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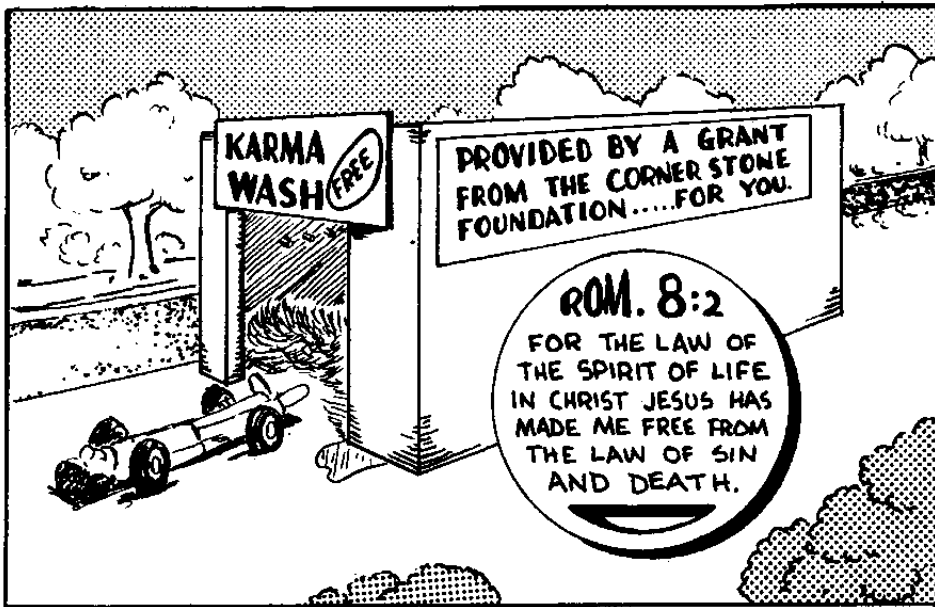
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IS THIS CONCEPT FULL OF HOLES? OR DOES THE BIBLE TEACH...

## REINCARNATION



Taboo! That's what many Christians think when they hear the word "Reincarnation." It's a subject that gets shoved to the back of the mind or is passed over lightly or accredited to occult and eastern religions.

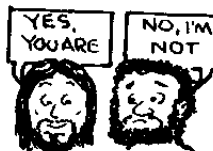
FOOLS RUSH IN WHERE ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD.



TACKLING A TABOO TOPIC.

We're taking a chance and we know it. Just titling our article "Reincarnation" will confirm many people's worst fears - some people mistakenly report that "David Ebaugh believes in reincarnation. It's been rumored, now it's out."

JESUS DID SAY JOHN THE BAPTIST WAS ELIJAH.



Well, hold on, 'cause **NO** Dave does not believe in reincarnation, but there is something which sounds like it that is talked about in the Bible. After all, Jesus did say John the Baptist was Elijah (Matt. 11:14) and if we didn't search the scriptures any further we'd have to say, by the weight of that verse alone, that reincarnation must have some credibility. But really it is a corrupted form of Biblical truth.

When it came to finding the true meaning of Jesus' words we couldn't allow fear to enter our

thoughts because we know perfect love casts out fear (1 John 4:18). God has given us a sound mind and a will to learn all His ways. We realized the fear wrapped up in the topic of reincarnation is generated by man and not by God.

**OUR RESEARCH WAS REVEALING.**



In our search for truth concerning this topic we found some startling and very important things. Of course, we'll share all of them with you.

Before we get to the meat of the subject let's first establish a few things about reincarnation and what our understanding of it is. Then we'll get into the Bible and show that reincarnation is not supported by scripture but that there is a concept confused with it that is important to us.

**SPIRIT AND SOUL**



**DIFFERENCE ... VITALLY IMPORTANT FOR UNDERSTANDING.**



Oriental and occult groups generally teach that God is the great mind or thought (soul). To follow our thinking here, it is imperative that you have a firm grasp of the differences between soul and spirit. You'll find that just as this understanding has cleared up confusion concerning the eternal security question, it also clears up confusion about the reincarnation question. Jesus Christ said that God is a Spirit, not a soul (mind or thought). This is very important.

Because Oriental religions teach that God is a great MIND, they have developed themselves very well in the mind or soul realms. They develop extremely perplexing puzzles (CHINESE PUZZLES) and games that tax the MIND.

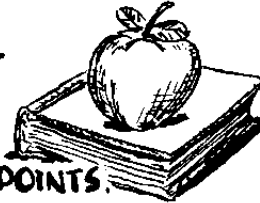
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**ORIENTAL RELIGIONS DEVELOP THE MIND**



Oriental students who study in our colleges and universities are always at the top of their class. This is because development of the mind is highly regarded in their societies. The concept of reincarnation has to do with the soul realm and development of the mind - evolving into God.

**KARMA - IT'S KIND OF LIKE BROWNIE POINTS.**



To fully understand the Oriental concept of reincarnation there is another term that has to be studied. It is KARMA. To simplify it and give you our understanding of this term we'll say karma is kind of like brownie points and demerits. The belief is that the soul (mind) keeps coming back. It is reincarnate or re-enters the flesh, carne. The form of the flesh which the soul inhabits depends on the past life. In India it is believed that if a man is good he will return in a higher caste. If he's really bad he might come back as a dog or a rat or even a fly. The whole idea of reincarnation then is to develop the mind through endless cycles of life and death until one has entered God consciousness or the great MIND (soul).

**CARNE MEANS MEAT REINCARNATION MEANS THE SOUL INHABITS NEW FLESH OR MEAT**



We can see a lot of holes in this theory without even going to the Bible. To begin with it precludes that there are only a limited number of souls. They just keep inhabiting one carcass after another trying to reach God. Population figures prove that right now there are more people alive on earth than there have been, all tolled, since the

beginning of time. That means if there is a reincarnation of the soul that many of us are here for the first time.

**OUR BODIES ARE MORE THAN "SOUL" CASES TO BE DISCARDED AFTER THEY WEAR OUT.**



But when we start to study the Bible there are even more serious questions raised. In the Bible the soul realm has to do with mind, will, emotions and attitudes (YOU JUST HAVE TO READ OUR BOOK - THE THIRD SALVATION).

**THE SOUL DIES WHEN THE BODY DIES.**

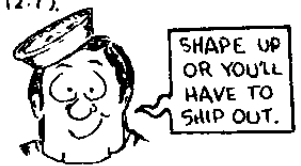


Here are some scriptures that show what happens to the soul after death.

- Psa. 6:5 - No remembrance after death - no thanks in the grave.
- Psa. 30:9 - No praising or declaring in grave.
- Psa. 88:11,12 - functions of the soul cease.
- Psa. 118:7 - "I shall not die but live and declare the works of the Lord."
- Isa. 38:18 - cannot hope, praise or celebrate.
- Eccl. 9:10 - This verse really clinches it... No work, device, knowledge or wisdom in the grave.
- Matt. 10:28 - Fear not him who can destroy the body but him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

As far as we can see the Bible teaches that all functions of the soul cease when the body dies. But the spirit returns to God (Eccl. 12:7).

**SOUL AND BODY ARE BEING PERFECTED.**



The teaching of the Bible is that I am a spirit, developing a soul and living in a body. In spirit I

am perfect through Jesus Christ. I am not perfect in soul or body. I came from God in spirit. I am trying to get my head screwed on right and my body straightened out. In the event of death my spirit will return to God. It was there with Him in the first place. The part of me that continues to live after my body dies is already perfect because of what Jesus has done. There is no need for my spirit to return to earth to try again.

**JESUS ENDED THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH.**



Even if there is or was such a thing as reincarnation -- we can't really believe there is because the Bible doesn't teach it -- but anyhow if there is a cycle of life and death, life and death... Jesus has ended the cycle for us. We now have the spirit of life in Christ Jesus which is the end of the law of sin and death (Rom. 8:2). The law of sin and death can be said to describe reincarnation. For us the cycle has ended. This is our last time around. If we die we go directly to be with the Lord. But, as you know, we're not planning on dying and we hope you aren't either -- we'll get into that a little later on.

**WE WANT TO KEEP OUR SPIRIT SOUL AND BODY ALL TOGETHER.**



Right now let's go back to what Jesus said about John. Jesus did, without a doubt, say John was Elijah (Matt. 11:13&14). But it's also a fact that John denied he was Elijah (John 1:19-23).

**JOHN CAME IN THE SPIRIT & POWER OF ELIJAH**



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What's the story? John came in the spirit and power of Elijah (Luke 1:17). John did not have Elijah's soul. John didn't remember things about Jezebel or the widows son (experiences Elijah went through) but he did operate with the same power and in the same way Elijah did. He was the voice of one crying in the wilderness. John, the man, was fulfilling God's eternal purpose. He had a time and place in history to do his thing in his way. Elijah also had a time and a place in history to do his thing.



The important thing to be seen in these scriptures is not reincarnation, not at all. They don't have the least thing to do with reincarnation. What is important to see is that God has set up a pattern, a plan that He has made and we are working out.

**THE IMPORTANT THING ABOUT ALL THIS IS THE PATTERN IT REVEALS.**



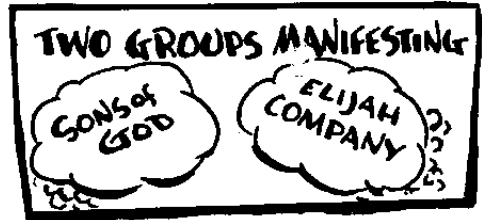
Malachi 4:5 says "I will send Elijah before the day of the Lord." And sure enough before Jesus came John the Baptist came in the spirit and power of Elijah. But Jesus said Elijah will come again (Matt. 17:11-12) even though he already came through John the Baptist.

In other words, before Jesus was manifest to the world John came in the spirit of Elijah to get things ready. In a like manner, before the end of this age and the manifestation of the sons of God, Elijah will return again to get things ready. The spirit of Elijah should appear again at the close of an age or era.

## THE SPIRIT OF ELIJAH RETURNS AT THE DAWN OF A NEW AGE.



Elijah's soul does not keep returning in order to work out some karma in his own life. The Biblical concept is completely different from the Oriental concept of reincarnation. The purpose of the return of the spirit of Elijah is to work out the plans and purposes of God -- not to work out a plan or purpose for Elijah.



In addition to the manifestation of the sons of God which is soon to come, we can also watch for a manifestation of another group of Christians that are operating in the spirit and power of John the Baptist and Elijah.

They will have operating in their midst both law and grace. They will call down judgment on anyone who doesn't see things their way. Like John and Elijah they'll rant and rave about sin. They'll condemn both the sin and the sinner. They'll use force and violence (Matt. 11:12) to make themselves look good and others look bad, just like the Pharisees of old or holiness groups of today. But don't forget that they will have the Holy Spirit and they will restore many things to the Church. But many in this group will not enter the final salvation, the salvation reserved in heaven till the last days (1 Pet. 1:4).

Right now we are all part of this group, this Elijah company. This is due to our past religious training. But there is hope for each one of us. Just as many of John's disciples became disciples of Jesus, so may we change camps and enter into the body of Christ.

The body of Christ will not intermingle law and grace. They will do as Jesus did and not condone sin but at the same time

not condemn the sinner. They will learn mercy and manifest righteousness, peace and joy.

**DON'T STAY IN THE ELIJAH COMPANY FOREVER.**



These scriptures dealing with John the Baptist and Elijah are pointing out something very important. To try and twist them and make them support reincarnation is a mistake. They're showing us how we can discern God's ways and patterns He has set in motion.

**THE CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT... IS IT DYING?**



1978 marked the end of the 33½ year period since the birth of the Charismatic movement in 1945. We believe this movement was symbolic of John the Baptist and that soon it will die....

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** We are not saying the Charismatic move was evil - quite the contrary. It is a definite powerful move of God just like John the Baptist was. Many who are in this movement will go on into maturity and learn to move on past the "touch not, taste not" stage of their growth. They'll learn that at some time all laws pass away with the using (Col. 2:22). They will enjoy the liberty of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus.

**OUR HOPE IS THAT WE'LL GET OUR HEADS SCREWED ON RIGHT... NOW!**



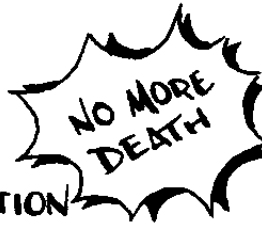
This group will get all creation ready for perfection. This is our hope (Rom. 8:24). Our hope is not in being reincarnate and trying over again to clean up our karma. Our hope is that we'll get our heads screwed on right, right now, in this life. We'll learn to love with a perfect love.

We agree with Paul that all creation waits for the manifestation

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of the sons of God. And not only Paul but we ourselves wait for the adoption that is the manifestation of our bodies (Rom. 8:23).

**IT CAN HAPPEN IN THIS GENERATION**



But we agree with Peter that there is a salvation or deliverance that has been reserved in heaven and not revealed to former generations, but to be revealed to the generation of this age. That generation of Christians will overcome the last enemy - death of the physical body - and bring all creation into perfection (1 Peter 1:4).

## Pneuma-on-Psyche

THE BIBLICAL CONCEPT THAT IS SOMETIMES CONFUSED WITH REINCARNATION IS ACTUALLY SOMETHING RADICALLY DIFFERENT. IT'S SO DIFFERENT IN FACT THAT WE HAD TO COIN A NEW WORD FOR IT. THE WORD IS PNEUMA-ON-PSYCHE. THAT'S AN EBAUGH ORIGINAL. IT'S COMPOSED OF TWO GREEK WORDS AND LOOSELY TRANSLATED MEANS SPIRIT ON SOUL.

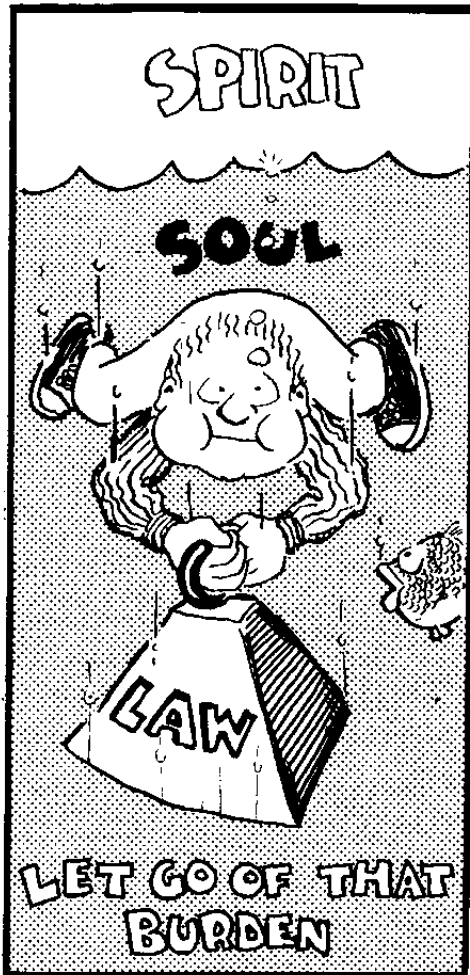


TRADITIONAL TEACHING ABOUT REINCARNATION IS THAT THE SOUL IS REBORN IN A NEW BODY. THE SOUL IS TRYING TO PERFECT ITSELF.. CLEAN UP ITS KARMA (WE'RE NOT SURE HOW IT GOT DIRTY IN THE FIRST PLACE) AND WORK ITS WAY INTO GOD CONSCIOUSNESS. THE PURPOSE OF REINCARNATION IS FOR THE PERFECTING OF THE INDIVIDUAL SOUL.

IN CONTRAST WE SEE THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT AT TIMES THE SAME SPIRIT WHICH WAS UPON ONE MAN MAY COME UPON THE SOUL OF ANOTHER MAN IN ANOTHER GENERATION. THIS WAS THE CASE WITH ELIJAH AND JOHN THE BAPTIST (LUKE 1:17). THE PURPOSE OF PNEUMA-ON-PSYCHE IS TO WORK OUT THE PLANS AND PURPOSES OF GOD IN HISTORY AND WITH MAN IN GENERAL -- NOT THE WORKING OUT OF PERSONAL SALVATION. THERE'S A BIG DIFFERENCE.

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CLOSE LOOK AT MATTHEW 11

**BURDEN, BURDEN**  
**WHO'S GOT THE BURDEN?**



IN THE ENTIRE ELEVENTH CHAPTER OF MATTHEW JESUS IS DEALING WITH THE TOPIC OF CHANGE - WHAT HAPPENS WHEN ONE ERA IS ENDING AND ANOTHER BEGINNING. HE POINTS OUT THE BIGGEST PITFALL AND SHOWS JUST WHAT TO AVOID IN ORDER TO MAKE THE TRANSITION AS SMOOTHLY AS POSSIBLE AND TAKE AN ACTIVE AND PRODUCTIVE PART IN THE NEW AGE.

**MATTHEW 11..**  
**JESUS WAS TALKING ABOUT TRANSITION.**



THE CHAPTER BEGINS AS JOHN THE BAPTIST'S DISCIPLES APPROACH JESUS WITH A QUESTION FROM JOHN WHO IS IN PRISON. JOHN, THE ONE WHO PREPARED THE WAY FOR JESUS, THE ONE WHO BAPTIZED JESUS, THE ONE WHO SAID, "HE MUST INCREASE BUT I MUST DECREASE," THE ONE WHO SAID HE WAS NOT WORTHY TO BEAR JESUS' SHOES WAS NOW QUESTIONING WHETHER JESUS WAS REALLY THE CHRIST.

**HOW COME EVEN JOHN WASN'T SURE JESUS WAS THE CHRIST?**

JESUS TOLD THEM TO GO AND TELL JOHN ALL THE WONDERFUL THINGS THEY SAW AND THEN ADDED "BLESSED IS HE, WHOSOEVER SHALL NOT BE OFFENDED IN ME" (MATT. 11:6).

JOHN ALREADY KNEW THE WONDERFUL THINGS JESUS WAS DOING. BUT WHAT STUCK IN JOHN'S CRAW WAS THAT JESUS (IN JOHN'S EYES) WAS NOT OBEYING THE LAW. HE WAS PERFORMING GREAT MIRACLES AND HEALINGS BUT HE WAS DOING THEM ON THE SABBATH. HE BROKE OTHER LAWS TOO, LIKE GATHERING CORN ON THE SABBATH (MARK 2:23). THIS OFFENDED JOHN.

JOHN, JESUS' FORERUNNER, THE PROPHET, THE GREATEST MAN WHO EVER LIVED UNTIL THAT TIME (MATT. 11:10) COULDN'T UNDERSTAND JESUS. JOHN KNEW THE LAW BUT HE COULD ONLY SEE IT FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE OLD COVENANT. WHEN JESUS CAME WITH A NEW COVENANT JOHN WAS CONFUSED.

**JOHN WAS CONFUSED BECAUSE OF THE LAW.**



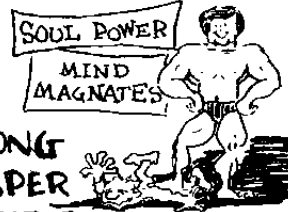
WE'VE BEEN SHOWING YOU THAT WE'RE ALL IN A SITUATION SIMILAR TO JOHN'S. THE SPIRIT THAT WAS UPON JOHN AND ELIJAH BEFORE HIM IS MANIFESTING ITSELF AGAIN IN THE WORLD. THIS TIME IT'S IN A GROUP OF PEOPLE - THE ELIJAH COMPANY (HEAR OUR TAPE "BEFORE JESUS RETURNS"). WE'RE ALL, AT THIS POINT IN TIME, IN THE ELIJAH COMPANY, BUT WERE IN A TRANSITION PERIOD CHANGING INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST.

**WE'RE ALL WRAPPED UP IN THE LAW.**



IN MANY WAYS ALL CHRISTIANS ARE SO WRAPPED UP IN THEIR OWN LITTLE LAWS AND RULES THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO SEE BEYOND THEM. JESUS SAID THAT THE PERIOD IN WHICH JOHN PREACHED WAS ONE OF TURMOIL. HE SAID IT THIS WAY "FROM THE TIME OF JOHN THE BAPTIST UNTIL NOW THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN SUFFERETH VIOLENCE, AND THE VIOLENT TAKE IT BY FORCE." WHY WAS THIS SO? AND WHY IS IT SO NOW? BECAUSE THE SPIRIT OF ELIJAH REVIVES THE LAW AND THE LAW BRINGS OUT THE BEST AND THE WORST IN MAN.

**THE STRONG PROSPER IN THE ELIJAH COMPANY.**



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ONLY THOSE WHO ARE STRONG AND LAW-ABIDING CAN LIFT THEMSELVES UP IN THE KINGDOM WHILE THE SPIRIT OF ELIJAH IS IN CONTROL. THEY DO IT BY PUTTING OTHERS DOWN (WITH VIOLENCE) AND SHOWING BY THIS PUTTING DOWN OF OTHERS HOW SUPERIOR THEY THEMSELVES ARE.

**JESUS KNOCKED OUT THEIR FOUNDATION.**



BUT IN JOHN'S DAY, WHEN JESUS CAME ALONG AND TOLD THEM GOD DESIRES MERCY AND NOT SACRIFICE IT BLEW THEIR MINDS. THIS WAS A NEW WAY OF LOOKING AT THINGS. HE CAUGHT THEM OFF GUARD. DON'T BE CAUGHT OFF GUARD TODAY, DON'T BE OFFENDED AT THE WAYS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST. THEY MAY DIFFER RADICALLY FROM THE WAY GRANDMA DID THINGS BUT THIS IS A NEW DAY AND AGE.

JESUS WENT ON TO EXPLAIN IN MATT. 11:16-19 THAT GOD SPEAKS DIFFERENTLY TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE (MORE ON THIS NEXT MONTH) AND THAT WHEN YOU EXPECT A PERSON BEING LED BY THE SPIRIT TO PLAY TO YOUR TUNE YOU BETTER WATCH OUT CAUSE HE'S LIABLE TO DO SOMETHING, SOMETHING THAT GOD'S LED HIM TO DO, THAT WILL OUTRAGE, UPSET AND FLIP YOU ON YOUR EAR.

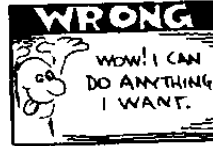
**DON'T EXPECT SOMEONE WHO'S LED BY THE SPIRIT TO DANCE TO YOUR TUNE...**



WHEN YOU START PUTTING YOUR STANDARDS ON OTHER PEOPLE ITS GOING TO BRING YOU DOWN, CAUSE YOU AND OTHERS PLENTY OF HEART-ACHE AND ULTIMATELY LEAD YOU TO DEATH. EVERY TIME YOU'RE UPSET IT'S BECAUSE YOU FEEL SOMEONE HAS BROKEN SOME IMMUTABLE

LAW OR STANDARD YOU HAVE SET AND MAY HAVE NOTHING AT ALL TO DO WITH THE KINGDOM OF GOD. IT MAY BE SOMETHING TO DO WITH MARRIAGE, RELATIONSHIPS, ROBERTS' RULES OF ORDER, MOSES' LAW, WHATEVER - YOU BETTER GET OVER IT OR YOU WON'T LIVE TO SEE THE NEW AGE.

**THE OBJECT IS NOT TO LEAVE THE LAW.... THE OBJECT IS**



**RIGHT TO BE LED BY THE SPIRIT.**



JESUS WENT ON TO UPBraid THE CITIES WHERE HE DID HIS MIGHTY WORKS BECAUSE THEY WOULDN'T REPENT (MATT. 11:20-24). AGAIN HE'S BUILDING ON THE IDEA OF LAW AND HOW IT STIFLES CHANGE. WHY WOULDN'T THE PEOPLE IN CAPERNAUM AND OTHER TOWNS BELIEVE JESUS? BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT THEY ALREADY KNEW WHAT WAS RIGHT. THEY HAD THE LAW! THEY SAID THEY COULD SEE AND BECAUSE OF THAT THEY WERE BLIND AND REMAINED IN THEIR SIN (JOHN 9:41).

BUT THE PEOPLE OF SODOM & GOMORRAH DIDN'T PROFESS TO BE RIGHTEOUS. WHY IF JESUS HAD BEEN IN SODOM AND DONE HIS MIRACLES THE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE STOPPED IN THEIR TRACKS, THEY'D HAVE FOLLOWED HIM ANYWHERE. SINNERS KNOW THEY'RE SINNING. IT'S THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE PRECONCEIVED IDEAS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, IDEAS BUILT ON LAWS OR THE WAY MOMMA DID IT THAT CAN'T BE REACHED. THEY'RE MISERABLE AND THEY MAKE EVERYONE ELSE MISERABLE WITH THEIR RULES AND STANDARDS. BUT THEY'LL RARELY, IF EVER, BELIEVE THEY COULD POSSIBLY BE DOING THINGS JUST AS HARMFUL AS ADULTERY OR MURDER. BY PUTTING THEIR OWN STANDARDS ON THOSE AROUND THEM THEY'RE CUTTING OFF ONE PERSON AFTER ANOTHER AND TAKING

AWAY FROM THEIR OWN LIFE AND THE LIVES OF OTHERS.

**THE SELF RIGHTEOUS PERSON IS CONVINCED HIS WAY IS GOD'S WAY.**

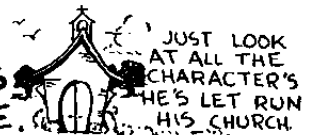


JESUS ENDED HIS TALK WITH A PRAYER AND AN INVITATION. (GOODNESS, THAT SOUNDS JUST LIKE A SUNDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE)

WELL, ANYHOW, HE POINTED OUT IN HIS PRAYER THAT THE ONLY WAY TO GOD WAS THROUGH HIM, JESUS CHRIST, AND JESUS DIDN'T PUT ANYONE UNDER CONDEMNATION.

HE REPRIMANDED AND POINTED OUT SIN BUT HE ALWAYS GAVE THE SINNER ANOTHER CHANCE. HE SUPPORTED AND UPLIFTED THEM. HE DIDN'T SIT BACK AND WAIT, EXPECTING THEM TO FALL AGAIN. HE GAVE THEM A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH AND TRUSTED THEM (EVEN JUDAS WHO HE KNEW WAS A DEVIL).

**JESUS TRUSTS PEOPLE.**



IT'S A WHOLE LOT MORE PLEASANT BEING ABLE TO TRUST PEOPLE, EVEN IF YOU GET TAKEN A FEW TIMES, THAN IT IS TO ALWAYS BE EXPECTING SOMEONE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOU. AFTER ALL, GOD IS WATCHING OUT FOR YOU—WHO CAN BE AGAINST YOU? WHY NOT LOSE YOUR OWN LIFE SO YOU CAN REALLY FIND IT. (J.R. 12:25).

**SOUL** WILL BE ATTITUDES

THE LAST THREE VERSES OF CHAPTER 11 READ "COME UNTO ME, ALL YE THAT LABOUR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST. TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU AND LEARN OF ME; FOR I AM MEEK AND LOWLY OF HEART: AND YOU SHALL FIND REST UNTO YOUR SOULS. FOR MY YOKE IS EASY AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT.

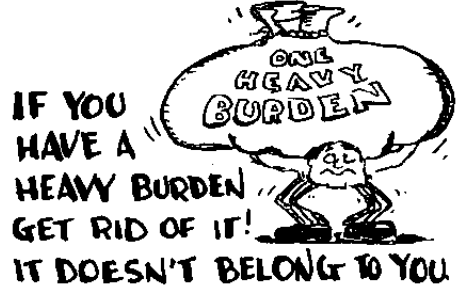
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## WHAT IS REINCARNATION IS FOR REAL?



BEEN BOUND BY RULES OF "TOUCH NOT, TASTE NOT" AND TODAY NO ONE WOULD EVEN REMEMBER HIS NAME.

DON'T CARRY THAT BURDEN. IT WILL KILL YOU. IT SHOWS ON YOUR FACE IN YOUR COUNTENANCE. IT WILL DRAW YOU DOWN TO THE GRAVE. LIFE COMES ONLY THROUGH THE SPIRIT AND WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS THERE IS LIBERTY (1 COR. 3:17).



WE'RE IN A TIME OF TRANSITION -- A TIME OF CHANGE. LEARN TO FLOW WITH GOD'S SPIRIT, NOT WITH THE WHIMS AND DESIRES OF EVERYONE AROUND YOU. TAKE JESUS' ADVICE. HIS YOKE IS EASY AND HIS BURDEN IS LIGHT AND HE WILL GIVE YOU REST FOR YOUR SOUL. □

A STANDARD IS A HARD THING TO BEAR.



IF YOU HAVE A HEAVY BURDEN IT DOESN'T BELONG TO YOU. JESUS IS STILL ADDRESSING HIMSELF TO CHANGE IN THESE VERSES. HE'S SAYING THAT IF YOU'RE CARRYING A HEAVY BURDEN IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE BOUND UP IN THE OLD WAYS. IT'S YOUR RULES AND LAWS AND STANDARDS THAT ARE CAUSING YOUR HEAVINESS AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO ALLOW IT.

READ THE NEXT PARAGRAPH TWICE, TWICE



THAT'S ONE WAY TO TELL IF YOU'RE DWELLING IN THE ELIJAH COMPANY OR THE BODY OF CHRIST. IF YOU'RE DEPRESSED BECAUSE SOMEONE'S NOT DOING THINGS YOUR WAY THEN YOU'RE STILL IN THE ELIJAH COMPANY. BUT IF YOU FIND IT'S BECOMING EASIER TO ACCEPT OTHERS INTO YOUR LIFE, LETTING THEM BE THEM AND NOT FEELING BOUND BY THEIR RULES AND NOT PUTTING THEM UNDER YOUR RULES-

THEN YOU'RE JETTING ON INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST.

JESUS DOESN'T HAND OUT HEAVY BURDENS. WE'RE TO CAST (HURL) OUR CARES UPON HIM - 1 PET. 5:7. WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO ENTER THE NEW AGE IF WE'RE OFFENDED BY THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS (ROM. 8:2). HE HAS GIVEN US LIBERTY BUT NOT TO USE AS LICENSE TO SATISFY OUR OWN DESIRES. RATHER WE NEED LIBERTY TO GROW AND MATURE AND ALLOW OTHERS THE FREEDOM TO DO THE SAME. GAL. 5:13.

JESUS HAD SOUL TROUBLE TOO.



WE NEED REST FOR OUR SOULS SO THAT WE CAN BECOME AWARE OF THE SPIRIT AND OF GOD'S LEADING. EVEN JESUS HAD SOUL TROUBLE (Jn. 12:27) BUT HE STAYED IN TUNE WITH GOD AND DIDN'T TRY TO LINE UP WITH MEN'S IDEAS. MANY WERE OFFENDED AT HIM BUT THAT WAS THEIR PROBLEM. IF JESUS WOULD HAVE DONE THINGS THEIR WAY HE WOULDN'T HAVE DONE ANYONE ANY GOOD.

HE'D HAVE FALLEN INTO THE SAME OLD PIT THE REST OF US ARE IN. HE'D HAVE