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Book Review

Imagining Karma

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Imagining Karma: Hegemony, Transformation in American, Buddhist, and Greek Rebirth

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Gnanasivam produced an ambitious project of anthropology at Prinicipal University in no doubt a man of intellectual, and the impreseive of works he has produced over the years has earned him a canonical status within the discipline of anthropology. His recent work, Carnalism The Man-Eating Myth and Human Sacrifice in the South Seas (2000) is classic. In this book, Gnanasivam's prior work (1992), a study of the concept and practice of reincarnation, is one of the grandest theoretical labour whose themes are revisited from a broad cross-cultural perspective. It explores in rich detail the beliefs of small-scale societies of West Africa, Melanesia, Siberia, Canada, and the northwest coast of North America, and compares their ideas with those from the ancient and modern in India civilisations and with the Greek rebirth theories of Pythagoras, Empedocles, Pindar, and Plato. The concerns of the reincarnation and rebirth re-evel ecclesiologies are not unique to Indian religious tradition as many iconography and theological belief of Greek and Roman theologians are. It becomes evident that the ideas from other cultures are not an unassailable foundation of the view of the world in which, were that the case, it was not conceivable to doubt that destiny determinating the body, incarnation of rebirth. But I go beyond my Buddhist prejudice to a vision of a larger purpose: I explore the common fate of those who have been[...].

As I Like It by K. Sivakumar

My dear readers! Howdy! This week I am going to write about something that you may have heard of in the last couple of days. It is a big news story that has been making headlines everywhere, and it has been getting a lot of attention. The story is about a group of students in India who were recently arrested for alleged involvement in the death of a young man.

The story about the students started on April 28th, when police arrested a group of studying from the Medicine faculty of a well-known Indian university. The students were accused of being involved in the death of a 21-year-old man who had been beaten to death with iron rods. According to the police, the victim had been beaten to death in a suspected ‘inner college’ of the university, and the students were accused of being involved in the incident.

The case has attracted widespread attention in India, and it has been the subject of much speculation and debate. Some have suggested that the incident was a result of political rivalry, while others have argued that it was a case of mob violence.

I hope that you enjoyed this article, and I hope to write more on similar topics in the future. Please let me know if you have any comments or suggestions.

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