

Spirituality, Reincarnation vs. Christianity

In a nutshell: From a layman's point of view

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Spirituality involves an awareness of being connected with something greater than the individual ego or self, by Larry Dossey, MD

Reincarnation is the belief in the rebirth of the soul into another body.

Karma: Debts you have to pay for misdeeds in past lives...
or rewards for good things you have done in past lives

Introduction

This is from me, Catherine Williams Pitts, known by some as Kitten,, a 90 year old woman who has had many bumps along the road, and who has questioned and rejected most of the teachings that I received as a child in the Baptist Church.

Early in life I was taught about Jesus. "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so." That was a little sing-song ditty that we sang. But, if I don't do the right thing I will have sinned, and if I have sinned I cannot go to heaven but will spend eternity in hell, which is a lot of fire and brimstone —(brimstone? – dictionary says brimstone is sulfur) in which I will burn for an eternity, never having been consumed by the fire. Yet, Jesus loves me, and anything and everything I do is a sin. I don't believe that.

Sooooo---- if everything I do is sinful, even thinking things that I shouldn't think could be a sin. Furthermore, (according to the Bible) we are made in the image of God, and He (note the father figure) loves us so much that he gave his only begotten son to die on the cross to save us from our sins.

AND, to emphasize that point, hanging behind the pulpit, where the preacher stands, is a picture of Jesus hanging on a cross; held to the cross with nails driven through his hands and through his feet. WOW. — what an impression that makes on a small child. With that thought it is easier to understand why there are so many people confused and in need of psychiatric treatment.

At the tender age of 13, I joined the church and was baptized by immersion in the baptismal font of the church. NOW I have been saved. I have been saved to such an extent that years later, after a first marriage and divorce, the minister of the Baptist church would not consent to marry me – my second marriage – BECAUSE I had been divorced. Never mind the reasons I was divorced.. That was unimportant. I have never entered that church since that day of the minister's denial.

After years of study, I have come to several conclusions, which I will share with the reader. If there is only one thing I have learned, it is that the creation of this world – to a large degree– is based on logic.

Part One: Let's talk about GOD.

Is there a God? I do not see how anyone can live in this world and not believe there is SOMETHING bigger and more powerful than us humans. I prefer to refer to that something as the Creative Forces, or maybe the CEO of the Universe, or Chairman of the Board– whatever. . . For the sake of this paper, and for lack of a better word, I will use the word God, or the Creative Forces, or Power.

When I look at the trees in the Fall of the year, and see the beauty of the colors of the leaves when they turn, I know there is something more powerful than I.

When I see a new born baby, complete with the five fingers on each hand, toes, etc., bright eyes that can see, ears that can hear, and a body, when grown, can reproduce itself, I know there is something more powerful than I.

But understanding what is that something, and how to get along with it is the big problem.. In my opinion, God is simply a Spirit. Not a person, not a he or she– but a Spirit, one that can manifest itself into human form when needed. And like all the CEO's that we know about, there are many underlings and wanta-be's on God's staff.

The question was –Do I believe in a God? I believe in a Spirit we call God. I do believe in a higher power, but not in the way that Christians would have me believe. I do not believe in the visual picture of a God who sits on a throne with Jesus as his right hand man, and whose main job is to pass judgement on all his children. I believe in a kind and loving God/Spirit, not one who would banish any and all of his children to a place called Hell. I believe that the idea of a Hell is man-made. I would not be surprised, if the truth be told, that there was never a crucifixion.. I would not be surprised to learn that there was never a virgin birth. (Insert your own definition of a virgin.) I believe in a God/Spirit who made us to believe in the good in everyone, who set up a logical system whereby you are your own judge.

I do believe that we were created from a spark from God.... And I believe that God gets lonesome, and wishes some of us would become Perfected Souls so we could rejoin him. He probably needs someone with whom to play a game of bridge.

Part Two:

That brings us to Jesus, the man, vs. the Christ Spirit, and an explanation about Reincarnation.

It appears that this latest Jesus of our time became a leader when he was baptized and the Christ Spirit entered his body. It appears that the Christ Spirit (call it what you wish) has also entered the body of many others, such as Buddha, who was also supposed to have been a virgin birth. The word “virgin” had a different meaning at the time of OUR Jesus birth. From what I understand, it meant an unmarried woman, NOT a woman untouched by man. Who knows----?

People who call themselves Christians, seem to think that the world began 2000 years ago, when in fact, historians tell us that they have traced some civilizations back 5000 years or more. It is understandable why today’s Christians believe that way, for present day Christianity does not teach history. No one knows how far back it began. History tells us that there was always a Jesus in many of the prior civilizations — to me that confirms the belief that God wanted to be consistent with a form of Jesus in each civilization, which gives one a sense of stability; a platform upon which to build the present civilization.

Furthermore, the same Christians believe in a book that has been copied by both professional and amateur scribes, in many different languages, for at least 1500 years, at a time before we had printing presses. They call it the Holy Bible, the Word Of God. I have found these same people to be very confused, for the number of contradictions in that book are legion.

About Reincarnation, and The Holy Bible

Let's back up a bit...: Quoting a paragraph from Ruth Montgomery's book, *Herald of the New Age*, page 6: *The concept of reincarnation is an ancient one that is embraced by two thirds of the world's peoples. It was accepted as a matter of course by the early Christians, including St. Augustine, until the Second Council of Constantinople in the sixth century condemned the teaching because it seemed easier to control the masses if they believed they had but one lifetime in which to behave before facing the Judgement Seat. The council was not even attended by the Pope of Rome, and St. Francis of Assisi and many other Catholic monks, bishops, and Christian theologians have publicly espoused reincarnation in the centuries since then.*

Except through a belief in reincarnation, how can we justify the fact that one baby is born perfect in mind and body, while another comes into this life blinded or maimed? Reincarnation is a belief that the soul sheds a worn out body and returns again and again into a new body. With each return it pays off some karmic debts, (called karma) but also has the opportunity for new learning experiences. The ultimate goal is to reach the degree of perfection so that you can join God as has Jesus. Our sub-conscience carries these new learning experiences with it each time it enters a new body. That explains why some people have extraordinary talents. It explains why Mozart could play the piano at the age of three.

Part Three

What I believe----- after 88 years of searching —

Let us look at some of the information that has come to our attention through the news media. I have learned that when someone calls a book, or a TV show to my attention that I should be watching, or reading, etc. AND (after a week or so) when a second person calls the same thing to my attention, AND when a third person repeats the other two, then I better pay attention. This happened to me about John Edward, the medium..

When my son, Andy, who in his youth worked with a magician, thought that he could figure out anything that a magician was doing, watched the John Edward show which was on several times a week for several months, said to me, “Mother, I can’t figure out how he does what he does.” And I said, “Maybe it is for real?” To which Andy replied, “Well, I wouldn’t go THAT far.” Before Andy died, I think that the show had a real impact on his way of thinking, for he had been an agnostic, if not an atheist.

After Andy’s death, several people who knew about my belief in reincarnation (I had read books about Edgar Cayce, the famous medium—Many Mansions, by Gina Cerminara--) suggested to me that I should read some of the Ruth Montgomery books. Then another person made the same suggestion, then a third. So I accepted that as a signal.

Briefly, Ruth Montgomery was a syndicated columnist during the 1950's and 60's and 70's. She interviewed heads-of-states all over the world, and was recognized as a superb reporter, known as factual in her writings. At one time she was president of the Women’s Press corp, and a personal friend to the presidents of that time. If the reader is interested in this field I suggest that you check out any and all of her books on this subject. It is fabulous reading.

Ruth was in touch with a group of spirits from the other side who sent new information (via the typewriter) to those of us on earth. I personally believe that this information will eventually become part of, and an update to, the so-called Holy Bible. We have the Old Testament, then the New Testament, and I believe that the information to Ruth through her typewriter will become known as The New Age, and has been sent to us by God from the other side. I think this information should be a clarification of the contradictions in the Bible.

I have learned that the time we spend on earth, in the flesh, is referred to by those on the other side as School-house Earth. I have learned one of the best things we can do is to be open in mind and learn all that we can. We take the learned info with us when we cross over, and are reborn. The other side is Home to us. After we cross over, review our Akashic records (the book of life that we have created, both the good things, thoughts, and the bad things) we have the choice of rebirth whenever we so desire. Some return almost immediately, and some wait many years before returning. People like Hitler will remain in a comatose condition for thousands of years.

In the Montgomery books some of the things you will learn is about:

Walk-ins: They are superior souls who have lived many earthly lives and sometimes they return to earth life in order to help others. (apparently Obama is a Walk-in.)

Avatar: can materialize at will, perfected individuals

Discarnate:: One who is in a different state of development

Incarnate: can learn to tune into the flow of wisdom

Akashic records: is the book of life. Every thought, every deed is recorded in those records.

Man lives in the third dimension while in flesh, and passes into the fourth dimension at physical death. The fourth dimension gives opportunity for growth, learning and understanding.

Brevity does not allow me to elaborate more on this subject, but you, the reader, can research this if you are sufficiently interested.

I have finally concluded that I am a Spiritualist. I believe in reincarnation. And I believe in a higher power. God, or the Creative Forces, does not punish us. We punish ourselves by our bad deeds and bad thoughts, and reward ourselves for our good deeds and thoughts. That is one helluva incentive to do good in this world, isn't it?

As Ruth Montgomery said: *"It is not overly important whether we "believe" in reincarnation. If the laws of karma and Grace are real, they will survive without our attestation. What does matter is that we conduct ourselves in such a manner that we incur no bad karmic indebtedness. The skeptic may ask 'What if there is no such thing as karma, or reincarnation, or eternal life?'*

Yes, but what if there is?"

The Dalai Lama said it best: "My religion is simple. . My religion is kindness."

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