

THE ROLE OF MORALITY IN WORLD EVOLUTION

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What is Morality? Can we form concrete thoughts about it? Can we hold it? Touch it? See it? Describe it? If we use the methods of ordinary science to reflect on morality we fall into vagueness and are unable to arrive at anything definite. To understand morality one needs to look at it as a process not as something that can be taken hold like external objects. However, there are some qualities identified with morality, which are universal throughout the ages. Truth would be one of these universal qualities.

Does it make any sense to talk about a tiger, which develops a regular appetite for humans, as being immoral? Probably not. Morality only begins where there is freedom of choice between good and evil and only in human beings and some of the angels is this a possibility. We can also safely say that the morality of old should be looked at differently to the morality of the present and of the future as we increase in our degree of freedom.

Each of us carries aspects of our own individual morality within us and this depends on to what religion one belongs to, what ethnic group one comes from, what country one comes from, how one was brought up at home and at school. We usually speak of morality in terms as we know them. There were other codes of behaviour in the past which were considered moral in those times but may appear to us as being barbaric today and what today is considered normal today would have been considered immoral in the past. Sex before marriage and homosexuality, in the past were considered to be major immoral acts yet today these acts are tolerated if not completely accepted in the west.

In Japan, until recently, if one failed at a major task in life such as a battle, it was considered honourable and moral to commit suicide whereas the Catholic Church would hold to the belief that such a action is a sin against God and the individual would be damned for eternity.

It was, at one time, considered a moral act in India if the wife of a deceased man would throw herself onto the funeral pyre. Today I don't think many in India would support now this custom (if any).

Slavery only started to be considered immoral only in the sixteenth century. In the bible St Paul doesn't condemn it but actually gave out codes of behaviour for slave owners and slaves.

Many westerners are put off Christianity when they read from the Old Testament the incident where the Israelites, who were lead by Joshua, were commanded by God not to take forbidden war spoils from Jericho. In the next battle they were defeated and God told them that someone had taken some spoils from the Jericho, which had caused this loss in battle. Eventually a man called Achan was found guilty of this and he was put to death but not only was he put to death but also his wife and children, who were innocent of the deed, were also put to death. A number of Westerners, who judge the actions of the past as being the same as today, view the God of the bible as being immoral – a big dilemma arises here. But at this particular time we must remember that the people had the consciousness children who really did not have the capacity to work out of their own conscience and freedom as we know it today but from externally given laws. When those laws were broken the punishments were brutal. Those nations whose peoples lived by their given laws continued as nations whilst other nations soon fell apart into degeneracy when their peoples did not follow their given laws. There were also strong Occult laws operating through the blood of peoples, which gave these peoples strength and power. Maybe there was no other way around the punishment so as to maintain the strength through the people of that time. What we are certain of is that such behaviour would not be tolerated today.

Today, to some Muslims, a young woman, who has a child out of wedlock, is deemed to have committed such a dreadful immoral act where her brothers feel justified in executing her. To them it is a just and moral punishment. Whilst to a western mind, the punishment is considered barbaric and primitive. This seems to be a morality from out of the past and may not be appropriate for today's level of humanity's evolution. Maybe this is also the reason why the Muslims are experiencing negative attitudes from western and other peoples ie their ancient 'Old Testament' morality maybe out of place in today's culture and humanity's development??

So how did morality come into being and how do we experience today and how was it experienced in the past? These matters are not simple and as a background we need to become aware of man's origins, his purpose, and his proposed future. In the bible, in the Genesis, we have a picture of the first so called immoral act by humans and that is where Adam and Eve ate the 'apple' – the forbidden fruit or other wise known as the tree of knowledge; good and evil. It is said they listened to the serpent or the devil and disobeyed God and to disobey God was considered to be immoral. Henceforth, they were 'punished' by being expelled from paradise or otherwise know as the Garden of Eden. But was it, in reality, an immoral deed. Did Adam and Eve commit actually this deed in an act of freedom or was this a judgement of this event directed and written towards the people for whom this story was written for?

To answer this question we need to look at that point in our evolution where we can speak of ourselves as separate individuals as we know ourselves to be. This occurred in the third major period of development of our earth and is known as the Lemurian times. We are currently in the fifth major period and is known as the Post-Atlantean period. In the Lemurian times we directly beheld the realm of the Gods and all our impulses, which caused our behaviour, were directly transmitted by higher spiritual beings in a manner similar to higher noble instincts. In other words we could do no wrong – we did not have that capability i.e. we had the consciousness of Adam and Eve. We lived in a blissful state, in 'Paradise' in the clouds above the surface of the earth with ethereal bodies of warmth in the presence of the gods above the surface of the earth i.e. paradise was in the clouds. At this time, spirits in opposition to our immediate creators, Lucifer and co; the serpent and the apple etc interfered in our then intended course of evolution. This was accomplished by these beings weaving their impulses and influences through the astral bodies of each individual and is symbolised by the descent into ignorance of the Hindus; the taking on of 'Trishna'-thirst for existence or the Jewish/Christian/Muslim temptation and the expulsion from paradise. Humanity now descended further into matter than was intended by our immediate creators and now attracted mineral substances to their physical bodies. At this time reincarnation, death, the possibility of error and suffering began but at the same time **each individual now had the possibility of knowing good from evil** and the possibility of enlightenment **in freedom and love**. This is what each individual is evolving towards. As we evolved further we gradually lost our connection with the spiritual worlds to the point today where it is commonplace to deny the existence of the spiritual world.

Towards the end of the Lemurian time humanity had descended far into matter but still instinctively retained the ability to control earthly nature forces and through their unbridled instinctive passions, that is, through humanity's 'immorality', huge firestorms were unleashed which destroyed that part of the earth together with the majority of humanity. A small part of humanity who remained untouched by error was separated from the main body of humanity and continued evolution further.

It was only towards the middle of the Atlantean civilization that humanity had evolved to the point where an individual was able to say "I" to him/herself. During this time the mysteries were betrayed to immature individuals who used magical spiritual knowledge for the gratification of their perverted needs and passions. This in turn led to great terrestrial cataclysms of air and water. Again a small number of individuals were separated out to further carry on humanity's evolution.

Likewise our current age will be destroyed where the majority of humanity, through the most dreadful egotistical hatred will destroy each other. This is known as the war of all against all. But from the greatest evil will arise the greatest good. The difference here is that now we are able to make informed decisions and choose our behaviours whereas previously there was not much choice.

When looked at from the perspective of spiritual science it is not possible to speak of the actions of Adam and Eve as really being immoral or moral nor for many of the Lemurians and Atlanteans as they were not free in their situation whereby they succumbed to the temptation. So why have these situations been described as evil?

What these periods of growth and destruction reveal is that as humanity's evolution proceeds through these cycles individuals have developed the physical conditions and physical aptitudes, which allow for the possibility of freedom and individuals on their journey can also abuse these aptitudes through

‘immoral actions’. Those parts of humanity who degenerate or have stayed behind are eventually wiped out and the next cycle begins. **Immoral passions and actions are eventually mirrored back, through karma, into the physical world as destructive forces to conclude the cycle even though it was not possible for individuals to exercise freedom in these actions.** Some of the actions of individuals in the past, ie ourselves, were counter to the plans of our immediate creators (the good guys so to speak), hence these actions have been classed as immoral even though this immorality was largely beyond the control of those individuals who became caught up within them. This so called immorality, through world karma, has been used to shape our earth so that we could incarnate into matter sufficiently so that we could have the ability to think in freedom without any external impulses impelling us into action. But it has only been from 1413, the beginning of the age of Pisces, could individuals truly make free decisions. Before this time the Gods basically controlled our actions and were basically in charge. Humanity’s development and the evolution of our earth are inseparable, hence, suitable, hardened conditions were needed to create an environment where it is possible for individuals to perform actions, in freedom, for which the impulses stem entirely from out of themselves.

It appears that, up until the last few hundred years, codes of morality were externally given to humanity by the spiritual world through the various religious teachers eg the Ten Commandments. These codes of morality were appropriate to level of humanity’s development for that particular time. As we have further evolved this explains why the ‘goal posts’ as to what is moral is constantly changing. We of the present have a quality, which peoples of old did not have, and that is conscience. Those peoples in the past, which did not adhere to the given morality, sank into degeneracy and eventually disappeared. In other words externally given morality held peoples together so that they could evolve further. This morality was further enhanced by spiritual beings directing humanity by ensouling an individual who became a leaders of his people. These were known as the God Kings of old the last records of these were some of rulers of early ancient Egypt.

In the spiritual planes moral laws have the same validity as natural laws on earth. Hence after death an individual’s experience in this realm will be dependant upon whether one has been moral or immoral. If an individual had been extremely immoral then in the next plane after the astral plane this individual will experience extreme isolation and loneliness to the point where the individual wishes that his existence would cease. This isolation is brought about by the fact that this individual did not form the substance in earth life through moral actions whereby healthy spiritual organs are form to perceive other beings within this realm.

Moral judgements begin only where there is a possibility of good and evil. For the spiritual world good and evil are simply characteristic qualities of equal worth, which go to build up the universe. From our perspective there are good beings and there are evil beings, but they are amoral as the possibility of no or yes is not open to them. A very strange aspect of the spiritual world is that **mighty spiritual beings that are far above man have no freedom.** The question of no or yes is only in the providence of man and some of the angels. The being, known as Lucifer, was commanded to oppose our immediate creators so that freedom could become possible for humanity. In other words Lucifer did not have the freedom to disobey this command. In the future it will be the task of individuals who have evolved to fully overcome evil, in freedom, and have become beings of love to redeem Lucifer and his hosts. This then begs the question - who then commanded Lucifer to play and evil role?

There is a source of destruction within us, a source for the **solidification of the ‘I’**, which has the resultant effect that we are able to differentiate ourselves from the world and others but if this egoity is carried into social life evil arises. If it is kept within then good will result. There is nothing in the world, in its place, that has not beneficent significance. We would not have the potential for freedom had this destructive source not become part of us. We pour into this source of destruction, by means of moral inclination of soul, all moral and ethical ideas and thereby we further our journey towards freedom. The **force of hatred within** us is the same force, if controlled and metamorphosed, **which will enable us to see into the spiritual world.** These days the new areas of morality, which were not in humanity’s conscientiousness a couple of hundred years ago cover following issues:-

- Treating the earth as a living being.

- Saving endangered species and concern about cruelty to animals
- Recognising the divine in every individual even in hardened criminals– this is the reason why the death penalty is out of favour with many individuals in the west
- Fighting against the dehumanisation of the individual in the economic sphere
- Supporting every individual to have equal opportunities in life
- Working towards a world community as opposed to nationalism
- Forgiveness

Today, we can ask whether it is immoral for:-

- Homosexuality, Euthanasia, Abortion, Sex before marriage, multiple partners, cheating the taxation department, corporate lies, white lies, ruthlessness to get to the top, deliberate incorrect political statements .

We are entering a stage where true morality is being obscured in the name of pragmatism especially in the corporate world, politics and world affairs.

- Suicide and Euthanasia. In the past suicide and euthanasia were considered to be major moral crimes – why? Spiritual science tells us that before our birth countless spiritual beings, together with ourselves participated in the building up of our physical bodies and in life countless spiritual beings experience and aspect of themselves through us and through our experiences here on earth.. In other words we're not here for ourselves alone. Hence the natural feeling of horror towards suicide was quite justified, as the physical body is literally a temple of the Gods. The soul who commits suicide in the prime of life experiences a grim time after death as this soul wanted so much from this earth plane that this desire torments the poor soul after death as it does not have the physical organs to fulfil these desires. Euthanasia on the other has now been thrown wide open for debate and now many individuals are saying that it is OK for an individual, who has a terminal and painful illness, to end their life. So what is the moral aspect of euthanasia? Is it to still bear the suffering to develop strength for the next life or to relieve the unbearable pain now? Hmmm!

What's gone wrong with the Catholic Church in the area of Paedophilia? Little has change in the esoteric training given in the Middle Ages that given to the priesthood. However the world has change and we have changed the training, which they receive, is no longer appropriate for today as it unleashes this source destruction in the form of sexual egotism, which ferociously drives them. Hence it is important that any esoteric training be applicable to the time and circumstances in which it is given. Hence a code of morality, which has had its use by date or is brought forward from the future, can only cause problems. Fundamentalist morality from the past whether Christian or Muslim will be the cause of future strife within the world.

In the future humanity will be able to grasp the moral law as clearly as it apprehends the rules of logic today. What is good and true will no longer be a matter of opinion as expressed through various religions and through the creation of parliaments. When human beings become aware of the fact that the good and the moral can be something as clear and as definite as a mathematical formula, then they will have united on this level as a humanity that will bear a very different physiognomy than our humanity today. Morality plays a similar role as thinking did before we had a physical brain but morality will have an impact in the next phase of our physical evolution. In the sixth epoch humanity will gradually differentiate into two physically differentiated races the good race and the evil race.

Today God given morality is diminishing and is being replaced by individual human wrought morality. We now have the capacity for this in our journey towards freedom. Many mistakes will still be made along the way as we embrace evil and transform it into good. We can't avoid this process, as this force of evil, transformed into good, is the necessary power for future spiritual sight for humanity. Many will succumb before the end of the age but the few who remain untouched and strengthened will carry on into the next age, the sixth epoch, and then raise up their fallen brothers with their new found strength.