

1: Afterlife Chapter 5 Reincarnation

On Reincarnation and Parallel and Overlapping Lifetimes "Other Lives, Other Times" Tuesday, May 03, An Excerpt from an interview originally published in Lazaris' book Lazaris Interviews, Book II (This book is out of print.).

This is a very frequently asked question, so in this article we will summarize beliefs and concepts regarding the major religions around the subject of reincarnation. What religions believe in reincarnation? Due to its antiqueness, it definitely deserves the first place. We can include various beliefs throughout the world, with many commonalities. One is the existence of a spirit world, which intervenes in our world and which can be accessed by shamans. Regarding reincarnation, the issue seems clear: At the moment of death, the spirit survives and returns to the spiritual world where it meets with the other dead. The Celtic Druids believed in the existence of several worlds through which one could travel in altered states of consciousness. Mediums were able to communicate with their ancestors, and believed in the immortal soul or spirit that dwelt within our body. For the Druids, reality is the spiritual world. The soul passes through three states: Then another in which the soul embodies numerous times in different worlds. The third is a more blissful state in which one lives in happy worlds, let go of the body influences and reincarnations are finished. Norse mythology shows that the Nordic also believed in reincarnation, and there is evidence that proves the Vikings believed in it. The Sumerians believed that after death, the soul must endure a difficult journey to reach a kind of hell where it would remain for eternity. No rebirth or reincarnation. It states that the soul remains three days and three nights beside the dead body. During this time all past actions are presented to the soul in a relentless trial. If the result is negative, the soul will fall to a hellish abyss. At the end of time there will be a kind of apocalypse in which the good will win and the dead will rise like the Apocalypse in the Bible. It is one of the oldest cultures, originally from the people who were taken as slaves from West Africa and later influenced by Christianity and possibly Celtic polytheist religions. There are deities, and people may communicate with them. Although voodoo does not have any basic doctrines, it supports belief in reincarnation and gives importance to the spirits of dead people. Death means separation of soul and body, the passing from a world of appearances, a transit, training and learning, to a spiritual world that does not depend on matter world of truth. As we live, we might or not enjoy the infinite pleasure. Reincarnation is not officially recognized, although it appears in the Kabbalah. The immortality of the soul is recognized through the resurrection, and even some Jewish currents believe in reincarnation of souls. Do Jews believe In An Afterlife? Death is the consequence of the original sin of Adam and Eve, which is the result of the desire for autonomy of human beings, causing the breakdown of the relationship between God and man. The resurrection of Christ frees man from sin and death, and is therefore the basis of the Christian faith. This resurrection opens the door to the resurrection of all human beings at the end of time. The death is therefore the separation of the body physical part, the soul the principle of life, capable of emotions, feelings and passions, capable of reasoning and analyzing and spirit outermost part of the soul. The resurrection involves the restoration of the whole being its three parts, including the physical part. It is unclear whether eternal life begins with the death of the body, or the resurrection at the end of time. Most Christian factions believe that a soul without consciousness survives the body. It is significant, however, that in the early days of Christianity, reincarnation was accepted. The epistle of James speaks for example that our language can put back in motion the wheel of rebirth. Augustine reincarnation is mentioned. In the gospels there are more significant references: And if you want to understand, he is the same Elijah who was to come. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye can not now know. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth. Do Christians Believe In Reincarnation? Outside the Bible it is written that Jesus and the early Christians believed in reincarnation. The view of Christianity is not that souls reincarnate again and again, but that they return back home. Transmigration of souls, however, is not accepted, as souls always reincarnate in a new human being. It was the Emperor Justinian who, summoning a synod in Constantinople in , condemned the doctrine of reincarnation to what the Pope at the time opposed. It is a set of philosophic and religious currents that are close to Christianity of the first centuries, but was later declared heretical. It advocates the separation between

matter and spirit. Only through awareness of our own spirit, of its divine character and the truth about its nature we can attain salvation. Some currents of Gnosticism believed in the cyclical return of souls to the prison of matter through reincarnation. The cycle of rebirths was broken by the gnosis the equivalent of enlightenment in Eastern religions. Islam advocates that death is not a punishment, it is not bad, is not destruction, it is simply a stage on the road of life, a way to another life after physical resurrection at the end of time. Upon death, man reaches hereafter and his soul remains in an intermediate stage until doomsday, where he will be judged for his sins. Good and bad deeds will be weighed, and his soul will spend life in heaven or hell. Eastern Religions Who believes in reincarnation? One of its cornerstones is the reincarnation or samsara. The soul evolves through reincarnation according to what good or bad deeds have been done in a previous life karma. At death the soul leaves the body and is brought to trial, and according to this balance, it can be reincarnated in a higher existence heaven , lower existence hell or intermediate human life. The soul is potentially divine and can reach this goal through ascetic and purifying practices. According to its actions, the soul, subject to the wheel of reincarnation, can be reborn with a demonic, animal, human or divine status. The soul loses its omniscience ability to know everything because of its corruption, attachment to material things, aggression, lying, etc. To recover its original wisdom it must get rid of the karma and attain knowledge, thus reaching nirvana where it will be free from suffering. It was based on the 4 most ancient texts of India: The Vedas assert the immortality of the soul and the successive reincarnation. They also state that our current situation in life is a consequence of the deeds we have done in previous lives. What religion believes in reincarnation? More than a religion, it is a set of beliefs. Hindus believe in reincarnation or transmigration of the souls, that is, when a person dies reincarnates, but not necessarily in a human being this depends on your karma status, positive or negative. To end this cycle and meet with the universal soul, we must achieve perfection, reaching the truth and renouncing to everything else, thus overcoming the weight of karma. Our soul is the reflection of God, it is also God. Do Hindus Believe In Reincarnation? Sikhism is a type of Hinduism in which it is accepted that the soul has to transmigrate from body to body as part of its evolution, to achieve union with God through purification of the spirit. If the union is not reached, it continues reincarnating forever. A more modern concept of Brahmanism, and one of the largest religions of the world although it is rather a philosophy. It offers a way of life where one can end suffering through effort and meditation. Reincarnation or rebirth is a mainstay of Buddhism. Death, until the soul reaches the nirvana, is only preceding a new reincarnation. To escape this wheel of reincarnations, we must get rid of attachments and desires. Buddha however, denied the existence of something permanent in the person, as a soul, to occupy different bodies, and therefore there are Buddhists who reject reincarnation. Do Buddhists Believe In Reincarnation? This book was written by many generations of monks, through astral projection, they managed to enter the process and get to know it intimately. The souls of the dead live in heaven with Shangdi deity. Reincarnation was incorporated in Confucianism through the influence of Buddhism, as Confucianism, Taoism and Buddhism were very integrated into the Chinese tradition. It is said that the Chinese were Confucian to celebrate national holidays; if they were sick they would summon the Taoist sages who provided healing herbs and were connected to the spirits; and in the end of their life they would call Buddhist priests who believed in reincarnation. The aim was to achieve knowledge and immortality, not of the soul, but of the physical body. A form of naturalistic animism everything is ensouled who venerated ancestors. The man is a milestone where the spirit resides. It is something that survives the death of the body and that is eternal, the mitama, the essential part of man that lives forever in the afterlife. There is a hell where the dead live a life similar to Earth. Shinto is a mixture of animism and shamanism, and believe in reincarnation as spirits or souls that relate to the living. It has been heavily influenced by Buddhism. Native American Religions What religion believes in reincarnation? The Aztecs believed that reality was on the other side of death. The circumstances of death determine the fate of the spirit in the afterlife. If died in battle, on the altar of sacrifice or during childbirth it is supposed to join the Way of the Sun in its eternal journey through the heavens. If the death was by drowning, the soul would go to the Paradise of the Waters, where life was entirely happy. Other kinds of death involved going to the Land of the Dead where one would endure a dangerous journey that, if succeeded, the soul would access a coveted and well deserved eternal rest. The Mayans believed that death was a step into

a very similar place.

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Reincarnation, or the rebirth of energy, or life, occurs all around us in different shapes and forms every day. Perhaps this is why to many of us reincarnation is something intuitive, something that resonates the very nature, the very essence of life.

Not many people in the West believe in it, though. In fact, many scoff at the very idea and regard it as nonsense. This is largely because in the West we are enamored with the benefits of scientific knowledge and increasingly sceptical of the old religions—rightly so, in my view. The knowledge science provides can be systematically checked to ensure that it is valid and reliable. This is why it is of such great value. But it is not necessarily the only source of knowledge that is valid and reliable. Besides, what science can see is limited to that which is physical and objective. Reality itself is not necessarily so limited. If we limit our understanding of what reality can be to just what science can see, we are leaving ourselves half-blind. Regardless of the medium no pun intended, the message is consistent. So, here are ten things about reincarnation which I think are valid and reliable and which I believe everyone—East or West—would benefit from knowing: All human beings are a combination of physical, mortal body and non-physical, immortal soul. The soul is pure consciousness, pure energy, pure being. It exists on a timeless, non-physical level of reality. It is a piece of Spirit or God or Source, a spark of divine light and love, a fragment of absolute perfection. All souls are on a mission to evolve grow, develop through their own experiences and efforts. To evolve as a soul is to become increasingly self-aware and self-capable as a unique expression of Spirit. By evolving, the soul changes in its level of beingness and consciousness, from new-born innocence to greater and greater levels of love, power and wisdom. In effect, that which is created rejoins the Creator — after eons of evolution. The soul evolves most effectively in physical form. A soul evolves most effectively by facing and making choices as a separate individual, making choices big and small, and experiencing the effects of each choice. By doing so, the soul gets to experience being physically limited and physically separated from others and from all-that-is. This is actually an illusion, a trick of the senses, as the soul itself is never really limited or separate. But the illusion creates enough desire, fear and other pressures to cause the soul to experience conflicts and dilemmas and to make choices. The experiences and choices of a lifetime serve as lessons for the soul once the life is completed. The soul not only reviews its own experiences and choices but also discovers the effects of its own choices on others during the life. For example, the decision to steal a sum of money at one point may have caused the victim significant hardship and anxiety. One lifetime is not enough to experience the whole gamut of life circumstances and to make all choices. For example, the soul needs to experience life as both male and female; as both victim and perpetrator; as both student and teacher— Hence, the soul re-incarnates many times over in order to experience the full spectrum of life. Being human again and again, each time with a different body, different life circumstances and different relationships, enables the soul to experience the full range of possible perspectives and relationships and all the lessons that these entail. Through many different human experiences, the soul gradually becomes more self-aware, gradually discovers more of its true capabilities love, power, wisdom, and gradually learns how to overcome the illusory limitations of being physical. Hence any given lifetime may be completely different in some way from the last one. Each human lifetime is an opportunity to learn specific lessons. One lifetime, for example, might focus on learning greater self-responsibility while the next might focus on being kinder to others. If in one lifetime the soul experiences being a man with a lot of power over women, say, it would then be of value to contrast that with the experience of being a powerless woman. The soul has no preference for one side of the equation or the other, since both sides help draw out different aspects of the soul. The soul has no nationality, creed, race or gender. There is no such thing as a Jewish soul or a Chinese soul or whatever. We are just souls, and as souls we are free to experience the whole variety of human cultures across the planet. We choose our birth location, race and nationality to suit our purposes for any given lifetime. Sometimes race and creed are a deliberate choice; at other times they are merely incidental to what the life is about. There is no such thing as a male soul or a female soul. Gender is a biological phenomenon, not a spiritual one. Human beings are of two sexes and so we

have to choose which one to be before each life begins. Because we want to experience, compare and contrast all possible perspectives, we will choose to experience lives as both men and women. We can be male or female as often as we please. We can be male in one lifetime and female the next. Or we can be male for ten lifetimes and female for the next fifty lifetimes. It is all a matter of choice. Even if we have a strong preference for one gender, we will still tend to incarnate as the other gender every now and then, just to maintain a balanced perspective. The soul sticks to one species at a time. Contrary to certain teachings, the souls of human beings reincarnate only as human beings. We are spiritual beings on a human journey, learning to be ourselves through human experiences, human relationships and human choices. Each lifetime is pre-planned. Before taking birth, the soul along with its guides in spirit will decide what experiences and choices the life should include. The appropriate circumstances and relationships will be chosen and set up with the cooperation and agreement of other souls who will be involved. The soul may decide that the life to come should include its own childhood experience of abandonment by the mother. This would help drive the personality in adult life to want to help abandoned children. Another soul will then agree, out of love, to be the mother who abandons this soul in childhood. Most major events in life are pre-planned: This includes deaths, accidents and illnesses. There is, however, plenty of room for unplanned things to occur. The body is also chosen by the soul before birth. Souls are aware of which fetuses are viable and which are not, and which are going to be terminated before birth. For example, we might opt to live a life as a much-loved child who suddenly dies while still young, purely in order to help another soul undergo the experience of tragic loss. There is a law of karma, but it is not like many people think it is. If soul A kills soul B in one lifetime, then in a later lifetime soul B will kill soul A. That is the effect of karma. But karma is not repeat not about cosmic justice or divine retribution. From the perspective of Spirit, there is no need for cosmic justice because there is no such thing as cosmic injustice. If I do something in physical life that violates your free will, we become entangled. We both feel the lack of equilibrium between us. The only way to restore equilibrium is to undo the entanglement by having you violate my free will in a similar way. That way, we both know from experience what it is like to be both the violator and the violated. Souls tend to commit karmic acts in the early stages of their reincarnations when they have less experience of human existence. Typical karmic acts are: There is no karmic entanglement for acts that are accidental or not by choice. Reincarnation has a beginning and an end. Contrary to certain teachings, we are not tied to a wheel of endless death and rebirth, to be saved only by renouncing the world and seeking spiritual liberation. The whole journey of evolving through reincarnation begins with us at a certain level and ends once we reach another level. It takes typically well over lifetimes. From first human life to last requires thousands of years, depending upon the availability of physical bodies. In spirit, the whole path is clear to us and we know exactly what we are doing. Each lifetime is a deliberate adventure and is undertaken out of love and a desire to evolve. There is no urgency. Contrary to what many teach on the subject, there is no urgency for us to become enlightened, or to complete our reincarnational cycle. Reincarnation is not a challenge to reach the end of evolution as quickly as possible. The physical world is not a hell-hole to be climbed out of. God is not wishing we would get a move on. From the perspective of Spirit, there is no passage of time. Time is just a perceptual phenomenon for us while in physical form. Souls literally do not care how many thousands of years it takes to get from one level of reincarnation to another. The passage of time in human terms is, to the soul, irrelevant. A final word I would also add one more correction to certain teachings: Usually there is a period of several years or decades between one life and the next, during which the soul recuperates, considers the lessons learned from the last life and plans its next one. Reincarnation is the norm for all human beings. It is what we are all doing here.

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Purpose of reincarnation Why do spirits reincarnate on earth? Because they are being given the opportunity to accelerate their learning process, earth life is a school life, and spirits are being given the opportunity to accelerate their experiences to achieve higher consciousness levels. Is learning in the physical world better than learning in the spiritual world? There is no better or good or bad in the spiritual world. We have already stated that life on earth or life in only the three-dimensional world is accelerated compared to life as a spirit because you become involved with so many more experiences that are there to teach you than in heaven.

When reincarnation takes place What factors determine when a spirit will reincarnate on earth? At this time we will say to you that we will relate this mainly at all times to earthlings and not to other lives from other universes. So please be aware that this is basic information for you earthlings and does not always pertain to life from other universes. When a human makes its transformation from human form into spirit form, as you know it has its most current life experiences to review. It then sees the lessons that it learned or did not learn or how it lost its way along the most current past life. As a spirit evolves into higher spiritual consciousness, the life the spirit has is a spirit life, its lessons will be learned quicker in spirit life than those who have not evolved. And those who have evolved come to see the place of peace and harmony in their lives, both their human life and their spirit life, and that understanding of the challenges it faced and why it faced those challenges to increase its level of spiritual evolution on earth. When a spirit has not reached higher levels of consciousness, it is much slower in understanding its lessons and moving forward even in the spirit life. So, oftentimes those who have not reached higher spiritual consciousness do not return to life nearly as quickly as those who have reached higher levels of consciousness. Oftentimes, when an individual returns to earth it mainly has to do with how it works through its lessons in spirit life. Because it does not know how to grow from those hardships at this rate of speed--that is why one has a human life. So it is willing to stay in that spiritual consciousness that it is currently at as a spirit and will not return to earth. Those that choose to return to earth and continue to face the life of a earthling do so knowing the challenges that can be there for it. Also, as one evolves, one can begin to see the ease with how they can go to earth and learn their spiritual lessons and that all lessons do not have to be learned through hardship. When a spirit does choose to return to earth, it is because they have had a very good understanding of the lessons that they were to have learned in their past life and what they did learn or what they did not learn and what they will go to earth to do in a new life. Oftentimes a spirit has evolved considerably, though at a much slower, slower pace than an earth life, but they have evolved spiritually into higher spiritual consciousness as a spirit life and will go back to earth with a much more knowing way of what and how to continue that spiritual growth at a much faster pace. How does a spirit learn its lessons in the afterlife if it does not want to incarnate? What does the learning process involve? The learning process as a spirit being, learning lessons that are much accelerated as a human being, are very slowed down as a spirit being. For life upon earth or other places of life move at an accelerated speed compared to the lessons of life in heaven. If they were, you would not need to come to earth. So your process of evolution in heaven is much slowed down. Does free will play a significant role in the concept of reincarnation? One can choose to continue to return to earth school and continue their evolvement or one can say, this is as far as I choose to go in my own spiritual world and I do not choose to go back to earth. Spirits are able to continue their growth in the spirit world if they choose not to come back to earth but the challenges that the beings that choose to come back to earth face enhance their spiritual and consciousness growth much quicker, at an accelerated speed, versus those spirits who decide that they do not wish to return to earth. Their spirit growth will continue in the spirit world but it will be at a much, much slower pace as you on earth would understand it. Are all spirits similar in their first incarnation? We would say yes and no to that question. Much of what happens to a spirit who comes to earth in its first incarnation is greatly influenced by its environment because it is in infancy, this spirit. As with any human infant the spirit works very similar in its growth and the

lessons that it comes to earth to learn. Not every spirit comes to earth to learn the same lessons even at a first incarnation. Spirits have spirit teachers in heaven and they work together, not on a consistent basis, but as you on earth would say almost on a consulting basis. And when a spirit would like to return it will often sit and talk with its spirit teacher about what it had lived in a past life and what it would like to live in a future life. And spirit teacher and spirit guides will help direct that spirit to the environment that will help it best continue its journey. Oftentimes, though, a spirit teacher will tell the spirit that it probably is much too soon for it to return and will tell it that it needs more time with its spirit family to achieve better understanding of its growth, both in its heaven and on earth. After I make my transition from this lifetime and if I returned in a reincarnation afterwards, would that reincarnation always be at a later date than when I died? Yes, you always return to earth at a later date than when you left earth. Your life might feel very familiar because you have returned to complete challenges from other past lives. It is always a move forward and not a move backward. In terms of earth years, what are typical or say average times between death in one life and birth on earth in another life? Well, in the past we would have said in terms of earth life it could have been centuries. Because earth is evolving so much quicker and manifesting events almost instantaneously, those who had made great progress in their most recent past life are given an opportunity to return much sooner than had been in history because the spiritual evolution and consciousness of earth is rising so quickly, so much quicker than at any other time of its existence, it is so important that these more evolved spirits return to help those who are struggling with their spiritual evolution. You will see in the next generations of children to come how much more evolved and loving and compassionate that many of them are. So spirits are given the opportunity to return much sooner now than at any other time because of their ability to be able to help on earth. Does the frequency with which a human experiences *deja vu* relate to the number of times a soul has reincarnated, thus determining an old soul? No, it does not relate to being an old soul or the number of times it has returned to earth. Oftentimes a human soul will have the experience of a past life or a past experience that has happened to them and it does not have anything at all to do with the age of the soul, the age of the spirit. But only in that it can recall something from the past though it will not know when that past was, whether it was the past of a childhood memory or a past of a past life. *Deja vu* does not have to be connected with the number of spirit returns. But we would like to say that oftentimes as a spirit soul has continued its returns to earth and has a much higher consciousness level, those *deja vu* experiences can become much clearer and can be understood as to what they are, more than those who have not returned as many times. That is a fairly short period of time. Why is he only spending a relatively short time in heaven before he returns? He has been given the opportunity, as many spirits have, to come back to earth at a much accelerated pace so that they can come and help bring more of their spiritual life and spiritual knowledge to earth to help it move from the negative ways that it has been embracing. So you will see that there will be certain spirits throughout the entire spirit world who will come back at a much accelerated reincarnation speed because they are given the opportunity to work within their spiritual consciousness levels of helping others to move forward. This does not mean that these are highly, highly evolved spirits but they will come back and bring with them an understanding of how life does continue after this and will be able to be, as you on earth call, role models in a much more general and mass environment than you are now currently seeing happen. Selecting a family to reincarnate into What spiritual individuals, aids or tools are available to help a spirit select a family and location to be born into? In just about every reincarnated life, individuals return to an environment and experiences that they have always felt and shared and wanted to evolve into, such as in the case of your father who wanted to be a reporter and a writer and has always wanted to do that, and had some experiences in all of his lives of reporting, sharing news, writing. These are things that are of his makeup and as he comes back to earth he will continue in those areas. And so they are given the opportunity to move back into environments where those desires and experiences in previous lives can be enhanced and can be fulfilled. So, when an individual is looking to return they will be placed in those environments that will help encourage and support that growth. Sometimes it will not always be so obvious, sometimes it will be because they are given the opportunity to move out of environments and show that they can do it without having to experience the environments they are living in, such as many orphans who have had nothing and have formed large businesses and have been very financially

successful and have achieved a great desire for art or music or supporting and helping other individuals. It is an opportunity that is given the spirit to move forward regardless of the circumstances it comes to. But how would they select a particular family in a particular location? Well, in the case of someone wanting to be artistic, they would select families who are going to have children whether by, as you on earth call it, accident or choice--as you know there is never an accident. A child comes into a family generally because it is to help that family as well as that family to help it. And there are families that are selected that can help encourage them. Does a reincarnating infant who is destined to be put up for adoption understand prior to leaving heaven that this will happen and have the opportunity to select both its birth and adoptive parents? The answer to that is yes. Prior to coming to an earth life the spirit has been shown its life and makes the choice to continue into the human form and to see both its earth parents it will have. Do we reincarnate into the varied nationalities upon earth? The answer to this question is yes, you can reincarnate into another nationality as you so say. The majority of the time one reincarnates back into where it has spent most of its lifetimes, whether it be Christian or Jewish or Arab, it does not matter. But generally speaking you always reincarnate back into what you came from. This is not always true and as individuals evolve you will begin to see where your first place of being originated from. Is there any reason why there are so many different races on the earth today? It is the lessons of earth beings to learn to accept, be compassionate for and give love to all different philosophies other than their own. And you upon earth, instead of creating the oneness of bringing all those philosophies together, have chosen to make it segregated. And have chosen to make it right or wrong, whatever that racial experience is that any individual is experiencing at this time on earth. And so it was among the many to come together to create the oneness of joy and compassion, forgiveness, but this has not, as you know, happened yet. Does an incarnating spirit choose its physical appearance? It does not choose its physical appearance but it does see its appearance prior to coming back to earth. It has a view into its complete new life that it will be reincarnating into and it does not choose its human features but receives those from the family it chooses to reincarnate with. Sometimes there is a name that the soul returning to earth would like to have and that is oftentimes connected to that individual in its third-dimensional life. But many times the name has no connection whatsoever. Spirits often like to nudge its new family it is coming to to choose a name that it would like to have, but name-choosing is generally done through the three-dimensional world for in the spirit world, names are not important. What happens if various souls wish to reincarnate into the same life? How is it decided which soul will be reincarnated? You are asking questions that are faced by the three-dimensional world that you live in. As you move into a spirit world, such events do not take place and are not a form of spirit life. You are just viewing spirit life from a third-dimensional world and such issues do not happen in the spiritual world. Goals of reincarnation Is it a goal for all reincarnating spirits to generally help humans progress in their earthly existence? In other words, is it a goal to help humans as a total group of people as well as each individual reincarnating spirit helping themselves to learn their own personal lessons? The first and most important lesson for every spirit that comes to earth is for it to learn its own spiritual lessons and to have a knowing of the individual it is. This might sound extremely selfish but to be able to go forward on a spiritual consciousness level it is most important for the individual to know themselves, to help others from that spiritual level.

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ReincarnationAfterDeath 0 Comment concept of reincarnation , definition of reincarnation , reincarnation meaning , what is reincarnation What Is Reincarnation? Reincarnation is the belief that after death the soul separates from the body and takes another body to continue with another mortal life. According to this belief, the souls go through cycles of deaths and new incarnations. A human being, for example, could return to live on earth born as a new character. Perhaps the belief in reincarnation began when applying to man the cycle observed in nature: The sun and the moon appear and disappear. Also the seasons, foliage, flowers and many other things in nature have a cycle. So they thought that man died but returned again in another body. So What is Reincarnation? Reincarnation is also the result of the human desire to give explanation for the differences in intelligence, health, talent, wealth, etc. According to the doctrine of reincarnation these differences would be credit or punishment for behavior in previous lives. Therefore the poor, the sick and the afflicted are blamed by their wretched condition and nothing is done about them because they are paying their fault. The Gospel, on the contrary shows us that God became man in poverty, and that in the poor we find Christ himself. Anthony the Great, the famous Egyptian abbot was meditating in the wilderness: Why do some die after a short life while others reach an enviable age? Why some are poor and others rich? Why the unrighteous get richer and the righteous are in need? Then he heard a voice answering him:.. What is Reincarnation according to the Law of Karma? In successive incarnations the soul could evolve towards perfection to become a pure spirit that does not need more reincarnations. Then it is immersed forever in eternity. Proponents of reincarnation believe that the soul is eternal but not the person. The soul inhabits a body and when it is no longer useful, another is obtained. What is the Origin of Reincarnation? Buddhism appeared in India, in the fifth century BC and adopted the belief in reincarnation. Later it reached Greece and Rome. Some religions also adopted this human explanation for the problems they could not understand. It had followers among some Greek philosophers. In our times it is among the teachings of the theosophical societies, Indian gurus, psychics and the new age movement which imported many Eastern beliefs. For thousands of years humans have believed in reincarnation. Based on the knowledge acquired in altered states of consciousness using certain plants, through meditation, rituals, music, etc. Regressions using hypnosis, meditation or other techniques provide access to theoretical lifetimes. Regressions can not be proven scientifically, but the existence of solid evidence eg the provision of correct data that may not have been known before can give a fairly solid support to these experiences. Each must judge whether this evidence is sufficient to test the reality of reincarnation, as it seems difficult that science, at least in the short term, will be dedicated to researching this subject, and even if it does, it might never be possible to prove reincarnation, since science cannot prove the existence of something not physical and measurable. All religions called dharmic originating in Hinduism state that reincarnation exists in an endless cycle karma wheel , while good deeds or religious methods good end, purpose or dharma are not enough to cause a release or termination of this cycle. Hinduism Reincarnation meaning Hinduism is the cultural and mythological framework in which different religions arise, but popularly speaking of Hinduism generally refers to Brahmanism. In the mythology of the Brahmanic religion, when the body dies, the soul or essential part leaves the body that has become useless, and is driven by iamadutas servants messengers of God Iamaraya, in charge of judging the karma of all the souls in the universe ; and judged. In ancient Egypt, their actions were weighed against the weight of a feather. Depending on the good or bad actions, the soul is reincarnated into an upper, middle or lower existence. This includes states of existence from heaven to hell, human life being an intermediate state. Every soul travels this wheel, ranging from the demigods devas to even insects. The direction of the trajectory of a soul within this universe marks the content or meaning of its actions. According to modern popular Hinduism, the state in which the soul is reborn, is determined by its good or bad actions karma done in previous incarnations. The quality of the reincarnation is determined by the merit or lack of merit that each person has accumulated as a result of their performances;

this is known as the karma of what the soul has done in our life or past lives. The Urantia Book reveal compendium of many religions recognizes that what survives is everything that contributes to increased awareness. The weight of karma can be changed with the practice of yoga increased awareness to the contemplative and unitive higher levels, depending on the degree and form of yoga , good deeds generosity, keeping inner joy, responding well to bad , asceticism forgoing what prevents growth of the soul, or prevents communication of superior beings to the individual and ritual offerings value of gratitude and generosity. In Hindu religious thought, belief in the transmigration first appears as a doctrine in Indian religious compilation of the Upanishads, a part of the Vedas, a Hinduism religious base that has more than years. The Upanishads lived between and BC. The release of reincarnation in Hinduism or liberation from samsara, is obtained after having atoned or exceeded the weight of their karma, that is, all the consequences from both their good and their bad deeds. This process is continued until the individual soul, Atman, is fully evolved and can identify or reach Brahman, the creator of the world, where it is saved from the misfortune of the need for more rebirths. This identification happens through yogic and ascetic practices. After its last death it goes out of the material universe and merges into the Divine Light the effulgence emanating from Brahman , where the individual soul atman and the universal soul Brahman are identical. Do Buddhists Believe In Reincarnation? Jainism Jainism is another religion that is part of Hinduism and that arose along with Buddhism. In Jainism, souls are reaping the fruits of their good or bad deeds through successive lives. When a Jain has accumulated enough good karma, the purity of his soul can reincarnate in a deva or semi-divine entity, although this situation is not permanent, so Jains seek a final release. Sikhism Reincarnation is a central belief of this religion, also part of the Hindu. Sikhs believe that the soul has to transmigrate from one body to another as part of its evolution. This evolution will ultimately result in a reunion with God through the purification of the spirit. If one fails to do good deeds, the soul continues to reincarnate forever. The soul is purified by chanting the Naam, bearing in mind the Waheguru and following the path of Gurmat. Buddhism What is reincarnation? Buddhism arose from Hinduism but included a major reform of their views to form a new religion. It has a different notion of reincarnation, because on one side it denies it and on the other it approves it. It denies that there is an entity in the individual which can be reincarnated; there is no soul, no mind nor spirit. But it approves it by saying that a new individual appears depending on the actions of a previous one. This notion of reincarnation is closer to palingenesis than to transmigration. Buddhists believe that through the realization of Nirvana, the state of total liberation, the cessation of rebirth is also achieved. Within Buddhism, the Tibetan tradition refers very often to reincarnation, while others, like the Zen tradition, largely ignore it. To understand such apparent differences, we should understand the subjects of time and eternity, and how a Macro-being is separated from Eternity into billions of beings who are individual and believe to be apart from each other. Buddhism presents the Nirvana as cessation of the wheel of births and deaths. The Mahayana school also adds a more universal meaning, noting that the cycle will end when all living beings have attained enlightenment. Shinto The Shinto did not identify themselves as a religion until the arrival of Buddhism to Japan, so it influenced their beliefs. Being a mixture of animism and shamanism, it already had a notion of reincarnation in the form of spirits or souls that were related to the living. With the absorption of Buddhist notions, the Shinto transformed some of its mythical elements as the so-called kami, beings that are reincarnated with various missions. Taoism Taoism is a philosophical view of life and nature, the religious aspect is characterized by ways of life, health and meditation. According to Taoism, the Tao is a supreme principle that pervades the universe, and therefore its nature is immortal and eternal. Reincarnation exists because nothing dies, being all life flowing within the Tao. What is Reincarnation for Western religions and traditions? Classical Greek philosophy What is reincarnation? Diogenes Laertius describes a story in which Pythagoras recognizes a deceased friend in the body of a dog that had been hit. Plato is the leading exponent of reincarnation in Greek than we know of. These existences represent evidence that souls are perfected. Judaism Similar to Christianity, reincarnation is not admitted as official doctrine, although it appears in the Kabbalah. In the Zohar 2. They are ignorant of the many transmigrations and the secret test they must pass. However some Christian denominations, treated as apostates by mainstream Christianity, have promoted the belief in reincarnation mainly New Thought churches and New Age or spirits many spiritualist churches identify themselves as Christian. These groups

normally assure that such doctrines can be found in the Bible or in the early Christian tradition. Reincarnation In The Bible: What Does It Say? Early Christianity Christian groups in the early days, as the Gnostics, took the belief in reincarnation, very early on as a key element, since this view was widespread in the ancient world. Some of the Fathers previous to the First Council of Nicaea tried to combat this philosophy addressing this issue in their writings, openly rejecting and trying to show its contradictions to people who in those days probably had no problem taking that belief within the framework of early Christianity, this being influenced by many earlier traditions. Tertullian was perhaps the Father who dealt with the issue further, dedicating eight chapters of his treatise on the soul to the question of what is reincarnation. Other authors such as Irenaeus, also tried repeatedly to refute the belief in reincarnation. What is Reincarnation according to Modern thinkers Among modern thinkers who have criticized reincarnation we find Rene Guenon who writes on the subject in his book *The Spiritist Error*. He claims that this doctrine was never taught in the West, and that the mid-nineteenth century, Herder and other German thinkers linked to utopian socialism, translated and adapted initial reports coming from India on Vedanta, Upanishads and other sacred books from that culture. Important to the subject of reincarnation is the contribution of Rudolf Steiner, father of anthroposophy. Easterners, with little knowledge of the language, accepted it at first, but then chose to adopt the term rebirth. Reincarnation Facts That Science Has Proved Western popular culture During the twentieth century the West has been more permeable with regard to assimilation of religious-philosophical concepts from former British and French colonies of Asia, perhaps only for the purpose of enlarging the popular taste for the exotic and remote, and to indirectly legitimize expansionism with advertising on its side.

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Here are stories from readers about experiences they might have had that indicate reincarnation or past lives. Reincarnation and Past Lives Memories. Search the site GO.

Physical Resemblance in Reincarnation Cases Note: Place your cursor on images to enlarge them and your arrow keys to scroll up and down on the enlarged image. For men, facial hair, such as beards and mustaches, can be maintained from one incarnation to another. Physical habits, such as postures and hand gestures, can also be consistent from lifetime to lifetime. Even poses struck in portraits and photographs are often uncannily similar from one lifetime to another. Over his career, Stevenson compiled and studied approximately cases involving children who spontaneously remembered past lives in detail. Stevenson traveled to the scenes of the contemporary and past lifetimes to interview witnesses to assess details provided in these past-life accounts. In about of these cases, the past lives of these children could be factually validated. Consistent facial features across lifetimes are also observed in many other Ian Stevenson cases , as well as in other independently researched reincarnation cases For example, the powerful reincarnation case of James Huston, Jr. Gordon Jeff Keene reincarnation case, also dramatically demonstrate how facial features can remain the same across incarnations. Body types can be consistent from lifetime to lifetime, though the size of the body can vary. An individual can have a slight physique in one lifetime and a powerful one in the next. One can be short in one incarnation and tall in another, though facial features, postures and gestures, appear to remain the same. The answer to this question is unknown, but I hypothesize that the soul projects an energy template or hologram into the developing fetus, which tissue is shape around. The principle is similar to how orthopedic surgeons use electrical current to shape bone in severe fractures. This energy structure not only helps create physical appearance, but it also can be used to download information and talent into the developing body and mind, which can explain child prodigies. Spirit Being Photos A piece of evidence that supports the existence of an energy body which appears similar to the physical body involves photographs of an apparent spirit body caught above an automobile involved in a fatal accident. In this photograph the face of the spirit body is identical to the face of the deceased teenager inside the car. Further, the face of the spirit body is caught in a very dynamic pose with the mouth wide open, which would be impossible for the physical body to maintain, as the boy inside the car is slumped forward on the front passenger seat. In addition, it appears that there is side to side movement of the face caught in the photograph. The dynamic facial pose and side to side motion argues against the photograph being the result of a double exposure or other malfunction of the camera. When spirit beings have transmitted images of themselves from the spirit world, they are observed to have spirit bodies that resemble their physical bodies when they were alive. The perception of beauty largely depends on factors such as complexion and physique. For example, a woman in one incarnation may be tall, thin, have wonderful skin, a perfect smile and a toned body. Due to these factors and their effect on her appearance, this woman may become a celebrated fashion model or beauty queen. In another incarnation, this same woman, with identical facial architecture, may be born with a coarse complexion, a stout body and crooked teeth. This woman would now be considered ordinary appearing, by observers. The point is that any facial architecture may be perceived as beautiful or unattractive, based on these variables. I believe that we can alternate being attractive and ordinary, from lifetime to lifetime, based on the lessons we are to learn in a particular incarnation. Most wars are based in differences in these cultural markers of identity. Anne Frank was persecuted and died in a concentration camp as a Jew, while Barbro was born into a Christian family in Sweden. If the German people at the time of WW II knew that one could be born Jewish in one lifetime and Christian in another, then the Holocaust could never have happened. This percentage was reported by Ian Stevenson, MD, in his series of reincarnation cases in which children had spontaneous past life memories that were objectively validated. This observation can give us insight on why some people are homosexual or have gender identity issues. If a soul is accustomed to incarnating in one gender and then has a lifetime as the opposite sex, that soul may still identify with the previous, usual gender. Important Ian Stevenson cases that demonstrated change in gender with homosexuality or gender identity issues include: Those who are innately

masculine tend to reincarnate as males. Those who are innately feminine prefer to return in a female body. We all switch gender periodically, to learn what it is like to be a different gender. Some of our personality traits are positive and we carry them with us to our benefit. Other personality traits can be detrimental and can cause suffering from one lifetime to another. It appears that part of our evolution is to smooth out the rough spots in our dispositions. As an example, consider a person who is an extremely aggressive by nature. A benefit of being aggressive is that the person accomplishes his goals. A negative aspect is that other people may be hurt by an aggressive approach. The goal for an aggressive person over the period of one lifetime or more would be to take in consideration the feelings of others. For example, if someone died of a bullet or knife wound in a past incarnation, Stevenson noted that a birthmark or scar would appear at the same location on the body in a subsequent lifetime. He compiled such cases in his enormous two-volume work, *Reincarnation and Biology*: We can use our concept of an energy body underlying the physical body to understand the mechanism of how birthmarks may be related to past life wounds. This energy template can be affected by physical trauma. The traumatic imprint on the energy body is then expressed in a subsequent incarnation on the physical body. As such, efforts in advancing ourselves are never wasted as we build upon our endeavors from lifetime to lifetime. Child prodigies can be explained by reincarnation, as the soul appears to be able to download information and talent into the developing physical body and mind. The reincarnation case of John Elliotson Norm Shealy demonstrates how talent as a medical doctor can be carried over from one incarnation to another. Though we seem to have a similar level of spiritual maturity and intellectual advancement across lifetimes, we can trade off being poor and rich, famous and unknown. We take turns being placed in and out of the spotlight. Our status in life seems to be determined by the karma we have created in past lifetimes, as well as by the lessons our souls have set for ourselves to learn. Still, there is the pattern that powerful souls come back as powerful souls, great artists come back as great artists and those who have made an impact in the past do so again in subsequent lifetimes. In the case of John B. Gordon Jeff Keene , a formal linguistic analysis by a university professor was done which indeed demonstrated that writing structure can remain the same from one incarnation to another. Some variation in writing style, of course, will be observed due to differing customs of various eras. Still, consistencies in modes of expression and in content are observed. It will be interesting to see if qualities of voice remain consistent from one incarnation to another. More extreme examples involve xenoglossy cases, where the past life personality emerges intact in a contemporary incarnation. Xenoglossy is the ability to understand a foreign language that has not been learned in the contemporary lifetime. In addition to the recovery of a language from a past lifetime, in some xenoglossy cases, the entire past life personality emerges and essentially takes over the body of the contemporary personality. These cases demonstrate that the soul can retain past life personalities intact within it. Similar cases include the xenoglossy cases of Gretchen Gottlieb Dolores Jay and Jensen Jacoby TE One way to image how the personality is preserved is to see ourselves as a bubble that is a miniature version of our soul. After our incarnation is completed, the soul resorbs the bubble that is us and retains our bubble within itself forever. In the cases such as Sharada Uttara Huddar , the Sharada bubble, which has resided in the soul since its incarnation ended, emerged from within the soul to express itself through Uttara, a soul bubble that has incarnated. I term this phenomenon "split incarnation. A dramatic and compelling set of cases that illustrate split incarnation involve Penney Peirce. How does split incarnation work? This idea is illustrated in the Introduction to Split Incarnation. Each arm has its separate existence, yet both arms are controlled by one brain or mind. In split incarnation, we can see splits as appendages of the soul. Relationships Renewed through Reincarnation, Soul Groups and Your Destiny or Life Plan People appear to come into life in groups, based on shared karma and emotional attachments. Couples often come back together and entire family units can recur. Ian Stevenson did a very important twin study in which the past lives of 31 sets of twins 62 people were factually validated. In percent of these cases, the twins had significant past life relationships. The most common type of past life relationship was that of siblings, followed by friendships, other family relationships, then being spouses in the past incarnation. Past Life Relationships of Twins Siblings: Two cases featured in this study involve the reincarnation cases of a set of Burmese twins , which also demonstrate physical resemblance from one incarnation to another. Image comparisons of these Burmese twins, who were sisters in their past incarnations, are provided above. Phyu

reincarnated as San and Saipai reincarnated as her twin, Nyunt. How do we connect with our karmic groups? The answer, it appears, is destiny. In analyzing past-life cases, it is observed that we all have a predetermined destiny or life itinerary which brings us to the people we are supposed to spend time with. Think of your life as an extended vacation that you plan in advance. You decide who you want and need to see, where you want to go, and what activities you would like to participate in. You coordinate your itinerary with the people you are to rendezvous with. You, your karmic friends, and loved ones all agree to the plan before you are born. Once you come into life, destiny ensures that you meet up with your karmic soul group. The settings for karmic affiliations can be our families, work life and recreational pursuits. These settings are stages on which we play out the karmic dramas of our lives. When we get the urge to take a new job, travel to a new city, or take up a new recreational pursuit, many times this is a part of our destiny being played out. New venues bring us to karmic groups we need to be with. As noted in the above title, this past life case encompasses an amazing number of principles of reincarnation. Indeed, it is a showcase of principles of reincarnation and allows us to understand past lives in great depth.

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Reincarnation is the philosophical or religious concept that an aspect of a living being starts a new life in a different physical body or form after each biological death.

The Time Between Incarnations on Earth Advanced astrologers usually take the view that each person chooses the conditions and planetary positions that they wish to enter the world into, because they know in between incarnations what lessons they need to work on during their next life. The person in question may not incarnate for centuries, or may incarnate quickly, but will have guides which help review what was accomplished in terms of good and bad karma earlier, and what is necessary to balance the karmic scales better in the next incarnation. One belief about reincarnation is that in between incarnations, the soul reviews all the rights and wrongs done in the previous life, along with a guardian angel. This information is found in what the Bible calls "The Book of Life. They are shown certain scenes of possible life circumstances, and get to choose which one they want to reincarnate into, in order to bring their soul closer to perfection. They will there try to learn the needed lessons to grow spiritually. Buddhism has a similar view, but one I like more. The soul in between incarnations goes to a place called The Bardo. He or she enters a large room filled with people making love. In this lovely scene, the soul chooses the couple who will be the best parents to help them learn what they need to progress to the next level. The first Node is the the North Node, which tells what astrological area you need to work on in this lifetime. The second node is the South Node, collected knowledge you have from Past Lives Source Your Spiritual Growth Is a Continuing Story It is generally acknowledged in the astrology world that the nodes of the Moon are very important in viewing your life or lives as part of a continuing story. These nodes show you what course your life is moving on in your current life, and the rest of the horoscope tells you what you will likely do as you make this particular journey. The nodes inform you of the cause and effect, or karmic relationships by which you live your life. This information is the difference between mundane astrology, which is just the plain interpretation of your horoscope, and spiritual astrology, which introduces the Hindu concept of reincarnation into the mix. It encompasses more than just the last incarnation. It is a combination of attitudes, ideas, events and thoughts from every incarnation the person has lived through. The accumulation and unresolved effects of all of these actions and reactions have created the karmic conditions that are happening in the current lifetime. Behavior patterns, and even appearance to a certain degree, are the result of maybe one hundred lifetimes or incarnations. Because of this, only so much karma can be balanced in one lifetime. It is easy to relax on the foundation of what was built in the past, on the old and familiar. Since the south node of the Moon deals with our pasts, it is a weak spot, since it represents what experiences we have left behind. Or hopefully we left them behind. No matter what paths we take to try to get away from our pasts, the trail of the south node leaves us open to karmic excesses we need to get away from. We must look to the future, and usually do not stop to ponder the new circumstances we have created until they are right in the middle of our paths. But the habits of all our other lifetimes are still there, and it can be very easy to fall back into that path of least resistance we are so used to. It can be so much easier to try to keep reliving fragments of the past, and hoping they can help show us the way to our future. They can hypnotize us back into old, bad modes of behaviors, and only help if one delves back long enough to recall what went wrong with the old mode of behavior, so as not to repeat it. The south node is safe if one just takes a quick look back, to remember what went wrong, and just does not do the same things. But the south node of the past can be like quicksand too. Curiosity can be our biggest asset, but also our greatest enemy, if we keep looking back and repeating the same mistakes. And that can be so easy to do, some relationships and events leave terrible emotional scars, and we must work hard to come to grips with them. But one has to come to terms with the past, understand what happened intellectually, and move on. Of course, this is easier said than done. But when the events were very emotional, intuitive, and feel too familiar, it is a bad thing to make those same events the reality of the present all over again. The person may not realize they are falling back on old, negative ways of behavior until loved ones tell them. So it is very important that the south node is the memory bank of what has already been lived through, but one should not try to live there again. Moving

Towards Future Growth The north node symbolizes the future, and all the new experiences we have not yet tried. This is a brand new cycle, and it pulls the soul towards its future growth. When one tries something new, there is divine providence, and the person is usually rewarded for their efforts, and receives celestial help. One can feel a new sense of direction in the very core of their being, and wants to move forward even in the face of obstacles in the path. The position of the north node of the Moon is like reaping one benefit after another, or hopping on a path of stepping stones of future growth. The north node shows the highest height of expression that can be reached in the current incarnation, and is interpreted with the highest qualities of the sign and house of the horoscope in which it is placed. Like any new thing a person tries to do, it will seem a little hard at first. We all feel unsure of ourselves when we try something unfamiliar. But we must face up to the fact that most tests of courage are meaningful, and they usually must be faced alone, as your own unique experience. It can be fascinating to experience new things, and who does not like a new adventure? Changing Old Habits is Difficult Some people love change, and some find it very hard and a quite scary concept. Experiencing new karmic experiences is like walking up a big hill or climbing a mountain which keeps getting steeper and steeper. Each time we think we have made it to the top, higher possibilities become visible, but the course seems more demanding. Is there still be a desire to keep going forward? This can be a point where it would be so easy to fall back on our laurels. A person cannot reach the north node in completion until the past or south node can be left behind, or the past can become a type of karmic prison. Our discontent with the past and its outmoded ways must go. The great desire for exploration and discovery of our highest potentials are in the future, and to reach them we must go forward. Each step closer to the north node makes a person start to feel really good about their self. When one experiences possibilities which they never considered, life starts to take on more and better meaning. But man cannot achieve his north node potentials without a lot of strength. He must give up negative habits gracefully, and tuck away those memories which serve no useful purpose in life anymore. Circumstances that were once meaningful but turned into something negative are hard to let go, but let go we must. The best feature of the north node is that no matter how well a person does in reaching its highest potential, there is always the possibility to go higher, in an upward spiral towards spirituality. I have Pluto conjunct NN in 12th hse Virgo. Have I possibly erred in a past life causing me to repeat a cycle? I am intrigued by "Curiosity can be our biggest asset, but also our greatest enemy, if we keep looking back and repeating the same mistakes. I would like to break any regressive loop that might exist. The South Node is about past lives, while the North is about the direction you need to go to correct things, beginning in this life. The 12th house is about secrets and sorrows, so in Pisces, and other lives, maybe you either worked in a prison or hospital where you saw sorrow. Or you may have had or known people close to you with substance abuse issues. Change is hard, and we often make the same mistakes for many lifetimes. Aim for the Virgo traits and take better care of yourself. In Pisces incarnations, you probably wore yourself out caring for others or partying with them.

7: Reincarnation - Wikipedia

Stevenson's books include Children Who Remember Previous Lives, Cases of the Reincarnation Type, Twenty Cases Suggestive of Reincarnation, Where Reincarnation and Biology Intersect, and Reincarnation and Biology. The world's leading authority on the subject, he is the author of more than a dozen scholarly books and articles.

Technically, this need not rule out reincarnation. It could be that some of us have lived before while the rest of us are newcomers. It is an urban myth that has been around since the 1950s, and it is easily contradicted by both population studies and simple arithmetic. In fact, the number of people who perished in the last century alone is enough to give each of us alive today at least one past life. So, how many people have lived and died on Earth before us? How many past lives have there been altogether? Number crunching Studies of world population growth show that it has shot up exponentially in the last 2,000 years: World population since 10,000 BC. But a rise in the population of people alive at once is unrelated to the number of souls reincarnating. What if, say, there are actually 20 billion souls reincarnating, but only a fraction are ever present on the planet at the same time? In counting all the people who have ever existed, population is only one factor. Population statistics tell us how many people were alive at different points in time, but now how many different people lived during a period of time. Fertility and mortality rates affect this number a great deal. We have to estimate the number of lives born over a given period from an estimate of the likely number of births per head of population. Today that figure is about 20 births per year for every 1,000 people, but in ancient history it was more like 10. I reproduced his calculations on a spreadsheet, year-by-year from 1 AD to 10,000 BC. Add this to the 47 billion births since 10,000 BCE and we get about 100 billion in total. That gives the 7 billion of us currently present something like 14 billion past lives to play with – an average of 18 past lives each. Soul ages In terms of reincarnation, 18 past lives on average seems quite reasonable. A lot of believers would probably find that satisfactory. But I have been experiencing a bit of cognitive dissonance. Something is not as I expected. The souls making up the current world population of 7 billion have been estimated to be in the different stages in a bell-shaped curve, something like the following pattern: The world at this time does indeed appear to be dominated by souls in the third stage of evolution – the stage of competitive action, progress and personal achievement. Again, according to the Michael teachings: In fact, by most accounts, it typically takes three or four lifetimes to progress through one learning step. Which means that each of the five soul ages typically involves something like 18 lives, and the entire sequence, from first incarnation to last, will take over 100 incarnations. So if the world average is indeed in the young soul stage, then the average number of past lives ought to be more like 50, not 18. So – why this discrepancy? Logically, there are several possibilities. Reincarnation is a myth and all of this is nonsense. Reincarnation is real, but current estimates for previous human births are wide of the mark. The true figure is closer to 100 billion. It remains to be seen if future discoveries will affect the calculations here. Reincarnation is real, but the Michael teachings have it wrong in some way: So 18, not 50, could be correct. Reincarnation is real, the Michael teachings are correct, but there is something wrong with how I have applied them – Picking up on the last point, one possibility is that many of the souls here today could have partly evolved in other forms before using the human species. Older souls, for example, may have started off on some other planet thousands of years ago before reincarnating as human beings. And there are a lot of concurrent incarnations at the present time. In which case, the 7 billion alive right now could be incarnations of a considerably smaller number of actual souls – maybe 2 or 3 billion. Playing once again with the old spreadsheet, I find that this can readily fit the data if we allow each soul to have an average of 2. Visited 10,000 times, 1 visits today.

8: Deja Vu And Other Signs That You Have A Past Life

*Reincarnation is considered by some to be the greatest "unknown" scientific discovery of modern times. In the last chapter of Dr. Ian Stevenson's book entitled *Twenty Cases Suggestive of Reincarnation* (), he provides exhaustive scientific reasoning which concludes that reincarnation is the only viable explanation that fits the facts of his study.*

Conceptual definitions[edit] The word "reincarnation" derives from Latin , literally meaning, "entering the flesh again". Another Greek term sometimes used synonymously is palingenesis , "being born again". Gilgul means "cycle" and neshamot is "souls". Kabbalistic reincarnation says that humans reincarnate only to humans and to the same sex only: The Greek Pre-Socratics discussed reincarnation, and the Celtic Druids are also reported to have taught a doctrine of reincarnation. Proponents of cultural transmission have looked for links between Iron Age Celtic, Greek and Vedic philosophy and religion, [31] some[who? This asserts that the nature of existence is a "suffering-laden cycle of life, death, and rebirth, without beginning or end". Liberation from this cycle of existence, Nirvana, is the foundation and the most important purpose of Buddhism. While Nirvana is taught as the ultimate goal in the Theravadin Buddhism, and is essential to Mahayana Buddhism, the vast majority of contemporary lay Buddhists focus on accumulating good karma and acquiring merit to achieve a better reincarnation in the next life. Between generally virtuous lives, some are more virtuous; while evil too has degrees, and the texts assert that it would be unfair for people, with varying degrees of virtue or vices, to end up in heaven or hell, in "either or" and disproportionate manner irrespective of how virtuous or vicious their lives were. Thus Buddhism and Hinduism have a very different view on whether a self or soul exists, which impacts the details of their respective rebirth theories. Orpheus plays his lyre to the left. Early Greek discussion of the concept likewise dates to the 6th century BCE. An early Greek thinker known to have considered rebirth is Pherecydes of Syros fl. Authorities have not agreed on how the notion arose in Greece: In *Phaedo* , Plato makes his teacher Socrates , prior to his death, state: The wheel of birth revolves, the soul alternates between freedom and captivity round the wide circle of necessity. Orpheus proclaimed the need of the grace of the gods, Dionysus in particular, and of self-purification until the soul has completed the spiral ascent of destiny to live for ever. An association between Pythagorean philosophy and reincarnation was routinely accepted throughout antiquity. In the *Republic* Plato makes Socrates tell how Er, the son of Armenius, miraculously returned to life on the twelfth day after death and recounted the secrets of the other world. There are myths and theories to the same effect in other dialogues, in the *Chariot* allegory of the *Phaedrus* , in the *Meno* , *Timaeus* and *Laws*. The soul, once separated from the body, spends an indeterminate amount of time in "formland" see *The Allegory of the Cave* in *The Republic* and then assumes another body. In later Greek literature the doctrine is mentioned in a fragment of Menander [93] and satirized by Lucian. Persius in his *satires* vi. In Greco-Roman thought , the concept of metempsychosis disappeared with the rise of Early Christianity , reincarnation being incompatible with the Christian core doctrine of salvation of the faithful after death. It has been suggested that some of the early Church Fathers, especially Origen , still entertained a belief in the possibility of reincarnation, but evidence is tenuous, and the writings of Origen as they have come down to us speak explicitly against it. The Sethians and followers of Valentinus believed in it. Another such teacher was Basilides â€”? In the third Christian century Manichaeism spread both east and west from Babylonia , then within the Sassanid Empire , where its founder Mani lived about â€” Manichaean monasteries existed in Rome in AD. However the inter-relation of Manicheanism, Orphism, Gnosticism and neo-Platonism is far from clear. Julius Caesar recorded that the druids of Gaul, Britain and Ireland had metempsychosis as one of their core doctrines: In addition, scholars have identified a variety of references to reincarnation among the Germanic peoples outside the North Germanic sphere. Judaism[edit] The belief in reincarnation had first existed amongst Jewish mystics in the Ancient World, among whom differing explanations were given of the after-life, although with a universal belief in an immortal soul. Kabbalah Jewish mysticism , teaches a belief in gilgul , transmigration of souls, and hence the belief in reincarnation is universal in Hasidic Judaism , which regards the Kabbalah as sacred and authoritative, and is also held as an esoteric belief within Modern Orthodox Judaism. In Judaism , the *Zohar* , first published in the 13th century,

discusses reincarnation at length, especially in the Torah portion "Balak. The 18th century Lithuanian master scholar and kabbalist, Rabbi Elijah, known as the Vilna Gaon Elijah of Vilna , authored a commentary on the biblical Book of Jonah as an allegory of reincarnation. The practice of conversion to Judaism is sometimes understood within Orthodox Judaism in terms of reincarnation. According to this school of thought in Judaism, when non-Jews are drawn to Judaism, it is because they had been Jews in a former life. Such souls may "wander among nations" through multiple lives, until they find their way back to Judaism, including through finding themselves born in a gentile family with a "lost" Jewish ancestor. There is existence without limitation; there is continuity without a starting-point. Existence without limitation is Space. Continuity without a starting point is Time. There is birth, there is death, there is issuing forth, there is entering in. These included the Cathar , Paterene or Albigensian church of western Europe, the Paulician movement, which arose in Armenia, [] and the Bogomils in Bulgaria. During the Renaissance translations of Plato, the Hermetica and other works fostered new European interest in reincarnation. Notable personalities like Annie Besant , W. Yeats and Dion Fortune made the subject almost as familiar an element of the popular culture of the west as of the east. Later Jung would emphasise the importance of the persistence of memory and ego in psychological study of reincarnation: Religions and philosophies[edit] Further information: There is no permanent heaven or hell in Hinduism. Just as in the body childhood, adulthood and old age happen to an embodied being. So also he the embodied being acquires another body. The wise one is not deluded about this. So after casting away worn out bodies, the embodied Self encounters other new ones. Released from birth, death, old age and pain, he attains immortality. According to various Buddhist scriptures, Gautama Buddha believed in the existence of an afterlife in another world and in reincarnation, Since there actually is another world any world other than the present human one, i. One theory suggests that it occurs through consciousness Pali: This process, states this theory, is similar to the flame of a dying candle lighting up another. Theravada Buddhists assert that rebirth is immediate while the Tibetan schools hold to the notion of a bardo intermediate state that can last up to 49 days. A distinction can be drawn between "folk Zen", as in the Zen practiced by devotional lay people, and "philosophical Zen". Folk Zen generally accepts the various supernatural elements of Buddhism such as rebirth. Philosophical Zen, however, places more emphasis on the present moment. For the Sautrantika school, each act "perfumes" the individual or "plants a seed" that later germinates. Tibetan Buddhism stresses the state of mind at the time of death. To die with a peaceful mind will stimulate a virtuous seed and a fortunate rebirth; a disturbed mind will stimulate a non-virtuous seed and an unfortunate rebirth. Left panel depicts the demi-god and his animal vehicle presiding over each hell. Actions are seen to have consequences: So the doctrine of karma is not considered simply in relation to one life-time, but also in relation to both future incarnations and past lives. Sometimes it acquires the body of a demon ; all this happens on account of its karma. The souls bound by karma go round and round in the cycle of existence. For example, a good and virtuous life indicates a latent desire to experience good and virtuous themes of life. Therefore, such a person attracts karma that ensures that his future births will allow him to experience and manifest his virtues and good feelings unhindered. On the other hand, a person who has indulged in immoral deeds, or with a cruel disposition, indicates a latent desire to experience cruel themes of life. Hence, whatever suffering or pleasure that a soul may be experiencing in its present life is on account of choices that it has made in the past. The four gatis are: Nigodas are souls at the bottom end of the existential hierarchy. They are so tiny and undifferentiated, that they lack even individual bodies, living in colonies. According to Jain texts, this infinity of nigodas can also be found in plant tissues, root vegetables and animal bodies. The four main destinies are further divided into sub-categories and still smaller sub-sub-categories. In all, Jain texts speak of a cycle of 8.

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If you believe in reincarnation and past lives the odds are that you will not see them and recognize them in life after this body of yours dies. Proponents of reincarnation like Barry here will tell you "there's a good chance they will be one of the first to greet you during your transition into the realm of light".

Solutions Definite Evidence and Maybe even Proof of Reincarnation Many people refuse to believe reincarnation is possible. Reincarnation is frequently rejected as impossible by those who worship at the altar of rational materialism and mainstream science. Evidence of Reincarnation Reincarnation researchers such as Dr. The accounts are truly incredible. In some cases their stories can be proven in black-and-white: Below is a selection of 3 cases of modern-day reincarnation, out of literally thousands that have been recorded, documented and compiled. Cameron was born in Glasgow, Scotland, to his mother Norma. He talked about living in a white house with 3 toilets, seeing airplanes fly out his window and having a mother with long brown hair. Cameron even described the way his father died while crossing the road: The weird thing was that Norma had never been to Barra. Eventually the family went to Barra and found the white house just as Cameron had described. James Leininger The story of James Leininger is no less amazing. At the age of 2, James started telling his parents stories of not being able to escape from something. He was having nightmares about it. They were able to verify everything he said. Shanti Devi as an adult. Shanti Devi This case happened in the s. Shanti Devi was born in India in , and like many of these cases, started speaking about a previous life in great and vivid detail at the age of 4. The girl even gave a detailed account of her death following childbirth. Shanti Devi blushed and stood on one side. He is my husband himself. Tears welled in her eyes when she hugged him. She asked her mother to bring all her toys and give them to Navneet. But she was too excited to wait for her mother to act and ran to bring them. Kedarnath asked her how she had recognized Navneet as her son, when she had seen him only once as an infant before she died. Shanti explained that her son was a part of her soul and the soul is able to easily recognize this fact. Just a myth from ancient Greece, or something deeper? Traditionally it has been the responsibility of the High Lamas of the Gelugpa Tradition and the Tibetan government to find his reincarnation. The process can take around two or three years to identify the Dalai Lama, and for the 14th, Tenzin Gyatso it was four years before he was found. The High Lamas used several ways in which they can increase the chances of finding the reincarnation. High Lamas often visit the holy lake, called Lhamo La-tso, in central Tibet and watch for a sign from the lake itself. This may be either a vision or some indication of the direction in which to search and this was how Tenzin Gyatso was found. They came back a few days later to perform the final test to confirm whether or not the child was the reincarnated Dalai Lama. They presented an assortment of objects to the child, including a rosary and a bell that belonged to the deceased 13th Dalai Lama. This is puzzling and rather illogical. However, there always seems to be a soul group connection, leading me to consider the possibility that our spiritual guides are souls we have been the closest to in our past lives.

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