is possible for us not to be healed through karmic debts in this existence. As an astrologer, I have employed astrological analysis of people's charts. where illness is concerned to see if there are some forms of karma that will prevent them from recovering from certain illnesses or problems. There are planetary aspects that indicate right from birth that indicate that a particular person will suffer a particular type of illness or problem during their present existence. This also would explain for me why so many people can be cured by operations, medication, psychologically, by the laying-on-of-hands or by etheric healing, and yet certain illnesses that they have, there seems to be no upliftment for these. In many cases they will perish from that illness. I recall during my lifetime of healing work many people to whom we have given treatment who were uplifted of these illnesses end yet in the later stages of their life when we have employed the same technique to cure them of some body scourge, ~e have failed. Was this because they were karmically destined to die in this manner? This has occurred even within the confines of my own family circle where we have been able to uplift ills from family members and other illnesses have defied any form of treatment whatsoever.

It has been said by note theologians that all healing comes through and by the Grace of God, and I believe this. These same people will say-Why carry on so? Why split hairs ? But I think that man is entitled to know what form of healing it is that is uplifting him, because , if all healing comes, directly or indirectly from God, there are many ways that this can take place. Some of the method written about in our books are laying-on-of-hands healing, prayer, coils, magnets, vitamin and mineral therapy, operations, psychological counseling. All of these methods are of some therapeutic value when employed and it is up to the healer or those interested in healing work to try to determine exactly which is the best method to employ in each individual case. This in no way demeans or belittles God's efforts. or God's great creative healing power but can help us to understand the laws of nature and how they work.

We are obliged to learn about this power and find out which is the best way for it to be directed. After all, in the New Testament we are told of ten different methods of healing that Jesus used.

In creating humans, God gave us free agency to be as good or as evil as we like. Knowing this, we can only be the authors of our own fortunes or misfortunes accordingly, hence the advent of Karma. One can defeat Karma and this is some of the lesson of the New Testament. If a man strikes you on the face, offer him the other cheek. Where there is hate directed towards you, give off love. Here are some of the answers to defeating Karma. No greater love has a man than to lay down his life for a friend. The New Testament is full of examples whereby we can shape our present lives and our future lives as well so that we do not carry on on the Wheel of Solomon. This continuation of Karma, this balancing and unbalancing. 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.' This is really good advice. Here, is how we can shape our future existences by understanding these laws and following them. Retaliation only brings about the continuity of karmic debts that have to be paid for.

Karma could be a feasible explanation why people are born into this Earth plane in so many varying degrees of fortune and misfortune. Some preachers would lead us to believe that all people are born equal in the eyes of God. This seems hard to believe when some are born poor and some are born rich, some blind, some born into starvation, some born in ghettos, and so on. It is obvious that we are not all born equal in the realms of opportunity. Some people get every chance in life to succeed while others are continually plagued by nemesis that seem to dog their every footstep and frustrate them. This could be Karma. If God owns all things and we are just the stewards looking after these things that he grants us while we are alive and we misuse or abuse these privileges that God gives us, then it could be feasible that when we are born again and desire these in our next existence we are deprived of that which we desire the most.

When I am doing a Natal Horoscope Chart of a person, there are quite often strong aspects that indicate areas of frustration that may be possible to that individual all of their lifetime. These very bad planetary aspects seem evident on their charts from the moment of birth. I often think that this is a strong indication of Karma because the energy forces that seem to flow from the planets into the person's life often oppose them at the moments when they require help from outside their own physical existence. This seems to be deprived of them, strange as it may seem, by planets that are opposed to the action they desire to bring fulfillment into their life.

Is man born-by chance and circumstance or is man born by design? Is man born at a time when influences will incline his life so that he may work with the rhythms of the universe or be overpowered by the rhythms of the universe? Can one redirect their energy into different areas of activity? It appears that when one synchronizes ones spiritual outlook with God's wishes and comes into harmony with the universe that one can over—ride bad aspects, nullify the, bring a negation to them and thereby defeat Karma. Some Fundamentalists in the Orthodox Christian movement claim that this theory of Karma would justify sin because, as a person has been aimed against, they would be obliged to repay the debt so that the situation could be rebalanced. They could then say that they were not committing a sin but fulfilling a Karma. This is nonsense. Nothing is irrevocable. God has shown this. Circumstances can change at any time in our lives if we wish to make that change. After all, Saul of Tarsus, the great Christian destroyer, became Paul the Apostle, the great Christian salvationist. We cannot govern the weather to any great degree. If there is a cyclone, typhoon or some great storm, we cannot prevent this, but we do have the choice about whether we go out and stand in it.

Perhaps one could now say, do the six million Jews who were so badly treated have the right to turn around in another existence and bring vengeance on their cruel tormentors? Perhaps one could say, 'Yes.' But, if they decided as a body that they would riot take any action against those people who had committed such atrocities upon them, through love this karmic debt would be abolished. They have the opportunity to make this decision before they enter back into the Earth life, for as a spirit they can decide to some degree when, where and how their next existence is going to take place.

We have seen during the 1980's, in Ethiopia alone, millions of people starving and dying. People have said to me, Why does God allow this? My reply here is that it has nothing to do with God. This is the human world and full of human people and, if humans are starving, it is because other humans allow them to. In this human environment, we are responsible. The power is ours to alter this if we wish. These people may be suffering this severe and extreme form of exposure owing to some form of Karma. Therefore, others are given the opportunity to help alleviate this suffering, thereby, perhaps, easing some of their- own karmic debt.

What happens when we pray to God for healing and upliftment for ourselves or someone else and we receive this blessing? The Scriptures tell us that Jesus said to some people who had been healed: Go your way and sin no more lest a worse fate befall you. I have

experienced this myself. I have asked during my early life for healing and received this and then gone on to forget where the blessing came from and found myself back suffering from another problem. This has also been evident with many people with whom I have been associated through healing work to date. Many of them have come along sorely distressed, seeking healing, which they have often received. Then they have gone their way and almost immediately forgotten where the healing had come from and have carried on as before in total disregard for God's laws. It seems that, where sickness is concerned, when all else has failed, people then call upon God for His help. It does seem such a pity that one has to wait until such dire circumstances occur in one's life before they call upon God, the Creator. Just imagine how much better they would be if they would call upon God when things are going well and be guided by His teachings and the Holy Spirit. What an ideal community man could build in the world. One where there are no wars, no starvation - no hatred - Yea, the ideal existence which will come when man comes to an understanding of Karma and the wide ramifications that it has in our lives.

Finally, if Karma is a reality, let us consider for a moment some of the consequences that may arise. If God gives us gifts and we spurn or misuse them, then when we are born again in the next existence we may be deprived of those. If children are God's blessings and we abort them in this life, then in the next life, when we may desire to have offspring, this may be prevented owing to Karma. Perhaps a woman may carry a child to full term and a child may pass away just after birth. What a pity if God has allotted us, say, seventy years of life and we abuse ourselves to a degree that we only live forty years, do we owe thirty years? Is it possible that in our next life when we are born again our life may be shortened because we took for granted the gift of life in that previous existence? If we were born with God's gifts of teaching, healing, discernment of spirit, and so on, and we did not fulfill these obligations in that life, is it possible that in another existence we could be born and feel a real need for these gifts and yet be deprived of them because of Karma. Is it possible that if in one existence we teach people a falsity of God's laws that in the next existence we may be subject to this ourselves. Take, for example, celibacy. God put man and woman in order to multiply and populate the Earth and yet some people believe that man should be celibate. If this was so, how could he perpetuate the species? God says: These are the meats ye shall eat. Some people say that we shouldn't eat meat at all. Can this differentiation of teaching affect us in our next existence?

Considering these points of view, one could conclude that Karma definitely does affect the healing process.

## **The Great Delusion**

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Throughout the World today, most people judge Cults and Sects etc., by their outward material appearances. They reason that if such groups are doing good works they must be of God. So the accent then is on Man's material well being, however Jesus says that Man does not live by bread alone. Herein lies the answer, what is the use of one developing all the material aspects of the physical World of human-kind and over-looking the Spiritual necessities. It is possible for people to live in physical perfection under the guidance of such groups yet lose their eternal heritage through soul destruction by believing, and teaching some pernicious doctrine that is not of GOD." One is often told that all scriptures are from GOD for Man's edification and enlightenment," one lot will say that Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, Shintoism and Christianity, are all the same in principle and from the one source (God). If this is so, why is there such a diversity of opinions in these sacred texts as to what Man's final destiny is? One will say that we are not born again through reincarnation, another will say that if we are born again we may come back as an ant, horse, cow, or a butterfly, while another will say that he who kills a Jew or a Christian will find a place in paradise with God. The warning here is, don't be deluded by any group or sect that concentrates on the furbishing and gilding of the Tabernacle, for the physical body perishes on death but the Spirit that dwells within it, can only carry on progressing if it complies with the Law and Testament of God, so all that glitters is not gold. In the last days, many shall come unto God and say, "Lord, I have done these great things in thy name", but he shall say, begone, I know you not, Good works must be combined with faith and truth, GODS' truth not Man's conception, or vain-glorious philosophies based on human logic God's truth is evident, for it sets all people free from poverty, pestilence, wars and famines and guarantees the evolution of the soul.