

Revenge of Karma

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Karma is defined as an ecosystem in Indian philosophical thought. All actions one does or has done in the past have consequences for the present and the future and is loosely called as Karma.

Most of the treatises on it are silent on what exactly Karma is, how it affects our actions and what its nature is. We will try to explore it in the light of modern scientific and technological advancements.

In modern computing most of the memory and information is stored in a cloud. This cloud is stored in servers - a physical entity, which are scattered all over the globe and store the information of individuals and organizations.

This information can be obtained by the use of appropriate login ID and password. The advantage of cloud is that it prevents the individual computers, tablets and phones getting cluttered up with extra storage memory and thus most of their memory can be used for processing data rather than storing information. Also in the event of these machines getting destroyed or lost the information always remains in the cloud which can be later obtained via new machines.

Similarly it can be conjectured that all the deep emotional memories of each individual go into a spiritual cloud called [Knowledge Space \(KS\)](#). KS can be defined as space which is filled with memories of very deep and intense thought and emotions and fundamental knowledge and discoveries. Similarly intense negative thoughts and emotions like lust, hatred, jealousy, pain, etc., which are also a product of intense concentration for a reasonably long time, may reside in KS. Thus KS is a depository of both positive and negative emotional memories. The mundane and shallow thoughts are not stored in KS since the energy used in producing such memories is not strong enough to send them to KS.

Since the life forms are also a part of intense memories, KS may have templates of [past life forms which manifest sometimes as ghosts!](#)

As we keep on adding information to our cloud our profile keeps on building. This profile affects and influences our interaction in the cyber world. Similarly our memories in KS affect our present and future behavior. If we remove the cloud completely we can start a fresh with new identity and information. In the same way removal of memories from KS allows us to get away from the cycle of birth and death. This is what [Patanjali talks about in his *Yoga Darshan*](#) when he says that resolution of gunas or memories (their removal) removes their effect and the role of *Karma* vanishes.

Just like the memories in cloud tell about the personality of a person and remain till they are erased so in the same way the memories in KS remain and can come to haunt us till they are removed. The memories in KS therefore drive the cycle of birth, death and reincarnation. This is the revenge of *Karma*.

So how do we remove the memories or *gunas* from KS so that one can be liberated from the birth and death cycle? The first step is the removal of memories from the brain, since it is the driving force for their transfer to KS. This can be done by deep thought or *Sanyam*. [Focusing on a single thought for a long time is *Sanyam*](#). Practiced daily and for many years this has the ability to form new neural pathways. These new pathways remove the old memories since the energy required to produce a single thought needs high amount of processing memory which can only be made available by dissolving the existing memories.

Removal of an individual's memories from KS is very difficult since these are stable memories and have been formed since ages. However when the brain becomes very powerful through *Sanyam* then it also gets the ability to access these memories from KS. This is the [genesis of great discoveries](#). This naturally gives the brain an ability to modify and remove the memories. This could also be the reason why advanced *Yogis* are able to know their past karmas and hence their past birth. Patanjali alludes to this in his *Yoga Darshan* when he says, "By making *Sanyam* on previous thought waves and subliminal impressions a *yogi* obtains knowledge of his previous lives".

Hence by removing extraneous memories both from our brain and KS through Sanyam we can dissolve our *Karma* and merge into Universal Consciousness.

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