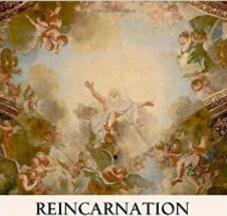
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# **Reincarnation And The Law Of Karma**



AND THE LAW OF KARMA William Walker Atkinson





## Synopsis

By "Reincarnation" we mean the repeated incarnation, or embodiment in flesh, of the soul or immaterial part of man's nature. The term "Metempsychosis" is frequently employed in the same sense, the definition of the latter term being: "The passage of the soul, as an immortal essence, at the death of the body, into another living body." The term "Transmigration of Souls" is sometimes employed, the term being used in the sense of "passing from one body into another." But the term "Transmigration" is often used in connection with the belief of certain undeveloped races who held that the soul of men sometimes passed into the bodies of the lower animals, as a punishment for their sins committed during the human life. But this belief is held in disrepute by the adherents of Reincarnation or Metempsychosis, and has no connection with their philosophy or beliefs, the ideas having sprung from an entirely different source, and having nothing in common.

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Written close to a century ago, this is still a relevant and timeless text. Atkinson does a great job in developing, in a logical order the societal history and application of Reincarnation and the Law Of Karma. He traces the concept of Transmigration of souls through Egyptian, Chaldean, Druid, Roman, Greek, Jewish, Essene, Early Christian, Hindu societies. He then explores current modern applications (remember he is a contemporary of Madame Blavatsky) and the explores issue sof what happens between Incarnations, issues of Justice and Incarnation, and then presents a an argument for and against Reincarnation. Finally he reviews the Law of Karma. I think that this book,

in tandem with "The Kybalion" will evoke the reader to explore Blavatsky's "Secret Doctrine" and other related Theosophical works. I would rate this a "must have" for any serious spiritual library.

Atkinson is listed in the Wikipedia as "New Thought" school but he was not, he was a true Hermetic magician and Yogi. He was a strange, secretive "bird" but his writing and knowledge on the subject is excellent and clear. This book will not tell you how to interpret these esoteric laws but it tells you how they permeated men's understanding of life and death and how these laws are now even observable world view versus the doctrine of the "official" religions which are intellectually dishonest and illogical. Other books on the subject are lenses of different ideas and schools trying to preach the reader how to see these matters. Atkinson leaves it up to you.

One of the best books I have read that brings all the major religions - both ancient and modern under the one umbrella of Truth as it pertains to Reincarnation and Karma. If you are still having trouble understanding these two concepts, you won't after you read this book. Very satisfying!

I'm currently in the process of reading the entire (lengthy) bibliography of Richard Matheson's "What Dreams May Come" and this was one of the first books. It's very anecdotal, but the stories are interesting and should keep the attention of anyone interested in life after death and metaphysical matters.

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