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Subject: *Preludes Series* – Prelude III.: 'Self-Changingness', Nonlinearity, & 'Karmicity'

Dear www.dialectics.org Webmaster,

Greetings to you from [Foundation Encyclopedia Dialectica](http://www.dialectics.org)!

Background. This letter contains **Prelude III.** of a series of Preludes to a forthcoming major manifesto by [Foundation Encyclopedia Dialectica](http://www.dialectics.org). The series title is – *Portents & 'Pre-Vestiges' of an Immanent Critique of the Ideology in Modern, 'Mathematico-Science' as a Totality*. The series is based upon a sequence of commentaries already posted elsewhere on the World Wide Web. This **3rd Prelude** is entitled: 'Self-Changingness', Nonlinearity, & 'Karmicity'.

Prelude III.: 'Self-Changingness', Nonlinearity, & 'Karmicity'. What is the meaning of the Sanskrit word "«*Karma*»", and what is the connexion of that which it names to the meanings which are named by the word "«*Dialektikê*»", the word "«*Auto-Kinesis*»", and the word "*Nonlinearity*"?

Here's a clue toward the answer to that question --

"**KARMA.** From the Sanskrit *kri* meaning "deed" or "action". The structure [*content-structure?* -- *F.E.D.*] of one's life *as resulting from one's prior actions* ... In Jainism (q.v. 2, 3,), *karma characterizes reality even down to the atomic level*, and the concept of "*karmic matter*" is central. ... [among] Western philosophers and thinkers . . . the notion of *karma has not often been explicitly analyzed*."

[William L. Riese, *Dictionary of Religion and Philosophy: Eastern and Western Thought*, Humanities Press, Inc. [New Jersey: 1980], p. 280, *emphasis added*].

Thus, according to the Jains, the whole «*Kosmos*» -- [and] everything in it -- is performing a «*Yoga*», at least in the sense of «*Karma Yoga*», consciously *or non-consciously*.

The root word «*Karma*» just means "*action*", but the *connotation* of that word, throughout the Orient and, today, throughout the Occident as well, is '*Self-Action*' -- the "'boomeranging'" return of action originally launched by / from a[n it]self, back to that [it]self, as *mediated / transmitted* through the rest of the world / through the *totality* of [it]selves, via a multiplicity of other [it]selves, or, at minimum, via *an* other [it]self.

True, in ancient Oriental exoteric writings, the "'*Law of «Karma»*" is typically presented in an *ethical / moral* context, and, especially, in a *mystical* form. It is rarely presented as the principle of a deeper concept of *dynamics* than the linear, mechanistic "dynamics" based upon a conception of *passive* objects, and thus also of a regress of exclusively *external* causes. However, note that in ancient Occidental exoteric writings, starting with Plato's later dialogues -- and prior to Marx's 1845 *Theses on Feuerbach* [especially, *Thesis 3*] -- «*Auto-Kinesis*» too was also presented almost exclusively in *moral* and *mystical* terms, and only implicitly as a universal principle of empirical dynamics.

What is the **fuller** connexion of that which the word «**Karma**» names to that which the word «**Dialektikê**» names, to that which the word «**Auto-Kinesis**» names, and to that which the word **Nonlinearity** names?

What is '**Karmicity**', the **quality** of being(s) / **becoming(s)** *in general* -- human, *or not*, "sentient", *or not* -- that arises from their existence as "**actors**"; as "**actions**"; as "**process**-objects"; as "**event**-entities", i.e., as "**event**ities"?

Dialogically yours,

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