

Web of Love – The Concept of Heaven and Earth¹

There is a story that [Narad Muni](#) was once sent to the earth from heaven by [Lord Indra](#) to fetch water. This was also to teach Narad the lesson in powers of [Maya](#). Narad on coming to earth met and fell in love with a maiden and lived with her and their children for 12 years, before he had a revelation regarding his true identity. He went back to Indra who told him that he was gone only for ½ an hour of heaven time. That was Indra's theory of relativity!

Similarly [Adi Shankaracharya](#) was once engaged in a debate by a [Mishra couple](#) who challenged him that being an ascetic monk he does not know anything about love and householder life and concerns. He was stung by the criticism and decided to learn about it. He left his body by yogic powers and entered the body of a recently dead king and enjoyed the company of his beautiful queens for many years and would have continued to do so before his friends brought him back to his "senses" and his original body. He understood the power of Maya firsthand!

In every religion getting into *Mayajal* or web of love is frowned upon. They all insist that renunciation, breaking of bonds etc., frees the soul from the cycle of birth and death so that ultimate salvation and liberation takes place. But liberation from what?

All religions insist that we should liberate ourselves from the human bonds so that we can become free and merge into [Universal Consciousness](#). Some religions even preach that after death one reaches heaven where all the goodies are available round the clock forever! But isn't this earth of ours that we call home with all its happiness and pain a part of Universal Consciousness?

What is the basis of such teachings in almost all religions? First of all most of these religious teachings are of very ancient origin and were produced at the time when the humans lived in stone ages with hardly any technological

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achievements. Hence some felt that it was better to give humans the opium of better after-life so that they could be used as slaves for few masters without grudging or questioning. This could be one of the explanations.

The other explanation could be that as life was evolving on this planet earth there were visitations in [spaceships by human-like forms from advanced civilizations of different planets and worlds](#). These could also be Gods of ancient times. These aliens came to colonize this virgin planet.

As they settled, they multiplied among themselves and may have even mated with the evolving humans on this planet. The purity of race might have become an important factor at that time and may have been the basis for racism in humans. The Indian caste system could also have been the result of this desire to keep the purity of race and hence the notion that we are one of the oldest civilizations of this planet earth maybe true.

Though the aliens stayed on earth, but the planet of origin or home must have been heaven and primitive life on earth as hell. This could have been the genesis of heaven in after life. Since they came from a very advanced civilization it is quite possible that they must have made the conditions of life on their planet very sustainable and pleasant.

I believe that as we expand our technological frontiers, we will also make this earth a very hospitable and sustainable place to live in and then will colonize or visit other planets. We then might call earth a heaven in comparison to some other planet that we might visit, where the life maybe in primitive state of development.

It is therefore important for all of us to contribute according to our capacity to make this planet a hospitable place. Thus our personal evolution and our contributions to the society should progress simultaneously.

This desire of the aliens to go back to the parent planet might also have been the origin of practice of preserving the dead bodies. Thus [mummification](#) in Egypt and burial of dead in other cultures was the mechanism to preserve the bodies till the arrival of spaceship from the parent planet so that the bodies could be resurrected and taken to it.

The memories of that planet must have been strong in the genetic code of early humans. However as the time passed [this became a ritual handed down from one generation to the other](#). I feel in future as our genetic material undergoes transformation we will slowly forget these customs and rituals and evolve new ones which are based upon the realities of this world.

Energy wise it becomes very difficult to get out of the gravity of this earth. Ancient Indian Yogis have claimed that by willing one's own death, one can use the gravity of sun and moon to help the transmigration of soul to other worlds. For example [Bhishma Pitamah in Mahabharata](#) stayed on the prickly arrow cot for about six months before he left his body by will at winter solstice. Similarly Swami Vivekanand studied the almanac thoroughly before deciding when to leave his body. They obviously understood the [effect of gravity on human thought and memory \(soul\)](#).

This process of soul guidance by gravity field is an efficient way for knowledge seeding of this world and may explain the birth of great masters like Buddha, Christ, Ramakrishna, etc. Probably these souls came from advanced civilizations. For these superior beings the knowledge of planetary movement must have been important and could have led to the importance and development of astrology. Later on it degenerated to seeing the effects of planets on an individual's life and does not have any scientific basis.

Leaving the earth's gravity field after death can be done by very few enlightened souls. Most humans become [residents of this planet earth both in bodily and ethereal forms](#). Probably in ancient times humans could get out of the gravitational field of earth through the practice of Yoga because of the superior genetic make-up of the aliens from advanced civilizations.

However as our genetic material got mixed with evolutionary life forms of this planet, we might have lost the ability to achieve those commanding heights. Shri. Ramakrishna used to say that the Yoga of Kaliyug is Bhakti because other Yogas like Raja Yoga etc. are difficult to practice and may require superhuman efforts. For ordinary people Bhakti Yoga is an easy way out. Maybe he understood intuitively the genetic process of evolving humans.

However as our technological achievements advance, we will be able to develop spaceships which may overcome [gravitational fields of the planet earth much more efficiently than those of today](#). Then we will be able to travel intergalactically to other habitable planets with our bodies. This is how the ancient gods in their spaceships might have visited this planet. All technologically advanced civilizations probably are similar.

As the numbers of humans have increased on this planet earth, the web of love and human bond has become stronger. This is the basis of the [concept of Knowledge Space \(KS\)](#). We should realize that this planet earth is our permanent home and is all that we have, and this is both heaven and hell. We are all part of the web of love and KS of this planet, and there is nowhere else to go.

If we take this view, then we will change our thinking so that we do everything in our power to make this planet a very pleasant place to live. We will then stop over exploiting it, killing our fellow humans, plundering the resources and help make it possible to achieve technological advancements for intergalactic space travel. We should therefore try to create a sustainable and happy world for all our future generations because most of us will be born again and again on this planet.

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