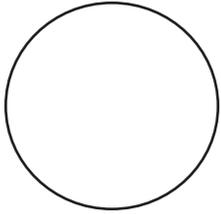
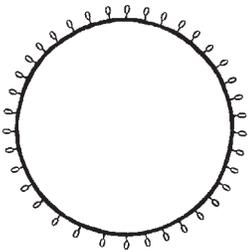


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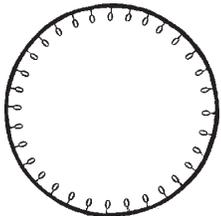
The Wheel of Karma
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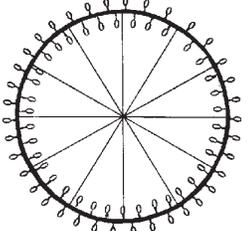
1. Wheel of Karma



2. Persons who are disobedient to God's Laws and Commandments are on the *outside* portion of the Wheel of Karma. As the Wheel turns, they are inevitably crushed by the weight of the Wheel.



3. Persons who are reverently obedient to God's Laws and Commandments are on the *inside* portion of the Wheel of Karma. Such persons remain in *safety* as the Wheel turns.



4. The Wheel of Karma has twelve spokes. Between each spoke is a zodiacal sign. The twelve zodiacal prototypes are fulfilling God's Plan for this earth and solar system.

Karma is a Sanskrit word meaning deed. The law of karma is the law of sowing and reaping, cause and effect.

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

—Galatians 6:7

Many persons are experiencing physical, emotional, mental, or spiritual crises in their lives. Such persons are caught in the *quicksand of karma*. When God sends an enlightened teacher into their lives, He is giving them the opportunity to be freed from the deadly quicksand.

An unenlightened or uninitiated teacher may be tempted to reach forth his hand to one caught in the quicksand of karma, especially if the teacher is yet expressing pride and egotism, and wants to feel that *he* – rather than God – is the one who is rescuing the person. This approach is very dangerous, for the frightened one caught in the quicksand of karma may tightly grip the helping hand extended toward him and not let go – or even worse, he may pull the well-meaning teacher into the quicksand of karma with him. This has happened, and is happening, in many instances.

An enlightened teacher, when working to help free a person caught in the quicksand of karma, reaches forth a *branch* to the frantic, outstretched hand desperately reaching for freedom – and the branch is *the Law*.

If a person sinking in the quicksand unintentionally pulls the teacher toward him, the teacher need only let go of the branch, and he will remain protected. However, if the one caught in the quicksand of karma takes a firm hold on the branch or Laws of God being extended to him by the teacher – and responds to the teacher's efforts to extricate him from his dilemma, he will be lifted gently, yet rapidly, from the destructive reaches of the quicksand.

A student's degree of *love* of God's Laws and reverent obedience to their wisdom determines how slowly or how rapidly he is freed from the quicksand of karma. If he fails to honor and love one or more Laws of God, portions of his being remain in the quicksand until he honors and loves *all* holy laws and commandments. As long as one remains disobedient, neglectful, or furtive regarding one or more Laws of God, he remains vulnerable to painful karmic lessons until he embraces all of God's Laws with love, praise, and joy.

One walks free from the quicksand of karma as long as he is *centered* in law, virtue, ethic, love, and truth. Any wavering from law, virtue, ethic, love, and truth invites instantaneous reprovings. Therefore, the teacher of the higher life seeks to inspire each student to love God and his fellow man, to love all holy laws, and to love the truth.