



General Characteristics of Karma

1. Certainty of Karma

Predictable Nature

Virtuous actions lead to happiness; non-virtuous actions lead to suffering.
Every action leads to a corresponding result.

2. Magnification of Karma

Minor Actions, Major Outcomes

Small deeds can have significant future consequences.

3. Karmic Consequences and Rebirth

Ten Non-Virtuous Actions

Physical

- Killing
- Stealing
- Sexual misconduct

Speech

- Lying
- Divisive speech
- Harsh speech
- Idle chatter

Mental

- Covetousness
- Harmful intent
- Wrong views (e.g., denying the effects of karma)

Specific Future Rebirths

Actions influence the type of rebirth and life experiences.

4. Interplay of Actions and Results

Dormant Until Fruition

Actions remain potent until they produce results.

Personal Responsibility

Individuals experience the results of their own actions, not those of others.

5. Ethical Conduct and Right View

Understanding Reality

Right view involves understanding the nature of reality, including karma and rebirth.

Ethical Decision-Making

Making decisions based on an understanding of karma and ethical principles.

6. Practical Application

Reflecting on Actions

Regularly evaluating one's actions and their potential consequences.

Cultivating Positivity

Actively developing positive qualities and performing virtuous actions.

7. Subtle Nature of Karma

Complex Understanding

The intricacies of karma are fully understood only by enlightened beings.