

KARMA

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Karma of Abortion (Chapter 7)

Abortion is defined as the termination of a pregnancy resulting in the death of a fetus; in human terms, a child. To abort or not to abort has always been controversial between those who believe in the fetus's *right to life* (pro-life) versus those who believe in a woman's *right to choose* (pro-choice). This chapter offers information which may allow individuals to make a more sentient and judicious decision regarding abortion.

Abortion is a matter of personal choice. As aforesaid, God does not disallow us from making choices, but He also does not disallow us from experiencing the consequences of those choices. In fact, experiencing the consequences of our choices is mandated by Karmic Law. What we sow, we reap and we cannot reap what we do not sow. It is this aspect of the abortion argument that is addressed here.

To the point, Karmic Law says that if we abort a fetus, we will be aborted in some future birth at some future time. What goes around, comes around. There is no escaping this reality. However,

when is this "future" aspect of the abortion debate ever discussed?

Answer: Up to now, never.

The entire abortion argument of today (21st Century) exists only in the present tense, in a carnal sense, but never in the future tense with a spiritual sense. Ergo, the "present tense perspective" of abortion is extremely myopic. Rather, the "future tense perspective" should be given maximum consideration because the consequences of the "present tense" version are horrific, to say the least.

ABORTION TIMING & ARGUMENTS

One of the main arguments in the abortion debate is the timing of an abortion. The *Pro-life* side says that life begins with conception; the *Pro-choice* side says abortion, even post-birth infanticide, is justified.

Arguments for abortion are varied and many but their focus is always on the rights of the woman but never on the rights of the unborn living fetus. The timing and arguments for or against abortion, however, are inconsequential from a karmic perspective. Here's why.

When we strike a match, a flame is created. It has been given a life of its own. As fuel and oxygen are added to the fire of the flame, the flame grows. How big it grows is the question. If the flame is extinguished, even in the first micro-second of its existence, it will

die. In effect, the flame was aborted and no fire, however large or grand, could exist.

The point is that when the match was struck and the flame ignited but subsequently extinguished, the flame was *denied the process of life*. It is the same with human abortion. When a fetus is aborted, the soul created in that instant of conception, just like the match flame, is denied the *process of life* and it is this *denial of the process of life*, especially human life, that is the fundamental karmic issue of abortion. When we deny life, life will be denied to us, eventually.

What does this mean? It means that those who abort a fetus are denying to that soul the Flame of Life and the process of growing and evolving. Therefore, at some future time in some potential life, the "aborter" will be denied the Flame of Life and the process of evolving.

When we deny, we will be denied; when we abort, we will be aborted; when we kill, we must be killed. This is Karmic Law, and no one escapes it, regardless of the litany of arguments made in the defense of abortion. Yes, the aborter has the right to choose, but actions intrinsically carry the exact consequences of their genesis. Remember these quotes?

Whatever you have sewn, the same shall you reap.

No change in this shall there ever be.

~ Saint Ravidas

*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for
whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*

~ Bible – Galatians 6:7

*Whatever we are reaping now,
we ourselves have sown before.*

~ Saint Sawan Singh

*What we put onto the circle of life
circles back to encircle us.*

~ King

None of us can escape the reality of Karmic Law, which transcends human law. We can make all the arguments we want for abortion in the court of worldly laws, but it is the court of Karmic Law that determines consequences.

Furthermore, we must never forget that the human form is the Crown Jewel, the Top of the Ladder, of living beings in this world. When we abort a child, we are denying that soul the greatest gift of life in this creation – the potential of not only knowing there's a God but the ultimate attainment of merging our soul with the Soul of the Creator. When we engage in the process of conceiving a child, we are playing our part in the spiritual development of that soul. How important is that? Answer: massively important. However, when we deny a soul the right to a divine life, then how ignoble, how

selfish, how tragic is that? Answer: massively important, not just for the unborn child being denied a human birth, but more so for the "aborter," whose future will be one of being aborted.

Often overlooked in the abortion debate is the fact that although we say our bodies belong to us, in reality they do not. Our human body is on loan to us temporarily to experience the potential it offers for spiritual advancement. Frankly, we do not own our body, so any arguments relating to the body are invalid *prima facie*.

Furthermore, a major component of the abortion decision should contain a deliberation of the ramifications of the principles of transmigration and reincarnation. As Saint Charan Singh reminds us:

The human body is not given to us in every birth. We get it only after millions of lives, and it is a very rare and precious gift not to be wasted upon the perishable things and objects of this world.

Thus, the question remains, "What are we going to do in this life to guarantee we receive a human body in our next life rather than being thrown back into the Wheel of Transmigration where we may be forced to live millions of lives in sub-human species before we are graced with a human body again, if at all?" Certainly, this concept has never been discussed in the abortion debate. Yet, it is, or should be, intrinsically major to the debate, if not the primary focus of the debate.

When we abort a child, we are not only denying life to that soul but potentially setting the stage for our sub-human existence in the Wheel of Transmigration. After all, if we deny a soul the right to the greatest living form in this creation, i.e., the human form, why should we be granted such a gift in the future? If we deny human life, then human life will be denied to us. We sow, we reap and we cannot reap what we do not sow. The drumbeat rolls on.

Now, the argument can be made that if we abort a child it was in the karma of that soul to be aborted. True, but our own decision to abort will only continue the cycle for us. The best choice is to make the divine choice – grant the incoming soul the opportunity of a human body. In such a case, both the incoming soul and the mother will be blessed and any negative karmic effects avoided.

ABORTION ALTERNATIVES

So, what's the alternative to abortion? If the child is not wanted by the natural birth mother or father, the simple answer is to give the baby up for adoption, which is a far wiser and more spiritual solution than abortion. Still, we must note that if we "give away" we will eventually be "given away."

There are adults, both women and men, who are interested in adopting a child or children for any number of reasons. Why not give them a chance to do so? Also, there exist private charitable organizations in which the infant can be placed. The reality is that abortion does not have to occur. Alternatives do exist, and for the

spiritual welfare of both the birth mother and father, as well as the incoming soul, adoption is a viable solution.

OUR LIFE, OUR RESPONSIBILITY

In spite of any debate regarding abortion, the fact remains that this is Our Life and it is Our Responsibility. There is no one else who is responsible for our choices in life – no government, no organization, no family or friends. Just us. We are the ones who ultimately have to pay the price for our actions, who have to live the consequences of our choices and no one else.

The basic purpose of sex is to procreate and promulgate human existence. If we engage in sexual actions, then we must accept the consequences of those actions, whether positive or negative. If a child is naturally conceived in the process of sex, then we must not forsake the child or abdicate our responsibility to the incoming soul. If we do renounce our responsibility for reasons of inconvenience, pleasure, having to raise a child with all of its attendant responsibilities, etc., then we're acting selfishly and irresponsibly. We are not owning up to our duties as one to whom an incoming soul was divinely given. In effect, we have not only aborted the child, we have aborted our own responsibility, and the last thing we should want to do as a mature, whole, intelligent, spiritual adult is to turn our back on life, which includes our own future lives.

In summation, when the circumstance of abortion presents itself, we would be wise to consider the spiritual ramifications rather than

simple worldly solutions. The consequences of abortion from a spiritual point of view are massive. Denying an incoming soul the opportunity of experiencing the benefits of a human body is egregious and portends that we, by Karmic Law, will eventually be denied the greatest of all gifts in this creation – the gift of a human form and its opportunity of not only knowing God but of potentially being able to merge our energy back into His and escape from the prison of this world. No other living form of the 8,400,000 forms in the Wheel of Transmigration is given this prodigious privilege except man, and when man denies such an incredible gift to another through the process of abortion, he walks along a narrow plank of losing his step and falling into a foreboding and dark existence. As Guru Nanak warned us:

*The cycle of transmigration is dreadful
and it is beyond the comprehension of
the human intellect.*

The bottom line, of course, is that each person must choose for himself or herself whether to engage in abortion or not, but whatever the choice is, the consequences of that choice cannot be avoided. If we sow death by abortion, we will reap death by abortion. If we sow life, then life, especially human life, may well be granted to us going forward. The choice is ours, and the wise choice of granting life is definitely the right choice relative to our future existence.

HUMAN BIRTH

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Human birth is critical
to the journey of the soul.
Our actions taken day by day
determine where we go
when the current lifetime ends
and its karmas all wrap up.
Do we descend to deeper depths,
or do we journey Up?

If the Journey can progress,
it can regress as well.
If the soul can rise to Heaven,
it can surely fall to Hell.
If we can take a forward step,
we can, as well, fall back.
How critical is this human birth
to keep us on His Track?

Just because we're human
doesn't mean we gain
a human birth forever,
so we must seek to tame
the impulses and instincts

which trap us in the Wheel,
and keep us from advancing
to Divinity's Ideal.

It won't be long before our days
come, sadly, to an end.
And who knows just how long
the time will be 'til then?
Tomorrow or the next day?
We never know the When
of the Reaper's Deadly coming
when he wields his scythe again.

Therefore, it is critical
for us to mind the store,
for the actions that we make today
may bind us evermore
to life upon the Wheel
and rounds of living hell,
or life within His Light Domain
where Life is ever Well.

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God gave us life; we ask not why,
so who are we to life deny?
What rights have we to take a knife
preempting souls their right to life?

Convenience, pleasure – is this our goal
as we forfeit the life of another soul?
How can we truly justify the cost,
especially when a child's life is lost?

We claim we have the right to choose
in any way this life to use.
Really? Are we satisfied
that such a right is justified?

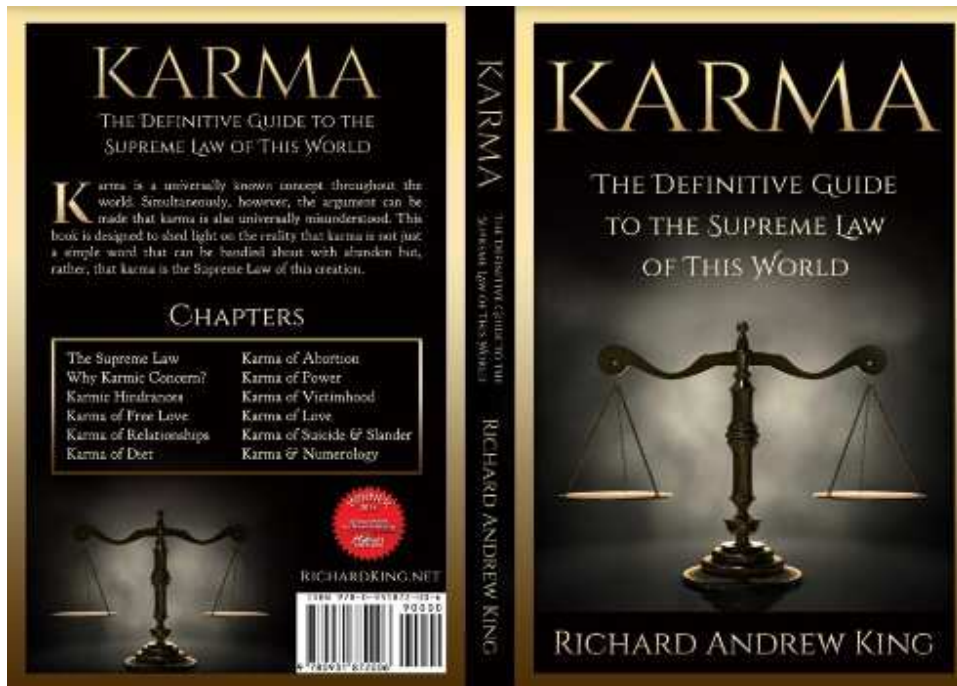
To take a life is clearly sin,
and what goes 'round comes back again,
so next time 'round what is our chance
of escaping abortion's consequence?

If we abort a child today
eventually, we will have to pay.
What will the price at that time be?
That's right. Abortion is the guarantee.

Therefore, giving birth is the only choice
to allow a child its human voice,
so next time we will have the chance
of a human life in which to dance.

Thus, will Grace be on our head
for loving life and not the dead.
In giving life to an inbound soul
our gracious gift will make us whole

Preventing us from being sent
into the Wheel where life is spent
transiting endless sub-human forms
blind, forsaken and forlorn.



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