

"WILLIAM M. GREENE" wrote on April 19, 1999:

THANK YOU For Your Reply, and YES, I would appreciate any effort you may afford me in my quest to better understand the subject matter.

Although the majority of philosophers of Western religious belief systems have rationalized the subject of biological immortality by interpreting and teaching others to disassociate (i.e., spiritualizing ) themselves from a literal interpretation of the subject, I find this to be the case only for the majority. Historically, there have been numerous Western religious philosophers who have taught that the subject matter of biological immortality must be understood as the ultimate human potential in which God consciousness is the normal state of consciousness. However, up until this point, I had thought the subject matter to be strictly associated with Western religious belief systems. As I mentioned in my request, I now find myself questioning that assumption.

At this point in history, the field of genetics is currently developing a body of knowledge directly related to a goal of biological immortality. They are addressing subject of aging as a genetic disease and defining wellness in terms of longevity. They are applying the findings of genetic research to end diseases and move the human condition to a point where death from aging will no longer exist. Given this orientation, it appears that science is confirming the philosophical teachings associated with the subject matter of biological immortality.

My question is, where might I find the subject matter of biological immortality discussed under Eastern religious belief systems. I see it in everything I read. Because of my orientation, I could be misinterpreting what I am reading.

To explain, while being presented with the subject's of moksa and karma, it appeared to me that there may be a relationship between the eastern term "moksa" and western term "redemption". In both cases, there appears to be a relationship with state of consciousness or being which is related to the cessation of the cycle of birth and death. Nirvana appears as the ultimate state, and in which it appears as a state of being that may only be achieved by mankind as a whole. The term "moksa" appears to me to be a relative state where the cessation of the cycle of birth and death is associated with the individual's movement or evolution towards biological immortality. It also appears to me to relate to an unachievable state on the part of the individual, because the individual's karma must be fulfilled until such a day occurs in which all of society experiences the state of being associated with Nirvana.

Thank you for your time and attention to my quest for clarification  
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