

*To whose temple the Arch is starlit,
In whose temple the Sun is the image of gold,
To whose temple the Moon goes every month
And brings the message out every Full-Moon,
And whose message the Moon sings as a word of sixteen letters,
His religion I belong to, His temple I visit,
His name I utter, His glory I live in.
To Him I offer the lotus of my day,
To Him I offer the lotus of my night.*

These seed thoughts from the Spiritual Psychology meditations of Dr. Ekkirala Krishnamacharya give the note for the Lunar Messenger of the Circle of Good Will. The moon is the reflective principle and symbol of the mind. When pure and calm, it reflects impressions from higher circles. Especially the time of the full moon is conducive for higher alignment, if we are poised enough. The alignment of the sun, moon and earth in the sky helps experience the magic of the light of the soul and its manifestation down to the physical.

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VISTAS OF WISDOM 35: KARMA

Personal and Divine Karma

In the Eastern Scriptures the word *karma* is used with regard to divine action. The universe is called in Sanskrit as *Vishva Karma*, the universal action. According to the plan, it expresses the divine will through the chain action of creation. We are part of this chain action; it exists as our nature, as the background of our individuality. The chain does not begin and does not end with us, but we live in the chain of causes and effects, of the *karma* of the universe. We begin our lives in the middle of the chain. The part of the chain that includes our consciousness is called individual *karma*. Thus, we have our own individual way of thinking, of doing things and of responding to others. If we behave correctly towards others, this individual *karma* remains without bondage. As long as we act in accordance with the background *Karma*, we are a creator on the background of creation. If we know the correct behaviour, we can act with joy and interact with others without living life as a burden. Then we are said to be following the Path.

Action in accordance with the divine *Karma* is called *Dharma*; it is a selfless act in compliance with our duty. *Dharma* does not bind us: it even dissolves bonds which have been formed until then. Action as such does not bind anyone. The divine action keeps on happening; it is a flow of energy. The obstacles to the flow are formed through the problems created by us. We are free to act either in accordance with the background *karma* or not. Since we have chosen to disobey the divine law, we have generated binding *karma*. We have woven a network of *karma* and have enmeshed ourselves in it. It is woven from our self-centred actions. The tendency of selfishness lives in us as a seed which sprouts in appropriate situations. When we speak today of *karma*, we mean this

bond. These are the impacts of actions that are not in accordance with the Law. Plants and animals have no motive and no personal choice in their actions. Until they become self-conscious through the mind principle, they also have no personal *karma*.

Our deeds of the past have created the *karma* for our present life situation. In the present we sow further seeds for the future, as long as we do not act according to the divine Law. Good deeds as well as selfish and evil actions bind us. Neutral actions do not bind us. The acts of good will bring good results but we also must not get stuck in them.

The doctrine of *Karma* makes us better understand our own situation and accept it. Then we see the cause of our problems no longer in others, but in ourselves. If we are not doing well in the present, we have not conducted ourselves well in the past. Some people do not have much money, some have no good family, some have no work, and some have no good health. What we are lacking is the area in which we have to work. Right now, we can only change little about it, but we can do something for the future, by now sowing good seeds. So we can work for a better tomorrow or a better next life or even free us from the influences.

With the Indians and the Greeks, the binding *karma* is presented as three spinners who keep on weaving the threads of destiny. What we experience as destiny is the cumulative effect of the past *karma*. It lives with us as our natural behaviour and stimulates our mind, our actions and our language. The entire seed is hidden in the *Linga Sarira*, the causal body. From out of the total accumulated *karma* we take a small portion for the imprints of the current incarnation. According to our *karma*, we are then drawn as souls to the parents that are suitable for us.

Karma in the Horoscope

The moment of birth shows the tendencies of the past *karma* and prospects of development. The law of *karma* is the basis of astrology. In the horoscope, the seeds for manifestation can be located along the degrees of the houses and planets. These seeds are repeatedly called forth into sprouting by the transits of planets during the life. The transits serve as basis for experiences; they strongly affect the behaviour of the animal man. Through repeated transits they lose the intensity of their influence; the next transit of the same planet will have a lesser impact. If we take to a spiritual practice, the influence of transits slowly fades; then the influence of the progression is the only thing left. The progression shows how the seeds of *karma* speedily sown in one life in the subtler planes are reaped slowly through bigger periods of time in the grosser planes.

The slower a planet is, the stronger is the experience. Though the planets condition us, they do not compel us. When we reach the *Buddhic* plane, our past *karma* is exhausted. We are no longer driven by the forces of habit but have to take decisions. The planets act as indicators and helpers for the Plan. After their liberation, the accomplished initiates come back to the world to help humanity as wisdom teachers, as rulers of good will, as scholars or as reformers in the fields of economy and society.

Collective Karma

In addition to the personal *karma* there is also family *karma*, national *karma*, racial *karma*, global *karma*. The subtle effects of human atrocities are severe and last for a long time. Humanity suffers from the consequences of violence, exploitation and manipulation. Thieving, be it physically, emotionally or mentally, brings heavy binding *karma*. The exploitation of emotions is usually not recognized as theft but it creates intense *karma*. The manipulation of a people by their leaders, profits of enterprises at the expense of the general public or the utilisation of emotional weakness for money or for the opposite sex - all this has consequences, which we cannot escape from. The quality of a leader embodies the collective *karma* of a nation. Only when the *karma* for suffering of a country is reduced, the right leaders can emerge.

Through crises *karma* is adjusted, in individuals as in nations. The nations reap today what they have sown, in the form of disasters, diseases and crises. Saturn, the Lord of *Karma*, is working on the elimination of the evil of the past *karma* of humanity. Through his transits he enforces a balance and corrections of past mistakes. The keyword of Saturn is patience.

As per the scheduled program, the heavy *karma* coming from Atlantean time could not have been cured for times. In the meanwhile, however, the Aquarian energies have set in and the *karmic* reprocessing was speeded up. Uranus is now working with Saturn to clear large amounts of *karma* of humanity with high speed. While some *karma* is already cleaned up a lot of *karma* is currently neutralized in various ways.

In the last phase of his life Master CVV received a lot of information about the planet Saturn and said, "Saturn is functioning at present to eliminate the evil of the past *karma* of the human race. I have taken up the intricate and tough task of neutralizing the past *karma* for the benefit of humanity and for the removal of the ignominy attached to the planet." Working with Saturn means eliminating deficiencies. Therefore, the Master said that he had come to correct Saturn.

Neutralization of Karma

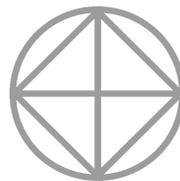
In the past yogis did great penances to burn their past *karma*. People, who live in society, cannot do this. Master CVV said that he will help to neutralize the *karma*, "With My presence you will be able to neutralize *karma*. *Karma* is neither cleared nor postponed. I will ensure that it is neutralized."

If we invoke the Master, he sends us difficulties to kindle our energy for clarifying the *karma*. All difficulties will be returned to us quickly. In this, we will be cooked and learn to face the problems. The Master also distributes the *karma* of his disciples on thousands of people so that no one suffers from the pain as he would do as an individual.

When we serve and let things happen through us, without aspiring for them or clinging to them, our personal *karma* is neutralized. Service for the fellow humans and sharing of resources accelerates the neutralization. Master CVV has distributed large amounts of resources by liquidating 30 houses in 12 years and distributing the money in the form of food and clothes. We should not think that with our service we do great world service; our service is similar to how children can help. But slowly we grow thereby.

Karma is there to make us learn something. By neutrality we learn more and more to see the One in all. Our *karmic* bonds fall off and our ability to meditate grows. So we become free - without the *karma* of the past and without future *karma*. And we live forever in the Divine. That is the beauty of this path, the path of yoga.

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