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Memory

Great is the power of memory, a fearful thing, O my God, a deep and boundless manifoldness; and this thing is the mind, and this am I myself. What am I then, O my God? What nature am I? A life various and manifold, and exceeding immense. —St. Augustine

Memory is the treasury and guardian of all things.
—Cicero

Memory: what wonders it performs in preserving and storing up things gone by, or rather, things that are! —Plutarch

The memory of the just is blessed.
—Proverbs 10:7

They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness. —Psalm 145:7

The soul, then, as being immortal, and having been born again many times, and having seen all things that exist, whether in this world or in the world below, has knowledge of them all; and it is no wonder that she should be able to call to remembrance all that she ever knew.
—Plato

This sort of thing cannot be taught, my son; but God, when he so wills, recalls it to our memory. —Hermes

My Lord includeth all things in His knowledge. Will ye not then remember? —Muhammad

For there is not any thing which is of greater importance with respect to science, experience and wisdom, than the ability of remembering.
—Iamblichus

Memory is the most wonderful glory of God given to man.
—Ann Ree Colton

When a man dwells in his mind on the objects of sense, attachment to them is produced. From attachment springs desire and from desire comes anger. From anger arises bewilderment, from bewilderment loss of memory; and from loss of memory, the destruction of intel-

ligence and from the destruction of intelligence he perishes.

–*Bhagavad Gita*

It is a brief period of life that is granted us by nature, but the memory of a well-spent life never dies.

–*Cicero*

The Miracle of Memory

Moreover I call God for a record upon my soul.

–*2 Corinthians 1:23*

Each degree of energy sent forth from the soul into the physical body, the emotions, and the mind is related to a great *learning process*. In the scriptures, this learning process is called “the tree of knowledge.” (Genesis 2:9) During each moment of the day and the night, all persons are learning what to do and what not to do; in God’s Plan for man on earth, the learning process is one of trial and error.

The learning process is progressive due to an important attribute that God has sealed into the soul: *memory*. Each atom of energy in the physical body, the emotions, and the mind has the gift of memory. Memory is eternal, even as life is eternal; because of memory, life on earth has meaning and purpose.

The memory of the history of Eternal Life is sealed into the soul. Each life one has ever lived since time immemorial is recorded in the soul. This imperishable treasure of memory is retained by the soul as it fulfills the Eternal Plan of God.

The miracle of memory in all levels of one’s being – from soul to thought – is a mystery yet to be solved. However, when one places his trust in God, the Creator opens the door to the soul’s *memory-archives* – and priceless treasures of memory become part of his present life.

On the Path of Virtue, one’s progress toward divine union is marked by timely and gentle manifestations of memory-cells that awaken in him qualities and capabilities of talent, skill, or genius on spiritual levels of accomplishment. Each activation of past lives’ memory-treasures in one’s present life is a testimony to the Glory of God in the memory and in the soul.

If the Creator blesses one with magnanimous releasements of virtue memory-cells earned in past lives, the recipient of this mighty blessing is fortified, strengthened, and inspired in his present life by the virtues he has earned in former lives. Through this miracle of memory made possible by God’s mercy and love, repentant sinners are immediately transformed into proteges of the saints; lethargic and unhappy individuals become spiritually animated, joy-filled, creative, and versatile; and timid devotees are changed into bold and eloquent spokesmen for God and His Truth. Countless persons over the ages have experienced this miracle of transformation that manifests through the Glory of God in their memories!

Regardless of one’s belief or nonbelief in reincarnation, the emergence of memory-treasures from the soul’s record of past lives into his present life occurs to all who love, serve, and worship God. However, when one knows that the Law of Reincarnation is a holy Law of God, he can better understand the miracle that is occurring within him and through him.