



KARMA AND LIBERATION

THE MACHINERY OF THE SOUL

PART 9

KARMA

Karma: (कर्म Sanskrit, literally 'deed'; derived from कृ kri, 'to do, make, cause, effect.')

Causality, the Law of Cause and Effect.

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." - Galatians 6:7

"Buddha said there are three eternal things in life: 1. The Law (Karma), 2. Nirvana, 3. Space." - Samael Aun Weor, *Tarot and Kabbalah*

FALSE METHODS OF LIBERATION

Basic denial or ignorance.

Hedonic pursuits.

False doctrines & rationalizations.

FALSE DOCTRINES OF ‘INACTIVITY’

Monks, there are these three sectarian guilds that – when cross-examined, pressed for reasons, and rebuked by wise people – even though they may explain otherwise, remain stuck in [a doctrine of] inactivity.

Anguttara Nikaya, 3.61

FALSE DOCTRINES OF 'INACTIVITY'

There are brahmans and contemplatives who hold this teaching, hold this view: 'Whatever a person experiences – pleasant, painful, or neither pleasant nor painful – that is all without cause and without condition.'

Anguttara Nikaya, 3.61

WE ARE THE RESULT OF KARMA

Beings are the owners of their kamma, heir to their kamma, born of their kamma, related through their kamma, and have their kamma as their arbitrator. Kamma is what creates distinctions among beings in terms of coarseness and refinement.

MN 135: Cula-kammavibhanga Sutta

FALSE DOCTRINES OF 'INACTIVITY'

There are brahmans and contemplatives who hold this teaching, hold this view: 'Whatever a person experiences – pleasant, painful, or neither pleasant nor painful – that is all caused by a supreme being's act of creation.'

Anguttara Nikaya, 3.61

KARMA IS NOT FATALISM

Karma is the law of compensation, not of vengeance. There are some who confuse this cosmic law with detriment and even with fatality [fatalism], believing that everything that happens to the human being in life is inexorably determined beforehand. It is true that the acts of the human being are determined by inheritance, education, and the environment. It is also true that the human being has free will and can modify his actions to educate his character, to form superior habits, to fight against weaknesses, to fortify virtues, etc.

Samael Aun Weor, *Aztec Christic Magic*

FALSE DOCTRINES OF 'INACTIVITY'

There are brahmans and contemplatives who hold this teaching, hold this view: 'Whatever a person experiences – pleasant, painful, or neither pleasant nor painful – that is all caused by what was done in the past.'

Anguttara Nikaya, 3.61

THREE TYPES OF ACTION

In life, there are three types of action.

1. First are actions that are the outcome of accidents, or simply, they correspond to the law of accidents.
2. Second are actions that are the outcome of karma.
3. Third are actions performed by conscious will; these are truly characteristic of initiates, masters, those who already have an individual, conscious will.

Samael Aun Weor, Beyond the Mind (lecture)

FALSE DOCTRINE: NON-DISCERNMENT

Sanjaya Belatthaputta said to me: 'If you ask me: "Is there a world beyond?" If I thought that there is a world beyond, I would declare to you "There is a world beyond." But I do not say "It is this way," nor "It is that way," nor "It is otherwise." I do not say "It is not so," nor do I say "It is not not so."

DN 2: Samaññaphala Sutta

FALSE DOCTRINE: ON THE IMMEDIACY OF RESULTS

There are, headman, some brahmans and contemplatives who hold a doctrine and view like this: 'All those who kill living beings experience pain and distress in the here and now. All those who take what is not given... who engage in illicit sex... who tell lies experience pain and distress in the here and now.' [...]

"So, headman, when those brahmans & contemplatives who hold a doctrine and view like this say: 'All those who kill living beings experience pain and distress in the here and now,' do they speak truthfully or falsely?" – "Falsely, lord."

— SN 42.13

AXIOMS

- Karma is paid not only for the evil that is done, but also for the good that could be done, yet is left undone.
- Each evil action is a bill of exchange that we sign in order to pay in the next life.
- When an inferior law is transcended by a superior law, the superior law washes away the inferior law.
- The Lords of Karma in the Tribunals of Objective Justice judge souls for their deed, for concrete, clear and definitive facts, and never for their good intentions.
- Results always speak for themselves. Good intentions are worthless if the facts are disastrous.