

K A R M A

Beyond Lip Service

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KARMA. Who is there who has never heard the word, *karma*? Who is there who has never used the word *karma* flowing freely from the lips in common conversation? Who is there who truly understands what karma means? Who is there who actually *lives* by karmic law?

Is it not beyond the realm of fact to say that if people really understood karma they would not be doing what they're doing every second of every day of their lives? Is it not beyond the realm of fact to say that most of us simply give lip service to the idea of karma rather than following its precept? Is it also not accurate to say that karma is a philosophy lightly discussed but universally ignored by the masses?

What is karma? Saint Sawan Singh (19th/20th Century) proclaims . . .

The law of karma is the principal law of the creation: as the action, so is the reward.

Saint Jagat Singh, a 20th Century mystic states . . .

The law of karma is universal. It is the fixed and immutable law of nature. Each soul must reap what it has sown. Every soul shall have to bear the exact consequences of its actions.

He goes on to say . . .

The Law of Karma is a self-operating law of cause and effect. A seed sown must sprout. Whatever you sow now, you will have to reap either in this birth or the next. Every action produces reaction, which in turn produces further reactions and this vicious circle goes on forever.

The germane item of note regarding karma is that it is a law. It is not a frivolous concept, guideline or whim of imagination to be discarded as if it had no bearing on our lives or actions. Laws are not arbitrary. And although man's laws are capricious, malleable and changeable, natural laws, especially divine laws, are not. They are absolute, unchangeable, immutable, inexorable. As humans, we don't get to choose whether we're affected by them or not. And directly to the point – we don't get to choose whether we're affected by karmic law or not. We are bound by it, bound to it, regardless of whether we're a king, queen, president, celebrity, pop star, commoner, pauper, man, woman or child. No one escapes karmic law, no one.

Yet, do we not go through life minute to minute, moment to moment, oblivious to the reality of the law of karma? It's as if we think we're special, that somehow we are not bound by our actions, our thoughts, our motives. It's almost as if we mock karmic law, which is a tragic flaw in us, is it not?

From the Bible, Galatians 6:7, we read . . .

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

Think of the power of this statement, deeply think about it, deeply. "For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." This means that we will have to experience everything we do or say or think. We will not be able to escape the consequences of our thoughts and deeds. They will rebound to us in a heap of reaping in spite of any weeping we will endure.

REAPING WEEPING

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Forever have we planted seeds,
--the fetters of our keeping;
and now we find ourselves distraught,
distressed, and reaping weeping.

We close our eyes and shun the Law,
unconcerned of havoc wreaking;
and now, with storms upon us,
we cry unceasing, reaping weeping.

So immersed in petty selves
and in life's treasures we were stealing,
we never paused to ponder
that one day we'd be reaping weeping.

It's hard to feel sympathy
for those who spend defeating
the very purpose of this life
as they scream, reaping weeping.

We do have choices in this life,
and if it's Goodness we wish keeping,
then we should watch the seeds we're planting
or we'll be reaping weeping.

If we lie, cheat, steal, deceive, betray, adulterate, berate, manipulate, hate, love, support, encourage, nurture, purify – whatever it is we do, we will experience the exact same thing, inescapably.

Saint Jagat Singh declares . . .

Not even a single grain that inadvertently enters your granary from a neighbor's field can go unaccounted. You simply must pay for what you get. The law is inviolable and it cannot be set aside. The payment may be either in kind, in coin or by transfer of an equivalent good karma, but payment there must be.

Buddha affirms . . .

*If you fear pain, if you dislike pain, don't do an evil deed in open or secret.
If you're doing or will do an evil deed, you won't escape pain: it will catch
you even as you run away.*

Saint Ravidas (15th/16th Centuries) echoes Buddha's statement with this offering . . .

The fruit of action unfailingly overtakes the doer.

Saint Dariya of Bihar (17th/18th Centuries) proclaims . . .

The sower of the poison cannot but be engulfed in the poison.

Saint Sawan Singh (19th/20th Centuries) reminds us . . .

The Karmic Law is inexorable and operates without regard to persons.

and . . .

The Karmic Law is supreme and inevitable and the sooner we reconcile ourselves with it the better.

Saint Charan Singh (20th Century) admonishes . . .

Karma – nobody can escape, whether one believes it or not.

Saint Dadu Dayal (16th Century) voices these thoughts . . .

What you have not done will never befall you. Only what you have done will befall you.

and . . .

What has been done before appears now; what is done now will appear hereafter.

And so it goes – from Saint to Saint, age to age, culture to culture – the truth of karma is always the same. It is not affected by monarchial edicts, presidential decrees, political correctness, group think, angry protestations or the endless changing of tides within the mercurial mind of man and mankind. Truth is truth and truth never changes. That's why it's truth. The truth of karma is that whatever we put onto the circle of life will, without fail, circle back to encircle us eventually, at some time in some life. Therefore, if we're wise and sentient we will not give lip service to anything we do or say but rather be ever mindful of what we sow – in thought, word and deed – because whatever we sow we shall reap. This is the law of this creation and it is inexorable, immutable, extant and eternal.

So how does the truth of karma manifest in our lives? Simple.

If we lie, we will be lied to.

If we kill, we will be killed.

If we love, we will be loved.

If we abort, we will be aborted.

If we cheat, we will be cheated.

If we betray, we will be betrayed.

If we nurture, we will be nurtured.

If we steal, we will be stolen from.

If we support, we will be supported.

If we adulterate, we will be adulterated.

If we deceive others, we will be deceived.

Whatever we do will be done to us. This is the truth of karma, and no one escapes it. No one.

It cannot be more simple. What we do will be done to us at some future time. By karmic law it is impossible for the reaping not to follow the sowing. Thus, there is perfect justice in the world, regardless of thought to the contrary. Therefore, it would be extremely prudent for us to think and reflect on our actions before we execute them. If we want a good life, a happy life, an harmonious life, we must *live* karma, not give lip service to it.

What you have not done will
never befall you.

Only what you have done will
befall you.

~ Saint Dadu Dayal
(16th Century)

JUSTICE

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Logic doesn't rule the world.
The Law of Karma does.
It is the way the world works
since the world was.

In counterpoint to justice lacking
in this world of women, men;
in Truth, there's total justice
from beginning to the end,

for Justice rules through karma,
not through human laws.
Justice is Divinely based;
its roots in Godly Cause.

Think not there is no justice.
There is, but we're confined
to understand its workings
from this side of the Blind.

Remember, karma is inexorable.
Its justice is unflawed.
There never is injustice
in the Hallowed Halls of God.

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