

Who determines our Fate

and Destiny

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The Theory of Creation

With regard to the question: "Who determines our fate and destiny?", we should first find out how did we come to the present existence.

According to Theological Religions and Almighty God created the universe and all living beings. The Book of Genesis describes that God created the earth, the ocean, the sky, Adam and Eve, all kinds of plants and animals, the sun, the moon and the stars in six days. This description is not in accord with the findings of science, and scientists do not find any evidence of creation as well as the existence of a Creator.

The very basic law of science known as the Law of Conservation of Mass and energy states: "Matter and energy can neither be created nor destroyed." And natural laws explain the orderly system of the stars and the planets. Also the French chemist Louis Pasteur

(1811-95), whose research led to

"pasteurization", stated that "life must come from life." The Theory of Evolution discovered by Charles Darwin (1809-1882) also disproved the Theory of Creation.

The renowned English World historian H. G. Wells wrote in his book: "When we study our holy book we are told that God created this world six thousand years ago. When we study geology, we can understand that it has taken billions of years for this earth to cool down and settle before life became possible. Therefore how can we believe what is written in our holy book?"

The Discovery of Science

Scientists put an ovum from a barren woman in a test tube and add the sperms of her husband. When a sperm penetrates into the ovum, a fertilized egg called zygote is formed. When this fertilized ovum is placed in the womb of a woman, it attaches to the wall of the womb and normal pregnancy takes place. Thus many test-tube babies were born to many barren couples. I read in the newspaper that an Italian woman gave birth to six test-tube babies for six couples in a single birth!

A more wonderful research being carried out by scientists at present is on

cloning - a new process of producing offspring asexually from the cells of an ancestor. In England scientists suc-

cessfully produced 18 lambs from a sheep called Dolly - all the lambs are identical with their mother in appearance. It seems that they could be able to produce 1000 little Dr. M. Tin Mons from my cells! so scientists seem to be doing the work of God. If they could do so, there is no reason human beings to surrender to God.

According to the scientific standpoint we are the direct products of the sperm and ovum cells of our parents. But science does not explain the development of a mind, which is infinitely more important than the machinery of man's material body. Neither can science explain the differences in mental attitude, intelligence level, interest and temperament of identical twins who are developed in the same cell and brought up under the same environment. Scientists, without asserting "Omne vivum ex vivo" (All life from life) maintain that mind a life evolve from the lifeless.

Again from the scientific standpoint: We are absolutely parent-born. Thus our lives are necessarily preceded by those of our parents and so on. In this way life

is preceded by life until one goes back to the first protoplasm. As regards the origin of this first protoplasm, that is the origin of life, scientists plead ignorance.

Life after life

The scientist outlook upon life is materialistic because science is concerned only with matter and energy which are interconvertible according to Albert Einstein. According to the explanation of life by science, all beings will live just for one existence. There are no past or future existences for each person.

Also according to Theology there is no past existences for each individual and no immediate future existence after his death. His soul will have to wait in his tomb or some place till Judgement Day when he will be judged by God to go either to Heaven or Hell. That Judgement Day will come about at the end of this world which will continue to exist for five more billion years according to the science estimate. So it would be a very long wait!

But there are many concrete evidences for life after life of each individual. We will consider several cases.

(a) Persons with the knowledge of remembering their past existences
(Tatissara-haina)

(1) Dr. Ian Stevenson of Virginia University studied about 7000 cases worldwide about persons who could tell their past existences. He published several books and confirmed that these persons could truly remember their past existences.

(2) Ma Htay in Tat Kone, Myanmar, was born with two fleshy lumps like horns on her head. She remembered that in her past existence she was Daw Mya who hired Ma Thein Tin (13 years old) and her mother to work on her farm. She paid only half the wage of an adult to Ma Thein Tin though the latter worked as much as her mother. When Daw Mya died, she became a buffalo at Ma Thein Tin's farm, bore three calves and died to be reborn as the daughter of Ma Thein Tin with the name 'Ma Htay'.

(3) Shanti Devi was born in New Delhi in 1916. When she was three years old, she told her parents that she had a husband by the name of Kadarath Chaudhri, a textile trader, in Mathura. She was his wife Laddi in her past existence and she died ten days after giving birth to a son. Her father wrote to Kadarath Chaudhri who came to Delhi to confirm the story.

A committee was formed to study this case. They travelled to Mathura by train. Shanti greeted about 50 former relatives by name at the railway station. She also remembered

her former house in detail and a sum of 100 rupees buried under ground below the parlour.

(b) Infant Prodigies

(1) Christian Heinleberg could talk, with few hours of his birth, repeat passages from the Bible at the age of one year, answer any question on geography at age of two, speak French and Latin at age of three, and become a student of philosophy at the age of four.

(2) William James Sidis, wonder of the United States, could read and write at the age of two, speak French, Russian, English, German with some Latin and Greek at the age of eight.

(3) Maccalvey in England could read a world history at the age of six.

(4) Kuin Kuin in China understood Chinese and English when he was 18 months old, spoke these languages at the age of three, learned high school mathematics at the age of four and was admitted to Yunnan University as the youngest student in 1925.

(5) Ma Hla Sgi in Myanmar in 1954 could read Pali and understand the meaning at the age of six. She remembered her past life as a learned monk.

So there arise in this world highly developed personalities, and Perfect Ones like the Buddhas. Could they be the products of a single existence? Could they be exceptional with extra-ordinary brains? Scientists studied the brain of Albert Einstein after his death. They did not find any extra-ordinary features. The prodigies could show special abilities due to their past learnings in their past existences.

(1) Age-depression by Hypnosis

Those who could not remember their past existences can be hypnotised and asked to tell about their past existence! This technique is much studied and practised in Europe and the United States of America.

(1) Mrs. N. Baker in England did not speak French and had never been to France. When hypnotised, she spoke about many events that had occurred in Paris in French fluently.

(2) Rev. Martin from Pennsylvania Coptic Church and 12 educated church members hypnotised their devotees and asked them to talk about their past existences. The talks were recorded and played back to them when they were very surprised to hear them talking about their past existences since they did not believe in past existences. Their past existences were investigated and found to be true. A book was published.

(3) Mrs. Virginia Tyle in USA was hypnotised six times in 1952-1953. She spoke about her past life as Brady Murphy in Belfast, Ireland, about 150 years ago. She said that her husband was a professor of law in Queen's College in about 1877. Her story became well known in USA after a research committee confirmed her story.

(4) Edgar Cayce, the miracle man in USA, when hypnotised, could diagnose correctly the conditions of many patients with such and such names in such and such addresses and prescribe certain modes of treatment. Thousands of patients were cured of their chronic diseases during the years from 1901 to 1923. An Edgar Cayce Foundation was built in Virginia Beach where all the records of treatment are kept.

In 1923 Edgar Cayce was asked by a man to give him an astrological chart. Cayce mentioned casually from his unconscious state that more important than the urges from the planetary influences were the drives, talents and abilities which came to the man from previous lives on earth...

Then followed "life readings" in which Cayce described some details of previous existences on earth, apparently picking out only those that were most influential in the present. He then frequently

gave names, dates, and places, as well as characteristic urges of talents, weaknesses, and abilities, and sometimes physical and psychological problems arising as a result, he explained, of memory carried over at a deep unconscious level from these previous lives

Life readings on Cayce himself have that he had been a high priest in Egypt many centuries ago, who possessed great occult powers; but self-will and sensuality proved his undoing. In a later existence in Persia he had been a physician. On he had been wounded in desert warfare and left to die on the sands. Alone, with food, water, or shelter, he spent three and nights in such physical agony that made a supreme effort to release his consciousness from his body. He was successful in his attempt. This was in part the basis for his faculty in the present for releasing his mind from the limitations of his body.

A young woman telegraph operator in New York city became curious about the strange telegrams that she was asked several occasions to send to Virginia. She made inquiries about Cayce's identity her curiosity heightened, and she decided to have a life reading.

She was told in the reading that was wasting her time as a telegraph

operator, and that she should study commercial art, as she had been a competent artist for several past life times and could be one again.

The notion of entering commercial on any other kind of art had never entered her head; but on the strength of a daring sense that she might as well try anything once, she put herself through art school. To her surprise she found that she had genuine talent; she soon became a highly successful commercial artist, and incidentally transformed her personality in the process. (Ref: Many Mansions: The Edgar Cayce story on Reincarnation" by Gina Gammino, a signat book)

(d) Contact with the dead through a medium with psychic power

There are three means of contact with those who have died:
(i) Automatic writing,
(ii) Oija Boards to spell words,
(iii) Thorough mediums with psychic power.
(4) Estelle Roberts in England, during 1925 - 1970, with the help of a celestial being named Red Cloud, helped many people to contact with their dead relatives.
A medium requested Estelle Roberts to help her to contact with her lover who died in an accident. She was told that he was by her side trying to contact with the pass words "not bloody likely" - the words they had agreed upon before he died.

The English video film "The Ghost" illustrated such incidents.

Estelle Roberts and Red Cloud invited the people several times to come to King's Hall on Queen's Hall on such and such a date and time to contact with their dead. Thousands of people and hundreds of ghosts would come, and Estelle Roberts would call out the names of the relatives of each ghost and told them what the ghost wanted to say.

Later Estelle Roberts and Red Cloud conducted "Direct Voice Contact" by using a trumpet. Lady Segrave talked to her husband, Sir Henry Segrave, who died in a boat race, several times and gave an interview to reporters.

(1) Dr. Kubler Ross in USA worked in a social group which helped lonely aged persons. Many aged persons, after their death, became celestial beings, and came to thank her and even wrote letters of thanks and signed the letters. Dr. Kubler Ross contacted with them through her psychic power and also gave interviews to reporters.

During the time of the Buddha many celestial beings came to thank the Buddha or his disciples after their death from human existences, e.g. Candali, ^{Dr. P.} Matthakundali, Anathapindika, etc.

(e) Rubbenivasamsati-nana - the super-normal power of remembering past existences
The Buddha, with this power, knew all his former existences and also the former

existences of all persons together with their past karmas, talents, natural bent and stages of perfection.

Many Anaharis also saw their past existences and narrated some for the benefit of their companions, e.g. Dharmadinn, Amba
Nowadays successful meditators can also develop this supernatural power.

(f) Diba-rakhu and Yatrakammupagan
Divine eye that could see all the 31 planes such existences. People with this power can also see beings who are dying and being who are being born according to their karm.

(g) Self-verification in Insight meditation
In Buddhist meditation, after develop the right concentration, the meditator characterizes all the ultimate realities (cittas, cetanicas, rupas) in his mind and body as well as in others' minds and bod to get rid of the wrong view of 'personality'
Then the meditator finds out the causal relations between ultimate realities as depicted in the Discourse of Dependent Arising (Paticcasamuppada). In doing so, he or she will observe his former existences together with the causes which give rise to the existences.
Many interesting experiences were observed at this stage of meditation in International

Pa-auk Forest Buddha Sasana Centres in My
With these many concrete evidences one should have no doubt about ^{the} life after life of each individual.