<T=0.574>  
SE;  
1 Good morning  
  
<T=1.410>  
IL;  
2 Good morning  
  
<T=2.177>  
SE;  
3 How are you?  
  
<T=2.874>  
IL;  
4 Good. How are you?  
  
<T=3.775>  
SE;  
5 Awesome Nice cool morning today. I love it. It is great!  
((IL is walking away))  
6 Do you have five minutes for an interview before you run off?  
  
<T=10.648>  
IL;  
7 Sure  
  
<T=11.340>  
SE;  
8 Okay  
((IL returns))  
9 I've got this hobby where I chat with strangers for five minutes  
10 and time it.  
  
<T=16.550>  
IL;  
11 Oh, I like that  
  
<T=17.210>  
SE;  
12 Yeah The neat thing is we talk about whatever you want to talk  
13 about. It's generally about what you think is actually true  
14 about any belief. If you're willing, I would love to record it.  
  
<T=29.015>  
IL;  
15 Okay  
  
<T=29.459>  
SE;  
16 If you're okay with that.  
  
<T=30.135>  
IL;  
17 Sure  
  
<T=30.840>  
SE;  
18 Thank you very much.  
  
<T=31.686>  
IL;  
19 I don't know anything I particularly want to talk about though.  
  
<T=35.016>  
SE;  
20 I can give you some suggestions.  
  
<T=36.446>  
IL;  
21 Okay, I like suggestions.  
  
<T=39.639>  
SE;  
21 A lot of the times we talk about whether karma is true, if  
22 there's a ghost, does a god exist, do prayers work. They tend  
23 to kinda go supernatural in topic.  
  
<T=51.830>  
IL;  
24 Yeah, or spiritual, yeah. I like the karma thing. That's  
25 pretty interesting. I feel like, I feel like you do definitely  
26 get back what you put out into the world. You know, so, you do  
27 good things, I mean, not everything that happens to you is gonna  
28 be good, but overall you're gonna have a good life, you know. So  
29 I think that's pretty interesting.  
  
<T=71.123>  
SE;  
30 We can talk about that. What is your first name?  
  
<T=73.007>  
IL;  
31 Krystal  
  
<T=73.761>  
SE;   
[  
32 I'm Anthony  
]  
  
<T=74.380>  
IL;  
33 With a 'K' You have to pronounce it with a 'K'  
  
<T=76.797>  
SE;  
34 Okay, help me spell it.  
  
<T=78.164>  
IL;  
35 K-R-Y-S-T-A-L  
  
<T=80.657>

SE;  
36 Alright, very good. Yeah my name's Anthony. Krystal and karma.  
  
<T=84.900>  
IL;  
37 @@@ That's funny they're both 'K's.  
  
<T=86.771>  
SE;  
38 Yeah  
  
<T=87.426>  
IL;  
39 @@@  
  
<T=88.658>  
SE;  
40 Okay. Whoops. I'm just going to reset my timer here.  
  
<T=92.364>  
IL;  
41 I don't know if I have five minutes worth of karma to talk about.  
  
<T=95.613>  
SE;  
42 Well, I'll just ask questions.  
  
<T=86.734>  
IL;  
43 That sounds good, I like questions.  
  
<T=98.606>  
SE;  
44 You loosely defined what karma is. You said that it's when you  
45 do good things and good things happen back to you in return?  
  
<T=106.399>  
IL;  
46 Yeah, or bad things, you know  
  
<T=108.407>  
SE;  
47 Or bad things?  
  
<T=109.032>  
IL;  
48 Yeah  
  
<T=109.722>  
SE;  
49 Okay. How certain are you on a scale from zero to one hundred...  
50 Don't freak out, it's okay  
  
<T=117.949>  
IL;  
51 Okay, zero to one hundred  
  
<T=119.188>  
SE;  
52 Zero to one hundred that karma is actually real, that it's a thing  
53 that it works. And let me give you the values of the scale. Zero  
54 percent would be "I have all questions and no confidence".  
55 Hundred percent is "I have no questions, It's all confidence. I  
56 know that it's a real thing".  
  
<T=145.226>  
IL;  
57 hmm uh, I'm probably like sixty percent certain.  
  
<T=154.580>  
SE;  
58 Okay Almost in the middle there  
  
<T=158.382>  
IL;  
59 Yeah, almost, but I, I believe in it a little bit more.  
  
<T=161.941>  
SE;  
60 Yeah  
  
<T=162.246>  
IL;  
61 Yeah  
  
<T=164.354>  
SE;  
62 Why do you put yourself at a sixty percent level of confidence  
63 that karma is a thing?  
  
<T=170.293>  
IL;  
64 Um, I think because in my life when I've been very negative and  
65 even just like being just negative. You don't have to necessarily  
66 do bad things, but being negative and putting that negative energy  
67 out in the world. Negative things happen and the more positive  
68 I've become and the more I hike and do positive things, like, I  
69 find a lot more positivity. A lot, a lot happier things happen.  
  
<T=198.903>  
SE;  
70 Okay. Do you have a good example of when you did something  
71 positive or you did something negative and then one of those two  
72 things happened back to you in return?  
  
<T=211.749>  
IL;  
73 Uhmm… Gosh, I don't know Okay, what, positive so um, like I said I  
74 used to be really negative and I held on to a lot of things that  
75 really didn't matter anymore, and then I started making positive  
76 changes in my life and letting go of the past and things that  
77 didn't matter. And now I just bought a brand new car. @@@ so  
  
<T=237.835>  
SE;  
78 Oh!  
  
<T=238.262>  
IL;  
79 My very first car all by myself and I never thought that I was  
80 going to be able to do that, so, that feels good. I got a new  
81 job, also.  
  
<T=247.929>  
SE;  
82 New job, new car.  
  
<T=249.245>  
IL;  
83 Yeah  
  
<T=249.799>  
SE;  
84 Okay. All as a result-  
  
<T=251.465>  
IL;  
85 A new boyfriend @@@  
  
<T=252.407>  
SE;  
86 A new boy... new BF, okay. Nice. All these things are a result  
87 of you changing your mindset and being more positive?  
  
<T=261.285>  
IL;  
88 I think so, yeah. I think that in general my relationships have  
89 changed and my motivation has changed being just more positive.  
  
<T=269.898>  
SE;  
90 Hmm. Could a person who is just always negative and... just is  
91 kind of a rotten person...  
  
<T=280.610>  
PASSERBY;  
92 Hey there, random philosopher!  
  
<T=281.703>  
SE;  
93 Hey, what's up? I talked to her yesterday. She's an interesting  
94 woman.  
  
<T=285.792>  
IL;  
95 Yeah  
  
<T=287.670>  
SE;  
96 Could a person be kinda rotten  
  
<T=290.606>  
IL;  
97 Yeah  
  
<T=291.132>  
SE;  
98 and still have a good life and get a brand new car and get a new  
99 job and have a new boyfriend?  
  
<T=296.157>  
IL;  
100 I think that they could. Um... I don't know that rotten people  
101 are necessarily happy though.  
  
<T=304.898>  
SE;  
102 I've run into a lot of people that are kinda mean, but they  
  
<T=308.874>  
[  
IL;  
103 Yeah, they have everything?  
]  
  
<T=310.444>  
SE;  
104 Yeah  
  
<T=310.728>  
IL;  
105 But I think it takes them being rotten to other people to make  
106 them feel good and that sucks.  
  
<T=315.442>  
SE;  
107 Oh okay.  
  
<T=315.922>  
IL;  
108 @@@  
  
<T=318.889>  
SE;  
109 Is karma making all this happen?  
  
<T=323.504>  
IL;  
110 Hmm I don't know. I don't know that it's... I mean I'd like to  
111 think that good things happen to me because I'm a good person.  
112 @@@  
  
<T=334.185>  
SE;  
113 You just like to think it?  
  
<T=336.231>  
IL;  
114 Yeah, I mean, I don't know, I don't really know any rhyme or  
115 reason for it. Just in general being an adult is weird and like,  
116 stuff like buying a car is weird and you never think you're going  
117 to do it ever and, so I don't know, I don't know really how to  
118 explain the way life is.  
  
<T=355.575>  
SE;  
119 Is karma keeping track of everyone's actions and activities?  
  
<T=362.100>  
IL;  
120 Hmm... I don't think, like, one hundred percent of the time it  
121 is. I think that I've...  
  
<T=371.613>  
[  
SE;  
122 What's happening on the…  
]  
  
<T=372.782>  
IL;  
123 I think I've gotten away with doing not great things before.  
  
<T=377.059>  
SE;  
124 Karma sometimes notices and sometimes doesn't?  
  
<T=380.138>  
IL;  
125 Yeah I think it's, um, on a, on a larger scale, you know. Like,  
126 it's like a whole, it's a whole entire outlook. Like, you can do  
127 a bad thing and not necessarily bad things are going  
((timer alarm sounds))  
128 to happen to you, but if you put out an exponential amount of  
129 negative energy, probably a lot of negative things are gonna come  
130 from that.  
  
<T=401.875>  
SE;  
131 Hmm We've hit our five but I have maybe one more question.  
  
<T=405.582>  
IL;  
132 Okay, that's fine  
  
<T=406.249>  
SE;  
133 Okay, thank you.  
  
<T=408.667>  
IL;  
134 That was a really fast five minutes!  
  
<T=410.582>  
SE;  
135 They usually go very fast, yeah, I know. You know sometimes I'm  
136 like "Oh, it's been five minutes already? I've got so many good  
137 questions to ask". You mentioned that there are times where karma  
138 notices when people do good things and bad things, and there are  
139 times where karma doesn't notice it.  
  
<T=426.410>  
IL;  
140 mm-hmm  
  
<T=428.964>  
SE;  
141 How can you... How can you Krystal differentiate between the  
142 times that karma is noticing and karma is not noticing your  
143 actions?  
  
<T=438.867>  
IL;  
144 Mmm... I think because it usually is on like a grander scale in  
145 which I'm not just being negative for myself, or doing a bad thing  
146 that maybe nobody notices. It's more like being negative or doing  
147 bad things that affect other people and not just myself.  
  
<T=461.471>  
SE;  
148 I'm not sure I follow. Are you saying that if you do an action  
149 that can impact other people that's where karma notices?  
  
<T=468.303>  
IL;  
150 Yeah, I think so.  
(6.9)  
  
<T=476.574>  
SE;  
151 How can you be sixty percent certain that it's actually working in  
152 that way?  
  
<T=481.815>  
IL;  
153 I don't know, it's just how it feels. I'm not a, I'm not, I'm not  
154 all about... I'm not a logical person. I'm an emotional person  
155 so I just like base everything off of like, what it feels right  
156 then and there in that moment. It's usually how I roll.  
  
<T=506.203>  
SE;  
157 If a person is basing this belief of karma on how it just feels,  
158 and that you just like to think about it that way,  
  
<T=513.255>  
IL;  
159 Yeah  
  
<T=514.098>  
SE;  
160 Do you think that sixty percent confidence is the most accurate  
161 spot to be?  
  
<T=524.336>  
IL;  
162 I'd, I don't think that I necessarily have to have all the answers  
163 for something that feels a certain way though.  
  
<T=533.301>  
SE;  
164 Do you want to believe things that are actually true?  
  
<T=535.932>  
IL;  
165 Yeah.  
  
<T=537.125>  
SE;  
166 Hmm?  
  
<T=537.577>  
IL;  
167 I mean, I guess so, yeah.  
  
<T=542.937>  
SE;  
168 Do you have a good reason to believe that karma is true?  
  
<T=549.180>  
IL;  
169 I don't know that I have a good reason, no. Fine! I'm forty  
170 percent. Gosh! @@@  
  
<T=556.715>  
SE;  
172 I don't want to strong-arm you into anything!  
  
<T=559.916>  
IL;  
173 I guess I just don't think about it that hard. But yeah, I guess,  
174 like, explaining it out loud... You're right. I guess maybe I,  
175 uh, don't really have enough answers to be super certain about it.  
  
<T=573.423>  
SE;  
176 Well thank you so very much for your time.  
  
<T=575.030>  
IL;  
177 Yeah, thank you.  
  
<T=575.700>  
SE;  
178 I really enjoyed talking with you.  
  
<T=576.714>  
IL;  
179 Yeah, I hope you have fun interviewing.  
  
<T=578.644>  
SE;  
180 It's a nice cool morning so...  
  
<T=579.616>  
IL;  
181 It is, yeah  
  
<T=580.310>  
SE;  
182 I think it's going to... and the lighting's great, I think it's  
183 going to be great. I've got a card here...  
  
<T=582.590>  
IL;  
184 Awesome.  
  
<T=582.960>  
SE;  
185 if you want to chat some more. Some people have told me that they  
186 take a picture of the card...  
  
<T=588.359>  
IL;  
187 mm-hmm  
  
<T=588.949>  
SE;  
188 and then they put a reminder on their phone for six months, and  
189 then they've let me know where they are on that particular belief.  
190 So  
  
<T=595.784>  
IL;  
193 That's cool  
  
<T=596.476>  
SE;  
194 It would be awesome to, to hear back from you as far as where you  
195 are on the, the likelihood that karma is a thing.  
  
<T=601.869>  
IL;  
196 Okay. Alright, that sounds good. Six months, yeah.  
  
<T=605.315>  
SE;  
197 I'd love that.  
  
<T=605.975>  
IL;  
198 It was nice to meet you.  
  
<T=606.865>  
SE;  
199 It was very nice to meet you too.  
  
<T=607.985>  
IL;  
200 Have a good day!  
  
<T=608.945>  
SE;  
201 You too. Bye. A very fun talk with Krystal... well, we hit it  
202 off right from the very start. She believes that karma's a thing,  
203 she was sixty percent certain of it. When you do something  
204 negative, something negative will come back to you, and if you do  
205 something positive, positive things will come back to you. She  
206 gave the example of getting a brand new car, a new job, and a  
207 boyfriend as evidence, I suppose? That karma is a thing. But,  
208 when it came down to it, she didn't really have a way to discern  
209 whether karma was keeping track of every little action that she  
210 performed, or other people perform. And she said that she just  
211 likes to think about it that way and it makes her... feel good to  
212 think about it that way. At the end there it was interesting  
213 because she said, "Okay! I'm at forty percent" and I almost felt  
214 a little bad that she said it that way. I didn't want it to seem  
215 like I was strong-arming her into a decision. I think I was more  
216 just holding her to what she was saying, and the fact that she  
217 values truth, I think, helped her realize that a sixty percent  
218 level of confidence in karma was for her not the most  
219 representative spot to be. Very fun talk, I experimented at the  
220 end there with suggesting that she reach out to me in six months  
221 and let me know where she's at on that belief, and hopefully she  
222 does.