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## Re-incarnation

### Definitions:

Re-incarnation: the incarnation or embodiment of a soul in a new body after it has left the old one at physical death.

Transmigration: the passing (of souls) from one body to another at death

### Basic description

- The human being's activities create karmic reactions or Karma-phala ('work-fruit'). Desires, thought, words and actions in life produce a total impression on the mind.
- As long as the living entity still has material desires, Bhagwan continues to give him another opportunity to fulfil them.
- After death, the living being gets another body according to his desire, the total impression on the mind and his karma-phala.
- The 8,400,000 species are created with different sets of senses to fulfil the different desires of the living entity.
- Karma-phala, which determines the path one takes through various species or to other human bodies, is accrued only in the human form of life.
- The soul uses up his accumulated karma-phala as he passes through non-human species.
- Eventually, the soul returns to human platform, where he gets a new opportunity to carve out a new destiny.
- This cycle continues until the living entity gets free of the material world.

“Whatever state of being one remembers when he quits his body, that state he will attain without fail.”

*Bhagwad Gita 8.6*



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### Quotes:

Throughout the ages, many famous thinkers (philosophers, writers, scholars, theologians, scientists, artists, etc.) have accepted the concept of reincarnation.

*“I am confident that there is truly a such thing as living again and that the living spring from the dead.” (Greek Socrates while drinking the cup of poison)*

*“Every soul comes into this world strengthened by the victories or weakened by the defeats of its previous life... its work in this world determines its place in the world which is to follow this.” (Origen)[Christian scholar]*

*“God generates being and sends them back over and over again until they return to him” (Kuran)*

*“It is not more surprising to be born twice than once” (Voltaire)*

*“I am no Hindu, but i hold the doctrine of the Hindus concerning a future state to be incomparably more rotational, more pious, and more likely to deter men from vice, than the horrid opinions inculcated by Christians on punishments without end.” (Sir William Jones, founder of the Asiatic Society of Bangal)*

*It is absolutely necessary that the soul be purified, and if this does not take place in this life on earth, it must be accomplished in future lives. “ (st. Gregory, bishop of Nyssa)*

*“Like the cover of an old book its contents torn out and stripped of its lettering and guiding lies here, food for worm.*

*“But the work shall not be lost for it will (as he believes) appear once more in a new and elegant edition revised and corrected by the author” (Benjamin Franklin’s self composed epitaph)*