# Karma

By Alvin Petty retired area minister

Karma means, you reap what you sow. Every great religion has this as a great central truth. And woe be the person who fails to realize this truth. Many religious people think that it is what they believe that is most important. They think their unique religious doctrines are the most important thing about their religion. They think their doctrines make them more important than those who differ with them. But they are wrong. What you do is more important than the doctrines you hold. As one bumper sticker said, "My karma just ran over your dogma."

We achieve our highest selves when we are constantly aware that we reap what we sow. Jesus taught this in many statements such as, "Judge not, that you be not judged; for what judgment you give out is the judgment you shall receive." Every action generates a force of energy that returns to us in like kind.

When we constantly choose actions that bring happiness and success to others we receive the fruit of happiness and success ourselves. Every action and reaction is a result of choice. When we step back and observe the choice we are making, we move the choice into our conscious realm and we can choose the good instead of unconsciously giving into our selfish ego which is always self destructive.

We need always to ask our self two things. First, "What are the results of this choice I am making?" Our hearts know the best way. We must listen to our inner voices. Second, "Will this choice I make now bring happiness to me and to those around me?" If it will, then proceed with your choice; if not then go another direction.

There is only one choice in each moment out of many possibilities that will create happiness for you and those around you. Make it and you will spontaneously do the right thing at the right moment. All involved will be nourished towards becoming your highest selves.

The universe keeps a perfect accounting system. Every deed and thought will reap its appropriate action. Every wrong choice creates a debt to pay.

But they are ways we can transcend our debt or transmute it. Jesus taught us to pray, "forgive us our debts as we have forgiven our debtors." We can learn from our bad choices that cause hurt and honestly teach others how to avoid creating similar hurt. In this way we transcend and transmute our debt. We can also forgive and not judge others for their similar bad choices. In this way we transmute our bad choices and create positive good for ourselves and others.

Another way to transcend our moral debt is to keep coming

back to the Divine Consciousness and honestly review it in His presence. It is like washing a soiled linen. Each time you wash it some of the stain is removed. In this way, prayer and meditation heal us and help us to become our best selves.

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Sunday School	9:45 a.m
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death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of His people shall He take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it.

—Isaiah 25:8

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

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