

**KARMA WORLD:
SOME THOUGHTS ON DEATH, REINCARNATION,
AND THE AFTERLIFE**

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But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not Slack concerning his Promise, as some men count Slackness; but is Longsuffering to us-ward, Not Willing that Any should Perish, but that All should Come to Repentance. – II Peter 3:8-9

It is Appointed unto men Once to Die, but After This the Judgment.
– Hebrews 9:27

We will assume for the purpose of this paper and its argument that the following is a Good Guess at how God's Will that "All Should Come to Repentance" Works for Lost Souls:

THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF KARMA WORLD

- I. This Present World of Good and Evil we Live in is the Afterlife of a Prior Life, for it is a Purgatory for Lost Souls for Learning.
2. This is because you had a Life before this one and you Died and were Judged and your Present Life is both the Reward and Punishment for the Good and Evil Works Done in a Past Life.
3. It is a Purgatory for we are born into it not knowing where we came from or where we are going after we Die.
4. After every New Life you are Judged by your Works after you Die, some to Sweet Delight, some to Endless Night, as William Blake put it in "The Auguries of Innocence."
5. Your Judgment determines the Lines of Fate and Destiny that Govern your Next New Life.
6. The Material World that makes up Karma World is a Purifying Fire, not the Root of Evil.
7. The Purifying of Lost Souls is the Raison d'Etra – the Main Idea – behind the Creation of Karma World.

INTRODUCTION

It is no coincidence that I chose the above quote from the Book of Hebrews, which I believe was authored by Silas, since it is the main so-called Bible Proof used by its Opponents against the idea that the Bible supports the Doctrine of Reincarnation. How this verse proves anything other than the fact that after you Die you are Judged by your Works, escapes me.

The idea of Judgment naturally raises the question of how that Works Out for the person, the Lost Soul, in the Due Process of Heavenly Judgment. As should be expected, Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, has something to say on this subject:

For we must All Appear before the Judgment Seat (Bema) of Christ; that Every One may Receive the Things Done in his body, according to That he hath Done, whether it be Good or Evil. – I Corinthians 5:10

Every Man's Work shall be Made Manifest: for the Day shall Declare It, because it shall be Revealed by Fire; and the Fire shall Try Every Man's Work of what Sort It is.

If Any Man's Work Abide which he hath Built thereupon, he shall Receive a Reward.

If Any Man's Work shall be Burned, he shall Suffer Loss; but he himself shall be Saved: yet, so as by Fire. – II Corinthians 3:13-15

I don't believe this is ambiguous. It's all very Clean Cut. It is my opinion that being Saved so as by Fire, means Reincarnating into Karma World, over and over, until the Lost Soul is Purified. This could take billions of years, but God is Longsuffering and has all the time in the world to accomplish his Will.

Also, if one's Work Abides the Fire, then one is Reincarnated into Karma World at a Higher Level, and whatever that means is beyond my imagination. It is my opinion that once one reaches the Highest Level in Karma World, then one's Cleansed Soul becomes like the Bodhisattva in Buddhism, that is, one who has Reached Nirvana, but chooses to stay in the Material World, on the Wheel of Karma, in order to help others in their Quest for Purification.

This achievement can be abused, for even Paul didn't believe he had reached that level yet, for he scolds those in Corinth and Philippi who falsely believed that they had achieved it:

Let a man so account of us, as of the Ministers of Christ, and Stewards of the Mysteries of God. Moreover, it is Required in Stewards, that Man may be Found Faithful.

But with me it is a very Small Thing that I should be Judged of you, or of Man's Judgment; yea, I Judge Not mine own self. For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby Justified: but he that Judgeth me is the Lord.

Therefore Judge Nothing before the Time, until the Lord Come, who both will Bring to Light the Hidden Things of Darkness, and will Make Manifest the Counsels of the Hearts; and then shall Every Man have Praise of God.

And These Things, brethren, I have in a Figure Transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might Learn in us not to think of men above that which is Written, that no one of you be Puffed Up for one against another.

For who Maketh thee to Differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not Receive; now if thou didst Receive it, why dost thou Glory, as if thou hast not Received it?

Now ye are Full, now ye are Rich, ye have Reigned as Kings without us: and I would to God ye did Reign, that we also may Reign with you.

– I Corinthians 4:1-8

But what Things were Gain to me, those I counted Loss for Christ. Yea, doubtless, and I count All Things but Loss for the Excellency of the Knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord; for whom I have Suffered the Loss of All Things, and do count Them but Dung, that I may Win Christ, and be Found in him, not having my own Righteousness, which is of the Law, but that which is through the Faith of Christ, the Righteousness which is of God by Faith:

That I may Know him, and the Power of his Resurrection, and the Fellowship of his Sufferings, being Made Comfortable unto his Death; if by any Means I might Attain unto the Resurrection of the Dead.

Not as though I had already Attained, either were already Perfect; but I Follow After, if that I may Apprehend That for which also I am Apprehended of Christ Jesus.

Brethren, I count not myself to have Apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting Those Things which are Behind, and reaching forth unto Those Things which are Before, I press toward the Mark for the Prize of the High Calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Let us therefore, as many as be Perfect, be thus Minded; and if in any thing ye be otherwise Minded, God shall Reveal even this unto you.

Nevertheless, whereto we have already Attained, let us Walk by the Same Rule, let us Mind the Same Thing. – Philippians 3:7-16

In my opinion, the Perfect of Philippi and the Christ Kings/Spiritualists of Corinth, who Lived in the Realized Eschatology of Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, may have been Seated with Christ at the Right Hand of God in Heavenly Places, but their physical bodies were still on Earth and needed to Walk by the Same Rule, in the Same Mind:

Wherefore I also, after I heard of your Faith in the Lord Jesus, and Love unto all the Saints, cease not to Give Thanks for you, making mention of you in our Prayers:

That the God of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, may Give unto you the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation in the Knowledge of him; the Eyes of your Understanding being Enlightened; that ye may Know what is the Hope of his Calling, and what the Riches of the Glory of his Inheritance in the Saints;

And what is the Exceeding Greatness of his Power to us-ward who Believe, according to the Working of his Mighty Power, which he Wrought in Christ, when he Raised him from the Dead, and Set him at his own Right Hand in the Heavenly Places;

Far above all Archon, and Power, and Might, and Dominion, and every Name that is Named, not only in this World, but also in that Which is to Come;

And hath Put All Things Under his Feet, and Gave him to be the Head over All Things to the Church, which is his Body, the Fulness of him that Filleth All in All....

But God, who is Rich in Mercy, for his Great Love wherewith he Loved us, even when we were Dead in Sins, hath Quickened us Together with Christ, (by Grace ye are Saved;) and hath Raised us Up Together, and Made us Sit Together in Heavenly Places in Christ Jesus. – Ephesians 1:15-23; 2:4-6

THE LUDICROUS HYPOTHESIS

When I was in my Sophomore year at Fresno City College in the Fall of 1967, I took a class in Creative Writing, and one of our assignments was to write a short story. I got my idea for the one I wrote from watching lots of Twilight Zones and an old black and white movie where the people on a fogbound ship couldn't remember how they got there or where they were going. Of course, they were either dead or in a limbo state after death, where you can come back.

I called my story "The Ludicrous Hypothesis," which documented a bunch of people in a room with no doors and windows, with a smart alec and a College Professor in the crowd. Some of the crowd were in a near panic because no one remembered how they got there, and there appeared to be no way out of the room. After some time a discussion ensued where the smart alec eventually says, "I think we are all dead and this is the afterlife."

The Professor scoffs and laughs, stating, "Why that's a Ludicrous Hypothesis, my young man," and then begins to say why he believes that, but just then a woman turns around and everyone in the room witnesses a big All Seeing Eye on her back staring at them. I can't recall how the story ended but I suddenly thought of it as I contemplated the Thought Experiment of

receiving an order from God to create a perfect kind of Purgatory where people could be Cleansed of their Sins. I learned years later that Jean Paul Sartre wrote a play called “No Exit” with a similar theme but I was totally ignorant of it at the time.

And then it dawned on me like it had with the smart alec: we are born into this World not knowing where we came from and spend our whole lives not knowing for sure where we are going after we die. And that kind of sounds like the World we live in is like a kind of Purgatory. And that no longer sounds like a Ludicrous Hypothesis to me.

So, assuming we have all been alive at least once in a Past Life and then we were all Judged prior to being born into this World, then this World would be the Place where we encounter both the Rewards and Punishments we deserve from our Past Life. A Perfect Purgatory. I couldn’t think or create a better one.

This seems to me to be the most reasonable explanation of this World System of both Matter and Spirit, of Good and Evil. As for the Material World, I really like what Jesus had to say on the subject in the Gospel of Mary:

“Will Matter then be Utterly Destroyed or Not?”

The Savior replied, “Every Nature, every Modeled Form, every Creature, Exists in and with Each Other. They will Dissolve Again into their own Proper Root. For the Nature of Matter is Dissolved into what belongs to its Nature. Anyone with two ears able to Hear should Listen!”

Then Peter said to him, “You have been explaining every Topic to us; Tell us one other thing: What is the Sin of the World?”

The Savior replied, “There is no such thing as Sin; rather you yourselves are what produces Sin when you act in accordance with the Nature of Adultery which is called ‘Sin.’ For this reason, the Good Came among you, pursuing the Good which belongs to every Nature. It will Set It within Its Root.”

Then he continued. He said, “This is why you get Sick and Die: because you Love what Deceives you. Anyone who Thinks, should Consider these Matters!

“Matter Gave Birth to a Passion which has no Image because it derives from what is Contrary to Nature. A Disturbing Confusion then occurred in the Whole Body. That is why I Told you, Become Content at Heart, while also remaining Discontent and Disobedient; indeed become Contented and Agreeable Only in the Presence of that Other Image of Nature. Anyone with two ears capable of Hearing should Listen.” – The Gospel of Mary, 2-3

I can't tell you for sure what is being said here, but I believe it is relevant to consider how the Gnostics viewed things every now and then. Anyway, it sure is a lot better than how the False Apostle Peter framed it, especially after Hearing Mary's Revelation in the Gospel of Mary:

But the Heavens and the Earth, which are Now, by the same Word are Kept in Store, Reserved unto Fire against the Day of Judgment and Perdition of Ungodly Men....

But the Day of the Lord will Come as a Thief in the Night; in the which the Heavens shall Pass Away with a Great Noise, and the Elements shall Melt with Fervent Heat, the Earth also and the Works that are therein shall be Burned Up. – II Peter 3:7, 10

To be utterly honest, I find the idea of Heaven in most Christians' Minds to be a pretty boring place, where all you can do is Good and have no real Free Will to do either Good or Evil. I would very much like to be Born Again, to Reincarnate, in the Material World at a Higher Level so I can accomplish greater things. And the idea of an Eternal Hell where Sinners are to be Tortured Forever is a very Sick kind of Place unworthy of a Good and Loving God.

THE ROMANS EIGHT PARADOX

Paul warns the Believers that they will all appear before the Bema of Christ after they Die where their Works will be tested in the Fire, but what about the Promise of Romans 8?

There is therefore Now No Condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who Walk not after the Flesh, but after the Spirit.

For the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus hath Made me Free from the Law of Sin and Death....

But ye are not in the Flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God Dwell in you. Now if any man hath not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you the body is Dead because of Sin; but the Spirit is Life because of Righteousness...

For as many as are Led by the Spirit of God, they are the Sons [and Daughters] of God. For ye have not Received the Spirit of Bondage again to Fear; but ye have Received the Spirit of Adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.
– Romans 8:1-3, 9-10, 14-15

While we have no Fear of being Judged by God in Christ, we have a Mission to fulfill in God's Plan of Salvation and in the end our Works will be brought into the Light to see how well we fulfilled it. But there is no Condemnation in what we have done for we are God's Divine Children.

THE NEW COVENANT OF GOD'S GRACE

This Covenant of Grace was first Given to King David and his Seed, announced through the Prophet Nathan when David proposed to build YHWH a Temple:

And it came to pass that night, that the Word of YHWH Came unto Nathan, Saying, Go and tell my Servant David, Thus Saith YHWH, Shalt thou build me an House for me to Dwell in?

Whereas I have not Dwelt in any House since the time I brought up the Children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this Day, but have Walked in a Tent and in a Tabernacle.

In all the places wherein I have Walked with all the Children of Israel Spake I a Word with any of the Tribes of Israel, whom I Commanded to Feed my People Israel, Saying, Why build ye not me an House of Cedar?

Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my Servant David, Thus Saith YHWH of Hosts, I took thee from the Sheeppcote, from following the Sheep, to be Ruler over my People, over Israel.

And I was with thee withersoever thou wentest, and have Cut Off all of thine Enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a Great Name, like unto the Name of the Great Men that are in the Earth.

Moreover I Will Appoint a Place for my People Israel, and Will Plant them, that they may Dwell in a Place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the Children of Wickedness Afflict them any more, as beforetime.

And as since the Time I Commanded Judges to be over my People Israel, and have caused thee to Rest from all thine Enemies. Also YHWH Telleth thee that he will Make thee an House.

And when thy Days be Fulfilled, and thou shalt Sleep with thy Fathers, I will Set Up thy Seed after thee, which shall Proceed out of thy Bowels, and I Will Establish his Kingdom.

He shall build an House for my Name, and I Will Stablish the Throne of his Kingdom for ever.

I Will be his Father, and he shall be my Son.

If he Commit Iniquity, I Will Chasten him with the Rod of Men, and with the Stripes of the Children of Men; but my Mercy shall not Depart Away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I Put Away before thee.

And thine House and thine Kingdom shall be Established For Ever before thee; thy Throne shall be Established For Ever.

According to all these Words, and according to all this Vision, so did Nathan Speak to David. – II Samuel 7:4-17

The Kings of the Earth Set themselves, and the Rulers take Counsel together, against YHWH, and against his Christ, saying, Let us break their Bands assunder, and Cast Away their Cords from us.

He that Sitteth in the Heavens shall Laugh; the Lord shall have them in Derision. Then shall he Speak unto them in his Wrath, and Vex them in his Sore Displeasure.

Yet have I Set my King upon my Holy Hill of Zion. I will Declare the Decree: YHWH hath Said unto me, Thou art my Son; this Day have I Begotten thee. – Psalm 2:2-7

YHWH said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my Right Hand, until I Make thine Enemies thy footstool. YHWH shall send the Rod of thy Strength out of Zion; Rule thou in the midst of thine Enemies.

Thy People shall be willing in the Day of thy Power, in the Beauties of Holiness from the Womb of the Morning: thou hast the Dew of thy Youth.

YHWH hath Sworn, and will not Repent, Thou art a Priest For Ever after the Order of Melchizedek. – Psalm 110:1-4

This is why Christ's Blood is so important for our Salvation. Through the Blood of Christ, the Son of David, we inherit the Gospel of Grace. The same Covenant of Grace Given to the Seed of David is Given to us, the Adopted Sons of God, through the Faith of Jesus Christ:

For I have Received of the Lord that which also I Delivered unto you. That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was Betrayed took Bread: and when he had Given Thanks, he Brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my Body, which is Broken for you: this do in Remembrance of me.

After the same manner also he took the Cup, when he had Supped, saying, This Cup is the New Covenant in my Blood: this do ye, as oft as ye Drink it, in Remembrance of me. – I Corinthians 11:23-25 1

We are told as Children we should expect to be Chastised by God, which seems to be a position most Christians believed in the early days:

For when we are Judged, we are Chastised of the Lord, that we should not be Condemned with the World. – I Corinthians 11:32

For whom the Lord Loveth he Chastiseth, and Scourgest Every Son whom he Receiveth. If ye endure Chastening, God Dealeth with you as with Sons; for what Son is he whom the Father Chasteneth not? – Hebrews 12:6-7

As many as I Love, I rebuke and Chasten; be Zealous therefore, and Repent. – Revelation 3:19

That may still seem slightly ambivalent when it comes to the Judgment of God, but one thing is for sure, it will not be same as it is for those without the Spirit of God. We are more than Conquerors, so let us proceed with our lives free from Condemnation.

My idea of Heaven on Earth is to live a Life where Goodness and Mercy Follow me all the Days of my Life, and I Dwell in the House of YHWH Forever. Amen.