

Crossing of Paths

How often do we meet someone with whom we felt an *instant connection*? The opposite happens too, but hopefully not as many as the former. Many may give little thought to this very common phenomenon, dismissing it *as just one of those things in life*. Where the attraction is sexually charged, we tend to attribute it to “**Instant Love**”. But these sexually charged encounters are not what is alluded to in this article. These are often triggered by mere physical attraction that serves a limited purpose, and are usually transactional in nature. The encounters that we are talking about are more deeply felt, and form the basis of relationships that have a more profound impact on our life, regardless of whether the initial goodwill sours after a while. The depth of feeling engendered in such encounters usually give us pause to wonder why, especially, if we subsequently experience disappointment. This leaves many to wonder if there is perhaps something deeper than meets the eye.

Indeed, there is a law that operates in Creation called the **Law of Cycles**. It sets the stage for all of our critical relationships. It guides the weaving of our paths through life, in such a way that we cross paths with all with whom we have to collaborate on critical tasks, or to resolve outstanding issues.

Underlying this weaving is the activity of the **Law of Reciprocal Action**, which is triggered by our act of will, that is, our desire, or a choice that we once made. The resulting quality of interaction when paths cross, i.e. whether it is harmonious or contentious, is dependent on the degree of altruism or selfishness of the act that triggered the law of reciprocal action.

As discussed in other texts written on the subject of Free-Will and the Law of Reciprocal Action, “*As we call it into the woods*”, with our choices and desires, “*so it plays back to us*”. This way, we can learn, through personal experience, the effect of our actions and desires on our environment, and other people. As is often the case, such “blowback” experiencing may or may not occur within our lifetime, because the return, by law, pursues a course defined by the Law of Cycles. Nevertheless, the initiator of the act, and the people who are affected by the act, are invisibly, but intricately connected by ethereal threads.

Where the act has been upbuilding and has spread joy and happiness, the reciprocal action brings joy and blessing to the actor. And the threads formed are light, uplifting and help to support the actor in continuing with more noble desires and acts. The beneficiaries’ gratitude also form threads that weave around the actor, fostering their upwards striving into higher realms of creation where acts of higher vibrational frequencies abound. Thus, the threads forged from the actor’s deeds, and the supporting threads of gratitude, help to build, through the operation of the laws, an upward path for the actor.

Where the initial act is disruptive, causing pain and suffering, the law of Reciprocal Action will forge heavy threads that hold back, or pull down to fields of corresponding low vibration, where the effects of the acts can be experienced by the initiator. If the victim of the act harbors ill will, and wants to extract their own revenge, they therewith, by their own choice, forge threads that link them to the perpetrator, and trigger the law of cycles to weave a path that brings the parties to meet again. Their meeting is to give both parties the opportunity to resolve the negative currents, and the ties between them, and, in so doing, sever their connecting threads. It should be stated that the severing of tie is independent of the initiator's personal experiencing of their action. But through learning from their experience, and more important, recognizing and acknowledging the wrongness of their action, it opens the initiator to voluntarily seek forgiveness from their victims. And the victim, in granting forgiveness, severs their connecting tie. Thus, each party severs their own respective binding ties.

In the spirit of Love that governs all such regenerative opportunities, conscious memories of past wrongs are suppressed at each new encounter. Giving each person, an opportunity to reconnect on a fresh footing, without the challenge of first overcoming obstacles that could arise from painful memories.

If we now observe life around us, through the lens of these two laws, we begin to see that many of our critical relationships are not a chance occurrence. Thus, paths cross to form family relationships, friendships, colleagues or other associations. All of which hold their necessary regenerative opportunities for those involved in the relationship.

Therefore, the feeling of connection or dread that we sense when we meet someone, is our spirit's "sensing" of the connecting tie that exists. A positive sensing is usually engendered by a subconscious joyful reunion, usually to collaborate on a yet unknown task. The unconscious sensing of the regenerative opportunity presented by the reencounter may also trigger a positive optimism. By contrast, the sensing of dread might occur when the nature of the tie is very heavy and negatively charged. Here, the deeply buried ill-will, or fear may have seeped, even if vaguely, into the conscious mind as red flags, or abhorrence.

Any initial good-will easily sours where the perpetrator is still unwilling, or unable to change their ways, and continues with disruptive actions that inflict pain and suffering.

The former victim may also be so blinded by deep seated resentment, the source of which is inexplicable even to them, and they refuse to recognize any good deeds or actions from their erstwhile oppressor. Even though they are unconscious of the past wrong.

Nevertheless, the laws would have given both parties the opportunity to sever an existing negative tie. Each party is free to do as they wish with the opportunity.

After their experience, the perpetrator may undergo genuine remorse, and through their subsequent actions, within the current relationship, satisfy the law of reciprocal action, and therewith sever the connecting tie to the former victim, even if the victim has not learned to forgive. By the same token, a former victim can, in learning to forgive an injustice, sever an existing tie, even if the perpetrator has not come to a recognition of the evil of their ways.

The sad irony is when an unrelenting victim, by their own decision, remains tied through their own chains to the lower vibration level, even when the perpetrator, to whom they were tied, has severed their own tie, through remorse and genuine acts of contrition that the victim refused to accept. In effect, the victim then remains tied to a phantom created by their own feelings, and lack of desire to forgive.

If there are no outstanding issues left for the perpetrator to resolve at that particular vibration level, they may have moved away from that level. While the spirit of the unrelenting victim cannot rise out of the lower density that corresponds to the vibrational frequency of their state of mind. But with this decision they continue to expose themselves to the negative influences of the environment.

Again, it is a matter of choice for the thus retarded spirit, who then has to face the consequences of that decision.

This brief insight into the activities of the law of Reciprocal Action, and the law of Cycles might help to shed some light on the dynamics that one witnesses in family and other relationships.

Perhaps one can also see the wisdom of two injunctions, captured in Judeo-Christian religions by the sayings: "***Vengeance is mine saith the Lord***"¹, and "***Forgive thy neighbor***".

Although this writeup focuses on the crossing of paths in subsequent reincarnations, both, or either party can, if they choose, make the effort to resolve their own contribution to their unsettled issues amicably during the same life time as when the act occurred, and not have to wait for the law to create another opportunity in another life time for this to happen.

This is the sincere wish for all of us, because, without obtaining or granting forgiveness for a wrong, a person remains tied. For the victim, this also means they will be denying themselves the opportunity of moving up to higher and more joyful fields of activity, if their voluntarily unsevered tied is all that is holding them back to the earth and its low vibrational field.

• ¹ **Ancient Near Eastern Context:** Archaeological findings show that many ancient Near Eastern cultures believed their gods would avenge wrongs against their worshippers. Similar themes of compassion and forgiveness are present, focusing on reducing suffering and letting go of anger.

Hopefully, this understanding puts into perspective, the additional spiritual cost of not wanting to *let go*. ***We already know the emotional and psychological cost of this refusal to let go.***