**THE LAW OF KARMA**

**CAUSE & EFFECT**

**The Origin of Karma**

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At the very beginning of creation, every individual, just before his embodiment, was given the following comforting words by the Goddess of Liberty, “You are at liberty, beloved ones, to take pure and primal life-substance into the earth-plane. You are at liberty, beloved, to utilize life as you will, in the physical appearance world. You are at liberty, beloved, to call on any and all of us, as you may choose, to assist you when the momentums of energies of your own world seem not sufficient to handle conditions and to radiate the light to fulfill your divine plan.”

During the time period called, “the Garden of Eden,” there was no discord; life in all of its expressions manifested only in a perfect way. Man worked only to perfect himself on the physical plane, to bring the perfection of the heavenly realm into a lower vibratory level. Since there was no disharmony, there was no karma, and since there was no karma, there was no need for a Karmic Board.

It was only after the event called , “the fall of man” that things changed drastically, and man accumulated karma at a rapid pace. What did the Great Ones say about the Law that governs karma? Let us quote: “The glorious pure energy of God, each electron of which contains the fullness of the divine plan, continues to flow for the individual's use under the conscious direction of the I AM Presence, and for every electron LOANED to the individual, shall he render an accounting. Energy is man's to command. Energy becomes power through use, whether through the wielding of a sledge hammer, or in using the God-power almighty to build a momentum of victory, in commanding the electronic light to manifest a decree.

**The Law of Cause and Effect**

When the Law of Harmony is broken, this results in karma. The term “karma” is always used in a negative sense. It shows the recoil of using energy in a discordant manner. If we use energy in a constructive manner, we use the term “accumulated good.”

The Law of Karma is one of God's universal laws. It is sometimes referred to as the Law of the Circle, the Law of Retribution, or “what you sow, you reap.” What you place upon your thoughts, feelings, words, and deeds, goes through your own being and world first, and then out to the person, place, condition or thing to which it is directed, but since you are “home” to that life and energy, after it has reached its destination, it begins its return journey to you—gathering more of that particular quality or vibration with which it was originally charged. Therefore, you receive back into your world that which you sent forth, amplified, whether it was constructive or destructive.

With every thought, feeling, word and act, waking or sleeping, you are creating either your karma of distress or a crown of light.

The Law of Karma was not intended as a threat of punishment of evil-doers, but as an expression of the mathematical precision of life, that one must sow the seed of perfection in concise mathematical accuracy, that the reaping will be in exact proportion to the sowing.

It is not generally understood by mankind that as self-conscious expressions of life, each one is held responsible by Cosmic Law for every particle of this precious energy drawn from the heart of the Godhead.

Every individual has created a certain amount of what is loosely referred to as destructive karma, in his earth life since the fall of man. This karma acts on many places, determined by which body is the chief offender in the case. For instance, the physical body performing acts of violence, (acts of physical assault) releases a tremendous amount of misqualified energy that sooner or later attaches itself to the physical body. Likewise, acts of discord on the *mental plane*, such as crimes of mental cruelty, result in the mental element being charged with the vibratory action and stamp of the individuals. At some future time these pressures return to the mental body*.*

Individuals that perform acts of emotional cruelty charge the substance of the emotional plane with certain vibratory actions which will record in the emotional body of the individual.

When a discordant vibration is emitted from an individual, the distance it covers before returning depends on the intensity in which it is projected, both on its outward and on its homeward journey. It obeys the Law of the Circle, and while it is absent from the aura of the individual who is responsible for its projection, it attracts to itself vibrations corresponding to its own rate so that by the time it completes the circle and returns home, it is accompanied by a good number of the same quality of thought and feeling vibrations with which it started.

**Judgment And Training For Re-Embodiment**

After physical embodiment, the departed individual functions in the etheric body, sometimes called “the soul.” Normally he is in a confused state of mind, and during a period of rest and adjustment, he is given opportunity to meet and communicate with friends and members of the family, also dwelling “on the other side.”

Thereafter, “the soul” is called before the Karmic Board. Here the experiences of the last embodiment are shown to the individual. He is made aware of missed opportunities and he feels remorse for the discordant use of energy. This experience is sometimes incorrectly called, “purgatory” or “hell.”

Now the individual is sent to certain realms of vibration, where he can best prepare for another earth life. He is grouped together with hundreds, or even thousands, of others on the same level of development, to receive certain training. The more he is developed in consciousness, the more attention is given to the individual. He is given as much of the Laws of Life that he is able to understand and apply. Through use of the Violet Fire, he is asked to transmute some past karma.

**Request For Embodiment**

After the lifestream has completed this period of training and redemption, he is again asked to come before the Karmic Board. The overall amount of karma is examined, and a certain amount of it is allotted to the following embodiment. A large amount of karma is held in abeyance to be transmuted at a future time. Otherwise, the returning currents would be too much to handle. So we may say “the average individual is held in a state of protection where ignorance is bliss.”

Those who are summoned before the Karmic Board, line up in groups of three. From those, one is chosen for embodiment, two are not. This procedure is repeated and additional lifestreams are chosen to achieve a balance so that all of the Seven Rays find equal expression. (Each individual expresses primarily the attributes of one of Seven Rays.)

Now, what about a chela who is close to the ascension? Generally speaking, the same steps apply, however, there are some exceptions. Such a chela is eager to re-embody, so does not stay long with his relatives. He also receives more attention from the Karmic Board. This chela starts immediately at inner levels to expiate as much karma as possible. He uses the Violet Fire extensively to transmute the karma which is located in the astral realm (also called psychic realm, consisting of the etheric, emotional and mental realm). The lesson of this, that the more we are able to transmute of our karma while in embodiment, the easier we have it on “the other side.” Let us use the opportunity at hand!

When a chela of an Ascended Master applies for embodiment, he sometimes applies to transmute an extra ordinate amount of karma. Later, when in embodiment, he does not remember this request. Facing difficult problems, he sometimes blames the Karmic Board for his troubles and occasionally, he wishes he were one of those who was denied embodiment. Therefore let us not stand in judgment of anyone. We cannot compare an individual who has a happy, serene, harmonious life with a chela who has a difficult and rocky road, full of ups and downs, since we do not know how much karma is transmuted during a particular embodiment.

When in embodiment, for the most part, the chela must rely on his own self-effort to redeem his karma. There will be assistance from a Master. However, the Master will not allow himself to be used as a leaning post. The student may be “on the path,” but this is insufficient reason to take away his karma.

**New Embodiment**

Re-embodiment is a TRUTH, and the only logical explanation for the many apparent injustices which can be seen around us. When you observe fine, constructive people going through very difficult situations, while others who do not appear to be living in such a constructive manner seem to be enjoying all the good things of life, you may be sure that there is no mistake, but that each one is meeting up with the effects of previous causes set up somewhere in the past, of which they have no memory. The way they react to the present set of circumstances will determine what they will experience in the future. If they are able to BALANCE this debt by desiring within themselves to render a SERVICE to the other individual, and thus dissolve any of the hard feelings, they are thus cutting themselves free from the debt. But if they are unable to do that, life will bring them together again in closer and closer association until that is accomplished.

**The Karma Of Omission**

Now there is the karma of commission and omission. Karma of commission means the use of energy in a discordant way, whereas the karma of omission means to omit something that we really should be doing. For example, if a Master has given a certain dictation that is recorded in some book and a lecturer puts this information in his own words but misinterprets the Master's dictation by insufficient study and preparation, then this is an example of the karma of omission. When the “Bridge to Freedom” Dispensation was given to beloved El Morya, the following warning was given to El Morya, “If the students do not return the energy of the dictations through study and application, you are creating karma *(of omission)* for them, and you, yourself, will have to make up that karma through application or by doing some constructive project.” It was only after agreeing to this provision that the dispensation was granted by the Karmic Board. This is also the reason that the Laws of Life are given out very sparingly in the East by a Guru.

Here are other examples of karma of omission, as given by the Great Ones, “Those of you who do not now have financial freedom, one day had much wealth to contribute to God's plan, and you withheld it or used it freely for personal pleasures. Others who have limitations of mind and body had at one time perfect health and opportunity to serve God, but used those minds and bodies for baser ends.”

Most people are brought together for the sole purpose of balancing these forgotten “debts” of the past. Where there is an attraction of love and harmony between individuals, it is certain that they have worked in harmonious association before, and thus are able to expand that much-needed quality into the world. Whenever there is a feeling of resistance or of “being on guard” when you meet an individual, these feelings could be remembering past associations of a discordant and unpleasant nature.

God is a God of Love—a GOOD GOD—and therefore he would never send forth his children with half of them enjoying love, beauty, joy, supply, and everything that is good, while the other half is stricken with disease and condemned to the sordid things of life. Even good human parents do not discriminate between their children in such a manner, and it is a certainty that God, who is ALL LOVE, would not differentiate and condemn part of his creation to a life of misery.

As an example, let us say that there are two children born under seemingly equal circumstances. One becomes an outstanding citizen in his community, the other turns to a life of crime. Each had equal opportunity, but one chose to follow the God-promptings which he had received lifetime after lifetime, thus living up to the best that had been built into his character. The other chose to ignore the God-direction from within his own heart and turn to a life diametrically opposed to God. Much energy has been qualified by these individuals in that lifetime, much good and much bad. Now, in a later life, these two individuals embody under the circumstances WHICH THEY HAVE CREATED—possibly one in a cultured family of great affluence, the other in the so-called slums. The outer mind would ask why, but the Law of Life makes no mistakes. It is based on justice for everyone, according to causes he has set up in his world. Man must learn that only GOOD comes from God. ALL DISTRESS is of man's own creation, for it is NOT GOD'S WILL for ANY of his children to suffer, but when they do, it is the result of their own misuse of the life energy that is LOANED to them by God.

This accumulation of distress in each one's world has gone on for millions of years, and without some means of mitigating those destructive causes which have been set up, the reaping can be excruciating, indeed. Fortunate are all who find and USE the DIVINE TOOL which has now been provided for them. (See the discussion on the Violet Flame and the Law of Forgiveness in the lesson, “Daily Application.”) The Violet Transmuting Flame is a merciful DIVINE TOOL, which CAN and WILL CHANGE EVERYTHING IN YOUR WORLD when it is used enough! But IT MUST BE CALLED INTO ACTION! It will not come forth by itself! Until all distress and limitation of every kind are removed from you and your world, do not let up for one instant in your dynamic, enthusiastic application of this activity of the Sacred Fire, which will eventually set you free!

**The Karmic Board**

The Karmic Board meets every year at the end of June and at the end of December, and has so for a long period of time. At that time, petitions that may benefit the spiritual development of the human race, are courteously heard. Petitions may be submitted by Ascended Masters and by students. Students wishing to submit petitions should write them down in ink (this makes an etheric record) during the period of June 16 to June 20, and December 16 to December 20, and project them in consciousness to the Keeper of the Scrolls at the Teton Retreat.

Here they are placed on a gigantic bulletin board. Later, they are discussed and perhaps intermingled with other petitions by Masters and students. They will be acted on by July 4 and January 4 by the Karmic Board. Which petitions are given preference? Those that are backed by the largest amount of energy*.* (The student must be prepared to offer additional energy of application, such as decreeing, during the time-period ahead. Additional details on the subject of “petitions” may be found in the Bridge to Freedom Journals). Cosmic Law may not be superseded, except in exceptional circumstances, and even then there must be a good reason.

The Karmic Board itself is subject to the Law. It does not have the prerogative to allow only chelas to embody. The masses must also come in for spiritual development and mastery. So we may say that the members of the Karmic Board are not beings waiting to mete out punishment. Their service to God is to find ways and means by which each soul can be given the greatest opportunity for spiritual progress, to balance his debt to life, to control energy and to complete the goal of all life—the ascension. The tremendous fear and dread which the orthodox world has induced in mankind concerning the day of judgment is unfortunate, indeed, and without warrant. It is primarily built on the fact that very few individuals live up to their promises to the Light, and therefore are their own judgment. The Karmic Board is a merciful body of helpful intelligences, not a scourge to punish the bewildered lifestream.

The members of the Karmic Board are: Portia (Goddess of Justice, Spokesperson for the Board), the Goddess of Liberty, Nada (Goddess of Love), Pallas Athena (Goddess of Truth), Elohim Vista, Kwan Yin (Goddess of Mercy), and the Great Divine Director (Manu of the Seventh Root Race).

To sum up, man must learn who he is, must recognize that he is a creator, and as such, he must become master of all that he creates. As a creator, he must consciously control his thoughts, feelings, words and actions on a daily basis. Cosmic Law is a stern teacher, and the Law does not apply itself. All creation is a self-conscious effort, and if the individual upon whom this great gift of life has been bestowed, refuses to take the responsibility to do his duty, his experiences will prod him with misery until he does. The spiritual progress of each individual is strictly determined by self-merit.

**THE LAW OF RE-EMBODIMENT**

In order to familiarize ourselves with the cycle of re-embodiments, it is well to divide this subject into the following major components:

1) The change of garments (the death of the physical body)

2) Judgment and training for re-embodiment

3) Request for re-embodiment

4) New embodiment

These will now be considered in consecutive order.

**The Change Of Garments**

There is no death. There never was! All is life, and its eternal expression and manifestation. So-called death is just a withdrawing of the life-giving silver cord of the I AM Presence. This leaves the physical body inactive. Although the organs are still there as before, the eyes do not see, the ears do not hear, and the intelligence has withdrawn. The real self (I AM Presence) is but released of this habitat and free to enter higher realms—realms of beauty, harmony, peace. The individual just passes from this physical realm of expression into greater freedom.

So-called death is but an opportunity for rest and re-attunement of the faculties of the personal consciousness. This is to free one from the turmoil and discords of Earth, long enough to receive an inflow of light and strength, which will enable the outer activity of the mind to take up the work of physical experience again.

The individualized identity is eternal. When the outer form has become too discordant, the life releases itself. Decrepitude and death are caused mostly by misuse and waste of sex energy and lack of emotional control.

There is only one thing that ever causes what the world calls death, and that is the lack of enough liquid light within the nerve channels. This cohesive power holds together the atoms that make up the flesh-body. Liquid light is owned by, and comes only from, the Mighty I AM Presence. The outer garment is the receptacle into which this Presence pours its light for a constructive purpose and use only. When that purpose is continually interfered with, the light is withdrawn, and the flesh-body, which should be the temple of the Most High Living God, disintegrates.

The experience called death is a constant reminder of mankind's disobedience to the original God-plan, the divine way of life.

The physical body is but a garment, and the individual has just changed garments as one changes coats at the change of seasons. Being in a finer body after transition, he is much more alive than before.

At the moment when the soul is about to leave the physical body, the Great Being, the Maha Chohan, who represents the Holy Spirit to the Earth, prepares to accept the final breath. It is he who breathes the first breath into the body when the individual is born. As he accepts the final breath, the silver cord is severed, and an angel or an Ascended Master awaits the individual, functioning now in the etheric body (“soul”), and escorts it to a beautiful realm for “rest,” which is the orthodox heaven of mankind's general belief.

The physical body should not be buried, but cremated. Through the purifying process of cremation, some discord in the emotional body is transmuted, which allows the individual to go to higher realms of light. Prior to cremation, the body should be held, without embalming, on ice or in cold storage for 72 hours. Whenever legally possible, an autopsy should be avoided.

In ages past, the body was placed in the Sacred Fire, and it was instantly transmuted. The substance, having fulfilled its mission, was returned back to the universal, and that was done in accordance with the great Law of Etherealization.

**Invocation For The Departed**

Beloved I AM Presence, Archangel Michael, Ascended Masters Jesus, Saint Germain, El Morya, and the Angelic Host, we call on the Violet Flame and the Law of Forgiveness to seize and transmute all wrong thoughtforms, human concepts, opinions, blame, and disembodied entities in and around---(Name)---. We call in the name, love, wisdom and power of the mighty I AM Presence—Creator of all there is—to take him/her to a Temple of Light at inner levels, where in this greater freedom he/she is taught the real meaning of the Law.

We enfold---(Name)---in our love, and may he/she ever be enfolded in the love and blessings of the Great Ones to fulfill the divine plan until he/she is wholly free.

**THE LAW OF CONSERVATION OF ENERGY**

According to the Law of Conservation of Energy, all primal substance (divine energy) must be used wisely. Therefore students should control their speech. Idle chatter and gossip is a waste of God's energy. There is a German proverb that speaks to this. It goes like this, “Bedenke wohl, bevor du sprichst, ob's nötig, wahr und nützlich ist,” (“Before you speak, evaluate if what you are about to say is really needed, useful and truthful”).

Another example of this Law applies to dispensations. Dispensations are a special grant by the Karmic Board of a stockpile of divine energy granted to a particular Master, enabling the Master to give additional teachings of the Great White Brotherhood through a specially-trained messenger. These stockpiles of energy are given on the average only once a century. If the energy of such a dispensation is not balanced through impersonal service (decreeing, visualization, songs) then the Masters have to withdraw their support and radiation. Likewise, the dictations of the Great Ones need to be distributed on a basis as large as possible, so that God's precious energy may be returned through daily application by the student body.

Knowing the law, the next step for the student on the path is to APPLY the message in his daily life. Studying and knowing the Law is a necessary first step. This must be followed by PRACTICAL APPLICATION AND SERVICE TO MANKIND AND THE BROTHERHOOD.

**VICTORY—BELOVED FRIEND**

1. To Victory, beloved friend,

Our gratitude and love we send

For answering our Saint Germain,

Bringing Earth God's victory in

Freedom' s name!

*Chorus:*

Oh Victory, our Victory!

Thy golden flame is mastery!

Love's full forgiveness we would be,

For love alone is victory!

2. From realms unknown to us below

Thy precious gifts and blessings flow.

Transmuting shadows in the light,

Thus our Earth you're raising unto

Heaven's height!

3. From Venus, star of love and light,

Come heaven's help by Victory's might.

Now raising Earth on golden flame,

Forgiving all in freedom's name!

4. And one day, when my course is run,

One day, when all has been said and done,

That day, please God, I shall ascend,

And spend eternity with him —my friend!

*Final Chorus*

Oh Victory, my Victory!

At last my Presence has called for me!

Love's divine plan fulfilled to see,

Ascending—I AM victory!

*Melody: He Leadeth Me—Hymn*