

## Transmutation of Karma

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### Invocation:

Being duly prepared in mind and soul we would aspire to pray to our Father and our Mother God; to pray for understanding, for illumination, and above all for the rich pure love of the Son of God, Christ, our Lord and Master. May we feel His gentle presence—now; may we receive from Him, through our innermost and highest self, truth and light. And we now open our consciousness to the presence of the holy angels, these heavenly beings who minister to humanity by the Will of God. And unto God be all glory and honour for all His goodness.

Amen.

In introducing our subject we would like first to open your consciousness to the presence of the angel beings. We would concentrate or focus your thoughts upon the angels rather than on the spirits of human beings. For a short time the angelic influences play upon us all, and it is well to understand that angels have important work for humanity. We are going to speak on the Law of Karma; but as angelic beings largely work through and with this law of karma, it is well for us to welcome their ministry, particularly if we are healers or aspiring to become healers. People speak of and use healing gifts far too lightly, forgetting that these gifts may be so used as to affect the karma of a patient; therefore, it is important that all healers should recognise, should aspire at all times to work in harmony with and ever avoid obstructing the law of karma.

We have spoken on former occasions about the transmutation of karma. How shall we define this wondrous transformation or transmutation of a law seemingly immutable? Transmutation is very different from obstruction and when a man's karma is transmuted, it is only through the man\* himself being given the opportunity, through some past karma, to receive illumination. Of course, he must grasp the opportunity, which in a moment will unite him with his higher self, or the Christ within. Some particular path that he must follow will be revealed, but he will know and find the selected path difficult. Such paths are like climbing a mountain. Instead of the soul following the gently progressive path of the average soul, it selects to climb at a much steeper angle, which means that it will encounter greater dangers and the possibility of a fall which will land it back again at its starting place. This transmutation of karma is a very serious step; if the soul is strong enough and loving enough to hold fast to union with the Christ, then the soul will be safely conducted. All the sooner will it be able to be of greater service to humanity.

*[\*For editorial policy around gender, see the introduction.]*

During the course of the twelve zodiacal 'Ages' through which mankind has to pass on its passage to union with the Father-Mother God, there are certain ages when the souls of man are offered the opportunity to make rapid progress. Such periods always bring additional pain, disturbance, and suffering, but if humanity can hold constant to the Divine Love, it will take a big step on the evolutionary path. The present period through which you pass is such a time and opportunities are given to men and women and even to children to make unusual sacrifices. The tales of heroism of which you hear, which sound transient enough to the mass of mankind, are events of paramount importance to the individual hero or heroine and indeed

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to all humanity, because not one soul can make such supreme effort without affecting the rest of humanity. However small the effect, such an event exercises an upward pull on the mass-soul of men. Remember this when you read of these stories of heroism. It is true that ordinary men become heroes through some spontaneous urge which seems to overrule the lower mind. For you will say that if a man took thought of the peril of his act he would not attempt that which would involve him in pain and perhaps death. We must understand there is something stronger than the lower mind; no less than a divine urge inspires and helps the soul to action. Such an urge is like a sudden reunion with God. One could almost describe it as like a little child confident in strength beyond its own going forth to do the Godlike act of heroism and sacrifice. True, that child sinks again to its mortal self, but nevertheless that very act has enabled the soul to make steep and rapid progress in its evolution.

We have wandered from the point; nevertheless, it is well to have these questions clearly answered.

What have the angels to do with us humans? Every soul that is born in the flesh is attended by angels—not merely human spirits—but by angels of varying degrees of spiritual power and greatness. Every soul that passes out of the flesh is assisted by angels at the time of passing—these being apart from She who is known as the great Mother of all life on earth—Isis—whom some call Mary, the Mother of Christ. She watches over the process of human birth, but she has many assistants.

A question which will immediately arise is how one angel mother can be present at all births when there are millions of babies born daily. The Great Mother is not limited either in time or space or consciousness, but is analogous to Christ, the all-pervading Spirit of Light and Love. The angels assisting at birth are planetary beings under the control of great planetary beings, who again work under the Lords of Karma. You cannot possibly comprehend the greatness nor glory of the angel beings so far removed and yet which exert a direct influence upon your life and bring into it the simplest and most trivial event likely to affect the progress of the human soul. Nothing happens by chance in human life, but we deprecate that condition of mind which accepts without any effort all the squalor and misery that confronts humanity. This equally applies to the individual. It is all very well to say, 'This suffering is my karma; therefore I must bear it.' Say rather, 'This is my karma, and I must seek its meaning, discover what weakness in my soul necessitates a suffering coming into my life'. Seek knowledge of yourself, seek wisdom to live life on earth to the fullest and most profitable extent, but let the motive behind your seeking be that you may better equip yourself for God's service and to help human suffering.

Every soul before birth, living in some heavenly state of which you can remember nothing when enfolded in the flesh, is instructed by angel beings as to its particular need before its reincarnation. It is shown several possible paths. In that high and innermost state of consciousness, the soul selects its parents, the life it will live on earth, knowing full well that it will probably suffer physically, mentally, spiritually. It will also have opportunity of so living that it will be enabled to store up its karma for the future.

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Every soul may choose a reincarnation which will cause it to delve into some life of materiality and squalor. For this reason you cannot judge any man, and you do not even know what great soul may dwell in some lowly body; nor can you know the reason of the choice of that particular life experience. An advanced brother, for karmic reasons, may choose to descend into the depths in order more quickly to rise to higher estate. Another soul may appear to have an easy life, enjoy material wealth, suffer no sorrow, be apparently free to travel and study and enjoy all the beauties of the earth, and yet that soul may not appear to be an advanced soul. You say, 'Why should so and so possess all this and yet seem to be selfish and crude?' Perhaps that soul has in the past stored up 'good' karma; while it may not be very advanced, it may have a credit stored in the karmic bank which it elects to spend or use in one particular incarnation. Or the soul may use this karma to reincarnate in a very powerful and forceful personality. Again through such an experience there may be the possibility of danger and suffering, but the individual has chosen its path, knowing full well the price that it will pay for wrong usage of opportunities.

With regard to sickness, let us strive to be compassionate. Since Christ our Lord taught his disciples to help humanity by healing physical suffering, what of the karma of the individual who avails himself of an opportunity to transmute karma? The physical bodies into which we are born, the etheric bodies which make the bridge between the world of matter and the world of spirit, the mental bodies by which the individual understands the laws of life and gains experiences of the earth life—all these vehicles are the result of the past. Today you are creating or building the atoms into your soul which will be used to form future vehicles through which you will manifest, if not on the planet earth, possibly on another planet of this earth's system. Therefore, upon you rests the choice: you may build into your soul disease-atoms through neglect and wilfulness and particularly through neglecting opportunities to learn of the inner wisdom; you may limit yourself by your own free will, and the Lords of Karma can only rebuild bodies with the material which you offer them.

'A Little Tale of the Spirit' told how a woman went to heaven and was admitted through the Pearly Gates. Peter conducted her to her new home and explained that her home was very poor because she had only offered poor material with which that home could be built. This illustrates that on the astral plane souls pass to poor or beautiful conditions according to the substance of their lives below, out of which the angels must build the home to which they go.

The same law applies to reincarnation. We give to the angels the substance, the material out of which our next form of life will take shape. Therefore, you can now see that [when] a soul is born with a malformation or some inherent disease, [there is] a deep spiritual reason for this. This gives no cause for anyone to regard that sufferer with contempt or criticism, nor even pity, but only with brotherly love, which will awaken the desire to give forth, to assist the sufferer. Do not be disappointed, you healers, when you do not get response from a patient, realizing that you must work in harmony with the cosmic law. You must not force your healing power. If the patient does not respond within a certain time, there is a spiritual reason for this. You may continue to give light and peace and love to the soul, taking little notice of the obstinacy of the body. Obstructing divine law is a sin, but giving love and light

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is a service at all times, and it will not fail in its purpose; also, it will add to your reservoir of good karma.

One final remark: the soul at a certain stage on the path of spiritual evolution is enabled to see its past debts. The soul sees that certain people who have injured it in the past are again brought into contact in a subsequent life. Although they have inflicted injury in the past, they do not seem to pay back any good karma in this subsequent life, but the soul thus afflicted is again absorbing and storing up good karma by its attitude and the brotherliness of its response.

Q.Do the progressed planetary aspects at the nativity reveal the tendency to good and bad karma to be reaped?

A.Let us regard 'bad karma' more as opportunity for the soul to learn or make further progress, opportunities presented to the soul by the angels of karma. Sometimes these are not used, and therefore the native goes through a period of suffering and seems not very much better for the experience. But that same opportunity will crop up again and again. There is also opportunity for progress through wise use of good karma in the horoscope. The soul by its previous conduct has brought about the necessity for certain experiences or lessons in incarnation. The planetary angels watch over the events or the experiences through which that soul is passing, not interfering because they know that an exact and precise law is at work. There is ever a lack of emotion in angels. Angels do not suffer from emotional disturbance, are unmoved by suffering; they see beyond human suffering and all their work is planned in accordance with this perfect law of evolution.

Q.I wonder if that is why the gods in ancient mythology always appear hard and callous?

A.It is lack of emotion. Emotion is outside their province. The Son of God, Christ, is Love; it is the human path of evolution which brings love to the evolving soul. Even the angels of love are unemotional. Theirs is the love which is a law of creation.

Q.Sometimes when a soul is suffering, it cannot always discover the reason?

A.No, [but] if it recognizes that it is learning *something* it is paving the way for its own greater understanding. The truth it seeks will come in a flash, perhaps some time after the suffering has passed. You are learning the lesson of patience, and also the lesson of love and constancy. When you have to go through difficulties, hold fast to the love of good. Never mind what happens; if you are blinded and unable to see the reasons for suffering, keep the light burning in your breast, saying again and again, 'God is my Father-Mother; God is all good, God will bring me safely through'. Do not cling to material things or even to people—if they go, let them go. If they hurt and disappoint you, that is to teach you. There is only one thing to fear and that is fear itself. Strive to overcome fear, fear of death, fear of life, fear of loss, fear of suffering. This is the goal—to overcome all fear and to realize the son-ship with the Father-Mother God. You are moving forward rapidly to the great awakening. You will see a reunion of nations and the people, and a disintegration of the

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forces of destruction which have been loosed in past months. Look forward, look forward, look forward, not only with hope, but with conviction, to the coming of the brotherhood of man on earth. You will witness bloodshed, not in this country, but in another. Your hearts may be very disturbed, but it is like a bursting boil now. The end is near.

### Benediction:

Father-Mother God, Thy children pray for Thy blessing, they pray to be made strong in Thy love. And with thankful hearts we say goodnight to you all.

Amen.

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