

NEW BODY, OLD SOUL

A Modern Mystic's Guide
To Spiritual Empowerment
In The Age of AI.



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About The Author

Dedication

To all those who are walking the journey of the soul in the body, it takes tremendous courage to face the spiritual trials and tribulations of being you. These pages are dedicated to guiding you on your path of spiritual evolution and encouraging you to use the healing tools available so that you can be inspired by the challenges of life, rather than overwhelmed by them. There is so much wisdom that is accessible to you, if you are prepared to walk the path of self-discovery towards self-realization. I hope that you are truly uplifted by reading *New Body, Old Soul* and getting to *Know Thyself* – who you truly are and why you exist in this wondrous universe of space, time and change – it's an exhilarating ride and I honour you for taking it.

Introduction

The dynamic relationship between the *human being* and the *eternal divine* opens up intriguing new dimensions for spiritual exploration. With increasing access to the quantum field, many are seeking out alternative experiences in consciousness to explain human existence and their purpose in the cosmos.

Caught between the cross currents of global turbulence, existential crisis and the need for a radical, spiritual paradigm shift, citizens of planet Earth require an updated navigation map to make the most of the incredible opportunities that present themselves during these critical times.

Scientists work diligently to build constructs of the universe that contradict mainstream religion pointing to the ageing patriarch's refusal to release their grip on outdated dogma that no longer serves most of humanity. Global wars rage on around us and the future looks daunting with AI, climate change, bio-warfare and nuclear threats, and the sheer escalation of global populations competing for planetary resources.

Therefore, reclaiming sacred territory and creating sanctuary for the soul becomes an essential priority of this century.

By traversing the 4D space-time continuum, humanity is close to reaching its capacity to explore multiple lifetimes in multiple universes, through altered states of consciousness that access the quantum matrix through a phenomena called *quantum entanglement*. With the rapid advancement of technology, the importance of claiming our spiritual empowerment and maintaining our autonomy is exceedingly important in a world trying incredibly hard to harness our spiritual liberty and freedom.

New Body, Old Soul bridges the gap between the material and spiritual realms to help unburden the *karma drama* that keeps unfolding through the process of reincarnation. As the boundaries between the physical and metaphysical start to blur, it is necessary

to build *spiritual gravitas* by accessing the metaphysical tools that a modern mystic needs for rapid healing, transformation and spiritual awakening on the road towards enlightenment.

**Great shifts in consciousness can happen at any time
when the path of grace is lit by the divine.**

Core Philosophy of *New Body, Old Soul*

New Body, Old Soul synthesises ancient wisdom traditions, global philosophies, and mystical interpretations of science, merging metaphysical principles with quantum concepts to explore the nature of reality. Rooted in a universal sagacity, passed down through ancient Northern, Southern, Western, and Eastern mysticism, it serves as a metaphysical and existential blueprint.

This framework reveals the *holographic, fractal nature of reality*, suggesting that the universe is structured in a way where each part contains the whole (holographic), and patterns repeat at different scales (fractal) – where spirit and matter, past and future, are intricately connected. It challenges us to transcend material illusions and attune to the deeper rhythms of cosmic consciousness, awakening to the fundamental truths that shape the nature of reality.

New Body, Old Soul explores the following aspects of human existence:

The Nature of Reality

- Reality is **infinite and cyclical**, governed by universal principles of transformation and renewal.
- A singular, **formless and eternal** reality underlies all existence – unknowable yet foundational to everything.

- The **microcosm reflects the macrocosm** – patterns in nature repeat at all scales (e.g., a cell mirrors a planetary sphere).
- **Cosmic evolution** is a continuous process – the universe emerges, expands, and will ultimately be recycled.
- The universe is **consciously-driven**, shaped by forces that integrate energy, matter, and intelligence.

Human Soul and Evolution

- The soul **undergoes reincarnation**, guided by fundamental laws of physics and spiritual causality.
- The human soul descends into matter and ascends to return to the divine source.
- Evolution is **governed by karmic cycles**, ensuring spiritual learning across multiple lifetimes.
- Human progress is **not linear but cyclical**, with alternating phases of spiritual awakening and decline.

The Forces Shaping the Universe

- A **primordial, intelligent force** drives the differentiation of matter and energy.
- This force, akin to **quantum fields and fundamental energy structures**, acts as the bridge between the material and immaterial realms.
- It functions as a **cosmic sculptor**, shaping the universe through vibrational patterns, energy frequencies, and dynamic information flows.

The Vision for Humanity's Evolution

The meaning of the word '*divine*', used throughout this book, is open to interpretation however it originates from the Latin word '*divinus*,' meaning '*of a god*,' derived from '*divus*' meaning '*god*' or '*deity*, ultimately tracing back to the Proto-Indo-European root '*deiwos*,' meaning '*celestial*' or '*shining*.' Therefore, as this word has evolved, so has its interpretation. As words evolve, so does the evolutionary path of each species on this planet. *The vision for humanity's evolution is:*

- **To awaken** to the hidden forces shaping all of existence.
- **To recognise** our divine origin and higher purpose.
- **To reconcile** science, sacredness, and the true nature of consciousness into a unified worldview.
- **To seek self-transcendence** through intuitive knowledge and ethical living.
- **To embrace our role as active participants** in an unfolding cosmic existence – as beings of light destined to reclaim our divine, empowered, loving human nature.

Know Thyself – The Sacred Adventure of The Inner Self



Chapter One

The Waters of Karmic Creation

In Nordic cosmology, creation emerges from the primeval void – Ginnungagap – flanked by the elemental extremes of fire (Muspelheim) and ice (Niflheim). Between them, Élivágar, a series of glacial rivers, flows through the abyss. When Muspelheim’s scorching heat meets the frozen torrents of Élivágar, the melting frost births Ymir, the primordial giant from whom the gods shape the world. This myth encapsulates an ancient recognition of water as the generative medium of life, its fluid nature bridging polar forces to sustain existence.

Across the deep jungles of central Africa, water finds another sacred embodiment in Mami Wata, the enigmatic spirit of creation, destruction, and transformation. Just as Ymir arises from the convergence of fire and ice, Mami Wata’s dominion over water reflects the womb-like origins of life itself. This cyclical interplay of opposites – fire and ice, fertility and destruction – mirrors the fundamental principles of physics, where energy differentials drive the formation of order from chaos. Like the primordial oceans

that gave rise to the first organic molecules, these myths speak to a universal truth: life emerges at the meeting point of extremes, where water serves as the vital conduit of creation.

Each young soul spends about nine months in utero. This haven is a gestation sanctuary of sorts where the heart is the first organ to form – before the brain. The baby's body unfurls slowly in a divine pattern embedded in the unfoldment of life everywhere and is nourished by the waters of life that feed both body and soul. These waters allude to the watery nature of the air we breathe and what seems thin and air-like is, in fact, liquid too – denser at the bottom, thinner at the top, flowing with currents and streams of consciousness.

Therefore, the waters of life pass through your lips and nose giving sustenance to your cells through fluid and the interchange of gases. You are embedded – you swim like a fish in water and live upon that very substance. And though you may say, *'No, I walk and do not swim,'* the manner in which you move through a density thinner than water is reminiscent of flow and resistance. This is a reminder of the intimacy of your connection to this universe that sustains you. If you were to stop breathing now you would soon pass out and your body would revert back to breathing.

You are connected, second by second, to this atmospheric, electro-magnetically charged conscious field called 'substance'. This universe has one appearance that seems a certain way and another that is entirely different if you penetrate deeper. The more you do the stranger it becomes, weirder and weirder to the mind's understanding that perceives the mundane yet does not understand the magic that lies behind it – *magic* in the deeper sense of the word that provides you with the very spark of your being.

Body Geometry & DNA Dimensions

A baby's bodily development in the womb begins with the fusion of the mother's egg and the father's sperm during fertilization – a process releasing a zinc spark that creates a microscopic flash of light signalling that a successful conception has occurred. The resulting zygote undergoes mathematically precise and rapid cell division leading to embryo formation. The early embryo's development follows certain biological patterns associated with spiral-like growth such as coiling of DNA and the spiral nature of some cellular processes. The genetic blueprint for the baby, encoded in the DNA, is inherited

from both parents. This guides foetal growth and development in the womb following encoded genetic instructions.

Looking at DNA, it forms two strands in a spiral shape. This geometric curvature is universal to other forms in nature such as the Fibonacci Spiral. The dimensions of DNA's double-helix are 34 angstroms in length and 21 angstroms in width that are consecutive numbers in the Fibonacci Sequence. This patterning forms a mathematical ratio of 34 to 21, called The Golden Ratio, a mathematical constant that physically expresses the intelligent design that defines beauty and efficiency in nature.

The DNA double helix's right-handed twist is an example of *chirality*. Natural spiral forms have a *handedness* that makes each structure unique in shape and direction. The heart is a prime example of chirality in organ placement. It is on the left side of the chest and oriented with a leftward apex tilt forming part of the body's overall asymmetry. This mathematical harmony of DNA's chirality suggests a universal pattern that is embedded in all forms of life. It is the spiralling essence of being that is unique, forming essential structures in the human body. Just as many organs, tissues, bones, and glands form by chirality, so does the spiral Milky Way Galaxy and billions of galaxies beyond that.

While humans share about 99.9% of DNA, smaller differences in sequences create unique traits in each individual, therefore, there is no other identical person to you in this *entire* universe. The intelligent design of DNA provides scientific evidence of the uniqueness of your human design, elevating the extraordinariness of your existence. So many elements have come together to form one unique human soul in the fullness of their natural physical expression – that is, you!

'Every one of us, in the cosmic perspective, is precious. If a human disagrees with you, let them. In a hundred billion galaxies you will not find another'* – Carl Sagan, *Cosmos

Our human composition consists of molecules, formed from atoms, that go on to form DNA – from chemical compounds like carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, and phosphorus – forged in stars billions of years old through a process called *nucleosynthesis*. This makes the raw materials of DNA as old as the universe. However, the biological structure that

forms human DNA is only 3.5 – 4 billion years old. Therefore, the chemical components of DNA may be older than Earth but the structure and biology of DNA are not.

This recycling of raw materials is evidence that we evolved here and were not just placed on Earth during a sacred celestial event however this does not mean that we do not carry the capacity to embody sacredness. According to Carl Jung, a famous Swiss psychoanalyst, we are here to individuate through the processes of life that encourage the development of an *autonomous identity* that begins in adolescence and continues throughout a person's life. Abraham Maslow, an American psychologist, called the process *self-actualization* whereas Eastern spiritual tradition refers to it as *self-realization*.

It is intriguing that humanity is the by-product of gigantic exploding supernovae, fragments of iron flung far out into deep space, amassing large clods of space dust through gravitational attraction, eventually forming Earth in our solar system, the Milky Way Galaxy. This is the truly remarkable history of human evolution and why we emit light today. We are literally radiant beings – emitting biophotons – tiny light particles generated by cells during metabolic processes. This light has been evident throughout history seen in art surrounding saints' heads as the *halo*.

Though invisible to the naked eye, this subtle glow of life within us reflects the life force and vitality of each human being. Biophotons are believed to carry information, communicating between the body's cells and influencing the body's biological rhythms. We can also feel our connection to the substantial universal field of consciousness through the phenomena of *vibrational frequency* and *quantum entanglement*. Luminous biophotonic emission reminds us that we are not just connected to the physical world but to stars too, and to the radiant universe of light.

Your Karmic Soul Blueprint

While science explains the biological processes of human development the soul remains shrouded in mystery. There are varying metaphysical ideas shaped by cultural, spiritual, and philosophical beliefs that speak of the soul and the stage at which it enters the physical human body. This can be thought of as the intersection between spirit and matter signified by the symbol of the *cross*. There are various beliefs around the timing, however, all agree that a soul is resident in the body. This is one of the vast mysteries of life that

keeps us awake and alert to understanding more about ourselves and the awakening and quickening of consciousness in the body.

The soul exists both in and out of physicality and is part of a larger universal picture. It undergoes cycles of *reincarnation*, experiencing many different lifetimes, enhancing its more permanent essence through soul evolution. When the level of consciousness of the soul can no longer sustain itself at a lower stage of development it has the opportunity to incarnate. There is no '*person in the sky*' that makes this decision to incarnate – this is entirely a function of human consciousness and its universal drive to evolve.

There are old souls believed to have experienced many lifetimes of incarnation gaining significant wisdom – interested in the benefit that life has to both themselves *and* humanity; and younger souls newer to the incarnation process – focused more on materialism, competition, and ego-driven goals of *self-interest*. Souls earlier on in their evolutionary journey tend to focus on survival and the basic instincts of *avoiding pain* and *seeking pleasure*, often seen in simpler, more materialistic lifestyles. Young souls, called *starter souls*, incarnate with stubborn ideas about the universe and how they want it to be run. They incarnate with many whimsical notions but, unfortunately, not a lot of embedded wisdom and often attempt to be in leadership positions – usually making a mess of things.

While it's important to distinguish the level that you've reached in your soul development, it's equally important to know that this does not denote *superiority* or *inferiority* – rather that you are swimming in a pool of billions of souls at varying degrees and configurations of patterned consciousness. Some souls are discarnate and others incarnate. On this planet the ratio is about 8:12 billion with about eight billion souls incarnate and four billion discarnate, existing in the non-physical realm. When a soul is at rest in the afterlife it's in a state of rest preparing for its next incarnation.

All comes from *divine source* and souls may be equally ancient yet have developed different intelligence and consciousness associated with their capacity to evolve. For example, crustaceans in the ocean hunt together and strategise to catch prey by ambush hunting using combined processing power. Birds have evolved wings, originating from dinosaurs, allowing them to soar above humans – a smart move that has ensured their survival over time.

All life on Earth has emerged out of the quantum field incarnating as the diverse array of life that experiences the vastness of consciousness in a myriad of bodily forms – living in multi-faceted and multi-existential dimensions – and we are all a part of this!

Soul Groups & Types

Larger groups of interconnected souls can incarnate together repeatedly to assist each other or to learn from one another. Incarnating in various roles, they are usually found closest to you in the relationships that endure over time such as family, friends, partners, teachers, and sometimes co-workers. These relationships can be characterised by trials and tribulations and are designed to have maximum impact on soul evolution due to the heart-wrenching difficulties that are faced.

Three general types of human souls:

- *Avatars*: Great beings of divine energy such as Krishna, Christ, Meera Bai, Mother Mary, and Buddha – *no one is born in oneness unless they're an avatar.*
- *Boddhisatvas*: Souls who incarnate to come back and help humanity like Florence Nightingale and Francis of Assisi.
- *Herky Jerky Givas*: Souls on the wheel of life having a tough time lifetime after lifetime – this is most people. A giva is deeply connected to elevated states of consciousness or higher wisdom, therefore, enjoy the contradiction of being divinely human yet struggling with the extremities of life.

One of the most important challenges of life is keeping your heart and mind open while not allowing others to use, abuse, oppress, undermine, or exploit you. The *love exchanges* and *power dynamics* of major relationships are simply practise runs for further connection with the divine. Therefore, it is critical to investigate these relationship dynamics to see where growth is required. The question is, can you stand in the integrity of your being while remaining empowered and steadfast in love?

Karmic Partners, Soulmates & Twin Flames

A *karmic relationship* feels a bit like a battleground where no peace can be achieved. From the start, partners in this type of relationship sense tension where conflict stems from unresolved issues from previous incarnations. These relationships are often intense, emotionally charged, and designed to teach soul lessons and facilitate personal growth. They are characterised by emotional highs and lows and include conflict, jealousy, and insecurity. They usually do not last long as their purpose is to catalyse transformation, not to serve as a lifelong partnership although partners can feel a deep, inexplicable pull towards the partner despite the challenges.

For example, imagine you meet someone, and there's an immediate, magnetic attraction. At first, the relationship feels exhilarating, but soon arguments over small things escalate. You feel stuck in repetitive cycles – one moment you're passionately in love and in the next you're at odds. Despite the turmoil you can't seem to let go because the connection feels fated. Ultimately you part ways but in hindsight you realize they taught you to set boundaries and value your self-worth. Therefore, karmic relationships act like a mirror showing you what you need to work on.

A *soulmate relationship* on the other hand is easier going. It involves a deep, spiritual connection with someone who resonates with your soul's energy. It's characterised by harmony, mutual understanding, supportiveness, and a sense of coming home. Soulmates encourage each other's growth but without the harsh lessons of karmic relationships. Meeting one often feels like reconnecting with someone you've known before, with *past life recognition*. They can be intimate partners, family members, or close friends.

Twin flames are souls believed to have split in two as the soul incarnates into two separate human bodies as counterpoints to each other, masculine to feminine polarities. Should they meet on Earth, this could prove to be a very challenging type of union, where partners can easily become discombobulated and enmeshed in each other's emotional baggage. Or, these two souls may have been entangled in past incarnations and are now meeting on the physical plane to evolve their spiritual relationship. Either way, profound change is experienced by both partners as the relationship is based on intense attraction yet significant challenges. Each partner acts as a mirror for unresolved aspects in the other. That said, the ultimate *twin flame relationship* is that which seeks to balance the

feminine and masculine aspects within oneself and any partnership is just an external reflection of this, and not to be taken literally.

While twin flame relationships represent a *divine reunion*, soul mate relationships and other soul connections serve different purposes, which could be anything from companionship to karmic healing, or spiritual evolution. The ultimate goal of all these relationships is *soul evolution*.

| KEY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN KARMIC, SOULMATE, AND TWIN FLAME RELATIONSHIPS | | | |
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| | Karmic Relationship | Soulmate Relationship | Twin Flame Relationship |
| Purpose | To teach life lessons, resolve past karma, and break cycles. | Bring harmony, love, and mutual soul growth. | Facilitate deep spiritual awakening and self-realization. |
| Emotional Tone | Intense, challenging, and often turbulent | Supportive, peaceful, and uplifting. | Extremely intense, with harmony and conflict. |
| Connection Type | Based on unresolved issues from past lives. | A deep and familiar bond with someone from your soul group. | A mirror of your own soul, reflecting your strengths and flaws. |
| Duration | Often temporary, lasting until lessons are learned. | Can be lifelong, but not always romantic. | Can last a lifetime but often involves periods of separation and reunion. |
| Dynamic | Push-pull, emotional dependency, or codependency. | Balanced, with mutual respect and ease. | Transformative, often triggering personal and spiritual growth. |
| Signs | Repeated cycles, feelings of being stuck, or karmic ties. | Feeling of 'coming home' and effortless connection. | A sense of destiny, synchronicity, intense energetic pull. |
| Challenges | Emotional turmoil, unresolved conflict, toxic patterns. | Minimal drama, with constructive growth and love | Confronts ego, unresolved trauma, and spiritual wounds. |
| Spiritual Focus | Clearing karma and breaking old patterns. | Shared spiritual and emotional growth. | Uniting the divine masculine and feminine within oneself and with the twin flame. |
| Final Outcome | Growth through pain; often ends once the lessons are complete. | Lifelong companionship or deep friendship | A path toward spiritual union and self-mastery, whether together or apart. |

Key Differences Between Karmic, Soulmate, and Twin Flame Relationships

Prima Materia & The Soul in Nature

The elements of *earth*, *water*, *fire*, *air*, and *ether* emerge from *prima materia*, the primordial, formless substance that can be compared to the *zero-point field* in physics. From chaos, raw potential energy evolves through transformative alchemical processes that elevate base level existence into something extraordinary.

Earth represents the foundations of spherical, symmetrical structure – the densest form of *prima materia* – where these potentials begin to crystallize. Water can transform from liquid into gas and ice – the archetypal *shapeshifter* – sustaining and rejuvenating life on the planet, imbued with its own consciousness. Air infuses with water, dispersing raindrops that fall between thunder and lightening, regulating climate and relocating seedlings. *Fire* is the great powerhouse, a relative of the Sun (made of gases – helium into hydrogen), catalysing photosynthesis in plants and providing nuclear energy for cosmic evolution. *Ether* – *quintessence* – is the subtle substance, the binding force – that forms the invisible threads that entangle all in a weblike unity.

From the oceanic cradle of life, and the interplay of elements that create life through procreation, nature continuously reinvents itself. Materials evolve to contain souls that become more alive, animated, instinctive, and aware of themselves. Through these elements the *soul of nature* reveals itself, expressing eternal cycles of transformation. *Prima materia* is the prime matter preceding this evolutionary succession of advanced elements refining themselves over aeons.

Conscious alignment with these forces of nature allows individuals to master their own transformative journeys, mirroring *prima materia's* journey from raw, chaotic potential to realized human expression. Just as minerals endure extreme pressure to become gemstones, so too does the human spirit evolve through interaction with the pressurising forces of the natural universe. These forces are also regenerative, changing appearance but not essence, just like the soul cycling sequentially through one reincarnation after another.

Reincarnation – Soul Cycles of Life & Death

About 30-35% of the global population support the idea of reincarnation spanning across indigenous, new-age, mystical, scientific, and religious groups. The idea of reincarnation in popular culture can be understood through the example of the Dalai Lama who is recognised as the reincarnated Tibetan spiritual leader from a long line of predecessors. In esoteric thought, reincarnation is seen as the universal law driving human evolution and spiritual growth in material form. The word 'reincarnation,' if deconstructed means *again – into – flesh (carn)*. This implies a repetition of entering a human body.

What Happens To The Soul After Death?

Across cultures and religions, the fate of the soul is a mystery wrapped in centuries of belief, tradition, superstition, and speculation. Loosely speaking, here's how various spiritual traditions envision the soul's journey into the afterlife:

- **Christianity** – After death, the soul's destiny hinges on divine judgment. Some may pass through purgatory before ascending to heaven, others descend to hell. Unlike reincarnation-based traditions, the soul doesn't return to Earth. During Christ's second coming, souls reunite with their resurrected, glorified bodies.
- **Islam** – The Day of Judgment determines a soul's fate: the righteous enter *Jannah* (paradise), while the wicked are sent to *Jahannam* (hell). Resurrection reunites each soul with its body for final judgment.
- **Judaism** – Some Jewish traditions envision an afterlife in *Olam Ha-Ba*, a spiritual realm of divine connection. Others speak of bodily resurrection in the Messianic Age when souls are restored.
- **Hinduism** – The soul (*atman*) is on an eternal journey through *samsara*, the cycle of birth, death, and rebirth, determined by karma. The ultimate goal? *Moksha* – liberation from this cycle – where the soul merges with *Brahman*, the universal consciousness.

- **Buddhism** – Like Hinduism, Buddhism teaches *samsara*, but with a twist: the self is an illusion. Enlightenment leads to *nirvana*, the cessation of suffering and escape from rebirth. Tibetan Buddhism also describes *bardo*, a transitional state where the soul can attain liberation before its next incarnation.
- **Native American Traditions** – Many Indigenous cultures believe in reincarnation or an intermediary spirit world where souls transition before their next earthly return. Some view death as a passage to another realm, guided by ancestors.
- **Science & Atheism** – From a scientific perspective, consciousness is tied to the brain, ceasing when biological functions end. Some atheists accept this as the finality of existence, while others entertain theories about quantum consciousness or near-death experiences as possible clues to something beyond.

Ultimately, life after death remains one of humanity’s greatest mysteries – not just shaped by culture, belief, and personal experience but as a reflection of an individual’s consciousness, spiritual evolution. The traditional constructs of ‘heaven’ and ‘hell’ as physical locations are misleading. Rather than places, they represent vibrational states – higher or lower frequencies of existence – aligned with one’s inner growth or unresolved burdens. The divine is impartial, supporting all beings unconditionally, beyond judgment or retribution.

Some religious institutions have historically used the promise of heaven or the fear of hell as a means of control, reinforcing obedience through spiritual coercion. Yet true spiritual evolution transcends such dualities, urging each soul toward greater awareness, authenticity, and liberation. Heaven and hell are not destinations but reflections of one’s inner state. In the end, the afterlife is not about punishment or reward – it is a continuation of consciousness, a passage through dimensions of being, dictated not by doctrine but by the depth of one’s own awakening.

Earth is the *school of souls* where people are exposed to experiences that expand spiritual development. In honouring the sacredness of existence, exultation can lead to self-realization where a person has a full picture of their place in the cosmos. Souls need to recycle through a succession of earthly lives to develop *spiritual gravitas* and do so by grappling with a variety of challenging life circumstances within a network of

relationships. Ironically, the soul is desperate to incarnate into the body to continue its spiritual work as the lifetime in the body is considered to be such a great opportunity for speeding up soul evolution, however, because our pre-life memories are lost when we incarnate we sometimes wander around in a state of confusion uncertain of our direction in life, wasting valuable time.

Ancient Beliefs of Reincarnation

The idea of reincarnation is an ancient one, orally passed down through the great epic stories from Hindu religion, translated from the sacred texts of the Egyptians, spoken of by Buddha, and evident in the doctrines of the Greek Pythagoreans. Pythagoras viewed the soul as an immortal and divine entity that underwent cycles of reincarnation. After death, the soul would be reborn in a new body. This cycle continued until the soul was evolved and could reunite with the divine. He believed that the soul, while individuated, was a *fragment of the cosmos* interconnected with the universal soul governing laws of harmony and number. The soul's purpose was to align with the universal order to be a part of a unified cosmic system. He believed that the individuality of a soul was temporary until it returned to the divine source from where it originated and while it was individualized it had a sense of its own journey and experiences.

Reincarnation has a nuanced and complex history within Jewish thought. While it was not a mainstream belief in early Judaism it gained prominence in mystical Jewish traditions, particularly through the Kabbalah, a body of esoteric teachings that emerged in the medieval period. Jesus himself talked about reincarnation, implicit in his statement to his disciples: *'And if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come'*. (Matthew 11:14). Origen of Alexandria believed that souls existed before birth however the council of Constantinople condemned Origen's teachings viewing them as *heretical*. This distanced mainstream Christianity from reincarnation-related concepts.

Modern scholars sometimes revisit Origen's writings and other apocryphal texts such as the Gospel of Thomas for traces of ancient thoughts about reincarnation although evidence remains speculative. Origen's philosophy emphasised spiritual evolution and divine balance that some consider to be aligned with the idea of reincarnation. However, classical Christianity overwhelmingly rejected reincarnation in favour of the *resurrection* of the body and eternal life. Resurrection is seen as a one-time event focussing on eternal

union with God whereas *reincarnation* is a cyclical process that focuses on spiritual growth across multiple lifetimes until transcendence is accomplished.

The Soul's Purpose of Reincarnation

The soul is far greater than we can possibly understand at our current level of human consciousness. If you think of an ant and its perceptual capacity, we are actually very similar in the grander scheme of the cosmos. However, the soul is our intermediary between the material and spiritual realms. If we look to the ancient texts found in all religions there are common threads in each of the sacred books, that if combined, can provide a holistic interpretation of the notion of *soul* and *spirit*. However, we need to remain humble in our approach to understanding these great mysteries as we weave together the fragments of partial truths found in scriptures, ancient texts, ancestral stories, mythology, and personal experiences that people have of their perceptual, subjective and historical reality.

Fundamental aspects of the purpose of the soul's incarnation journey on Earth:

- To experience the multi-dimensionality of life relative to the duality of negative and positive opposing forces.
- To evolve spiritually through challenges, obstacles and soul lessons around the *exchange of love* and *balance of power* in relationships with others.
- To understand why a person incarnates into a specific birth family with specific karmic ties that are both personal and contextual.
- To balance karma – negative and positive life experiences – and to integrate the wisdom of these lessons.
- To assist others on their soul's evolutionary journey of life.
- To transcend duality and cross the threshold into the universality of being.

The Evolving Soul

When a baby is born its parents may sing to it, wrap it in a warm blanket and express love for it, unless it is rejected or abandoned at birth. This nurturing from the parents creates a feeling of emotional security and physical safety. As the baby develops into a toddler, then into a child, an adolescent, and eventually into a young adult, if the nurturing process is incomplete this can present a myriad of challenges that continue throughout adulthood. Therefore, life purpose cannot be found in careers (unless vocational), however, it is to be found in sorting out the dross, turning lead (the heaviness) into gold (something of great value) – an apt metaphor for karma.

The Hindus and Buddhists description of souls in terms of their karmic purpose – the cycle of birth, death, and rebirth – reinforces the idea that each soul's incarnation is influenced by past actions and spiritual progress. This implies that the eternal soul is moving through lifetimes in an aspirational manner to become more liberated and enlightened through the cycle of rebirth. Whatever name or term you apply to *soul development* it's important to understand that descriptive terms are just symbolic and metaphorical containers for concepts such as these. The more fundamental aspects of existence are about understanding your soul's journey in context of your own perceptions, experiences and interpretations, and feeling your sacred connection irrespective of what you call it.

Karma – The Great Chameleon

There is an age-old belief that karma is a punishment or the settlement of debt for a soul who has overstepped along the path of life, however, it is more helpful to view karma as the balancing principle to which each soul is accountable. The universe is in a perfect state of homeostasis and provides ample evidence of this – the Earth orbits the Sun at a perfect distance for it to nourish and sustain all life on Earth, and the exact measure of gravity is perfectly calculated to hold all our planets in steady cosmic orbit.

Therefore, karma implies that if, for example, a person commits deliberate acts of violence towards another, they will throw their karmic balance out of synch and this will need to be readjusted in proceeding lives until homeostasis prevails. On a conscious or

physical level a person can persistently deny accountability for their mistakes, however, on a karmic level, they will hold themselves fully accountable due to the natural laws of this universe. Each person has a *higher self*, an aspect of self that is connected to justice and wisdom that cannot evade the *self-assessment* that follows in the afterlife. Therefore, all souls assess themselves after death, in a review of their life's actions towards themselves and others and fall into an *energetic vibratory pattern* that reflects their own appraisal of personal growth. If a person has regressed or stagnated in their life their vibratory level will be low. However, if a person has expanded in a lifetime and made a contribution to humanity this will raise their vibratory level through the death, or soul hibernation process. This is a much more relatable version of *heaven* and *hell*, and the souls vibratory level is, therefore, determined by a person's own evaluation of their level of consciousness.

Karma is sometimes viewed in polarity, as either 'good' or bad' but this is over-simplified. The soul needs to undertake an experiential journey in the body, experiencing both good and bad events that bring about balance. We exist on Earth with others for a reason. There are billions of life-sustaining planets in the cosmos that we could incarnate on and be alone, yet here we are, together. Simply put, karma relates to the experiences required from the level of the soul for human beings to be able to advance their consciousness through space and time, refining and enhancing their *quintessence* – accrued through previous incarnations. We bring with us a previous history of other lives lived however due to environmental factors our current lifetime could set us on either a destructive or constructive path, depending on our formative years in childhood.

Even so, karma ensures that each soul has the freedom to build its own character while resident in the human body. Creating your unique identity along your own path of choice means that you release others from any responsibility for your current circumstances and the way you are today. As challenging as this sounds it eventually leads to a more empowered and less dependent life. Our journey of life is entangled with so many others whether we like it or not. The key is that we have freedom of choice and can exercise this when we respond to adverse circumstances – by building resilience against negativity, self-pity, self-rumination, anxiety, and depression, and by refusing to succumb to the seductive pull of collective victimhood.

As we are mutually interdependent on others to grow and build character then all others become interchangeable *teachers* and *students* of life. Karmically speaking, there can be only two motivations in life. The first, for individual interest, and the second,

for the benefit of all and understanding the unity of life in the cosmos. The laws of the universe dictate ‘*as above, so below,*’ and karma speaks of cause and effect and that there are consequences to each action and reaction. Therefore, a person who is cruel will eventually have to account for this in one lifetime or another, or even in a succession of lives especially if the error has been gross in nature. Simply put, the human soul undergoes a rapid evolutionary experience on Earth, defined firstly by its set of birth circumstances, secondly, influenced by its socio-cultural identity, and thirdly, determined to a degree by its geographical location and the deeper aspects of *nature* and *nurture*.

For example, a woman born into a Western culture will have far more freedom than a woman born into a Middle Eastern one. If born into Aborigine culture in Australia the soul lessons will be remarkably different to those of a person born in the DRC in Africa where dictators rule the land. Each continent and country has its own karma, which is evidently clear by the cultural laws that are expressed by its communities. Some countries are highly oppressive towards its citizens, run by tyrannical dictators, while others promote democracy. It is worth reflecting on the country you are born into to identify aspects that may relate to your personal karma.

Dimensions of Karma

Life can be a long and winding road with pitfalls and dangers yet plenty of opportunities. Addressing your karma allows you to move closer to inner equilibrium. Through internal enquiry you may find that you can unlock many secrets of your soul. Therefore, karma is the reflection of universal order and balance. It's not about judgment but about learning, growth, and the interplay of energy across the universal laws governing existence. Karma reflects the law of cause and effect by emphasising that our thoughts, actions and intentions set forces into motion that eventually return to us in some form. It is the idea that what we sow, we reap, emphasising accountability and the cyclical nature of energy in the universe. For example, positive actions and intentions (causes) yield positive outcomes (effects). Harmful actions create negative consequences. Karma under this lens is not punitive but rather a neutral, universal mechanism of balance, natural justice and development.

Karma, relative to the law of correspondence (*as above, so below*) suggests that it operates on all levels – spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical. What we experience

externally corresponds to our internal actions and energy and there is a sense of justice built into us. The law of polarity reminds us that opposites are part of the same vibrational spectrum. For example, a selfish, wealthy man experiencing unexpected personal hardship may lead to greater compassion and generosity for others.

The universe has a coherent order to it – it is not random and has variance built into it to allow for change through evolution. No particle of energy can be expended anywhere in the universe without creating a corresponding effect. Therefore, a grain of sand on one side of the earth affects an entangled grain of sand on the other. Therefore, all in the universe is energy – energy includes thought and thoughts ripple through the space-time fabric. Karma is neither good nor bad, it refers to natural order that is impersonal, therefore, we are not abused by fate. Karma is merely bringing that which is out of balance back into balance, discord back into harmony.

Aspects of karma relate to our families, our communities, our nations, or even larger groups. Some of it relates to humanity as a whole, to the globe on which we live, to our whole solar system and beyond. If one nation goes to war we all get caught in the net of this karma. This is referred to as *distributive karma*. On the other hand, karma is not fate or predestination. It is not something from outside of us that has been imposed upon us. This is archaic thinking. Action that we take now will affect us in the future. Far from being fate or predestination, karma is the opportunity for us to choose to act in a way that will make a future that we want to live in.

All karma is *self-made* – and this is an important fact that needs to hit home. Karma, in effect, is the software of your soul running a program through your mind drawing from memory. It may be recapitulating past dramas or choosing to create new opportunities depending on your mindset. A mind that is operating out of *presets* from the past is a mind that is not entirely free to make new original choices in life. Choices are made automatically and are patterned in such a way that they can become habitual. Many bad habits form this way and are difficult to break if a person cannot break free of *habitual negativity*.

Karma is not just a law of retributive justice at the physical, emotional, and ethical levels of our being; it is not merely a law that makes us inherit the results of past actions – although this is a part of it. It is something much greater, a law that operates forever, at every moment, to adjust every action to the order of the universe of which we are all a

part of. Every part is, therefore, bound to the whole and the very core of the universe is *equilibrium*.

Soul Lessons of Human Life

As with any school or learning process, there are levels of development through the study of knowledge and this is true for soul development too. Therefore, there are many people on our planet at varying levels of consciousness. Some people have applied greater effort to understand their life process while other may fall behind. All people, whether devious or devout; ignorant or informed, innocent or guilty, share the unity of divine life and have equal opportunity for soul expansion in the body wherever they may be on their journey.

In Christian biblical texts, the idea of equality of consciousness is apparent in the words confirmed by the verse: *'There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus'* (Galatians 3:28). It is not just the biblical texts that hold significant statements that allude to equality. In all ancient texts this balancing principle of life is spoken of and the necessity that humanity remain equal and harmonious. Harmonics are the foundation of our universe based on the mathematics of sound and vibrational frequency of notes. The word *universe*, deconstructed, means *'one verse.'* Positive equals negative, dark equals light, attraction equals repulsion and there is no way around this reality as it is the intelligent design of equal opposites in the relative universe of space, time and change.

So, the next time you judge another for being at a different level of consciousness to you keep in mind that they offer a *counterpoint* for you to exist at your level of consciousness – that is, you can be you because they are them – therefore, humility and acceptance is a requirement of life. The law of karma means taking action and we are the choice makers – we have an infinite amount of choices we can make, multiple potentials that can be effected at any time.

Life Purpose in Family Soul Groups

There is a deep learning to be found in the birth family group that a soul incarnates into and remains bound to during their life on Earth. The biological connection is strong, however, not as binding as the soul ties that entangle them. Many challenges arise in the birth family environment and family dynamics are major clues that hint at the karmic work the soul is here to do. Family dynamics provide a navigation map of sorts. A person's genetic inheritance and upbringing do not alone explain the billions of variations in circumstances a person is born into, nor why they have the talent and gifts that they have, or their potential as a human being.

Reincarnation, therefore, can be seen as an organic hypothesis in motion being experienced, step by step, for the purpose of soul evolution. A soul brings in past history, commonly referred to as *past lives*. The talents that emerge in a person's current life are reminiscent of skills that were earned over time in previous incarnations. All people don't have the same moral or ethical principles and this is attributed to their level of consciousness as they may not have capacity to evolve as efficiently as others until they have persevered to reach a level of coherency and consistency of being within themselves.

**The Principle of Gender:* The essence of a person's soul is not identified as either sex yet it can incarnate in either a female or male body. Incarnations will change between male and female lifetimes until the internal balance between male and female has been achieved. This aligns with the LGBTQIA+ movement where gender issues are addressed at the level of the soul and not just the body. This principle of gender is more importantly about the generation of life using negative and positive polarity to express material form. Various aspects are involved in gender identity and sexual orientation, and reincarnation factors are part of the mix.

NDE's, OOBÉ's & Past Life Cognition

Near-death experiences (NDEs) and *out-of-body experiences* (OOBEs) have captivated researchers and spiritual seekers alike offering tantalizing glimpses into consciousness beyond the physical body and the potential connection to reincarnation. NDEs often feature vivid encounters with otherworldly realms, life reviews, or beings of light, and visions that reveal a sense of interconnectedness and past-life influence. OOBEs, on the other hand, are voluntary or spontaneous experiences where individuals feel they have left their bodies and can observe the physical world from an interconnecting dimension. These phenomena blur the lines between life, death, and rebirth, offering experiential evidence that consciousness can transcend the boundaries of an embodied lifetime.

Adding to the intrigue, numerous documented cases of children recalling vivid details of past lives suggesting that reincarnation may be the bridge to these extraordinary phenomena. These memories, often fading as the child grows older, provide compelling anecdotal evidence of consciousness persisting across lifetimes. When a child remembers aspects of its past life it's usually because they had a sudden death in a previous incarnation, for example by accident, sudden illness, or violence, and reincarnated rapidly again. It is likely that the soul would reincarnate into a similar socio-cultural and geographical location to continue what had been interrupted.

What's In A Name?

Across the broad spectrum of spiritual practice exists many different names for the divine – the primal force and original source of all life that flows as a current of love and powerful intention permeating the cosmos. The unified field of consciousness is the web-like matrix that connects all of life. It is indivisible and indestructible and can be likened to transparent, web-like threads that connect all, seen and unseen, in the universe. The principle of infinity is complimentary to the finite nature of life in the human body as the counterpoint to that which is experienced in the relationship between spirit and matter, and the soul is the intermediary that activates human potential and its capacity for sacredness.

Many wars have been fought and millions murdered in the name of *holiness* as nations argue relentlessly over what the creator of this universe is called. Wild arguments rage on between the disciplines of science, religion, and spirituality. The perpetuation of division and competition between people of faith, culture, and political ideology continually results in conflict on the planet.

Holiness is the *wholeness* felt in the practical application of living a sacred life. How this is accomplished is unique to each soul. No one has the right to dictate the process of unfoldment of the soul in the body, nor what it is named.

We are all free beings, designed to be *humane*, however, this eludes many who are invested in dogmatism and causing trouble for others due to their political attachment to control, greed, power and status. The multitude of excuses to go to war are vast and the actual reasons few. Entire cultures are wiped off the planet in acts of genocide all in the name of spiritual and planetary politics of how people express their spiritual conviction.

The original meaning of the Greek word '*psyche*' was '*life*'. Derived meanings included *spirit*, *soul* and *self* in the sense of our conscious nature. Therefore, spirituality in its truest sense is *living* or *being alive* in the *here and now*.

KEY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SPIRIT & SOUL

| | Spirit | Soul |
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| Essence | Consciousness in essence, often described as a fluid yet crystallized, ethereal substance. | The core of individuality and eternal identity, often aligned to emotions and morality. |
| Relationship to Body | Goes in and out of the body, influenced by the quality of consciousness and spiritual state | Permanently anchored to the body during life; leaves the body only at death. |
| Purpose | Enlivens the flesh, animating the physical body. | Serves as the eternal record keeper, embodying personal growth, karma, and experiences. |
| Temporal Nature | Can transcend time and space, connecting to higher planes of existence. | Exists through lifetimes, evolving through reincarnation and spiritual journeys in the body. |
| Role in Growth | Gains perceptual wisdom and carries it into future lives. | Acts as the repository of experiences, moral lessons, and the essence of the person's character. |
| Connection to Divinity | A direct link to universal or Divine consciousness, representing pure awareness. | Reflects the individual's unique path toward enlightenment and union with the Divine. |
| Perception and Memory | Holds spiritual insights, transcendent knowledge, and higher wisdom. | Retains emotional memories, karmic lessons, and personal identification with character across lifetimes. |
| Activation | Activated through meditation, spiritual practices, and alignment with cosmic consciousness. | Active throughout life as the seat of personal and moral decision-making. |
| Ultimate Destiny | Merges with universal consciousness upon attaining enlightenment or divine realization. | Continues to evolve, either reincarnating or uniting with divine oneness after death. |

- **Spirit:** The higher consciousness and direct connection to universal consciousness, transcending physical life.
- **Soul:** The eternal character and moral essence, shaping individual paths and carrying karmic imprints. Both work together to guide human existence and spiritual evolution.

Key Differences Between Spirit & Soul

Chapter Summary

In essence, the soul's journey in the human body is an extraordinary undertaking which is shrouded in great mystery and greater elements of surprise. However, it feels transitional and temporary yet paradoxically continuous. All around us people live extremely different lives from perspectives of vastly varying levels of consciousness all contributing to the whole planetary society – a collective of eight billion souls or more.

It is a relevant endeavour to be curious about our life in context of reincarnation even if we don't have all the facts. The more attention we place on the pursuit of understanding our more meaningful life experiences, both negative and positive, the greater our connection is to all life and beyond, established as a foundation of our being through access to our inner soul's sacredness. As the digital robotic era infiltrates into our collective consciousness the importance of maintaining our humanity, our soulful and sacred essence, becomes increasingly more relevant.

Each soul has a unique purpose that it wants to fulfil in each incarnation. Every one of us is here by divine intention and it is the task of each individual to find out what its authentic and unique soul journey is and what legacy it wishes to leave. The importance of remembering that we are here on a path of *self-discovery*, and not one of *self-recovery*, is the transcendental shift in consciousness that we all must make. Therefore, throughout ancient teachings, across numerous traditions, one teaching has been consistently passed down to bring a person to the apex of self-realization – and this is to *Know Thyself*.

Know Thyself – What Does This Truly Mean?

In the chapters ahead, you will have the opportunity to explore this ancient maxim in the context of your own life –unraveling the synchronicities that have led you to this specific incarnation along the vast 4D space-time continuum. By examining the socio-cultural and geographic framework of your soul's journey, you can begin to understand the deeper purpose of your existence on Earth. Your body is not merely flesh and bone; it is a vessel of consciousness, held together by the mysterious laws of quantum physics and the universe at large. Yet, paradoxically, true self-knowledge requires

transcending the physical senses, venturing beyond the known to experience the vastness of your being. The mind, shaped by conditioning and illusion, must be unshackled from linear thought patterns to glimpse the eternal now, where the essence of self exists beyond temporal constraints.

At its most profound level, to *Know Thyself* is to recognize the karmic blueprint shaping your life. Karma is not random – it is a vast imprint of entangled patterns, embedded across lifetimes, unfolding through a process of gracious revelation. Each moment in this life contains echoes of the past, a fractal glimpse of experiences once lived, now distilled into a form you can engage with in the present. Awareness of this design grants the ability to navigate life with intention rather than being carried by the currents of unconscious repetition.

Embedded within human consciousness is a portal – a gateway beyond the gravitational constraints of time and space. This matrix, an intricate field of electromagnetic resonance, keeps us tethered to this solar system's frequency while simultaneously offering access to realms beyond linear perception. *How does one unlock this portal?* The key lies in presence, in the capacity to understand the grand paradox of what it takes to be here, surrendering to the infinite intelligence that animates all things.

When the mind finally realizes the cosmic humour in all of this, the illusion of separation dissolves, revealing the undivided whole.

To awaken is to remember – to recall the ancient wisdom inscribed in your fundamental makeup. The breath, the heartbeat, the pulsation of existence itself – all are mirrors reflecting the universal rhythm that moves through you. As you journey through this book, you will encounter luminous signposts pointing toward this remembrance. You will be invited to surrender the ego's attachments, to embrace the unfolding of your path with trust, and to recognize that you are both the traveler and the destination.

Stepping beyond time and space into the unknown is the ultimate adventure – one that every soul must eventually take. By the end of this book, you will have gained a deeper understanding of these hidden keys and the universal laws that shape your soul's path toward self-realization. But beyond intellectual comprehension, you will be called to *live* this truth – to embody the essence of who you truly are. And in that knowing, you will find freedom.

'True freedom comes to those who have escaped the questions of free will & fate.'

– Rumi

About The Author



Terri Harford – A Journey of Self-Discovery Towards Enlightenment

Terri Harford has walked the path of self-discovery for lifetimes, deeply engaged in meditative practice, self-inquiry, and the exploration of consciousness. As a practicing existential psychologist and soul coach, she integrates mindfulness into daily life, refining her understanding of the human experience and deepening her quest for self-realization. With a profound passion for both cosmology and psychology, she explores the intersection of physics and spirituality, seeking to unravel the mysteries that govern existence. Her fascination with the universal laws of physics is not merely

intellectual but deeply personal—an ever-expanding lens through which she perceives the evolution of consciousness along the vast continuum of space and time.

Understanding her life through the lens of multiple incarnations, Terri moves with clarity and purpose, witnessing the spiritual paradigm shift of the 21st century unfold. As the author of *New Body, Old Soul*, she has spent more than two decades on this path, gaining profound insights into the nature of existence, the purpose of consciousness, and the karmic blueprint that has shaped her journey. She has immersed herself in deep introspection and quiet contemplation, working with guides and masters of ancient wisdom who have illuminated the true secrets of alchemy – transmuting the weight of human suffering into spiritual gold. Through this transformative process, she has unraveled the threads of karma, unveiling the deeper purpose that underlies her existence.

In her role as an existential psychologist and soul coach, she guides others on their own journeys of self-discovery, helping them lighten the karmic burdens that obscure their higher purpose. There is no greater reward than witnessing the awakening of others – the quantum leaps in consciousness, the return of vitality, and the rediscovery of their own divine essence.

Committed to the path of self-healing, Terri has cultivated an intimate connection to the sacred aspects of her soul, nurturing this bond daily through the integration of mind, body, heart, and spirit. Shadow work has been a vital tool in this journey, revealing the hidden aspects of the self that must be embraced for true wholeness. The wisdom of ancient sages has served as both a guiding force and an inspiration for writing *New Body, Old Soul*, a book born from the desire to share this knowledge and illuminate the path toward self-revelation and ultimate enlightenment.

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