

REINCARNATION

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- I. That Nature is orderly or Rational is a fundamental intuition of man.
 - A. Man's faith in the possibility of science is based upon this principle.
 - B. Principles are not derived from experience, but inhere in direct apperception.
 - C. Science postulated the principle of Order as applying to the sensuous world.
 - D. The Ancient Wisdom goes further and says this principle of universal application. on all planes of manifestation.
- II. The most primary principle of Order is that the Universe must necessarily be in state of balance.
 - A. This is reflected in idea of action and reaction being equal and opposite and in principle of conservation of Matter-energy.
 - B. Every experienced aspect of Being must be balanced by its own opposite.
 1. These opposites are spread out in Time through principle of Periodicity.
 2. Occult Philosophy asserts that Periodicity is universal in application.
 - a. Leads to implication that any mode of experience must be followed by its own opposite.
(1) Night follows day: winter, summer; death, life.
 3. Another phase of this law is that of causal connection.
 - a. This implies that succedants in the periodic series shall be determined by anticeedants.
- III. Application of principle in domain of physical science.
 - A. Matter transforming itself into energy and reverse process assumed as necessary by scientists.
 - B. Geological series of transformation. Igneous to stratigraphic etc.
 - C. Cycle of plant.
 - D. Cycle of mineral. *animal*.
- IV. Application to man.
 - A. As body this process is going on all the time.
 1. New matter incarnates in the body every seven years.
 - a. Thus we do not have the same physical body with which we are born.
 - B. Death does not mean destruction of matter of body but simply transformation of it.
 - C. The energies of mind, emotion and desire remain to be accounted for.
 1. Principle of conservation requires that these should not be destroyed.
 - D. Capacities with which child is born cannot be ex nihilo.
 - E. Reincarnation and Karma reconciles these apparent losses and gains.
 - F. Principle of periodicity implies return of man to plane on which he set up causes.
- V. Evidences of reincarnation from currency of belief.

- A. Believed in by most peoples of earth, i.e., orientals.
- B. Belief current with Jews of Jesus' time and early Christians.
 - 1. Levites asked John: "Art thou Elias?" and "Art thou that prophet?" etc. (John 1:27)
 - 2. "They who are accounted worthy to obtain that world -- neither marry--neither can they die any more".
(Luke 20: 35-36)
 - 3. "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the Temple of my God, and he shall go no more out" (Rev. 3:12)
 - 4. "Behold I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord". (Mal. 4:5)
"But I say unto you, that Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. -- Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist". (Mat. 17: 12-13)
 - 5. "Whom do men say that I the Son of Man am?" And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some Elias: others Jeramias, or one of the prophets."
(Mat. 16: 13-14)

VI. Pragmatic value of the doctrine.

- A. It gives a rational explanation of what otherwise would seem to be unreasonable, unjust and arbitrary.
 - 1. Story of Osru.

VII. Analysis of objection that most do not remember, and consideration of Reminiscence.

- A. We do not remember at all moments all our knowledge, though we can draw material out of pool of memory at will.
 - 1. It is possible with sufficient effort to regain memory of past lives.
 - 2. Children give testimony as well as those who have attained Yoga.
- B. Evidence from Reminiscence.
 - 1. We are drawn to various things, trees, streams, persons, places, occupations, etc., and perceive certain principles as true spontaneously.
 - a. This is due to past association.

VIII. Discussion of what it is that reincarnates.

IX. Purpose of reincarnation.

- A. To gain experience.
- B. So that Self-knowledge may be achieved.

X. Purpose of Yoga training to break out of re-incarnational Cul-de-sacs.

*Does reincarnation involve
return to animal state?*