

KARMA

Reincarnation is based upon a belief in the "law of karma", which teaches that subsequent lives must be lived in order to pay in kind for the sins done in prior lives.

For example, a husband who beats his wife must return in a subsequent life as a wife who is beaten by her husband.

As the person who commits a crime must become the victim of the same crime, karma cannot solve the problem of evil but can only perpetuate it. But this requires that someone else commit the same crime, who must then become a future victim, *ad infinitum*.

Going back in the other direction, the experiences of this life are the result of karma from a past life, which resulted from a yet prior life, and so on endlessly into the past.

This is all supposed to have begun when the three *gunas* (qualities) of the "godhead" were in perfect balance & there was only the void. Something (?) caused an imbalance in the "godhead" which began the *prakriti* (manifestation) and has been going on ever since.

Thus everyone has been reaping the "bad" karma (actually, there is neither bad nor good karma – its just "karma") that began in the "godhead" and is built into the fabric of the universe. According to this philosophy, the problem, then, originates with the "godhead" ... not with man.

Thus this philosophy may be seen to be absolutely hopeless, senseless and immoral.

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