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Transmigration

Reincarnation is a passage of a soul from one body to another usually of the same species among hire races often with ethical implications. Transmigration is often used in a sense identical with reincarnation but there is a difference transmigration is a movement of soul in animal plants and other species. The soul may assume an animal form sometimes permanently sometimes only as a mid phase to another reincarnation or two final destruction or absorption.

transmigration is accepted in the schools of Hinduism and Jainism and in Greek thought of Plato

1.View of Hinduism

in the vedic literature believe in transmigration is not seen. The belief was that good men on that ascended to the heaven to the company's payment of go Gods and lead a painless existence. It was a life of enjoyment of sensual pleasures. The soul of The wicked rank into hell.

In the Satapata Brahmana the doctrine first appeared. It mentioned that every individual after that entertain you existence in which he enjoys pleasure of the merit and suffers pain of the demerits of the last life the existence could be animals plants insects for humans.

the underlying assumption of this belief is that life is a continued ever changing existence it is stressed that for every state there is a cause. There is no unmerited happiness and no unmerited misery each Man shaped his own fortune down to the smallest details. even gods are believed to be caught in the cycle of existence and must gain descend to lower forms of life when their time comes around. The wheel of existence roll on without rest or intermission. It means every to undergo birth and death continuously.

2 . Jainisms

Jainism believes that every soul is naturally pure. However due to bad actions one soul becomes heavy. This impure soul then passes from higher forms of life to the lower. The lower beings are graded depending on the number of sense organs and faculties the highest being man and lowest being vegetables which have only sense of touch. if karmas are extremely bad then one can even be locked in inanimate objects like stones rocks extra it is through the practice of sense austerities that one has to cleanse the soul and become liberated.

3. In his book *Phaedo* and *Phaedrus* Plato associates the doctrine of immortality and the existence of the soul with its transmigration.

Salvation

salvation is a concept that God or higher power saves humanity from spiritual death or eternal damnation by providing for them on eternal life. World religions share the notion that humanity need salvation from its present condition. Humanity has lost the purpose of its existence and this has resulted in the loss and reestablishing of personal communion with God. Salvation is also called as deliverance or redemption from sin and its effects by its nature of salvation answers to the plight of humanity as it actually is it offers individual redemption from slavery to sin forgiveness from guilt reconciliation for alienation and renewal as the image of God this view is generally true from the Western perspective.