Man, the Master of his own Destiny

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Real man is God, not only master of body but of whole universe. In this discussion man considered in sense of subtle body, microcosmicall Easire to believe that when man is born he can change his circumstances Poor boys have risen to power and wealth. Napoleon, Shakespeare, Wittington, one of Chinas prime ministers. Easy to prove we can change circumstances while in this life. Also Vedanta teaches man controls his birth and surrounding conditions. This discourse will consider part of law of transmigration. At death body returns to earth but doen not perish, it has simply undergone a change. Will reappear as rose, fruit etc. In our feeling of fear of death it is not the God or Atman we fear has preished. It is the subtle body, mental desires, emothons, feelings of heart, etc. Subtle body not buried with physical body. The Laws of persistence of Forcea nad indestructability of matter implyes also indestructability of material of subtle body. Since something can never pass into nothing it follows that mental energies do not cease to be after death. Children born with a wide range of capacities, desires and inclinations. These do not come from nothing. All of these desires have existed before, Take the two propositions: desires cannot die at passing of body; cannot be de nihilo at birth; hence we can see how the one comes from the other Law of Karma escapes difficulty XMEXER of absolute losses and spontaneous gains. This the best explaination by the logical principle of parsimony. Karma not opposed to law of Heredity. Heredity fails to account for apparent loss of desires and mental qualities at death. Karma explains both. Compound resultant of desires and mental energies is drawn to physical environment or heredity which will be most favorable. Hence everyone selects his own parents. Desire is a force tending to its own fulfilment. Most desires satisfied in this life, some not, the latter must bear fruit in another world. Objection to peincarnation on ground that we do not remember past lives. Pointed out that we are not conscious of all things in our personal lake of memory. but we can call them up at will. Same principle applies to larger lake of memory connecting different lives. These can be called up to consciousness, but is not worth the effort. We must go allhad on our evolution. We are attracted to various things in world because we have been them, the streams, the trees the rocks, etc. Two or more things have This is due to the principle of reminiscence. been associated in past experience, the experiencing of one of them now brings the other back to memory. Reminiscence implies previous knowledge. The two premises leading to the conclusion is a form of reminiscence, or previous knowing. Sylogistic reasoning is convincing to child as soon as he begins to reflect, hence implies his previous knowledge.

Page two (Man, the Master of his own Destiny) Reminiscence of knowledge not acquired in this life implies the knowledge acquired in a previous life. Question, If we are masters of our destiny and as all desire riches how is it most of us are born poor? It is not true every one wishes to be millionaire, or Lord Mayor, he may desire simply a two dollar raise in salary. People are also inconsistent in desires, hence are led into straits an difficulties. Suppose man's governing desire is satisfying animal passion, he will not get learned parents, rich ones, noble ones etc. but will inherit body of dog or hog which is best fitted for this purpose. In desiring unwisly we are preparing our future misery. Story of Indian poet who amused king and secured permission to remain in women's appairtments thru pretending blindness. Dependence upon service considered a noble quality. When turned out of house man became blind in three days. Karma. Story of old man with burden who xxxxx called god of death. We all cause our own sorrows and difficulties, then weep and bemoan our fate. But when we once bid highest price at auction we must take article When you make the horse run the carriage follows the horse. When one desires he must take consequences. Death comes to us because in our heart of hearts we desire it. Story of young man dedicating himself to sectarian college whose point of view changed and who thus found himself in intollerable position. Desiring death as release he found it. Misery brought on by conflict of desires. Both will be satisfied, but while one is being satisfied the other suffers et visa versa. Story of the man with two wives and the captured thief. If there is singleness of aim and purpose there will be no suffering. Man has lower and higher desire and the struggle between these is the cause of suffering, but in the end that which has most of thruth will survive. Hence every one tends to rise. Desires of mind and body are ripples on ocean of Truth or God. Hence all desire partakes of nature of Divinity as well as the little self Because of this desires must be fulfilled. Delay in fulfillment is due to the maya element in them. Desires are Devine because they are from love and Love is God. Desires are the same sort as gravitation. When desires are made selfish they are given the character of maya and thus are delayed in fulfilment. In order to fulfil desires promptly and satisfactorily prominence must be given to godly and unselfish nature of desire.