

Transmutation of Karma

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Invocation:

Beloved friends, having withdrawn from the world of men* and the world of the outer mind, may you seek the vision of the spirit. Let us pray to the Invisible, Infinite, Nameless—to our Father-Mother God, that through the Spirit of His Son within each child on earth, we may become seers into the inner worlds, seers of the universe in which we live. Let us pray for simple hearts, that we may listen to the angels' song, and let us pray that we may learn to interpret this angelic power in such manner that the world may understand and receive therefrom some good, beauty and happiness.

Amen.

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

We would at the outset make it clear to those who visit us perhaps for the first time that the purpose of these groups (and of the atmosphere created here through prayer and music and simple worship) is to bring through your physical brain and into your material life a manifestation of the realities of life generally hidden from man whilst he labours on earth. While man is concentrating largely on earthly things, without thought of the Source from which all the blessings are derived, he limits his appreciation of beauty in music, art, literature and nature. Not until man has become simply and humbly attuned to the Christ Child within his heart can he commence to open his inner vision and to see the love and the beauty of the spiritual life. Not through the mind or the intellect alone can this reality be discovered, but through the heart of love, of simplicity, through man relaxing not merely his physical body but his soul, and resting within the heart of life, of love.

At the birth of his spirit into physical life man is attended by angelic beings. He is not unknown to the angels; each man has his guardian angel to labour on his behalf. They labour impersonally, for whilst you are their charge they work only within the law of the cosmos, their aim [being] the spiritual evolution of the life-rays or currents which manifest in material form. Such manifestation may be inanimate and take place in nature, in the arts and sciences, or in bird life, the life beneath the waters, the insect life, the animal and the human life, all forms of life manifest certain rates of spiritual force. Nothing can be outside the life of God or the Spirit Essence.

Our quest then, yours and ours, is to gain knowledge of those myriad forms of life, knowledge of the whence, why, and whither of life. Men and women prepared to seek with humble and sincere hearts will find their answer; you will meet temptations and disappointments during your quest but ultimate success and reward will come. The spiritual quest is no easy one, so dismiss all illusions. Those of you who suffer disappointment and disillusionment as you pursue your spiritual journey, be thankful for the knocks and, furthermore, be unmoved by criticism. Your fellows reveal only their ignorance if the criticisms are harsh, but manifest love and the radiance of their spirit if their criticisms be kind and helpful. Dismiss those hurts which come as the result of ignorance, welcome the criticisms which come from the kindly. Your kindly critic may be a teacher who is enshrouded in a physical body. Many such teacher is passed by, by the people, because humanity itself is unable to respond. The man depicted in Pilgrim's Progress, so concerned

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with his rake searching for treasures in the muck at his feet that he was unaware of the radiant angel by his side, bears a likeness to a humanity content to deal materially with its problems, and failing to find a solution. Until humanity be struck to its very heart, so that in agony it cries out, 'My God, my Saviour, teach me Thy Wisdom', humanity remains in darkness.

This knocking on the door of the human mind is now taking place and the spirit within man is asking 'Why? Why? Why?' The answer comes that God has never left man without His witness. If the heart remains sincere in prayer, it will receive its answer. Look up, my friends, to the harmonies of the universe and you will see beauty enfolding you. But you will not find such beauty through mental gymnastics, or analysis, but only if you listen to the sounds, not noises—the harmonies in the universal life. To get near to heaven, leave the lowlands and climb a hill, or better still a mountain. Be alone, listening; observe the life of nature, and from outward recognition and realization of the universal life, look inwards; try to realize the relationship between the outer mysteries and the life of the within.

Someone asked a question as to where music originated. I observed that the questioner was what you would call a master of music. He will find his answer when his heart beats in complete harmony with the spheres of spiritual life, for the harmonies of music do not originate on earth, nor yet in earth minds, but from great angelic beings who are themselves instruments to conduct to the master musician those very fine streams of life force which are his inspiration. No man is able to transmit the spiritual vibrations in purity, although very wonderful work has been accomplished; there must be also the soul development of the hearer and attunement of the soul of the audience. No music can be fully appreciated through the mind of earth only. Some would say that the emotions are better able to interpret: no, not the emotions alone, but that finer channel which all men can cultivate—the higher heart mind. What do we mean by the mind of the heart? The mind which comprehends through the fullness of love and aspiration of the heart.

Remember, the emotional body is separate from the higher-mind body, or the celestial or heavenly body. The emotional body can be coarse, but not the higher aspect, the celestial body. Venus, usually regarded as a planet of the emotions, when correctly interpreted and fully understood is the planet from which comes the angel builders who build the form of this higher mind. So think of the influence of Venus, you astrologers, as being a celestial mental influence. The simpler, the gentler, the more loving; the musician who has experienced pure love, pure human love—and suffering—is the true instrument whom angelic beings from worlds beyond contact and use. It is well for you for one brief hour to hear about these beings. Even if what we have to say falls away like the proverbial water off the duck's back, a little wetting will have an effect—and these continual baths will purify the aura!

We do not wish to convert you; we do not wish to force you to think along these lines. It is our work to draw aside the curtain which hangs between you and this world of spiritual beauty and truth, the world to which you are now travelling. If you will be humble and simple as children and listen with quiet hearts and minds, you will receive into your aura a light which will not only illuminate your own pathway and your soul but the pathway of others and enable you to contribute happiness and beauty and love to the world.

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This, my friends, is healing and constructive work; if you doubt whether your efforts have any effect upon humanity at the present day, we assure you that it is only through such efforts throughout the ages that the world is still progressing and humanity is still living and enjoying life. In spite of all the warlike destruction, behind the veil are the angelic beings and working with them are elder brethren of the human race, men and women who are still labouring ceaselessly to influence and help your world to better things. Many may not know that in the human ranks are masters of life, men and women who have passed through the portals of initiation into the universal and heavenly mysteries. You, my friends, are likely to come within the influence of these masters in your daily life; you know it not, but if you cultivate your soul qualities, if your life contributes helpfulness and kindness to men, you are developing a light within which will shine forth from your head and your heart. Have you not met such men and women? You say, 'So and so has beautiful eyes!' 'Did you notice that man who entered the room? He brought a light! His very presence seemed to make the place holy'—not pious and sanctimonious but holy, joyous, beautiful.

Such men and women are to be seen by all who have developed a degree of spiritual power. You, my friends, having searched for wisdom, for spiritual food, have unconsciously been creating round your head, the Light. This was well known to the ancients, for their pictures depict an aura of light around a saint. That light is so real that a master of spiritual truth can see it immediately, even though that master be miles away; henceforth, once the light is shining in the ether, and in the worlds of spirit, the attention of an elder brother is attracted to you. He may dwell on earth or work on the astral planes without a body, but past karma will draw him to you because you need his help, because he responds to cosmic law and gives that help. So you can be at peace, doing your work, helping humanity. Even through a business organization, if your motives are pure and selfless, you contribute good to the world. If you help any charitable or social organization—if your motive is pure and you really have the man's welfare at heart, you work for the masters. Personal bickering and jealousies may unfortunately creep in to obscure the light of the spirit, and then chaos and destruction come and the work fails.

These truths we offer, if you care to accept them, guide you in your search for answers to questions so far unanswerable. There is a grand and glorious purpose in life, and a great spiritual universe, beautiful and harmonious, waiting to manifest. Matter alone is the stumbling block. We refer again to the elder brethren, now much concerned with the welfare of humanity and the birth of the New Age. Selfishness obscures the view of the average man. Look to that country which is now bleeding: Russia. Behind the scenes and within the Russian nation are masters inspiring, guiding, and strengthening. Out of that race will come the children of the New Age. From the mystic isle of Britain also will spring the children of the age to come, and across the seas, in America, will arise children of the sun, of the age-long Mountain of the White Light. The best of these races unite and from their union is born a new race of men and women. Peace we leave on earth. Amen.

Q.Is there such a thing as national karma?

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A. Most certainly there is karma of nations as well as karma of individuals. You have seen that demonstrated, surely, within the last two years. Certain countries are saturated with black magic. Why are souls incarnated into such a nation if they are innocent? You can be quite sure that there is a karmic reason, although the normal consciousness is unaware of it. From these centres at certain times, like a fire roaring, is sent forth the evil which inflames evil in mankind. Evil always consumes itself, it dies. Good never dies, never. What you as a nation suffer from is the result of foolish deeds, greed, selfishness and stupidity; ignorance is no excuse: the Lords of Karma do not take ignorance into account. Mistakes or ignorant deeds bring karma, and through karma knowledge is gained. That law applies to men, women, children (above the age of seven) and to nations.

Q. Where does jazz come from?

A. From a source of inspiration in the lower worlds of spirit. It is used by constructive angels to break down old vibrations. Jazz music will go back to whence it came and will be swallowed up when this conflict is over.

Benediction:

Before we close, let us unite in projecting from this small group in London a beam of light, of brotherhood, of sympathy, towards the battlefields of Europe. The dawn breaks—and the spirit of Christ, the illumined One, is reborn. Father-Mother God, we thank Thee for all the good which this earth enjoys. May the spirit of goodwill and brotherhood live and grow in our hearts, now and henceforth.

Amen.

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