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Comments on Spirituality

by William LePar



Karma - Real or Just Lip-service?

Karma is a very common word used in the metaphysical field, and sometimes I have to wonder whether anyone takes the word seriously or it is simply a matter of lip-service. It seems as though when you hear someone talk about karma it is always the other person's karma. Rarely do you hear someone talk about their own karma. When they do talk about karma, they talk about someone else's karma, what those people did to add to their already extensive list of karmic debt. It has been a good number of years since I have heard someone talk about the karma they themselves had to correct.

Not too long ago, I was talking to a woman who has a reputation as a psychic in her local area. Along with her claims to being a psychic, she also has added to her claims being able to regress others to help them discover and overcome their karma. I found this very interesting in light of this particular woman's own activities. In the last few years in her area she has begun to promote psychic fairs that she sponsors four or five times a year. She told me that she thought that I should get into the business of promoting psychic fairs. I asked her why. Her remarks were very straightforward: "Money! There's lots of money to be

made holding a psychic fair. The promoter always goes home with a pocket full of greenbacks."

To me, this information was not a new revelation. I had realized that many years ago in talking to other promoters. Out of curiosity, I wanted to hear her version of where the big bucks came from in a psychic fair. So I asked her, "How does the promoter make any money? Don't they have large expenses in putting on such an event?"

This was the open door for her to begin to brag about what a clever businesswoman she is.

"The out-of-pocket money for the promoter is peanuts compared to what you can make. First of all, the biggest expense is the rental of a room in some motel or hotel. This is usually under \$150, more like a hundred dollars, unless you are in some fancy place. Your other expense is \$50-75 for fliers and small ad bits in local newspapers. The fliers you don't even have to mail. You just get some people to do some legwork for you to lay a stack of them at other psychic fairs or conferences and lectures," she replied.

I asked her, "But how does the promoter make his money?"

"Well, all you have to do is pass the word around that you are putting on a psychic fair, and you will have psychics, astrologers, tarot card readers, and every other kind of so-called psychic reader ringing your phone off the hook to do readings at your fair. I have even had some get very hostile because I haven't had enough tables for them all," she said.

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What has The Council

said about ... ?

by Barb Weaver



Gambling

Q: I enjoy playing the lottery occasionally. What does The Council say about gambling? Is it wrong? D. W.

Dear Mr. W.,

The Council finds no harm in "a friendly wager" within certain limits. Problems arise when gambling becomes an obsession and begins to control a person and affect their life in a negative way, such as depriving them or their family of things that are more important.

The Council also warns that we must be careful of what we are betting on. Certain activities, such as a dog fight, would not be appropriate to bet on.

One must look at what is being supported. Is your betting a friendly wager on a sporting event? Or is it supporting the violent aspects of our society? Many of our sports today that are supposed to be athletic contests are bloody arenas where "crowds are drawn in because of the roughhouse that they see, because of the harm and the damage that may come to each other, to the players. When any sport gets to this point, then it is no longer a sport, but it is a corruptness that is covered in the name of sports. It is feeding on the weakness of man; it is feeding his most base aspects."

The Council continued by saying that it is not necessarily wrong to attend such sports or such functions.

The Council:

"Because the function has become corrupt and violated does not mean that you are corrupt if you attend. If you attend for the sports of the situation, for the sportsmen or the sporting ability of it, then you are not apt to fall into the same situation as one who is attend-

ing to see another team annihilated or another boxer mutilated."

When asked if it would be all right to play a game like instant bingo, The Council responded, "Again, gambling or a wager, what have you, if it does not control you but you control that, if you have taken care of your other responsibilities in life and you should happen to have some monies, shall we say, extra and you wish to indulge in something like that it is of no harm. Again, what are you betting on and have you fulfilled your responsibilities? Something such as you have mentioned does not really involve destruction of, shall we say, animals or the harm to individuals or groups of individuals, so if you were going to place wagers on things, something like that would probably be more acceptable than whether another individual beats another individual to a pulp."

Thank you for your question. For more information on this topic, I would refer you to the Trance Lending Library File Sports and Leisure Activities.

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A Day to Remember

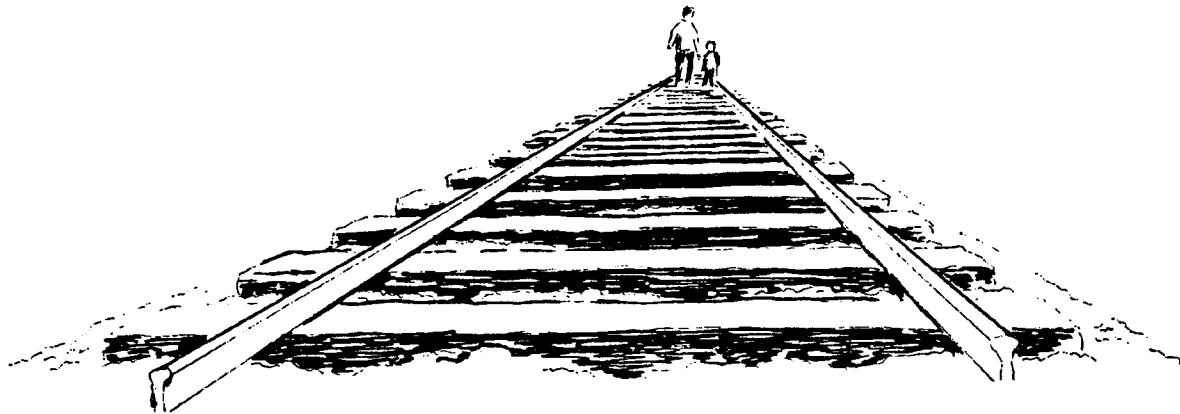
by Don Weisgarber



could size one feet make it the whole way and if not, then what? We had no contingency plans. Our only strategy was to walk halfway, eat a picnic lunch, and then continue on. Our goal was single: Grandma's house or bust, with fun along the way.

It turned out that the trip was all we hoped it would be, and much more. As for my doubts about my son running out of gas midway; he wanted to run the final quarter-mile. (It was my fatherly duty, of course, to point out the danger of running on railroad tracks.) The best thing about it all was it was time spent together, exclusive time, time when a son has his father all to himself, and what's more, they are sharing an adventure. As for me, it was time spent with an eye to the future. A future time when "Grandma," my mother, will no longer be in the house at the other end of the tracks, and my son and I will talk, a little sadly, of our arrival at Grandma's house — her wide-eyed surprise as we recounted our feat. A time when my son will tell his

It was going to be, as parents like to say, a challenge. For my six-year-old son, an adventure. We were going to walk the three miles to Grandma's house. And not just any three miles, but three miles of railroad track. If you've never walked a railroad, be assured it's not as easy as walking a sidewalk or a street. You have to walk the ties, or sleepers, that support the rails. They have depressions between them and are unevenly spaced so that you must constantly watch your footing. And the intervals between



the ties never seem to fit your stride whether you are young (as in six years of age) or old (as in the father of a six-year-old.)

A short distance of walking while watching your feet is fine, but we had a long way ahead of us. It just so happens that the Y&A railway that runs a few hundred yards behind our house also runs a few hundred yards from Grandma's house, where I grew up. Of course, back then it wasn't the Y&A, but the B&O. It matured over the years into the Chessie System, then the Seaboard System, and then the CSX. When it was the B&O, it was in its heyday, with enormous steam engines thundering by, spewing great clouds of smoke that coated our house with soot; today it's just a shadow of its former self, but then aren't we all.

I knew we'd have no trouble with the sorry little things that now pass for trains. Distance was the key here —

son about a vague remembrance of "walking these tracks with my dad back when I was a little boy."

Now I think of all we would have missed — then and in the future telling — if, when approached I had said, "No son, you're too little, you could never walk that far," if my expectations of what he could do, of what we could accomplish together, were not set high. There is an adventure that awaits us at every turn, in every aspect of our lives — as children, as parents, as friends, as sons of God. We need only say "Yes" and we are on our way.

The Council offers these words of inspiration as we step out on our spiritual journey: "As we said earlier, it is not the wisdom, it is not the knowledge that you have,

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Health Hints

by Marilyn Ridzon



Healing and Nature of Animals

How animals help us in our time of depression or recuperation! Many times you may have heard that animals have healing powers. The Council says very simply:

"If you have a friend or a relative who is ailing and lonely and you give him a gift of an animal, it brings him joy and something to look forward to, you are in a sense giving them a healing. This can also be carried to an actual physical healing."

When we are lonely or recuperating from an injury, there are times when we get depressed and have a difficult time understanding our feelings. I myself have felt this.

The Council states, "There are instances where there can be, shall we say, a soothing effect by animals themselves that would assist in a healing in a physical sense or what have you, but an animal itself cannot actually heal per se."

I know for sure that animals do help. To give you some idea of what I mean, at one time I worked in a nursing home part time. On the days the animals were brought in to visit the residence, you could actually see the older peoples' eyes light up just to be able to pet a dog or cat or to hold some small animal. They waited from month to month just for animal day.

I remember when my father had a stroke and his right side was paralyzed. Mom and dad had a small white poodle. He was at my father's side at all times and would not let anyone near my father. The little dog would jump up in dad's lap and wanted dad to pet him. At first my dad could not move his arm but little by little he started to move his arm. Finally he succeeded in petting the dog.

It was not one hundred percent, but there was a great improvement in his movement. With some therapy and a lot of exercise, he could finally eat by himself. The doctor had told us he would never get well, and the doctor was very surprised and pleased to see my father's improvement. After we explained to the doctor how my father

worked to pet the dog and how the dog was always at his side, the doctor said that if he hadn't seen it for himself he would not have believed that a dog could make such a difference. The doctor said not to expect miracles, but our dog deserved a lot of credit. The doctor said after all dad was a very sick man but having the will to return some love to the dog sure worked wonders for him.

The doctor gave my family only one year to have dad. With the help of the love of the family and that dog, dad lived for five years. The blood clot the doctor warned us about finally hit dad and ended his life.

We talk about this at home and how can we disbelieve after we saw for ourselves what love between dog and master can do.

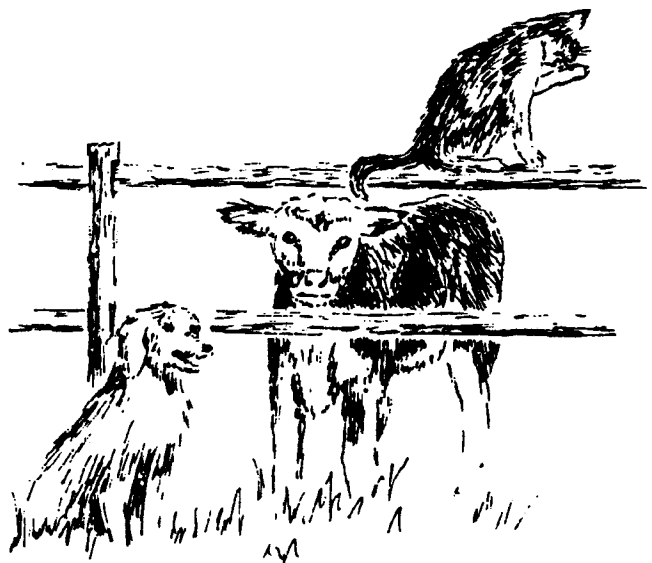
I say, yes, animals help in whatever way they can whether just being a companion or a watch dog. It only proves the old saying:

A Man's Best Friend is his Dog.

Thank you all for letting me share this true story with you.

Peace be with you,

Joe Hunchuck



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"But how does all this bring the promoter money?" I asked.

"Well, you sell them a table," she said. "The price is anywhere from \$25 to \$60. In this area, it averages about \$30 a table. Then you get a cut of 50% of the reading. Now figure it out, Bill. If you get \$30 for their table that they read at and 50% of the readings at \$15 for a 15-minute reading and they have ten customers, that gives you 50% of \$150 which is \$75 plus their \$30 table fee which brings me \$105 per reader. If you have 20 readers, that's over \$2000. And that's just the readers. Don't forget you have tables for exhibitors. Since you don't get a cut off of their sales, you hit them harder for the cost of their tables. You charge them anywhere from \$65 - \$100 per table, in this area. Some of the bigger fairs charge \$250 and up. Those psychic fairs usually refer to themselves as symposiums and expos. If the exhibitors ask for a total of 30 tables at \$70 a table, that's another \$2000 plus. Then on top of this the attendees pay to get in. You get \$3-5 out of each one. If you have 300 people attend at \$4 a ticket, that's \$1200. The total take would be over \$5,000, and all you had to put out was two or three hundred dollars, tops. Not a bad business deal, is it, Bill?"

"It sounds like a lucrative business for the promoters, but what happens if people aren't interested in getting readings, then you aren't going to be making the big bucks?" I asked.

"You never have to worry about that," she said. "The people who go to psychic fairs go there for the readers. That is where they spend all their bucks. They're happy to spend their fifteen dollars to hear how spiritual they are, or how they are going to take that trip, or they are going to come into some money, or they are going to get a better job, or how their love life or health is going to improve. Most people who come to a psychic fair will get at least two readings. If you give them a price cut of a couple of bucks on a three reading package, they'll jump at it. This also gives you the chance to push people to readers who are not so busy. That keeps your readers happy and also cuts down on the number of people who have to wait to get a reading. Sometimes I have had as many as twenty people waiting to get a reading."

"It sounds like you and the readers are doing well, how about the exhibitors?" I asked.

"Some of the jewelry vendors do all right, others struggle by, but it doesn't really matter," she said. "There's always someone who wants to peddle their jewelry. So if an exhibitor doesn't do well and doesn't want to come back, you just get someone else to take their place. There are plenty of jewelry vendors around. The book vendors and organizations that sell books are the ones that really come out on the short end of the stick. The people who come to psychic fairs aren't very interested in reading books." She chuckled, adding, "if they can even read. But that's their karma."

But that's their karma. That's the rationalization that many people, like this woman and others, use to justify the rip-off of innocent and trusting people. The burden of negative karma must be borne directly on the shoulders of people like this woman and others who are in the metaphysical field for nothing more than the bucks to be made, the satisfaction of their own self-serving egomania or those who envision themselves as demigods, sages, or great spiritual leaders that lead their followers around like sheep, overwhelming these sincere people with philosophies and concepts that are nothing more than intellectual gymnastics, abstract concepts, or half-truths. I think it would be wise for all of us in the metaphysical field to look a great deal closer at our motivation, sincerity, and ethics. Quite possibly it would serve us well if we all asked ourselves, "What is my karma?" We shouldn't just question ourselves, but we must challenge ourselves as to what our motivation was and is. If we don't deal with our motivations properly, we may discover that what we thought was their karma just might be our karma.

So the next time you want to say, "That's their karma," stop and ask yourself, "Is that my karma?"

Points to Ponder

by Dr. James Ridzon



The Tissue Issue

OK, so your grown son lost his job and before you know it he has moved back in with you. You're at the end of your string, what with him lounging all day in front of the T.V., drinking up all your diet pop, and gobbling groceries like a starving horse. What can you do to get your life back to normal? How about, how can I put this delicately, why not just murder him? Although I don't doubt that the thought might occur to you, almost no one would ever have considered it seriously. And yet if a woman finds herself pregnant, then some would argue that she should have a choice between having the baby or terminating the pregnancy. To me, these are equivalent arguments in which a relative proves to be an inconvenience and therefore can be eliminated; the difference is mainly one of timing. Even the staunchest pro-choice advocate would not approve of killing your free-loading offspring in the above example. How do they manage to approve the termination of that same child before birth? If they insist on the absolute right to abortion, then they are forced to embark on a course of tortured, after-the-fact reasoning wherein they declare that the unborn fetus is, in fact, not a human being but rather a blob of tissue, at least in the early months. Therefore terminating a blob of tissue is a neutral act, whereas terminating a human being is murder. In truth, this is the crux of the pro-life, pro-choice battle: At what point does a fetus become a human being? If an abortion takes place before that point, then perhaps the pro-choice people have a case.

Most people would agree that a fetus becomes a human being at the point where the human soul occupies the "blob of tissue." If you don't like all the implications of the term "soul" then we can substitute a term like "human life principle." Even an atheist would agree that a living person has something that a dead body does not. We'll call that "something" the "soul." And when does the soul inhabit the fetus? Nobody knows for sure, but it must happen sometime between conception and birth. The Supreme Court says that a fetus becomes a human at birth but that misses the point. A legal definition does not make it so in real terms. Mr. William LePar's psychic source, The Council, tells us that the soul can inhabit a fetus at any time

between the moment of conception right up to the time of birth and in some cases, shortly after birth. Each case is different and no one can say for certain when a fetus becomes a human being.

What the pro-choice people need, if they are for abortion but against murder, is a test, a measurement, a method to determine if the soul has entered the fetus. If so, then abortion would be tantamount to murder; if not, then perhaps it would not be murder. It seems to me that such a determination of soul non-presence can be the only possible argument to justify an abortion even in rape and incest. In a rape it is the rapist who is guilty. To jail or execute him makes some sense but to kill an unborn human is to punish the wrong person. If pro-choice is not to be synonymous with pro-murder, then the only way out is to be able to determine if the human soul has entered the fetus or not. But is this possible? Let's see what The Council has to say.

Let us tell you one thing and please always keep this in mind: As time goes on, the situation with determining whether a human being is a human being at a particular point in time, this situation will become more critical. Let us tell you this. If you do not believe anything else that we have ever said or will say, believe this: There will never be a soul on the face of the earth who will be able to say when an entity or when a soul has occupied the fetus, and there is a reason for that. It is tied in with the karmic situation. One guarantee for all those souls who will find a need for reincarnation, a guarantee of protection is that no entity living on the face of the earth will ever be able to tell whether a soul is occupying an unborn fetus or not. (86-05-30, Pers. Mor. Tr. 3, p.11, ll.524-535.)

According to The Council, nobody can determine when a soul is present in the fetus and furthermore, nobody will ever be able to determine it. To maintain a pro-choice stance in the face of this evidence can only indicate that one really doesn't care if murder is involved or not. To proceed on the basis that the fetus may not be a human is not a justification. Under the law, if you burn down a house you are guilty of arson, but if a person dies in the blaze you are guilty of murder as well, even if you did not know a person was present. The moral, to would-be arsonists, is don't burn down a house that might have someone in it unless you are willing to commit murder. The same is true of an abortion and since the presence of a person in the fetus is unknowable, one dare not proceed. To do so makes about as much sense as murdering your 27 year-old, out-of-work blob of tissue.

Research Group Update

by David Lewis



To Show or Not to Show

Much attention is given these days to how we dress. Children are convinced that they need the latest kind of athletic shoe. (Remember when plain old sneakers was good enough?) Blue jeans are no longer just blue jeans. They have to be stone washed or artificially faded with acids before they are acceptable. But fashions come and go. The return of the miniskirt was hailed and applauded as signalling a rise in the stock market.

As women's skirts got shorter, so did swimwear get skimpier. Sports Illustrated's Swimsuit Issue is the largest issue of the year for the magazine, and its success can easily be seen by the host of other magazines on the newsstands with swimsuit issues.

Styles of dress have been getting sexier and sexier. Look at the advertisements on television and in magazines. Although the women's fashion industry is more driven into provocative styles, men have gone through their phases. (Remember the tight pants, open shirt, and gold chains?)

In the Sixth Research and Study Trance on Human Sexuality, the topic of appropriate dress was discussed. The question was asked: "Is it immoral for a man or woman to dress in clothing that is designed specifically for showing off the body in a sexually stimulating manner, such as, very tight pants, skimpy swimwear, low-cut dresses, or short skirts?"

The Council responded:

"It certainly shows that the individual is not thinking from the higher chakras. They certainly are not thinking from a spiritual perspective. "Immoral" is a word that we prefer not using. It certainly is not conducive to a spiritual approach to life. An individual who would blatantly exhibit their body in clothing such as you have described, their intentions are not what they should be. Therefore, such acts or such modes of

dress would not be appropriate for a decent and spiritual individual."

Appropriate is the key. The Council says that it would be appropriate to wear a swimsuit to the beach, but it would not be appropriate to wear the equivalent of a swimsuit elsewhere. And, of course, The Council advises moderation in all things. One outfit might show the shape of the body and another outfit would exaggerate the shape of the body. It is not necessary to wear long dresses and high collars, but to dress specifically to be sexually provocative, as The Council says, "is not conducive to a spiritual approach to life."

The Council continues: "You must go beyond the dress or the clothing and begin to look at why an individual would dress in such a way. In most cases, these individuals do not respect themselves, they do not care for themselves, they do not like themselves, we are talking about the inner self. Consequently, the only thing that they can recognize is the exterior self."

Our society judges by the exterior self. Madison Avenue understands this and panders to our baser aspects and our lack of self-respect. The Council says that the key to a spiritual approach to life is to learn to love yourself in a godly way, to have respect for yourself as a creation of the Divine. We have much more to offer than our physical bodies, our exterior self.

When we are deciding how to dress, what to show or not to show, choose to show the inner self, the creation of the Divine.

Calendar of Events

July 17 — Mind Power & Cosmic Energy
— Lecture by William LePar — T.C.S.P.R. —
Warren, Ohio

October 5 — Universal Being 91: Promise of the Future — 11th Annual Conference —
Canton, Ohio

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it is not what you have that will make you spiritual, but it is what you are willing to do with what you do have that will make you spiritual, that will make you godlike, that will make you fulfill yourself, to resume your rightful place in the creation of creation, to again return to your godly state so that you can once again experience that Divine energy, that Divine activity, so that this great Creator, this Father, this Infinite Light, can take you in his arms and hold you to His Bosom as a precious jewel, a wondrous gem, something of such great and such value that He could not be complete without it. This is your rightful place, this is what you are destined to, sooner or later, one way or another. You may fight your godliness all the way to receiving your crown, but it will be a battle in vain, for you are destined to be with that Divine Presence. (Million Word Celebration Trance.)

Yes, the spiritual aspects of our lives can be an adventure. We can accomplish much more than we think. With steady effort, discipline, and good intentions we can make spiritual progress. Our goal is simple and ultimate; reunion with God, yet there are so many joys along the way.

Your spiritual growth may be equal to the distance you must go. Set your goal for Grandma's house, and don't even think about not getting there. Your rewards are great if your heart is sincere. Be careful of your footing, though.

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