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THE only possible solution to the old problems of freewill and foreordination are to be found in the operation of Karma through reincarnation.

KARMA does not necessarily imply a tit-for-tat retaliation between individuals. It is rather the work of Nature's clearing-house in which all balances are adjusted, and accounts settled, each receiving his exact due.

OPPONENTS of theosophy never criticize the teaching of the Masters. They confine themselves to speaking evil things of persons engaged in promoting the movement, ignoring its ethics, its philosophy and its science.

IF we could make the material conditions of life perfectly satisfactory to every one, no overwork, no discomfort, all desires gratified, would it not tend rather to develop the sensuous and sensual qualities of our nature than the spiritual?

EVERY man chooses the body he lives in. He would not change for another on any account, for he knows inwardly that it is better suited for him to gain the experience he is seeking than any other. You may wish to occupy another's position in life, to have his opportunities, etc., but you wish to keep the body you have prepared for yourself. If you are sick, you wish to get your body well, or leave it, but not to enter another's. You made it yourself with the materials placed at your disposal by heredity according to your Karma or desert.

THE memory of past lives might be likened to the memory of dreams that have been forgotten but which something calls to mind. They are recognized at once as an experience of the self, the ego, and not of somebody else. You know that you are the same entity which received the impression in the dream state who now recalls it in the waking state. When you come to remember past lives you will have the same consciousness of identity, of a persistent, continuous self, you will recognize the events of past lives as part of your own experiences and no one else's.

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