

Rebirth - A Magical and Magnetic Interplay

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Welcome to the Festival of Cancer, the first of two occurring this year. As usual we start with a talk to prepare the group mind for the meditation which follows. At the full moon we take advantage of the full flow of energies from the sun to the earth to make an approach to the higher centres of Divine Love and Purpose. Cancer is a sign of mass consciousness, so it is interesting that both France and the U.K. are holding their elections in this sign to ascertain the will of the people. Of significance too is that World Population Day also takes place in Cancer on 11th July each year. It focuses attention on the human family with its environment and development issues such as family planning, gender equality, poverty, maternal health and so on. This helps to raise awareness that these population issues are not so much about numbers as they are about the welfare of the world both now and in the future. The energy of Cancer forms the magnetic gateway through which souls enter incarnation, and this Festival is an opportunity to reflect on the law of rebirth and its importance in gaining a deeper understanding of the individual's development in the context of the whole human family.

The subject of reincarnation is becoming more familiar in the West now due to the popularity of eastern religions, esoteric and new age literature. However, it's clear that the subject needs to be divorced from the glamorous misconceptions of many popular writings and presented to the intelligent public more in the manner of the life sciences for it to be considered as a serious hypothesis. It is guided by the Law of Cycles and is a process of "intelligent and purposeful repetition." When we consider that form is comprised of masses of individual atoms rotating on their axes and built into various shapes and sizes, we can see the wonderfully simple logic of this process. From the grand multidimensional perspective of the solar Logos, everything in His body of manifestation is following an evolutionary waltz, spiralling out of one orbit into another as experience is gained and new stimuli sought. Reincarnation could also be described as a *magical and magnetic interplay* between life and form. Spirit breathes life into forms, animating them and dispatching them on their personal adventures, and then draws them back again on the in-breath to their centre of origin. So it is with the Godhead and the manifested universe, and so it is on a lesser scale with all lives.

As far as the individual is concerned, each incarnation offers opportunity for a more perfect interplay between the group conscious soul on its own level of existence and the aspect of itself that it has projected into the human form. As this interplay develops the soul is able to communicate more of the "will and knowledge of the Plan" to its reflection and fuller cooperation ensues.

We read in *Esoteric Astrology* that:

"It is in order eventually to negate the space-time concept and to prove it an illusion that the door in Cancer opens to the sacrificing, serving soul. Bear this always in mind as you study the subject of rebirth. ... It is, however, difficult for you to grasp this idea, for it necessitates the ability to identify oneself with the One Who thus breathes—the planetary Logos—and the entire theme must therefore remain relatively obscure until initiation has been taken. Esoterically speaking, the point of greatest interest lies in the fact that it is group rebirth which is taking place all the time and that the incarnation of the individual is only incidental to this greater happening".¹

It is inspiring to think through the implications of this statement and realize that reincarnation is ultimately an act of group service rather than a blind submission to the impulse of desire. Behind the desire nature of every human being, no matter how materialistic the life expression, lies a self-sacrificing soul that entered through the gateway of Cancer onto the wheel of rebirth in order to serve the divine Plan. No doubt all of us pass through phases when we are temporarily overwhelmed by the substance into which we have descended; nevertheless, without exception, behind this façade lies a soul struggling to recall the nature of its mission to redeem matter and *negate the separating illusion of space and time*. When we bear this in mind, the art of forgiveness becomes more of a scientific process and less emotionally troublesome, for it is realized that many so-called sins are committed through ignorance rather than what we might call inherent evil. When, as a society, we fall into the trap of revenge and retribution, we only further exacerbate the problems. Solutions come through casting light on the causes of wrong action rather than withdrawing light from that which is already dark enough. The lack of evolved values of society itself are to blame for much of the anti-social behaviour we are currently witnessing, and it is through the emerging psychology of group work that these problems can be resolved.

At the time of the full moon cycle, we can increase the light of understanding needed to resolve the many problems of humanity. In connection with this, there is a beautiful mantram that we can ponder on briefly and then say together:

*We reach into the Light
And bring it down to meet the need.
We reach into the silent Place
And bring from thence the gift of understanding.
Thus with the light we work
And turn the darkness into day.*

The purpose of the wheel of rebirth and the cycle of human reincarnation is to bring about transmutations in the substance, of the soul's body of manifestation. A key to this transmutation process lies in the symbol of the 777 incarnations referred to in some esoteric texts. Rather than representing an exact number of incarnations that each human being must undergo on the wheel of rebirth, the number symbolizes a series of transmutations that the planetary Logos requires each human soul to make in its vesture of consciousness on the higher planes of mind. This vesture is often referred to as the "egoic lotus," as the configuration of its three tiers of electric forces bears some resemblance to a lotus flower. The outer, central and inner tiers of the lotus are related to the numbers 700, 70 and 7 respectively, representing three different stages of development on the wheel of rebirth. Through the variety of experiences and adventures in the physical world, these forces build up in the three tiers of petals. However, the work of transmuting these acquired forces only begins in earnest on the Probationary Path. This is when "the true cycle of 777 begins"² – the cycle wherein the lotus petals are "awakened" and organised in relation to one another prior to their full opening.

The value of this information lies in the fresh perspective it offers on the nature of reincarnation, which is first and foremost a group process – human souls reincarnating and unfolding their potential together as related cells of force in one of the centres of the planetary Logos. As the Tibetan put it:

"Basically, it is not desire which prompts return but will and knowledge of the plan... In themselves, rebirth and reincarnation are misleading terms and 'cyclic impulsion,' 'intelligent purposeful repetition' and 'conscious in-breathing and out-breathing' would describe more accurately this cosmic process. It is, however, difficult for you to grasp this

idea, for it necessitates the ability to identify oneself with the One Who thus breathes—the planetary Logos.”³

Shorn of its eastern, mystical connotations, the subject of reincarnation is a divine science that could appeal to the modern, scientific type of mind. But a difficulty lies in explaining how it can be related to the demographic history of the world as currently understood. According to esoteric science, there are approximately sixty billion “units of consciousness or spirits in the evolving human hierarchy,”⁴ which is hard to reconcile with anthropological studies of the origin and development of human societies. The lineage of *Homo sapiens* is thought to have begun around 550,000 to 750,000 years ago.⁵ David Bishai, a Professor of Health Economics, estimates that about 100 billion people have lived on the earth since around 50,000 BC, which, in his view, is when humans of the modern type first emerged. Based on this, the window of opportunity for each of the 60 billion human monads to physically incarnate more than once or twice during the history of *homo sapiens* would be hard to explain. Tracing back just a few incarnations of the typical, intelligent person of today would place them in the stone age!

Even at the time of Christ, the population was very small compared to today, which requires some explanation from the esoteric perspective.

AD 1 - 1804 (**1803 years**): 0.2 to 1 billion.
1804 - 2022 (**218 years**): from 1 billion to 8 billion⁶

A while ago, David Bishai wrote a paper on whether the theory of reincarnation is ruled out by the patterns of population growth, which is one of the reasons it is not considered seriously in academic circles.⁷ He concluded that the two can in fact be reconciled by reconsidering the length of the discarnate state, which is a helpful way of moving the discussion forward. However, the sheer number of evolving human beings posited by esoteric science can only be satisfactorily explained by a much longer history of human evolution, and not just on this planet either, for the number of evolving human beings given concerns the evolution of the Solar Logos and His entire body of manifestation – the solar system.⁸

As far as human evolution on this planet is concerned though, a detailed account is provided in book II of the *Secret Doctrine* – Anthropogenesis: “Science and the Secret Doctrine contrasted.” In a chapter entitled “Duration of the Geological Periods, Race Cycles, and the Antiquity of Man,” esoteric geological chronology is explored – with Atlantis positioned millions of years ago in the early Eocene to the “great mid-Miocene cataclysm.” For those who are interested in the reasons for the disparity between modern scientific and esoteric timelines, there is a relevant article on the Lucis Trust website, entitled [Radiation in the Light of a Divine Plan](#).

The disparity between the two accounts of human history highlights the wisdom of the Tibetan’s comment that “an intelligent understanding of the Plan is needed before the real truth anent reincarnation can emerge with clarity in the public consciousness.” Informing people of the reality and nature of this Plan has to come first and this is one of the main objectives of the World Goodwill work. Referring to the success of this work in the 1930’s, the Tibetan said to one of his disciples, “Today the demand for things esoteric and occult and of the new era is greater still, the unique thing which the Goodwill work has to offer is the Plan for humanity which the Hierarchy is seeking to implement.”⁹ When the fact of a Divine Plan is at least accepted in principle by the general public, a new science of rebirth becomes a much more reasonable proposition. Hopefully, this is not as far away as it might seem, for in *Education in the New Age*, we read that one of the “immediate steps ahead” of the educational systems of the world is “The admittance of the fact of the Law of Rebirth as a governing, natural process.”¹⁰

Returning to our description of rebirth as “a magical and magnetic interplay between the form side of life and life itself, when spiritual balance is brought back to this equation, the global population will no doubt settle at a number in keeping with the evolutionary plans for all the kingdoms of Nature. And as the Law of Service, which is already controlling the reincarnation process of the New Group of World Servers, continues to extend its influence over increasing numbers of reincarnating souls, so will harmony govern the magnetic interplay between life and matter, restoring the Plan on Earth.

Each incarnation affords us the opportunity to dissipate ignorance and to gain further understanding of the Divine Plan and the higher soul laws. In this way, we learn to build the lighted house of humanity that we associate with the keynote of Cancer: *I build a lighted house and therein dwell*. This lighted dwelling is, in reality, a spiritual force-field that will transform the current perception of time and space, and its development is a project that we are all involved in whether we are conscious of it or not. Perhaps this is why the Tibetan wrote that “we are in process of incarnation” rather than describing each incarnation as a separate event. From the angle of building the lighted house of humanity, the project covers the entire round of births and deaths, right up until the time that the house is complete and the sacrificing Sons of God, who are ourselves, are no longer crucified in time and space. The lighted house that is being built will also provide refuge and sanctuary for the lower forms of life in the sub-human kingdoms, and this is, in fact, the primary reason that the human monads entered into incarnation in the first place. The “returning nirvanas” took human form to raise lower forms of life nearer to the goal and these Lords of Knowledge and Compassion and of ceaseless persevering Devotion” were, and are, ourselves. Could there have been a more noble incentive than this choice to die to the light in order that lesser lives may live and be raised, in turn, to the human stage, and beyond?

This great truth reveals the need for humanity to discipline itself to the law of cycles with regard to reincarnation and relieve the burden of overpopulation on the physical planet. As stated, in this system there are some sixty billion human monads that are essentially entering into incarnation to redeem, lift and save in accordance with the Plan. However, the average, evolving human soul is not yet at the stage of development where it can conform entirely to the rhythm and cyclic impulse of incarnation. The powerful desire nature and the lack of sexual control are attracting many souls into incarnation before their allotted time. In the future, parents will regard the sexual act in a more enlightened fashion and work on all levels to facilitate the descent of a soul into incarnation. They will work to build a bridge of light between themselves and the incoming soul and, as this practice becomes established, it will bring about a greater integration in the light substance of the planet. This positive trend will help to offset and reverse the present world distress, economic difficulties and conflicts that have been brought about through ignorance and uncontrolled desire.

The messages of the Christ and the Buddha still have much to teach us in this regard – the Buddha demonstrating the sacrifice and death of personal desire while the life of the Christ was a complete transmutation and realignment of the human will with the Will of God. Their message was never that form is evil or something that should be repudiated, but rather that our identification should be lifted to the soul, from which level the lives that constitute the form can be directed and redeemed in line with a higher purpose. Our work is to help consolidate this idea in human consciousness and to “create in the light through the ordained activity of the light-body”.

The true creator is ever the group conscious soul. When we understand the science of light more clearly, and truly know that light and substance are synonymous terms, we can begin to understand the beautiful opportunity that rebirth gives us to “turn the darkness into day” to quote the mantram we used earlier. Through the door of Cancer streams the "light which guides the soul

into the dark place of experience", and here we must utilize this light to relate spirit and matter in service to the whole.

With this in mind, let us go into our meditation together, and as a group within the greater group of humanity, work to build a lighted house in which we all can dwell – peacefully and harmoniously.

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