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THE PRINCIPLE OF REINCARNATION  
OR  
THE RENEWAL OF ORGANISMS

Something which is a fact to all people, that is if they think of it, is that they have to die some day. Most people do not give it a thought, except when they are witness to the death of a friend or a relative, and then the mere thought strikes them with horror. Death is a riddle to most people. "Nobody has ever returned and told how things are on the "other side", and perhaps there is no other side at all", such people usually state. Therefore, it is natural that my lectures also include the mystery of death, which will gradually cease to be a mystery and something people should be afraid of.

What is death? First and foremost it is an experience which all physical beings in this world have to endure. Nobody doubts that they will not have to experience it, as it is too apparent in all things which surround us. Furthermore, death is not only a process which will come to us once, it is already present inside of us. We already started the process when we were born. Where is the tiny child's body in which it was born? Where is the tiny child's face with which it excitedly looked forward to the wonderful adventure of Christmas Eve, the radiant smile on its little face when the wonderful adventure of Christmas approached, or the other happy hours of childhood? This face does not exist any more on the physical plane. It has a different face now. And if you are an old man or woman today, you may ask, where is the young and agile body now with which you in your youth embraced the one you loved? And where is the matured body with which you provided a climax on your life's work and experienced the culmination of your physical appearance in this life?

If you are old, these bodies have died long ago. The old man has as a matter of fact already experienced the reincarnation or the rebirth several times before his death. It cannot be denied that these physical bodies no longer exist. Now you will perhaps state that the present body of an old person is the same as the one he had as a child and a young man, only it has become outworn. But such a comprehension is based on an illusion. An organism is a "living thing", an organisation of living microindividuals which we call organs, cells, molecules and atoms.

Apart from the organs, the circuit of these microindividuals is so fast that their physical appearance becomes of a far shorter duration than that of the macroindividual. Therefore these beings are continuously being renewed in the organism of the macroindividual. Every minute there are cells and atoms which are born and die, so that this organism is practically subjected to a constant process of change, and in the course of only a few months is almost quite renewed. Thus it is no small number of bodies an old man has already left behind him. Every renewal must therefore be considered a new body. But you do not feel these reincarnations or rebirths so much because behind this transformation you continue a steady experience of life. The renewal takes place only gradually and in so gentle and adapted way that the experience of life is normally not interfered with or interrupted. But if one could imagine that the renewal of these microindividuals occurred at one and the same time, the organism would consequently have to die and another quite different organism would have to replace it. A kind of death process would then take place between the

renewals. Our child's body would then remain unchanged until the moment we were matured enough to take possession of our youth's body, and the conception "to grow" would be unknown to us in the sense as we now know it. The renewal which couldn't take place gradually had to take place suddenly. It would be necessary for us to fall in a kind of sleep or be in a dormant stage, and during this sleep the new body which should carry our youth's consciousness would grow up very quickly, and the child's body had to shrink just as quickly and be discarded and replaced by the new body. We would thus wake up in a new body to be used for a certain period until a new renewal should take place. Actually there exist beings in the physical world which experience their life renewal according to this principle, viz. various insects which pass through the caterpillar-, the chrysalis- and the butterfly-stages. These beings must experience a kind of death process between each of the stages within their single local terrestrial life. Imagine yourself if you had to go through the same stages. Then you would be overwhelmed some day by a heavy desire to sleep, and the body by which our relatives and friends used to identify us would shrink together and wither, and a new body would appear. The day-consciousness would now begin to work again and we would wake up into a new and beautiful body which nobody of course would recognize as "us". Yes, it is true that we could participate in the funeral of our newly discarded body. To some people these things sound funny, to others frightening, but there exist in fact beings in the universe, even on this globe, who experience the physical renewal according to such a principle. I have only stressed this because it does reveal a tiny bit of the process which human beings call death and which they are often so frightened of. But people have no other reasons to be afraid of death than those they make up themselves. And through the spiritual science the "enquiring spirit" of our time has the chance of making himself conversant with what is understood by the death process, that fright and uncertainty can be conquered and replaced by confidence and security. It is quite true that at the death process, known by human beings, only the discarded physical body or the corpse is left without it being possible to see the being appear in a new body. But is this an unshakable proof of the fact that consciousness dies when the organism is dissolved? No, we can only experience another human being's consciousness, physically, when this being has a physical body in which it can manifest itself, in the same way as we can only experience radio waves if there exists a wireless set which can transform these waves into sound waves. But do we doubt that these radio waves exist even if we cannot hear them? The psyche or the consciousness of the living being is a reality too, existing as rays and waves. These energies cause the entire life renewal and the change of organisms where it takes place in separate stages as in the case of the above insects, and when a gradual and almost imperceptible change takes place as in the case of the terrestrial human being. And if we compare the renewal of organisms of the insects with that of terrestrial man have we not then a proof of this faculty of renewal as well as all other faculties being subjected to the conception "development"? The ability of terrestrial man to renew his organism is actually far more developed than that of the insects. To be able to renew one's organism quite imperceptibly as terrestrial man does in his physical incarnation through the stages childhood, youth, manhood and old age without having to disconnect the day-consciousness function and to have a feeling that it is still the same organism - although it is not - is something of an ideal compared with the stage of development where the beings in one incarnation have to go through a kind of death process several times.

# Historien om stikkelsbærmåleren

Det er tydeligt at se denne larve „måler“ sig fremad (fot. 1). På forkroppen (til højre) er der tre par ben, mens bagkroppen har to par andre gangredskaber, der kaldes gangvorter. Når sådan en langstrakt larve kun har bentøj i hver sin ende, kan den kun bevæge sig ved at trække bagkroppen helt hen til forkroppen, og så bliver ryggen stærkt krummet — den danner en bue. Larven er hvid med en del sorte pletter af uregelmæssig form.

Når larven har ædt på bladene af stikkelsbær — undertiden også af ribs og et par andre buske, og hen i juni måned er blevet „mæt af dage“, hvilket her betyder fuldvoksen, forbereder den sig på at blive forvandlet til en sommerfugl. Den finder en passende gren (fot. 2) og spinder der et slags net ved hjælp af fine spindtråde, som kommer ud af nogle kirtler, der sidder på underlæben.

Det er svært at genkende larven, for den er indkapslet i det der kaldes en kokon — et stort hylster med nogle gule tværstriber (fot. 3). Her sker forvandlingen, der i virkeligheden er noget af et mirakel. Larven, der har fem par gangredskaber og en mund, forvandles til en slank sommerfugl med tre par tynde ben samt to par store, flotte vinger, og samtidig ændres munden til en sugesnabel.

I løbet af puppestadiet ser man ikke noget — dyret ligger som i dvale uden at tage næring til sig,

men der foregår uhyre mange fordringer, både med hensyn til dyrets form og de indre organer. Efter nogle ugers forløb sker dette naturens vidunder (fot. 4). Den sorte kokon sprænges (til højre på grenen), og forvandlingen er fuldbyr-det, idet stikkelsbær-måleren nu er blevet til en sommerfugl.

Nu er forvandlingen ført til ende



Larven „måler“ sig frem.



Den spinder et net.



Larven er indkapslet i en kokon.



Stikkelsbærmåleren er blevet til en sommerfugl.

— og dyret har samtidig skiftet navn, for på grenen sidder et smukt eksemplar af Harlekingsommerfuglen. De cirka 4 cm store vinger er hvidgule, men går nærmest kroppen over i det orangerøde. Sorte prikker er spredt ud over vingepladerne og på selve kroppen.

Set fra oven får man rigtigt indtryk af de spraglede vinger.

I juli og august kan man se disse sommerfugle, der flyver rundt og lægger æg på blade af stikkelsbær m. m.

## THE STORY OF THE MAGPIE MOTH

It is obvious to see that this caterpillar is "measuring" its way forward (see photo 1). On the front body at the right hand side there are three pairs of "legs" whereas the hind body has two pairs of "legs". Having only legs at each end, such an oblong caterpillar can only move by pulling its hind body right up to its front body, and then its back becomes very squeezed taking the form of a bow.

The caterpillar is white with a number of black spots of irregular shape. When the caterpillar has eaten of the leaves of goosberries and sometimes also of the leaves of red currants and a few other bushes, and in the course of the month of June has become fully grown, it prepares itself for its transformation into a butterfly. It finds a suitable twig (see photo 2) and spins a kind of net by means of fine spinning threads produced by some glands placed on its lower lip.

It is hard to recognize the caterpillar because it is wrapped up in what is called a cocoon. A big case with some yellow transverse stripes (see photo 3). Here the transformation takes place, which is in reality something of a miracle. The caterpillar which has five pairs of "legs" and a mouth has been transformed into a slender butterfly with three pairs of thin legs and two pairs of big fine wings, and at the same time its mouth has changed into a proboscis.

During the cocoon stage one does not observe anything. The caterpillar lies in a torpid stage without eating anything, but many changes take place with regard to the shape and the internal organs of the caterpillar. Within a few weeks this wonder of nature takes place (see photo 4). The black cocoon bursts open (look at the right hand side of the twig). The transformation is complete. The caterpillar has turned into a butterfly.

On the twig sits a beautiful specimen of the caterpillar turned into a butterfly. The approximately 4 cm large wings are of yellowish white colour, but close to the body it shades into an orange-red colour. Black spots are spread over the wings, and on the body itself, as seen from above, one gets a good impression of the gaily-coloured wings. In July and August these butterflies may be seen flying around, laying their eggs on the leaves of goosberries.

Sample letter no. 2.

The terrestrial human being has reached a stage of development where he is free from that kind of unpleasant interruption in the renewal of organism, until his terrestrial life through illness, accident or the wear and tear of old age is interrupted and his consciousness is carried by the spiritual or radiated bodies which also carry the consciousness during sleep. But as there exists a condition of renewal of organism which is more primitive than that of terrestrial man, it is just as natural that some other condition exists which is more superior to that of terrestrial man, but which terrestrial man can gradually develop himself to make use of. That is a renewal of organism, where also the process which we call death can be changes to a gradual process of transformation instead of an abrupt transition from one condition to another. Thus the "horror of death" will be conquered, and there will be no more shock condition in connection with this process, as now when human beings with their physical eyes see other people's physical bodies transform into corpses, without their being able to see the same people in the radiated bodies which now carry their consciousness.

As the change of organism, the principle of re-birth or reincarnation is thus subjected to development, this development must serve some purpose, which is to make the development as smooth as possible. Terrestrial human beings and the categories of beings related to him have as a matter of fact arrived at this stage of perfection in the course of one single life on earth, and that to such a perfect degree that he does not feel his renewal of organism and denies the reincarnation. He only notices the process of change where it has not yet become perfect, and is called death. Here he has not yet come so far that he has managed to create a partial renewal of the organism, but is subjected to the total renewal of the organism; and because he is only used to a "partial death", he believes that the total renewal of the organism is tantamount to a "total death". But human beings will only put up with this ignorance with regard to the eternal laws of life for a short time. Many searching people have already started their search for a solution of the riddle of death. But it is not the purpose of life that people are to concern themselves with "death" and the "spiritual world" on a mysterious plane, it is to become day-clear science, and human beings will gradually be able to surmount death through his knowledge and his creative power. It is the will of Providence or the Godhead that the living being through a long period of the evolutionary spiral is to reach the stage where he will be able to experience his eternal existence without the interruption of organisms which must take place in the vegetable kingdom and the animal kingdom of an evolutionary spiral. That means that such a faculty of imperceivable renewal of organisms which terrestrial man has acquired within a single life on earth will also in future be mastered by the same being when he moves from the physical plane to the radiated plane. As a matter of fact, it is the conception "resurrection" which will become a reality to terrestrial man who, when reaching such a stage of development where he can master the matter by means of his will-power, cannot any longer be characterized as a "terrestrial human being" but as a "real human being", a "man in God's image". In my cosmical analyses and symbols I prove where in the evolutionary spiral this goal will become a reality. In the last part of the 3rd kingdom of the spiral, the real human kingdom, such a perfect existence will start becoming a reality. Thus, the being's transition from the physical to the spiritual life experience will not be hindered by any "death process", the transition will then be just as perfect as the transition from childhood to youth, from youth to manhood, and from manhood to old age is today for the

terrestrial human being.

Until this stage of development has been arrived at, terrestrial man must, however, still experience his existence as an appearance partly in a physical shape and partly in a spiritual shape where the transitions can only take place as a complete renewal of organisms which causes that the human being is only conscious in the sphere where he is at present, and at any rate often during his stay in the physical world feel inclined to deny the existence of the other sphere. In a way in its principle the same as if the caterpillar would deny the existence of the butterfly. Through modern spiritual science the searching "human caterpillar" of our time possesses the possibility of getting to know other worlds than their own small local "caterpillar world". They may get a genuine idea of the development of life, of the process of creation, which they are in the middle of, and they may acquire a knowledge of what creates the development of this condition, where pains, sufferings and death are conquered. This condition of imperceptible renewal of organism which terrestrial man now is experiencing in a physical incarnation, has of course taken a long time to arrive at, and just as naturally it will take its time until the transition of the spiritual world can take place in the same way. But even now each single terrestrial man has the possibility of making death something beautiful, instead of something horrible. He must learn to die by learning to live, i. e. by getting to know the laws of life and by trying to live in conformity with these laws. The more a human being with his thoughts, feelings and actions come on the same wavelength as the fundamental tone of the universe or the universal ethics: - which is to be a blessing and a joy to living beings, the easier death can be faced when it comes. It will be felt like a renewal of life, a lovely rest from the at times, rather difficult life in the physical matter. But it will not be a rest like that you get in an arm-chair or on a sofa, no it will be the same which you experience during the most glorious holiday one can imagine. By means of one's thoughts one is to visit zones and spheres at will and also this is based upon universal laws. Then another renewal of organism takes place, the being must return to the world where there is hardship which develops it and where it hurts to think in the wrong way, but now it is equipped with a new fresh organism, which is built up in its mother's womb, and new possibilities in its future physical life to be able to think and learn to live so that it may gradually overcome death.

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