

DEVOTEE'S CONTRIBUTION

KARMICALLY OURS

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Having been persistently encouraged by Sifu Kuan Ming to write a part two to my previous article, "Karmically Yours", I have since tried to figure out if it was better to write as a "Part II" or to come out with a different heading altogether, which I did not have the faintest idea what it should be. So when Sifu casually suggested this impromptu title, "Karmically Ours", I was totally consumed by it because on hearing it, fragments of **karmic remnants** of past lives swirled in my mind. Instantaneously, I felt an article forthcoming.

Once again, I wish to thank Sifu for these karmic terms that I have been able to pick up through his Tuesdays' discourses on Karma and Rebirth.

And, yes, this is another "love-story", as how some of you have termed "Karmically Yours". Only that this time round, it is about an anciently ancient love story between the Divine Mother, the Great Kuan Shih Yin P'usa, and us, which we would not be able to recall because it was so, so long ago of an infinite lifetime forgotten. In this lifetime, however, Divine Mother is renewing our **karmic bond** with Her, one of transcendence, wisdom and divinity, that is everlasting and evergreen, for as long as we stay connected through living our lives right.

It has always amazed me whenever I dwell on why the Divine Mother has set Her gaze onto me, a very ordinary being, to want to help me this lifetime, amidst so many others. I am not the best of persons, characteristically, and neither am I one who is bad to the core. So what did I actually do to catch Her glimpse? What were my **karmic imprints** like to have earned Her amazing grace? How on earth did I deserve this **karmic arrangement** with Her coming into my life joyously "unheralded"?

I am sure a good number of us here at the Order are asking similar questions, too. For now, we can just put it to our predetermined **karmic destiny** that the time is ripe and right for us to enable this **karmic flow** of events.

It has been a good fourteen years that I have encountered Dharma and I believe most of us can, in many ways, figure out how we had lived our **karmic past**, revealed through present day **karmic patterns** in us. The **karmic traits** within are very telling, too, if only we would take time to observe and review that in ourselves and in others through our sitting.

And it is exactly for this reason that we are asked to analyze our being, so as to know our selves (in order for us to correct

~ A 2010 KYCO TEACHING ~

**As with your thoughts, so is your consciousness
As with your consciousness, so is your life!**

ourselves), that we have been handpicked by the Divine Mother to journey Her Path because She sees in us the potential to be a Kuan Yin-like Being. In emulating Her, we need to better our character through self-correction, to the best of our ability.

Having been selected is but the first step for us to sail on this journey of multiple lifetimes to perfection, and unless we put in due effort from our side, it is nothing more than just having been identified through this great **karmic Kuan Yin-connection**.

“Putting in our effort” really means “to be in practice”. “To be in practice” means “we choose to live life rightly now that we have access to dharma”.

Well, what a great **karmic loss** we will stand to inherit if we were not serious enough to take advantage of this Good Fortune when there is a Mahasattva, a great Bodhisattva in Kuan Shih Yin P’usa, to personally lead and guide us this lifetime! Worse is when this **karmic boomerang** begets us future lifetimes of **karmic distancing** from treading this Kuan Yin Path, because it would be taken away from us, following the **karmic principle** and its consequences, if we deny it this lifetime.

So it is pretty clear now why a Good Character, through knowing and correcting ourselves, is of paramount importance for us to attain, which is essentially our necessary gateway to expiate numberless

lifetimes of **karmic misdeeds**.

Indeed, it is much easier said than done when it comes to changing over our distasteful or bad habits, doing away with both our mental and verbal cursing thought and speech, discarding our fake personalities, having less worldly cravings, be less lustful; just to name a few.

No one is saying it is an easy task to any of the above and more, because we are inundated with **karmic dispositions** from countless lifetimes of wrongful living. These **karmic inclinations** and **tendencies** are the bane to our soul and that **karmic effort** to get our act together will have to springboard from our end. Each of us has been given an equal opportunity to change over this life round, having been chosen by the Great Kuan Shih Yin P’usa to walk Her Path, to be that better person She would want us to be and which we ought to be.

Do we want to (be) in the first place?

Can we recognize this chance of our series of lifetimes?

Are we serious to want to help ourselves to be better?

But truth be told, we cannot change if we do not want to, and that is a great **karmic setback** we have heaped upon ourselves!

For those of us who have been truly listening to Sifu’s Teachings on Karma and Rebirth, we know this avenue on the Human Realm is for us to **Learn Karmic**

~ A 2009 KYCO TEACHING ~

To eradicate karma, to renounce cravings, to collect merit and to unfold your wisdom, these are the four practices of this Path that admonishes one to hurt never, to help ever, to love caringly and to serve selflessly!

~ A 2011 KYCO TEACHING ~

Be reborn every morning and live each day with new eyes,
and not with the eyes of memory.

Let this have you observing and appreciating life around you
as if it were your last day on earth. This is how life shall
henceforth be lived preciously and selflessly!

Lessons, Repay Karmic Debts and to Fulfill Karmic Responsibilities as our life's purposes. Are we going to settle for less by ignoring these needs and carry on nonchalantly, compounding our **karmic dues** for lifetimes to come instead, and seeing this lifetime go to waste?

If for any reason we are not happy with our life right now, we better be wise to make that **karmic turnaround** with this rare opportunity being on this Path to change. Just know that we may not be this privileged in our next lifetime to be under such positive **karmic conditions** embedded into this **karmic harvest** of ours.

So how does the Divine Mother help us with our **karmic repair** in the face of our **karmic reckoning**?

Niang Niang has equipped us with immense Teachings, three times a week, through Sifu Kuan Ming.

How much have we heard and genuinely understood?

Do we truly appreciate such direct Teachings from Kuan Shih Yin P'usa Herself?

Have we been touched by the energies of Her Teachings?

Our entire **karmic destiny plan** has also been laid out in Her Sacred Chart, the Divine Chart.

How much have we seen?

Have we begun to practise the fundamental Ten Steps of Practice on a serious note?

Do we not believe we can be transformed through these Ten Steps?

And if by any chance we are still chalked up with spiteful feelings, dissatisfied thoughts of possession, or simply being jealous, be it over worldly or spiritual needs, more so spiritual, then we have not heard nor understood the Teachings over the years. Let this not be our sorry state for want of a poor **karmic choice**!

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~ A 2010 KYCO TEACHING ~

Seeing how this Path is teaching you to walk the Way of the Virtues
and gathers for you the wisdom arising from it,
take it to heart and know that this is the Path to Liberation!