

Applications of Karma

1. Introduction.

Herein is story of how karma operates in life. It may be regarded as speculative application of karmic theory, in variety relationships, because the examples quoted are either hearsay or a creation of imagination, rather than direct experience. Nevertheless, the logical justice of karma is brought out. It is based upon karmic philosophy of Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, which pre-supposes that for settlement of human karma, human souls can only be reborn in human bodies (and not that of other species)!

2. International Karma, and Demographics.

Current demographic trends indicate small, stable or slowly growing populations for advanced countries, and large, rapidly growing populations of third world countries. Accordingly, one has a relatively comfortable life in advanced countries, and a difficult life in third world countries. As per the philosophy of spiritual university, reason for increase in world population is influx of fresh souls from soul world (Paramdham), onto earth, to play their pre-destined parts in the world drama based upon this mind silencing theory of karma. One asks in which type of countries, would the souls take rebirth, given the fact that the new souls do not have any negative karmic accounts, and are destined to have a good beginning, in the first birth of their circle of rebirths? These new souls will have fresh keen intellects, strong healthy bodies, and an inclination to enter into family relations (karmic bondage) with like fresh souls. Its likely that the new souls take birth in developed countries, and as the soul gets degraded, it subsequently migrates into less affluent countries, in subsequent (human) re-incarnations. Coming into world drama play, at the fag end of world cycle, the new souls would rapidly pass through the various stages from that of complete purity, health, wealth and happiness, into a state of impurity, ill health, unhappiness, impure (ill-legal) or little wealth. This is rebirth and karma in international demographic trends with a spiritual base.

The fact that a big chunk of Indian population lives below poverty line, is a statement of spiritual bankruptcy of Indian souls! India being an ancient country, its citizens of many births, have a vast and complicated history of slow built up of negative karma, which shows up as a poor life style, and which now has to be rapidly settled in a very short time. Frequent child deaths, deaths in late pregnancy, are examples of rapid settlement of negative karma. On the whole this speaks of a rather bleak immediate national future, unless there is mass spiritual awakening of the Indian Souls, and they make efforts to settle their negative karmic debts through Rrajyog meditation.

Another possible speculative example of International Karma is the Second World War, and the Hitler episode. Europeans in past three centuries had wreaked havoc on ancient societies of Africa, Asia, North and South Americas, in their attempts of colonization, world domination, driven by insatiable greed. . It is likely that the souls which had suffered in hands of Europeans, died with revenge in their minds, and collectively molded the mind set (collective consciousness) of the German nation, in a future collective reincarnation, when they matured before the time of second world war.. Interestingly, Germany was one nation which did not participate in European colonization program, and thus the German nation became instrumental in rapid settling of huge negative karma of certain European nations. It is possible that Hitler's soul was actually that of the Indian Brahmin, who instigated the first Indian revolt of 1857, against Britishers, by soldiers of Indian army, when it was discovered that rifle cartridges being supplied by Britishers were coated with animal fat, which was sacrilegious to the prevailing Indian (Hindu) religious sentiment! Even now, there is a ban by Indian government on use of animal fat as emulsifier in

chocolate, which is not that case with western chocolates! Wrath of Hitler against Jews then becomes understandable, because the colonization missions were funded behind the scenes by rich Jews!

3. Tainted Talent.

One usually acknowledges, that talent, intelligence, beauty, strength, etc., are God given gifts, to be used for welfare of all. However, there exists complete scope for their misuse, under the influence of evils of lust, anger, greed, attachment, ego, jealousy, hatred, etc.. The karmic law is that any talent, increases through proper use and vanishes through disuse. For example criminal use of intelligence (the case of perfect criminal, or the perfect murderer), can lead to karmic providence with-holding gift of intelligence to the concerned soul in future rebirths. Same is the case with physical strength. There is an interesting real life case of a person who was born without right arm. He always used to wonder, why the providence had given him this handicap since birth. When he came in contact with Brahma Kumaris, and started practicing rajyog meditation, he was touched one day, that in his past life he was a butcher, and had been beheading animals whole his life, with his right hand, and was therefore reborn without a right hand!

A beautiful girl or woman, who misuses her beauty for personal gain, is likely to lose it in future births. Even during her present birth, decline of her beauty would be rapid, though she may try to arrest the decline through make up or even plastic surgery, which is the fashion among the old rich today.

4. Circuit of Love.

Mixed doubles are among the better sights on tennis circuit. A recent Wimbledon mixed doubles champion pair was interviewed, and they were asked, about their love lives. They replied "why spoil a good thing?". Though they hug and kiss after winning a match, but they know the line which should not be crossed. Though they both have their independent boy-friends and girl-friends, they refrain from indulging in sex with each other. Sex would spoil the friendship and rapport they have with each other, and their sporting performance would suffer. Its a tacit admission, that sex is negative karma. Sex short-circuits true love.

Next consider the case of a beautiful, ambitious, young girl, who wants to come up in life quickly, enjoy the good thing of life, so to say. She is likely to be drawn to a rich, powerful old man, because she clearly senses, that he has the money to supply her with her wants. In the process, she is likely to reject love of even talented, upcoming, young men, because she cannot wait for the young man to earn and become rich, while the best years of her life fly by. After, her marriage to the rich old man, when her material demands are satisfied, her heart would continue to yearn for tender love of her youth, and she would be tempted to get rid of the old man. The mind shivers to think about the things people do for a bit of gold, diamond, and bank balance. Here is an example of negative nexus, when lust and greed enter into a perilous partnership. Emergence of prostitution, as a social phenomena, is explainable on the basis of this negative nexus of lust and greed. It has side effect of jealousy and anger in the heart of young man, who with a glass of drink in his hand, plans murder. How many murders, suicides, have occurred because someone gave his or her heart to another? Apparently, being influenced by another persons' look, character, etc., is a negative karma, and will surely lead to suffering.

It would appear that heart is even more precious than life! One has life insurance companies, and even medical insurance for heart surgery, but there is no emotional insurance against a broken heart! History of human heart since past two and half thousand years is littered with these sad examples of treachery by loved ones. Thousands of songs, stories, movies, etc., have been based on this theme. If a

persons beloved wife runs away with another man, the husband is heartbroken. He is likely to turn into a misogynist. In his future rebirth, he is likely to abhor the very idea of marriage, and would have a tendency towards sanyas (ascetic life). This is probably the main reason, why many saints have said that female is the doorway to hell. They are actually giving vent to their hurt feelings, by making a rather unbecoming generalization. The same would apply to the case of a devoted wife, whose husband leaves her for another woman. She would be very angry, and likely to seek refuge as a nun, rather than risking a marriage, in her next life. Thus rebirth and karma, tends to explain certain behavior patterns, discernible since childhood. Such tormented souls give rise to moving pieces of poetry, music, paintings, which bring silent unexplainable tears in eyes of a sensitive audience.

A major reason for discord in relationship of husband and wife, is when one senses the spouse flirting with another person. At the present fag end of world cycle, all of us have subconscious memories of faithlessness of someone we loved truly, in a past birth. Hence slightest indication of flirtation in a life partner, sets uncontrollable emotional tidal waves rolling in the heart. This is probably the main reason for escalating divorce rates the world over! In turn, the pain of a person, on treachery of a beloved is a source of settling of severe karmic account. Thus, if a soul wanted to inflict severe pain on another, it would be become a beautiful lovable wife who runs away! I know the case of an Indian mathematician of international repute, who has become a mental case, because his wife ran away with another. Father of an acquaintance of mine committed suicide because he could not bear the thought that his wife had left him and was staying with her childhood sweetheart. Another friend of mine had to seek a painful divorce, when her husband insisted on spending nights with a former sweetheart. Ground for innumerable cases of divorce is faithlessness or adultery on part of partner. In this world where the slogan of souls seems to be to give sorrow and take sorrow, it would be foolhardy to take emotional risk of giving one's heart to another, with heartbreak guaranteed. The world has become "Hotel Heartbreak" so to speak. The correct response will be to treat one's partner (if one has any) as an actor in world drama play with her or his independent part, on which one has no control, and practice detachment inwardly. Even if the partner is faithful till life's end, death is definitely going to separate the hearts, leaving the surviving one with painful bitter sweet memories, from which death would be a welcome respite. That's why Baba (founding father of brahma kumaris) used to say "to eat sweets when mother dies, and to eat sweets when the wife dies/runs away". It makes sense to make God as one's sweetheart, because his love is pure, and free from impure desires.

These are examples, of settling of karmic accounts through man-woman relationship. Karmic accounts are also settled through other relationships. Consider the example of a perennially sick child of rich parents. They spend an untold amount on medical treatment of their child, who finally dies young leaving behind heartbroken parents. You see rebirth and karma provide beautiful, imaginative ways for settling of interpersonal accounts. What court of justice could enforce such punishments!

5. Rebirths of Revenge.

One hears stories of gang rapes, in which a woman is abducted by a gang and repeatedly raped. She either dies in the process or is latter killed when the lust of rapists is temporarily satiated. This is one scenario. Another scenario is that of the psychopathic serial killer, who abducts young girls, rapes them and then murders them. There was a recent English movie "Silence of the Lamb", based upon this theme. Both scenarios are mind numbing but are repeatedly flashed in newspapers. Is there a logical karmic connection between the two? Consider the mental state of the woman who dies during the gang rape. With what state of mind would her soul have left the body, and what kind of life it would

subsequently lead after rebirth. Similarly, her killer rapists, would be reborn a few years after her death, and will be much younger in bodily age, in the next birth, as compared to the present bodily age of the soul who left the body during gang rape. It is likely that the woman's soul who left the body during gang rape, is reborn in a male body, and matures into a psychopathic serial killer of young girls, who are actually the reincarnations of past birth's gang rapists! My, My! Looks like, police and law are like dummies when it comes to settling of karmic accounts!

There is the interesting story of a teen age girl in Orissa, India. She was abducted, raped and killed by three boys, when she responded negatively to advances of one of the three boys, because she was in love with another. Though the body was found the very next day, there was no clue to her killers. The soul of this girl entered the living body of her younger sister, and informed the police about her killers, and where they were hiding. The police followed the tip, and confronted the boys, where upon they confessed to their heinous crime! This is an example of soul seeking revenge through par-kaya-pervvash (entering another's body)!

Another (ghost) story is that of a young newly married couple, who were traveling on a highway on a new motor-cycle which was gifted to the groom as part of dowry. The husband was not a very confident driver, and on a turning the motorcycle skidded and they fell. Husband survived but the young wife died on the spot. A couple of days latter, the grief stricken husband was traveling alone on the same motorcycle on the same road. On approaching the accident spot, he suddenly noticed a young bride sitting on the road and crying. He applied brakes, skidded, fell and died on the spot! (Marvelous, but who is telling the story?) Strong unfulfilled desires, sometimes make it impossible for soul to be reborn, and it wanders in the ether aimlessly, in a vain attempt to vicariously fulfill desire through a body which no longer exists.

6. Epilogue.

To err is human, to forgive divine. Theory of karma suggests that there is complete scope of settlement of all accounts, without returning bad by bad. As the God says in Bible "revenge is mine". However, the karmic settlement of accounts is through the family, economic, mental and physical circumstance of future and present reincarnations. There is no need for God to subject the erring soul into a hellish fire. Right attitude to a brother soul, who is doing wrong to me is good will, co-operation and forgiveness. These elevated vibrations would fundamentally transform the other person, and their continuous practice requires unlimited patience and faith in God as one's protector. If I try to return wrong, with wrong, I am creating negative karma for myself - I can never take law into my hands. Author would like to apologize to reader, if he has disturbed his or her mind. But these are few ideas which he felt like sharing with others, and would welcome readers' comments, at SPARC, Gyansarovar, Mount Abu.