All things arise and cease due to causes and conditions

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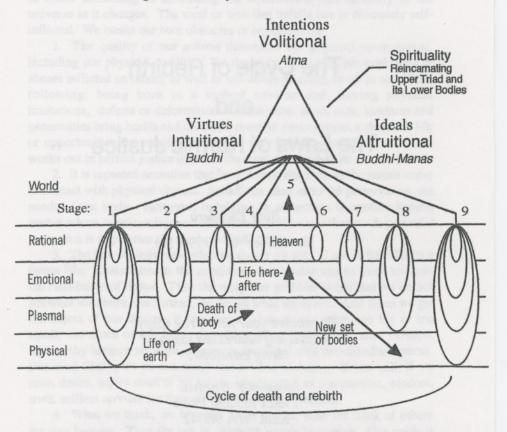
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Nature moves in cycles. So with human nature and its cycle of birth, growth, maturity, death and rebirth or reincarnation. Between death and rebirth, the mystery of the life hereafter is revealed. But first, a paradigm of worlds is basic to any further understanding.

Diagram: The Cycle of Human Rebirth



The dense physical world is the lowest manifestation of matter, made of the solid, liquid and gaseous sub states. The dense physical state is the world of the objects of the senses. (Kindly see Diagram.) The plasmal world, still physical, is made of the plasmic or thermodynamic, electromagnetic, chemical and nuclear sub states, which constitutes our plasmal body of sensations.

Above the dense physical and the plasmal is the emotional world of matter and energy. The concept of emotional matter is something we still have to get used to. Emotional matter is charged with desire energies.

Just as there is a physical world of matter out of which we have a physical body, so is there an emotional world of matter out of which we have an emotional body. The emotional plane of

existence is the world of desires.

Likewise, there is a rational mental world of matter out of which we have a rational mental body. The rational mental state or plane of existence is the world of ideas.

Now we come to the cycle of rebirth as it proceeds through the different worlds or planes of existence, each one with their own states of consciousness, matter and energy. The concentric ovals (in the Diagram) represent the lower bodies, like layers of clothing, of our Spirituality, the reincarnating Upper Triad.

Stage 1: Physical life on earth is largely that of the five senses.

Stage 2: At death, consciousness withdraws from the physical body to the plasmal sheath that wraps us in a state of unconsciousness, but only for a few days. Cremation helps shorten this period of suspended unconsciousness,

Stage 3: Consciousness awakens in the life hereafter in the emotional world. All ideas attached to desires entertained during earth life continue to persist. This time without the plasmal and physical sheaths or bodies.

Attachments to objects of the senses and their sensations bring about suffering and unhappiness as there is no physical body to

experience gratification.

The combined energies of all ideas attached to desires wear out the emotional body towards disintegration.

Stage 4: Consciousness awakens in a self-made "heaven" world of the rational mental, as only those remaining thoughts or ideas in accord with the ideals will now find fulfillment with its accompanying happiness. This produces the aptitudes and interests carried into future lives.

Stage 5: Devoid of the personality or the lower bodies, there is a state of realization that one is truly the Spirituality nature. This includes a momentary flashback of all past lives and their karmic relation to future lives. Thus, conscience arises.

Stages 6 to 9: A new set of bodies is formed according to the karma allocated for the next forthcoming rebirth. At Stage 9 one is now reborn with a new physical body. Welcome back on planet Earth.

The Laws of Karmic Justice

Briefly, the laws of karma may be formulated as follows:

Action = Environment
 Sensation = Conditioning
 Desire = Object
 Thought = Becoming
 Altruism = Karmalessness

The cycle of rebirth is a twin-law of karma. Cycles express the order of the universe and by which change takes place. Humans exert a significant role in either sustaining or disturbing the equilibrium and harmony of the universe as it changes. The weal or woe that befalls one is ultimately self-inflicted. We create our own obstacles or opportunities.

1. The quality of our actions determine our physical environment, including our physical condition. In the cycle of rebirth, physical hurts or abuses inflicted on others, as well as self-abuse or greed, result in any of the following: being born in a violent environment, having physical limitations, defects or deformities. On the other hand, care, kindness and generosities bring health and beauty, a peaceful environment, a sheltered life or opportunities for wealth. These are very broad generalities, as karma works out in perfect justice down to the most minute details.

2. It is repeated sensation that leads to conditioning as the senses come in contact with physical objects. Sensations alert us to the preservation and needs of the body. However, indulging in sensations is another karmic matter where conditioning and addiction quickly exacerbates. A powerful protection is to practice the ideal of mindfulness.

3. The law of desire is—what we desire we get. If not in this life, in a future life. Desire attracts the conditions that enable one to work towards the fulfillment of desire. Thus the weightier problem is not that we do not get what we desire, but instead, we do get what we desire. And when we get the object of our desires, it is either too late or too soon, too big or too small, too much or too little, something is not quite right, etc. Perhaps, that is why bargain sales are afterwards swamped with merchandise returns. But most likely, we do not really know what to desire. Better still, if we must desire, aspire most of all for the ideals (such as compassion, wisdom, truth, selfless service) for they all lead to spiritual freedom.

4. What we think, we become. This means, what we think of others we also become. Thus the law is, thinking equals becoming. Our guide is to see to it that our thoughts or ideas are in accord with the ideals.

5. Altruism or selflessness leads to karmalessness. And this is what truly matters above all. When our actions, feelings and thoughts are as idealistic as we can make it, there is the freedom from karma which is the salvation from the cycle of rebirth. Thus do we return to live immortal blest in our original spiritual home. $\sim \Delta \sim$ >ss99.11_CycleRebirth