

Reincarnation Questions Answered

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Why believe in reincarnation?

- It has been objectively observed all over the world that some children, and a few adults, retain their memory of past human life.
- Thousands of years old and most ancient Vedic scriptures, e.g. the Vedas, and Bhagavad Gita, describe reincarnation of soul.

Why reincarnation happens?

- It happens because the soul is eternal. So, it takes another body, human or non-human after death. Just as we change clothes or house, a soul changes body after body.
 - The form of the next body of a human depends upon his/her desire at the time of death.
 - The soul chooses a body suitable to satisfy its desires.
 - Real identity of a human is the soul (jiva) within the body, not the body.

Why human population increases if the souls are eternal?

- The total number of souls is infinite.
- Souls in some non-human lives take human body after death.
- There are innumerable spiritual and material planets with lives. We and the Earth planet are not unique in the total creation by Krishna – the Supreme God (the Supersoul).

What is moksha?

- Moksha is soul's freedom from the cycles of birth and death. It is soul's deliverance, salvation, NirvaNa, or mukti.
- After moksha the soul resides in the Kingdom of God and serves God. All souls in the Kingdom of God constantly experience bliss.
 - Advanced yogis also experience bliss.

What is time length between a soul's death and its next birth?

- Minimum time can be zero, or the period in the next womb before birth.

Can a soul stay without birth for some time?

- Yes, a soul can roam as a ghost after quitting a human body and before entering womb of a life form.
 - This is not desirable. A soul feels very unhappy in ghost state because it does not have a body to satisfy its material desires.
 - A ghost can also choose to reside in one place for some time.

Is communication with ghost possible

- Yes, usually through a human medium
- Some ghosts help humans, some hurt (revenge), some may be neutral to humans.
- There are a few Vedic processes to free a soul from its ghost state of existence.

What is a jiva?

- The word jiva means a soul with a bundle of material desires.
- It is the jiva that take birth after birth.
- A soul without material desires has already attained moksha in its human body. His/her every action is for spiritual purpose, or for helping others advance spiritually.

Can a jiva enter a dead human?

- Yes, a jiva can enter a freshly dead human body if the jiva finds it suitable to satisfy its desires.
 - YouTube has a video in Hindi that tells about a lady by the name Shivaa who has entered dead body of another lady.
 - This is like fully occupying another's empty house for living rather than building ones own house and living in it.

Can a ghost enter into a live human?

- Yes, sometimes a ghost can possess and override a live human for a few minutes for communicating or satisfying its own desires.
 - A ghost can possess another live human only if the human's jiva has weak bond with its body.
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t8E1a63NB2c>
 - A side point: There is no Satan as some believe, but there are people or ghosts with satanic (demoniac) mentality and tendencies.