

**MALE and FEMALE MANIFESTATION and SENSUALITY
as PART of WORLD KARMA**

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Karma - is known the law of cause and effect and is where one's action causes a reaction generally in another life. One can look at Karma from several perspective's such as **world/epoch karma**, national or group/tribal karma and **individual karma**.

World/ Epoch Karma

We have situations through man's history where a large part of humanity share in common experiences due to the physical and spiritual environment into which they incarnate into. Individuals have no choice but to be born into and experience these situations collectively as is illustrated by the following examples:-.

Today a large portion of the world's population is being propelled into materialism and intellectual thought. This process began around the fifteenth century and within one hundred years there will not be a place on earth where one can escape its influence. Hence all souls reincarnating, will have, as part of their own individual experience & development the world karma of materialism to deal with.

Spiritual Philosophy, which was previously taught only in inner secret spiritual sanctuaries to the most advanced students of spiritual streams can now be taught openly as mankind, in general, has matured sufficiently to be able to comprehend these truths so that our present religions can be enlivened to further man's progress.

Today we have no choice but to be incarnated into a male or female form. It can be said that a man is woman's karma while a woman is man's karma. Although in exceptional cases a man can reborn into a male body up to seven times. Presumably because the previous social situations have allowed only males to be able to introduce major world impulses. In previous ancient civilisations women were the leaders of mankind and Sergie Prokofieff states that women will again be the leaders of mankind in the sixth post Atlantean epoch. A male is too strongly incarnated onto the Earth whilst a female is not sufficiently incarnated. This may have been the reason why males have recently dominated as it was necessary to incarnated into materialism and women's spiritual nature would not have achieved this. Now that materialism and intellectualism have been achieved then women's spiritual nature will lead humankind back to the spiritual world, hence the reason why they will once again lead mankind in the future.

In Lemuria, which was a previous period of earth development and totally unlike present day conditions, humankind split into the two sexes around the time the moon split off from the Earth. This was necessary as the necessary reproductive forces for self propagation diminished around the time the moon departed. Previous to this humankind was androgynous (single sexed). In the first chapter of Genesis we have '....So God created human beings , making them to be like himself. He created them male and female .' Rudolf Steiner suggests that the proper translation should be male-female. This agrees with the current scientific view of evolution.

There is a deep mystery in the nature of reproductive and sexual forces, in one sense they are regarded many people as having a low place within the world order yet these are of the highest forces within the spiritual word. This is illustrated by the quote from - CM

‘The force by which mankind forms a thinking brain for itself is the same by which man impregnated himself in ancient times’

The sexual act occurred in total innocence and obscurity at that time . It was as if the couple experienced the gentle opening of a flower in a dream.

‘-----The relationship of reproduction remained outside the horizon of man’s consciousness, and was subjected to the guidance of the spiritual world. Whenever a soul had to descend into the earth sphere, the impulses for reproduction arose in man on Earth. For Earthly consciousness the whole process was veiled to some extent in the mystery of darkness.’ - OS

A remnant of this veiled nature is that today in the majority of cases the sexual act takes place in the privacy of a darkened space and many couples are uncomfortable if they make love in broad daylight.

Sexual love is the precursor of ego to ego love which will fully develop in the future in that Man’s earthly goal is to transform, in freedom, the earth into the planet of love; to progress to the fully human stage:- the being of love.

Today, in a normal relationship, when a man and woman meet and are initially attracted to one another we can say that they have an inner experience closely resembling a state of blissfulness where their lives revolve around each other. The outside world is, for the most part coloured by this feeling. This state of being is normally referred to as romantic love. This romantic love originates externally to the couple’s present consciousness. This can’t be said to be true love even though it may be called as such and many of our current songs and poetry relate this state. Rudolf Steiner tells us that for many centuries a particular couple planned and influenced the hereditary stream and the impulses of their ancestors, from the spiritual world so that they can eventually meet in this life.

If circumstances are appropriate then in the more traditional situations they may get married and commence sexual relationships or today, as is common nowadays they may commence long term sexual relationships. Children may then eventuate. We can say that the spiritual world has seen to it that the human species continues in favourable circumstances as part of **world karma**. Today, however, it is evident that many families are now single parent families as 25% of children are born to unwed mothers (although many may still be in long term relationships) but those children that don’t have the support of two partners are likely to be adversely affected. This situation is progressively deteriorating. **Why???**

The state of ‘romantic love by which two people are initially drawn to each other can last for a few months to a couple of years after which they have to meet as individuals and truly work with each other. The sexual attraction, whilst still important recedes into the background. Until recently a man and woman had an assigned role within a relationship which was strongly enforced by the society hence when the individuals confronted each other the situation was usually held in check by the society’s and religious demands and rules. These rules were generally derived, unconsciously, from the spiritual or as in the Old Hebrew Testament these commands were given directly via their prophets. Even today there are unconsciously given rules that the majority of couples adhere to such as not having another sexual partner.

These rules, nowadays, are having progressively less authority over individuals, hence, today when the confrontation as two individuals occurs each person must work hard, and in freedom

at the relationship for it to succeed. Many people are not prepared to work hard at their relationships and this situation will progressively deteriorate as individuality becomes more self directing (and more selfish) due man's evolution. Evolution, with man's conscious participation, will eventually free man from the bondages of traditions so that he can learn to exercise unselfish individual freedom but unfortunately the present egotistical freedom usually leads to **pain and suffering** until that individual **learns to respect** his/her actions in having freedom.

Today, especially in the Western world we are confronted with widespread pursuits of many forms of physical sexuality which can totally disregard the other person. This has been encouraged by the TV, the easy availability of explicit sexual films - videos and the recent sex sites on the internet, encouragement sexuality in social circles, literature etc. One's sexual appetite, through purely physical sexual activity is only appeased for the short term and it rebounds with a vengeance that can lead to hideous sexual crimes. At any rate the obsession in the pursuit of physical sexual activity will generally steer that individual away from genuine spiritual pursuits and his proper course of evolution. Generally the spiritual world will not allow destructive material to become in the control of mankind without there being sufficient number of individuals who can overcome this destructiveness

Since the time of the deed of the Christ the impulse was given for the earth and mankind to evolve back into the spiritual world and this has been slowly and progressively taking effect. Mankind will regain the capacity for spiritual sight in a natural way, a blessing for those who are prepared. whilst suffering for those who are unprepared. This was indicated by John the Baptist when he said that the kingdom of Heaven (the spiritual world) is at hand. However, as spiritual 'sight' comes closer to mankind so will sexual excesses increase for those who are unprepared.

When an individual crosses the spiritual threshold, consciously or unconsciously, the spiritual - astral substance, which an individual initially encounters, is of an amoral 'sexual (this is the astral substance within which the departed reside in for a time). The individual also initially encounters negative spiritual **forces** or beings (Arhimanic) which aim to counter man's intended development and awareness of the spiritual world by chaining him, through his senses and thinking, to the earth and one means is by instilling into individuals strong will impulses for sensual pleasures. Hence an individual may not recognise his entry into the spiritual world or his spiritual encounters may be distorted as his attention has been diverted by the implanting of abnormal sexual/sensual impulses within his inner being.

This encounter will become more frequent as the spiritual world descends to man. Hence, if one is to resist the strong temptations, which one will encounter, a strict disciple in morality must go hand in hand with a conscious spiritual development. A number of people (mainly men), who initially had strong religious and spiritual impulses have gone sexually berserk or deviant as they have unconsciously crossed the threshold in an unprepared manner and have succumbed to distorted impulses or communications. The early Church fathers recognised that those in the religious orders were not strong enough, at that time, to resist the sexual temptations and hence separated monks from Nuns . (Little Pebble ?)

So what can one do about these strong undesirable impulses on a spiritual path which can totally consume a person and steer him away from his rightful goals?

- Firstly one should become familiarise oneself of lawful spiritual paths and what potential dangers lie in store for one on a spiritual pathway. This can entail the reading of spiritual works by those who have already trodden this path (Rudolf Steiner or similar).

- Secondly should regularly observe oneself in an objective manner with the utmost clarity of consciousness using the previously gathered conceptual information so as to become aware of the impulses that may be developing within one self. Under no circumstance should one deny their existence within if one has the negative impulses. (Jimmy Baker ?)
- Thirdly one should consciously strive not to develop up these impulses by seeing that they are not nurtured through sexual fantasies and imaginations. The impulses will only be controlled only if we don't feed them.

In the far distant past, the animals separated out of man together with their corresponding natures so that man could evolve in an ordered manner. Had the unbridled nature of the animal kingdom remained within man then it would not have been possible for man to attain towards freedom with these unleashed animal forces within him

Today, however, as per the intended future course of evolution we see the number of animal species and the number of animals progressively decreasing but at the same time their corresponding animal natures are being reintegrated into human beings. One consequence of this not being dealt with in a conscious manner is the recent increase the preoccupation with physical sex and in sexual crimes.

Adrian Anderson, a lecturer /author from Melbourne, has observed that there is another phenomena in that there are a number of misdirected social workers encouraging elderly couples, whose used by date for sexual activity has expired, to restimulate sexual relations. As these couples are close to passing into the spiritual world then this can only but have a burdening effect in the 'karmaloka stage where souls are required to 'burn' off their earthly desires where these would not have existed

Rudolf Steiner says that in the future as human bodies become more subtle women will become progressively sterile and reproduction by sexual union will cease ~ 5,000 - 6,000 AD. Reproduction will occur by means of the larynx through the voice and mankind will again be androgynous. Man's sexual organs will be the first to atrophy.

Homosexuality

Whilst in a physical body a male has a female etheric body whilst a female has a male etheric body. However it can happen that a person's astral, etheric and physical bodies are not properly integrated before birth, due to one's karma and hence one can genuinely have a strong sexual attraction to another of the same sex. Whilst homosexuality should be sympathised with and accepted but it should not be encouraged as a normal social process.