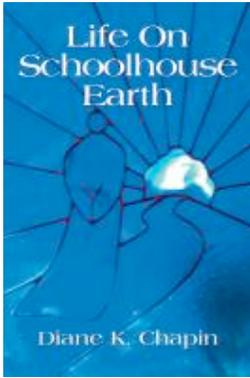
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CHAPTER 2

BIRTH, REBIRTH & KARMA

We greet you. We greet you one and all, with salutations and blessings. We are going to speak upon the aspect of birth, rebirth and karma. All of those occurrences in the life are an aspect of your soul's assessment of what is necessary. They are an aspect of attachment and they need not continue. However, in relationship to our previous discussion of the Earth as a schoolhouse, the concept of birth and rebirth draws you back to the Earth plane for more education.

Part of our context in this session will be considering Earth as a temporary home for the unfoldment of spiritual understanding, rather than as a schoolhouse. Once again, school days attract people. The idea of coming back on a university level, as the soul looks back at the time of transition, is often very appealing.

Why do entities decide to re-enter into the birth cycle? There are a number of reasons. One of them is attachment. But more than that, it is the belief that you must come back to work out your 'bad' karma or any particular situation that may linger with you at the time of death. Our specific teaching is to let go, to fill yourself with Spirit and to honor God in the life.

But the concept of rebirth is so ingrained in each of you on a very deep level that it is very difficult to let go of

that, even as you transcend your body at the time of death and realize that your spirit is eternal.

The agreements that you make are extremely important, for they shape the undertone of your entire life: your agreements to family, to your character and to your lessons. Now, we realize that on the Earth plane all of this is seen as behavior, biological and genetic. Indeed, this does not detract from what we have to say, for like attracts like.

In other words, families return as constellations again and again. Similar genetic composition become once again ingrained upon the mind, ingrained upon the concept of what is correct for you to do. Genetics are an aspect of molecules and atoms constructed for the convenience of your learning and are not something so far beyond your understanding that they should not serve you.

If you are going to reincarnate again and again, begin to grasp some of the tools before you enter into your next incarnation so that you can control it, improve it and enhance your purpose. Many souls, as they begin the process of shaping their next incarnation, turn to their ideas of what they should do again, even in Spirit.

Many souls are passive about a given incarnation. This may seem very difficult to understand, for, if you are in Spirit looking on the Earth plane and evaluating a life

that is to come for a commitment of fifty to one hundred years, one would think you would do so with care.

But, even in Spirit, there is passivity and a lack of understanding for many who continue to incarnate on the Earth plane, of the need to be responsible and to choose carefully. This is why so many children seem to come into dysfunctional families: they are not alert at the time they made their choices.

Many are so anxious to get back to the Earth plane that they will accept an inappropriate incarnation. We who look upon this activity do not meddle. Once again, an incarnation is about unfoldment, purpose, learning and, moreover, responsibility for yourself.

The Earth plane draws souls back with its beauty, promise of materiality, commitment to the human race and its idealism that in each incarnation one can grow closer to God. It is necessary to understand that you are already an aspect of God and that you do not become more attached to God through an incarnation.

Rather, an incarnation is your opportunity to experience life again and to get in touch with yourself as a spiritual being. But, if you are truly responsible for yourself when you are in Spirit, you are alert to the fact that you ALREADY ARE a spiritual being, that you need not be attached to the Earth plane and that each member of a family constellation can only be responsible for him or

herself. For that reason, there is no great purpose in coming back for another individual.

We are about to offer a different concept. Many who think they are coming back for another soul or individual actually come back for themselves, because they have not worked out their central issues. Many suicides believe that they must reincarnate again to make up for the taking of a life.

Let us say clearly that it is not well looked upon to end a life, but it does not necessarily mean that you spend eternity burning in 'hell,' either. It means that you made a choice in a given incarnation because you were too attached to a variety of circumstances.

Many who commit suicide do so out of depression, while many do so out of self-pity and an unwillingness to be responsible for themselves. As they face that inevitability, they feel that they are not able to be responsible for themselves.

So this feeling of being 'unable' passes with them into Spirit. Then, as they begin the process of assessing a future incarnation, they already have the feeling that they are unable and, therefore cannot be responsible.

What happens for those who have committed suicide is that they are coming in on a very strong circle of birth and rebirth, inability, lack of responsibility and fear. So,

it is important for those souls who contemplate suicide, or who actually successfully perform that act, to let go of it, for it is not the damnation that it is thought to be.

What is damning about it is that it puts you on the wheel of incarnation and rebirth for a longer period of time because of the feeling of helplessness and inability that accompany it. So, self-esteem is the issue of many, many incarnations... self-esteem and forgiveness.

Children of difficult upbringing take this with them and, again, force themselves back into countless incarnations looking for a perfect set of parents.

Victims of war and violent crimes often come back for revenge and for self-aggrandizement. In other words, they are searching for the power that they feel they have lost through war or violence. Many come back to smooth out the rough edges of previous incarnations.

Many, many souls are incarnating on the Earth plane and need not. It is not to say that it is inappropriate, but it is to say that a better choice could be made. Self-responsibility must not end at death's door, It must continue on into Spirit and we work with many souls who have difficulty in this particular area.

The concept of karma, of cause and effect, must be understood in its proper context, again, as a law of cause and effect for your use and benefit, not something that

works against you. It only works against you if you are not self-empowered, if you are not positive in your thoughts and if you are not careful of how you put out your thoughts, words, actions and deeds.

If you are responsible, the law of cause and effect works for you mightily and effectively... it brings about greater continuity in the life.

If the life is on a roller coaster, if you find that your life is up and down and seems to be out of control, then look to your thoughts. What are they, up and down and out of control? It must be understood that cause and effect can work for you. It does not have to bring you back to the Earth plane, but it will if you do not understand it.

You do not need to view yourself as one who is fated to an incarnation of distress because you feel you have past deeds in other lives that were not good. We have spoken of this before. You are pardoned by pardoning, but more than that, there is no forgiveness necessary, for you are all things already. You are all things already.

It is only a series of consequences in eternity, of moments that have already passed, that so-called misdeeds occurred. But, if you are living in the moment and those deeds occurred moments ago, then they are no longer relative. Guilt, shame, depression and self-pity are all words for lack of self-empowerment in the life. We will address some of these things in more detail as time goes

on. It must be understood that the Earth, as a temporary learning place, is a fertile ground for your spiritual growth and it should be viewed that way.

If you wish, Earth CAN be a 'living hell' because: you have chosen that; you did not attend to things; you were not alert to things; you were not attending to your ideas of spirituality and responsibility when you made your decisions as to how to come back; or you made them out of the belief that you had to eradicate 'old things.'

This does not mean that any incarnation is ever wasted, it simply means that you have taken a longer way around for what really could have been a short journey.

Many souls believe that it takes hundreds of thousands of incarnations to come to the point of understanding God. For many that is true. But, for those who would chose mastership, know that is not true, for, in a moment, you can realize the spiritual force that flows through you and identify with it.

Understand that it is your identification with the spiritual force that flows through you which ends the continuous wheel of birth and rebirth. As long as you are identified with the Earth as a schoolhouse, with yourself as a human being rather than as a spiritual being, or with personality and ego, you are altering your identity with yourself as an aspect of God and your view of yourself as you really are, as Spirit.

It is most important to understand that birth and rebirth are an active choice, not a passive one. Attachment and nonattachment are significant, even in Spirit. Many souls are attached to their old personalities and come back to seek that out, as well. There are numerous reasons for the birth and rebirth cycle to continue on the Earth plane.

We do not say that all should enter into Spirit, but we do say many, many with self-empowerment, with the proper view of themselves, with an understanding of themselves as spiritual beings, would alter their choices. That does not necessarily mean that the Earth plane would stop being a schoolhouse, because there are always numerous souls who need to come back for a variety of choices.

Let us speak of those souls who come back to honor you. There are many spiritual beings, now, who have come onto the Earth plane and who have been in Spirit for a very long time. They are coming to teach you about yourselves. You are going to be seeing many new avenues of understanding and opportunity open up in the next few years.

Just as only a short time ago channeling, as currently practiced in its multiple modes by this vehicle was unknown for the most part, so in only a few more years are more new expressions of spirituality going to become available. It will be through these very bright, special souls who have come to uplift for peace and to teach self-

empowerment, love and forgiveness that the world vibration will alter.

All of these souls that are coming will perform a great task. That is, to teach greater reverence for the Earth plane and to honor the self as a spiritual being.

Many of these souls come for this special incarnation as the history of the world moves to such a point of striking vibrational change that great spiritual growth can take place. Many individuals will come to a profound understanding of themselves through this vibrational change and these new souls who are coming.

Many of these new souls are still children and will teach these lessons very young in life. Many of these children, as time goes on, will also assume political power and will further assist in the avenue of upliftment that is taking place now. As there is a great cry on the Earth plane for peace, brotherhood and free will, so there are inspired reasons for incarnations.

These souls are not attached. They come purely out of unconditional love, but they do not come out of attachment. That is what is so striking about them. You will meet them as you look into the faces of children and see a light and a specialness that goes beyond what you have known as familiar in children.

If you look carefully, you will see that they are not attached, not attached to things as children usually are. They may seem to be very unusual children in that they do not behave as other children.

They are certainly more difficult to control, but they are not attached to the idea that they must be like other children. They are themselves and they are teaching you to be yourself, your highest self. They are spontaneous and they are light.

Now, the question arises as to whether they will become attached. Some will, but the majority of these souls are so highly evolved that their level of attachment will never be what previous incarnations may have been for them. They have learned the lesson of nonattachment, in other words.

These souls come so that many of you can let go and can get off the wheel of birth and rebirth; or that many of you may take the alternative of returning to Earth with a sense of power, self-empowerment and spirituality, that you, too, may come onto the Earth plane to bring about a great blessing.

All of you know that you have lessons to learn and that you make promises before incarnating. What you don't know is that you may have been passive in your choice and this may be a strong reason why your particular incarnation has been less than satisfactory. That does

not mean you can change what has happened other than to understand your own spirituality.

In other words, you cannot go back over this life and turn it into something that you might think you want. But, it does mean that you can try to extract every lesson out of this incarnation possible, to understand yourself thoroughly, to raise your level of self-empowerment and then to take the masterful step and disengage from all of that entirely.

So, you can turn a difficult incarnation, or even one that may have been chosen out of passivity, into a striking spiritual experience. This is why we are speaking to you in this series, to let you know that, within each incarnation you choose, can be a striking spiritual experience. More than that, you can be alert in Spirit and make your choices in a nonattached way. As you do this, you are guided from the inner sense of self to incarnate into sets of circumstances that will uplift you.

It is a belief on the Earth plane that you must come in to work out your inadequacies. If you are already creation, if you are already an aspect of Spirit, if you are already All-There-Is, how can you have an inadequacy to work out? It is a belief and one that you have taken with you into Spirit after death.

It is a belief that you must come back under the wheel of cause and effect and work out your inadequacies until you reach a perfected state and end up at God's feet.

Your feet are already the feet of God... that aspect of God that flows through you. You are already at the feet of God, so how can you spend a hundred thousand years trying to get there, when all you have to do is look down and realize that you already sit at the hem of God?

You already are absolutely everything you need to be. All of those little steps you have taken are not absolutely necessary. They are only necessary if you believe they are... and then, of course, they do serve a purpose.

Once again, we are going to talk to you about the human side of things. We will touch upon the metaphysical in this series occasionally, but we are continuing to speak in terms of masterful steps.

We are continuing to speak in terms of the long stride. We are continuing to speak in terms of a truly self-empowered spiritual being, not one who grovels at the feet of a God who seems so far off that intercession is necessary.

No, when you say your prayers, you are offering them to the Universal Spirit that flows through you, through all things and through all galaxies. That is what you must see when you say your prayers: the totally striking

magnificence that is Spirit, the concept that what flows through you is All Things.

When you see those pictures from your space telescopes, remember, that is part of you. If that does not strike all your hearts, we do not know what will.

Recognize the spiritual excellence, magnificence and beauty that flows through you and you need not incarnate as an inadequately empowered being. You can choose to incarnate as a Master, as one who leads the way and who takes masterful steps, or you can choose to spend your time away from mother Earth in other duties and become as we are... evolved, evolving and All Things, with the realization that is what we are, All Things.

So then, think about what you want, about your own spirituality and about why you have come, what you are doing on the Earth plane, whether you want to come again and under what circumstances. Do not be passive in your choice. Be active, be aware of the law of cause and effect and put it to use effectively for you, rather than feeling that you must be bowed down by a karmic law that you have no control over.

Take control of your own life, be masterful and recognize that the wheel of birth and rebirth is not absolutely necessary. It is only your belief in its necessity that keeps you on that wheel.

We will speak in the next session about choices, your promises and opportunities on the Earth plane to decide about a variety of circumstances in the life. You are going to get an insight into yourselves through this series that you may not have otherwise had. You are going to have an opportunity to look at your own underlying reasons for incarnating and your own belief system.

We encourage you to do that. We strongly encourage you to look at your own personal belief system and then decide where you fall. How did you make your choices? Were you active? Were you self-empowered or did you come back out of feelings of inadequacy, guilt and fear? Did you come back in order to assist another? Noble as that is, it is not necessary.

Decide how you want to spend the next hundred years. Look beyond your own life. Look beyond the experience you are having now to the eternity and immortality of your soul, then start to make your choices. Many souls fall into the trap of viewing a single human experience, thinking that is all there is.

Look to the immortality and the vastness of All-That-Is. All of that is part of you and you need to start to make your choices accordingly. Do not short-change yourself. Be honest with yourself.

Unusual though this may be, think of your goals, your death goals. What do you wish for at the time of your

death? Do you wish to transcend into Spirit with the knowledge that you do not have to return to the Earth, or do you wish to make those choices that would lead you back to the Earth because of your belief system?

Dying is not a passive experience, but is an activity of life. It is simply moving into a different form. So, do not be passive in death, in life or even when you are in Spirit. It is that passivity that leads to a sense of loss of self-empowerment. Be active, be alert, be aggressive in your assessment of yourself.

Look at yourself with honesty and integrity. Begin to assess who you really are and what your motives are for being here. After you have done that, disengage from your motives and you are going to feel remarkably lighthearted. You are going to have a view of yourself that you never guessed possible. The revelation should be quite profound.

At the end of all of this, you should come into the realization that reincarnation is not necessary for yourself... certainly a choice you have to make, but not necessary.

So, many new developments are coming through this series. An exciting time is in store for all of us as we look forward to continuing our discussions with you in the realm of the human soul, psyche and evolvment,

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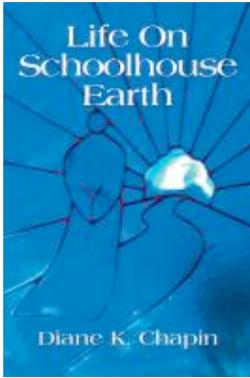
Have an uplifted time as you look into your own heart to see who you really are.

As you do that, begin to decide who you really want to be. That should certainly be an uplifted spiritual being who is empowered from within, who loves his brothers and sisters on this planet and who radiates cleanliness of heart through self-understanding and forgiveness for self and others.

We are going to depart. Again, our energies are calling us to other urgent areas and, as you will see, there is much activity on your plane of action. We are very gratified to have the opportunity to present this series and we hope each of you will grow, be blessed and uplifted by our words. Enjoy what is to come.

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