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ANIMALS DO REINCARNATE

Question:

I believe it is a common idea that the animal having no indwelling spirit ceases to exist as a separate entity after its death. For those who have beloved pets this idea is hard to accept in its entirety. Will you please give me the Rosicrucian idea on this subject?

Answer:

The Rosicrucian Order teaches that God creates in separate life waves, each one of which has billions of virgin spirits all evolving from a lower to a higher grade of being. The animals belong to one of these separate life waves, man to another, the angels to another, and so on. In all of these life waves there are separate spirits working to express themselves. First these spirits work unconsciously under the direction of higher beings, and are entirely *outside* of the form on which they are working. Later as each spirit develops more power, it gradually begins to draw into the form which it has been building. In animals the spirit is only partially indwelling, and not as yet fully self-conscious.

Until the animal becomes wholly indwelling it is guided and directed by a group spirit who is an archangel; and the apparent intelligence expressed by it is really instinct, which is the prompting of the group spirit whose particular charge it is.

Each animal has a spirit all its own and that spirit, like all others, reincarnates from time to time, the interval between rebirths being much shorter than that required by man. Therefore it exists for a time as a separate entity in the Desire World.

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Etheric Footprints of Animals

Question:

Since the death of our fox terrier we have found paw marks on the coverlet of the bed on which it was accustomed to lie, also a depression as though a small body had lain there. Is it possible that these marks were made by the astral or desire body of the dog?

Answer:

No, but it is possible that they were made by the etheric body of the dog, provided its desire for reunion with its master was strong enough to cause partial materialization. Animals frequently remain for a short time near a beloved master or mistress after the death of their physical body. If the owner is a "sensitive," frequently he is conscious of the fact that the animal is still with him. After death the animal remains in the lower strata of the Desire World, where first it incorporates into its spirit the essence of its past Earth's experiences and then becomes absorbed for the time being by its individual Group Spirit. The Group Spirit profits by the animal's Earth experiences, and then sends it back to be born again on Earth.

Future State of Animals

Question:

Can you give me any information as to the future state of animals after they pass out in death? Are they happy or the reverse?

Answer:

The animals possess a desire body, a vital body, and a physical body. After they pass out they proceed into the Desire World, where they live between births. They, of course, live in the lower portions of the Desire World in close proximity to the Earth, but since they have no free will and therefore no moral responsibilities they do not suffer in Purgatory. Their existence on the other side is not far different from what it is here, except that they are much more free to move about there than here.

After a time they are taken back into the body of the Group Spirit controlling them.

Excess of Animals

Question:

If the various animals were not killed off periodically, would they not in time become so numerous as to overrun the Earth completely and seriously obstruct human progress?

Answer:

No, for the reason that there are a certain definite number of virgin spirits in the animal lifewave, and that number was determined in the beginning as the one which could to advantage be taken care of on the Earth without prejudice to the evolution of the human life wave. The Group Spirits will see to it that the rate of rebirth among animals is adjusted to meet the physical conditions prevailing at any particular time. Therefore man need not engage in any indiscriminate killing of animals for fear they will overrun the Earth.