

REINCARNATION

INTRODUCTION

The author realizes that no work and complex a subject as Reincarnation cannot be encompassed completely and perfectly into one object. Naturally, it follows that the listings are incomplete. Instead, the author hopes to give a comprehensive visual perspective of this ancient and ???????? idea.

HISTORY

The idea of Reincarnation has probably always existed as part of the human plan. Some sources say its teachings in its earliest forms were first presented in India. Other sources say Egypt. There are many other suggestions concerning its origins. The teaching was brought to western India by the Aryan invaders. It was later taught by Pythagoras of Samos who, through the Pythagorean fragments, disseminated in the Old Academy. Plato perpetuates this doctrine of which was passed on the justified Plato by whom it was disseminated throughout the Classical world. After the decline of Platonism in Greece, Reincarnation was revived by the Neoplatonists and Hermeticians of Alexandria. Through the Platonic succession, it entered the Orphic Rites. Through its editions, the doctrine of metempsychosis was preserved for modern times. The early Christian Church endorsed Reincarnation until the Church Council of Constantinople in 553 A.D., during the reign of Emperor Justinian, voted 3 to 1 for its drop. Some sources say that even then, it was not officially dropped from the the Church.

BIBLICAL BACKGROUND

The Christian Bible has been revised many times, changed, and translated; but there still remain fragments and inferences to Reincarnation. Jesus was believed to carry on to have been the reappearance of some great person from the prophets. The Pharisees believed in Reincarnation. Sadducees, whom the belief of a Resurrection was treason among the gruesome 7 sects of the Church. The TALMUD and the KABBALA from Rabbinical literature is a part of the TALMUD. Both's soul passed into the body of Moses, and then into that of Jesus. Mr. Paul spontaneously taught the doctrine of Rebirth and Karma. Reincarnation was taken for granted among the Immortals, the big lions of Jesus. St. Jerome, tutor of the early fathers of the Christian Church, declared that the doctrine of metempsychosis was taught as an esoteric matter by the early Church. St. Augustine says St. John Baptist's father Zacharias knew definitely many facts buried in proverbs and fables to the secrets of Reincarnation. Socrates himself, being of Greek, in his writings asserts that the Greek Christians of Asia were zealous metempsychosis. Rev. A. Thomson, Vicar of the church in Dalrymple writes that the doctrine of metempsychosis was taught in the Early Church. The doctrine of Reincarnation or metempsychosis is the most important principle among those which the adherents of Origen would fain accustom today.

REFERENCES IN THE CHRISTIAN BIBLE

SOME OBJECTIONS ANSWERED

1. IF I HAVE LIVED BEFORE, WHY CAN'T I REMEMBER MY PAST LIVES?
The average person cannot even remember what happened last week, last year, etc. Most people cannot recall their baby hood, but that does not mean they did not have one. It is even more difficult to bridge gaps between incarnations and remember past lives. This process takes special training, study and conditioning. It is a part of the Divine plan that for most people their past lives are blocked off temporarily from the present memory. The average person has enough to contend with the memories of the present incarnation. Most people's troubles are caused by centuries of mistakes, errors and negation made in the past of their present incarnation. If part or all of their past lives were also known to the average person, more confusion would result. This information is held in abeyance until the entity is wise enough and ready to know.
2. DOES THE IDEA OF REINCARNATION MEAN I MAY BE REBORN AS AN ANIMAL, VEGETABLE OR MINERAL?
No. Once the entity has evolved to the homosapien form, he never goes back to a lower species. This is a common misunderstanding of Reincarnation and is held by the ignorant masses of the east.
3. INSTEAD OF SYMPATHIZING WITH AND TRYING TO HELP A PERSON WHO HAS HAD MISFORTUNE, REINCARNATIONISTS ARE PRONE TO DISCOUNT THE WHOLE MATTER AND SAY "WELL, HE DESERVED IT!"
No, just the opposite. After being confronted with the seemingly negative condition, you first understand the why of the effect. You next realize the Truth of Man, setting into vibration a positive state of consciousness. You then immediately do all humanly possible to alleviate the condition. With your understanding of Reincarnation and Karma, you are able to actually do more constructive rehabilitation, being freed yourself from possible reflected negation.
4. REINCARNATION WOULD MAKE ONE LAZY AND INDIFFERENT TO THIS LIFE AND PROMOTE PROCRASTINATION.
No. Everyone should live up to their highest concept of good every second of the present. This will advance one's consciousness into higher realms of evolution. Procrastination would pile up one's omissions and commissions to a point that a serious Karmic effect would manifest. After trying to do your best and finding that you still fail, your knowledge of Reincarnation would enable you to understand that there would be another chance in infinite time. The less incarnations the better.
5. WOULDN'T PERPETUAL INCARNATIONS AND EVOLVEMENT LEAD TO ABSORPTION INTO THE INFINITE & LOSS OF IDENTITY?
No, the entity would seem to always be in some state of consciousness and identity. It is difficult to comprehend an end to evolution.
6. REINCARNATIONISTS ALWAYS CLAIM TO HAVE BEEN KINGS, QUEENS, GREAT PERSONS, ETC. NO ONE EVER ADMITS BEING STABLEBOYS, CRIMINALS AND COMMONERS.
No, many past lives reveal ordinary common people and rather bad incarnations. It is human nature to maximize the good in our past and to minimize the bad. Also, it is quite obvious that many are deluded as to who they were, when one or more persons claimed to have been the same person.

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A FEW CLASSIC CASES OF REINCARNATION

IMPORTANT

MAIN ARGUMENTS FOR REINCARNATION

METHODS FOR RECALLING PAST LIVES

CLASSICAL STATEMENTS

GREAT NAMES THAT BELIEVED IN REINCARNATION

WHEEL OF MORTALITY

Entity 2371193458669.3 ∞
10 Incarnations [I 90 - I 99]
Planet Earth 3391762 .4 ∞
Planetary System 4973 .9 ∞
Galaxy 75 1.2 ∞

