

The fear that arises out of the hurt to that stupified feeling or threat of injury to it is Abhiniveśa-Kleśa. It causes affliction in the shape of fear.

Although the Self is really immortal, this fear of death, born of ignorance, is the chief Abhiniveśa-Kleśa, the affliction caused by the fear of extinction. The commentator has shown how a previous life can be inferred from that. Other fears are also Abhiniveśa-Kleśa. This Abhiniveśa is an affliction, a feeling inimical to spiritual practice. There are also other meanings of Abhiniveśa.

(2) There can be remembrance only of things felt before. When anything is felt, it is stored in the mind. Its recollection is memory. Memory of the fear of death is found in all creatures. Death has not been experienced in this life. Therefore it must be concluded that it was experienced in a previous life. In this way, the reality of a previous life is established from Abhiniveśa.

It might be urged that as fear of death is natural there is no need of a previous experience therein. If recollection of death is called natural, then every memory may be said to be natural. But memory is not natural; it arises from some cause, and past experience is that cause. When recollections always arise out of a cause, then one class of it (fear of death etc.) cannot reasonably be called natural. A natural thing does not arise out of a cause. A natural characteristic never leaves the thing to which it belongs. Fear of death is found to cease with acquisition of knowledge. Therefore acquisition of ignorance (repeated experience of fear of death through ignorance) must be its cause. In this way from a person's fear of death and allied distresses its previous experience and thus previous birth, is established.

Again, the question might be asked 'what is the proof that fear of death is a form of remembrance?' In reply, it may be said that memory is the perception of something internal without coming into contact with any external object. Remembrance arises from some form of idea analogous to it. Fear of death also arises within the mind through a similar process, that is why it is a form of memory.