

Answering the Mathematical Argument against Reincarnation

It has been argued that it is mathematically impossible for everyone to have experienced more than just a handful of past lives on Earth. If you divide the total number of people who have ever been born (about 108 billion in number) by the number of people alive today (about 7.5 billion), then the maximum average number of past lives for each person on earth today could not exceed about 14. Yet, the evidence from past-life and between-lives hypnotic regressions suggests that many of us have experienced hundreds, and in some cases thousands, of past-lives. That would not leave very many “left-over” lives for the rest of us.

One solution to the problem would be that most of people on Earth today are relatively young souls with only a handful of past lives. This explanation, however, is not supported by the well-documented testimony of the thousands of people who have been age-regressed in clinical settings. This “testimonial” evidence indicates that the average number of past lives per individual greatly exceeds 14.

It has been postulated by some that perhaps most of those past lives were on other planets in this or other universes. Although this might be possible, it doesn’t seem that this is so, because the vast majority of the past-lives in the documented hypnotic sessions appear to be on Earth, not on some other planet. The detailed descriptions about what life was like during previous incarnations could only apply to Planet Earth.

So how else might we circumvent the mathematical limit of only 14 past lives per individual?

Actually, the answer is quite simple, and has to do with our concept of time and the nature of reality. Let us begin by understanding that the physical planet we live on has no objective reality or physical substance to it. At the most basic and fundamental level, all “matter” consists of immaterial waves of potential energy. Technically, it exists only in our minds, ie. our conscious awareness. It is only a simulation of reality, but not actually real. We do need to keep in mind, however, that although the external world and our physical bodies are not real, our experience of them is real. Our consciousness or true selves, although spiritual rather than physical in nature, actually does exist. It has been scientifically verified by numerous well-documented experiments that this is so, and because of this we are individually and collectively able to actually choose and shape our reality and alter the supposedly physical reality in which we live. We are living in a simulated world, created and sustained, by our thoughts.

Now, let’s include our concept of time in the equation. In this universe, time mostly progresses in a forward, linear direction. The arrow of time only goes from the past to the future, and there is seemingly no end to it.

In the heavenly realms, or world of spirit, however, time still exists, but is not limited to a forward direction. Time in the spirit realm is highly subjective. It behaves differently for each of us, depending on our needs and goals. Outside of our own consciousness, time does not exist at all. Everything that has ever happened or will happen has already happened. From God’s divine perspective, the past, present and future are viewed and experienced simultaneously. Because we share the spiritual, divine nature of God and are actually manifestations of God, we have the potential of viewing and experiencing time in the same way. After we leave the confines of our physical bodies and in our conscious awareness begin to focus on the spiritual realms, time changes for us. It still exists, because without it there could be no sequence of events and even our divine thoughts could not exist. Any kind of experience, spiritual or otherwise, would require some sort of linear progression of thought. In heaven, however, time would not be limited only to the present, and the arrow of time doesn’t have go only in a forward direction.

If we decide to broaden our experience and give Earthly incarnation another go, we would be able enter that experience at any point in time, past, present or future.

So, here's what I think may be happening with respect to reincarnation. Let's suppose we decide to enter an Earthly existence during the middle ages, as a peasant woman, we could easily do that. Or we might choose to try something really weird and enter the world around two thousand years ago in Egypt as Cleopatra. OK. No problem. But, you might argue, Cleopatra has already lived that life. How would it be possible to live her life. Would we have to boot her out of her body and take it over in her place? Actually, we wouldn't have to do that because the previous Cleopatra has already finished living her life. Here's what would actually happen.

We would be starting out in heaven in the viewing room with our guides and helpers. Here we would have opportunity to view our future life as Cleopatra. Based on what was shown to us, we would decide if this life would be appropriate for us based on the lessons we want to learn and the experiences we would need to have. The problem is this. We would be viewing Cleopatra's life, not our actual future life. We would not actually be living Cleopatra's life, but would be born into the exact same circumstances as Cleopatra, with the exact same DNA and similar life experiences to those of Cleopatra. Because we would not actually be Cleopatra, our actual life would go in many different directions and would turn out quite differently from the life of Cleopatra. So, when we are viewing our future life as Cleopatra from Heaven, prior to our reincarnation, we would be viewing only the probabilities and possibilities of our future life on Earth, not what would actually happen. Hopefully we would make good life decisions, and learn the expected lessons, and be made the better for it.

It would be like entering a time machine and emerging at some point in the past. According to the "butterfly effect" wouldn't this change the entire course of human history? The answer is, yes, it would. During your incarnation as Cleopatra you would be living in an alternate universe, a universe of your own choosing, perhaps shared by a few soulmates from Heaven who have agreed to participate together with you in this entirely new world. If this were to happen, would the previous Cleopatra and subsequent world history cease to exist? Of course not! Nothing ever ceases to exist. Our current world exists in our own consciousness, and it is never forgotten. Nothing is ever forgotten. With respect to our individual and collective conscious awareness, the records are never lost.

When you enter your incarnation as baby Cleopatra you would be entering (creating?) an entirely new universe, almost identical to the one you experienced during your previous incarnation. So, how many universes are we actually talking about here? Well, I would say that there are an infinite number of universes. The nice thing about infinity is that there is always room for one more.