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To: TNI Archives
Subject: EVIL

I am including the subject of Evil with an e-mail sent 11-20-2006 that involved a topic of: "What kind of God is in Charge?" The relationship here is that "would a loving God allow evil to exist?" I have the topic of Evil in both Indexes in JS and DS but particularly JS on pages 46-49, 274-75.

We might begin with the question of what happens to souls who cross over into the spirit world after a life time of going beyond wrong doing on occasion to actually committing immoral and evil acts. This aspect of karma for the soul is explained in my books. Contaminated energy it seems is not totally destroyed but it can be altered by reshaping, remodeling and cleansed of earthly contamination. After all, souls are not incarnated into human bodies as evil. Evil, or demonic forces do not exist in the spirit world. Souls who have engaged in any sort of wrong doing during their last incarnation may also exist in self imposed solitude for long periods or never return to earth if they have been engaged in truly evil behavior.

There is a larger question here suggested by the e-mail of 11-20-2006. If we have a belief system in a higher calling of human purpose to improve the world, is this why we as souls incarnate on a planet where there is so much suffering? It would appear our creator, or lesser directors wanted this environment we call earth as one of their difficult teaching schools. In this light we should separate evil from suffering of all sorts although both are tests for us in life. First, we live on a planet that has natural disasters such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, fires, floods, tornadoes, etc. and humans caught in these environmental disasters do suffer and die. Add to this the terrible suffering caused by diseases to the human body that also cause suffering and death. But then there is moral evil perpetrated by humans involving cruelty within the matrix of suffering that is horrible to endure. This too is a test of our character. The monsters of human history such as Hitler, Stalin and Mao are well known because these evil dictators killed so many millions of people. Yet, there are many shades of evil acts of lesser magnitude which come from demented human minds that are not so well known because they have limited public exposure.

So, there is suffering over which we have little control and a different kind of pain caused by evil acts. Enduring all of these causes of suffering is a condition of living on planet earth and becoming a victim trying to survive. I suppose if we lump all suffering into one category of life on earth we might ask; "shouldn't a loving God be able to prevent all forms and causes of suffering?" This philosophical question is the single greatest argument non-believers of our

spiritual origins have toward some sort of higher Source. They argue that it would seem a Source is either evil itself, or simply inept in having an inability to prevent all suffering, or simply indifferent. This argument sets up a lose-lose condition for the existence of a loving Source who must be either impotent or immoral. I would offer that a Creator, or group of Creator's, could create a universe of planets and living things but then engage in a hands off approach with their development. Even so, for me it seems more likely that if all these environments are each considered a different school for intelligent beings to learn to survive, grow and develop into something higher than their current selves somebody is watching the store. Thus, there is order in the universe of some sort and certainly we know this from our studies into life between lives.

What do souls know about the difficulties they will face before coming to earth, especially evil? I have found that the souls of my clients reporting from the spirit world recognize that earth is both a soft, beautiful world—particularly in the loving relationships they will have with other people (companion souls) but it is a world that can be hard and cruel as well. We know from our clients that before souls are assigned to earth in human bodies most seem to be aware or are very aware of what they are in for down here either from many former lives or by coaching from their guides. There is no question but that younger souls in their first few lives are in for a shock regardless of how they prepare in advance. A good example of this is Case #20 on Page 124 in Journey of Souls.

Are the imperfections of the human mind the result of a capricious god or by design? I think we can fairly say that out of suffering comes enlightenment and eventually goodness and wisdom as I have stated. Often, we find that evil people who test our souls have themselves suffered physical and emotional abuse as children aside from abnormal brain chemistry with hormonal imbalances. Babies are not born evil and the devil or some outside demonic force does not inhabit the bodies of evil people despite centuries of religious superstition. The personalities of some people are overcome by fear, anger and hate from their surroundings. What I call "atrocious souls" were unable to manage their bodies within a certain environment. There may also not be a harmonious relationship between soul and body. For anyone interested in this aspect of life may I suggest you read pages 384-94 in Destiny of Souls. Finally, we have our sociopaths and psychopaths who chose wrong doing for self-gratification. Many of these perpetrators of suffering will karmically return in future lives as victims themselves.

I will end this topic by saying that from suffering we are given the opportunity to acquire insights and understanding and a greater sense of purpose in our search for meaning. Thus, the task of surviving on earth allows us to grow stronger and more developed in character with a higher sense of values with empathy and compassion for others. After many incarnations and overcoming many stressful lessons we become leaders ourselves a powerful, loving spirits. The trials we face on earth are not by accident.

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From: "Michael Newton"
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Subject: What kind of God is in charge?

Dear Members:

A few weeks ago Time Magazine printed the results of a survey in America about what kind of God, Creator, or Source people believed in based upon their age, demographics, race and religion, or lack of it. I'm sure you all realize that one of the primary reasons for LBL clients arriving on your doorstep is their internal search for meaning and human purpose in the world. Therefore, I thought this article might be an appropriate subject for discussion.

The survey found that: (A) 31% believe in an Authoritarian God who is deeply involved in our daily life and world events. God is angry at sin and can punish the unfaithful or ungodly. (B) 23% believe in a Benevolent God who is deeply involved in daily life and world events but is mainly a positive force reluctant to punish. By the way, people under age 30 are the least likely to hold this view. (C) 16% believe in a Critical God who does not really interact with the world but is unhappy with its current state and will exact divine justice. And finally, (D) 24% believe in a Distant God who does not interact with the world and is not angry. God is more of a cosmic force that set the laws of nature in motion but is not involved with resulting day to day events on earth. By the way, the same survey found that 66% had no doubts that God or some higher power exists, 25% felt that probably a higher power exists but had some doubts and 5% did not believe in anything beyond the physical world. 4% had no answer.

In what category do our clients fall AFTER their LBL experience? Since so many of our clients state there is no Hell or punishment in the afterlife that they can see during the sessions I think (D) would be their answer regardless of their religious preconceptions going in. In the survey it was found that participation in a particular religious denomination did not translate into consistent answers.

Years ago, a Jewish rabbi by the name of Harold Kushner wrote a book he called: When Bad Things Happen To Good People. Kushner wrote this book for people who had been hurt by life, illness, injury and loved ones feeling pain at the early death of a relative or friend. While the book was excellent, Kushner did not have the advantage of the information we have in TNI today. In the book one finds such statements as: "We live in an unjust world where we cannot expect fairness." "There is a God but He is free of the limitations of justice and righteousness." And finally, "Forced to choose between a good God who is not totally powerful (or in control), or a powerful God who is not totally good, I chose the former."

This last statement by a noted theologian raises one of the most significant philosophical questions of our history. If all suffering is lumped into one category (i.e. humans who cause suffering vs. suffering caused by natural events, both biological and geological) the question can be raised: "Shouldn't a loving God be able to prevent all forms and causes of suffering?" Another frequent response to this line of thought here is: "If there is randomness on earth--that things happen for no reason--then God must be cruel."

When I was lecturing around the country, particularly at the more liberal-minded churches that offered invitations to present my research into the soul-mind, this is the subject they

wanted most to discuss. People want to believe that the universe has order and meaning. In trying to keep my opinions tightly focused and easily understood I always started with the analogy that earth is a school for student volunteers. We are one big classroom down here with teachers watching over the proceedings. One has to rebut the lose-lose argument that either a higher power wants to abolish suffering and cannot or this higher power does not want to do so. There is a much greater purpose here than that statement would indicate, as you all know. If we are not free to choose evil then we are not free to choose good either. We come to earth by choice both in the selection of our bodies and the life those bodies will experience as well as the choice of earth itself. The laws of Karma indicate that experiencing horrible physical and emotional pain will either break us in life or force us to acquire the courage to get through it intact with faith in ourselves and faith that survival means we are stronger than before. We acquire enlightenment and wisdom through the trial of being tested. Yes, it is true that earth is one of the more difficult schools in the universe but the payoffs learning leading to advancement are great. I believe people are comforted by understanding these principles of our craft and I hope you all do too.

Michael