

YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW and KARMA

Galations 6:7 - Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Karma comes from Hinduism, Buddhism – it is a New Age teaching. These false religions pervert this scripture by tying it to karma. Today, we are going to learn that sowing and reaping is not the same as karma.

Karma literally translates to "action" or "deed" in Sanskrit. Broadly, it refers to the spiritual principle of cause and effect: every intentional thought, word, and deed creates a ripple or consequence that ultimately shapes your destiny.

In Eastern traditions like Hinduism and Buddhism, karma is the universal law where your past actions determine your future experiences in this life or subsequent rebirths. It is not a cosmic punishment or reward, but rather an automatic, natural consequence of your choices. Positive intentions and virtuous deeds yield favorable outcomes, while negative, harmful, or selfish actions attract suffering or adverse effects. They refer to this as the law of cause and effect.

It is not merely the physical action that generates karma, but the underlying intention or mental state behind it. Therefore, genuinely positive intentions cultivate positive consequences, while harmful or ill-intended actions yield negative outcomes.

In Eastern Religions like Jainism, Sikhism, and Hinduism, karma dictates the cycle of death and rebirth (*saṃsāra*) and influences one's spiritual progression.

Hindu cosmology describes the universe as cyclical, multi-layered, and endlessly reborn through vast spans of time. Key aspects include cyclic time scales, fourteen distinct realms of existence, and the cosmic trinity of creation, preservation, and destruction.

Within karma there is this belief of Cosmic Rebirth. The belief is that universes are created, maintained, and destroyed in an endless wheel without a final beginning or end.

These false religions not only believe in reincarnation of the soul but also of the universe. Let's look at that Biblically:

Hebrews 9:27 - And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Every person will die a physical death unless as a Christian you live to see and experience the rapture. That is a special circumstance for the Bride of Christ. We do not keep cycling through being reborn as animals and all sorts of things trying to learn lessons and get it right. In the end of your life, you will be judged by Christ according to God's Word. **(John 5:22, Acts 10:42, 2 Tim.4:1, John 12:48)**

Now let me handle the part about the universe being created over and over again.

Hebrews 1:1-2 - God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *His* Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds;

Where it says Jesus made the worlds, that's the universe. Jesus has always existed, He existed before anything was ever created. He is the Creator and heir of all things. The Creator is always greater than what He has created. Romans **(Romans 1:25)** talks about those who wanted to serve the creation instead of the Creator. That's what New Age promotes.

Col.1:16-17 - For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.

Again, we see that EVERYTHING was created by Jesus. Jesus is preeminent, He has always existed. He is worthy of all our praise. Look to Him and not His creation.

Isaiah 65:17 – For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

God made a promise here. One day He is going to restore and redeem all of creation. In the future, God's perfect order will be restored.

Revelation 21:1 - And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

God is going to create a new universe but He's only going to do it once.

In Western and Modern Interpretation, karma is frequently equated with the colloquial phrase "what goes around comes around". It is often used to describe poetic justice or the atmosphere (good or bad "vibe") associated with a person or location.

In traditional belief systems, these karmic consequences may manifest within one's current lifetime, or carry over to shape future existences and the cycle of rebirth.



Karma – What goes around comes around. Keep your circle positive. Speak good words. Think good thoughts. Do good deeds.

We've all heard the saying "what goes around comes around." We even say that as Christians. I think we say it or even believe it without much thought because we all grew up hearing that. Notice from the meme the things they added were placing the focus on being positive. The power of positive thinking, actions etc. is a subtle way to get you in bondage to your thoughts, words and actions. They place a lot of power on what you speak. As Christians, we know that our words are powerful. **(Proverbs 18:21)** You can lift someone up with your words or beat

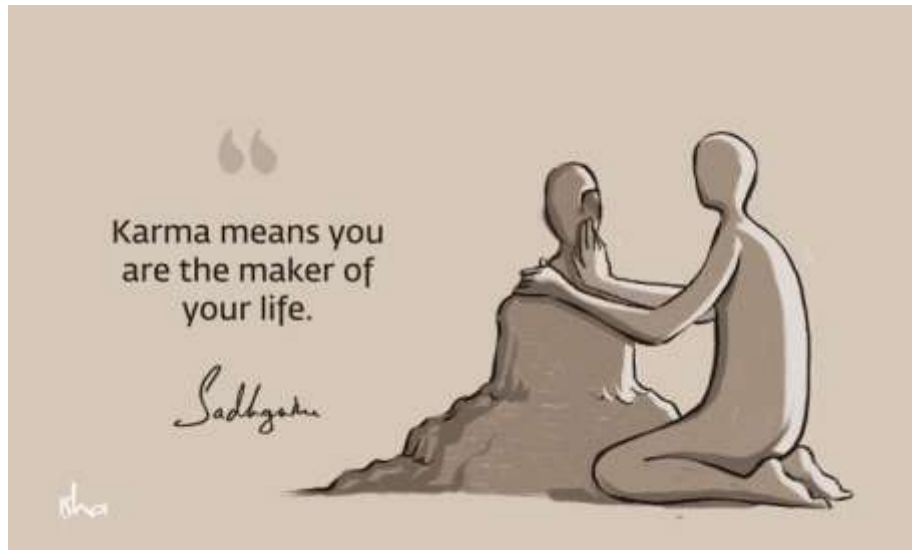
them down. The most powerful words we can speak is God's Word and lead someone to Christ. But if you happen to say I'm having a bad day, you shouldn't think oh no, it's gonna get worse because I just said that. Or if you were to say I'm sick and tired of this or that, it doesn't mean you are all of a sudden going to get sick. Or if you have a disease, it's ok to say I have diabetes. It doesn't mean you are claiming it and in agreement with being sick and now you are going to be sick with that forever. That's new age teaching and sad to say it is heavily in the church today. The idea behind all of this is that the power that is going to back up their words, thoughts and actions is the universe. Just remember the universe is not God, He created the universe. **(Colossians 1:16, John 1:3)** The universe doesn't answer prayer, God does. The universe is really taking the focus off of Jesus and what the universe ultimately equates to in new age is a whole host of false gods. Looking to any higher power except God is idolatry against God. Looking to God's creation believing it will bless your life is idolatry against God.

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Look at this one, Karma means you are the maker of your life. There is a demonic spirit behind the teaching of karma. It is there to lead you away from Christ if you believe in this stuff. As Christians, we know The Holy Spirit is the one who helps to mold and shape us to be more like Christ. We bow down and submit fully to Christ and place our lives in His hands and The Holy Spirit begins to sanctify us to be more like Christ.

Isaiah 64:8 - But now, O LORD, thou *art* our Father; we *are* the clay, and Thou our potter; and we all *are* the work of Thy hand.

The Father is also said to be the Potter who shapes us. The Trinity actively works in our lives to sanctify us and mature us in the faith until we finally measure up to the full stature of Christ. **(Eph.4:13)**

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Sanchita karma is the good and bad karma stored up from all your previous lifetimes. Prarabdha karma – is the past actions that are ready to shape your current life and bear fruit. Agami karma - the new karma you create through your present actions, thoughts, and choices that will bear fruit in the future. Kriyamana karma is the karma you are actively creating in the present moment through your conscious thoughts, words, and actions.

Believing in karma causes the person to strive to do good, think good etc. so they can be blessed. Blessed by who? The universe. This is a system of works based on the persons actions, thoughts and deeds. Jesus is not in this system. In the false teaching of karma, the universe is taking the place of god. When you practice a false religion a demonic spirit is what will be moving in your life. The evil spirit may bless you initially to get you on the hook but ultimately they will be working

against you. The ultimate goal is to keep you from coming to Christ so that you will be in hell for all of eternity.



Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "The law of karma is the law of cause and effect, of action and reaction, of sow and reap."

Now we are getting to the crux of the matter. Now we see they are trying to make it Biblical by mentioning sowing and reaping.

Remember new age often times will cloak it's perverted teachings within God's Word. They speak and teach the name of Jesus but it is a false Jesus within the new age movement. So now we see they teach karma as "you reap what you sow."

Pastor Erustus shared: Karma is not a concept in the Bible although it does relate to the Bible phrase "reap what you sow." But as Christians we believe in grace and not works. The "New Age Movement" teaches that karma is seen as both the reason for how ones suffering and for ones true happiness can be achieved. That if a person does good things and earns good karma then his or her life will get better. And if one does bad things, he or she will suffer because of bad karma.

Grace gives us what we don't deserve ie unmerited favor which is love and mercy bestowed upon us by God himself since He desires us to have it which is totally

different from karma. **(Titus 2:11, 2 Cor.12:9, Hebrews 4:16, Romans 5:20, John 1:16)** Through God's grace Apostle Paul's life was saved and changed on the Damascus road. **(Acts 9:1-19)** God's grace reached out to us while we were sinners deserving death. God is so merciful and does not always physically punish us as we deserve.

Romans 5:8 - But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

We deserved death according to our sin against God. **(Romans 6:23)** But He didn't give us death, He mercifully gave Christ for us Who took our place so we could be redeemed from death and brought back into a right standing and relationship with Him.

Ephesians 2:8-9 - For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Karma is completely a work based concept within the false religions of Hinduism, Buddhism and New Age. God makes it clear to us that there is no way to achieve or receive salvation by works. It is not based on anything we can do. It is completely a gift by God's grace to us. I believe that is why the devil came up with karma to get people working trying to achieve blessing in their own strength to completely go against God's Word. The devil always fights God's Word, we see that from the beginning back to the Garden of Eden when he deceived Eve and Adam. His deception is spread out all over this whole world. How disheartening to see people believing in this false concept trying to achieve happiness in their lives by their own strength, works, actions and deeds.

CLOSING

I want to close with final thoughts from Pastor Erustus. Reaping and sowing speak about the direction of one's life as the consequences of that decision. Apostle Paul writes, "Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the spirit will reap eternal life." **(Galations 6:8)** The consequence of pursuing worldly pleasures will be worldly rewards, rewards that are sinful and on the other hand godly righteous desires will lead us into eternal rewards. Reaping what we sow is simply to arrive

at the end of the road we choose to travel upon ie either the road of righteousness or a sinful path.

PRAYER