

## Brother Teoh's May 21 2019 Tuesday Class Outline Short Notes

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**Understand the Spiritual Nature and Karmic Nature Youtube :** <https://youtu.be/spxX91OfWv4>

**Book Review:** The BUDDHA & his TEACHINGS.

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1. The Buddhist Doctrine of REBIRTH is different from the theory of REINCARNATION, which implies a permanent entity transmigrating from one existence to another. To illustrate this point, Ven Nagasena and Buddhaghosa used the Simile of the Flame via a dialogue with King Milinda. Other similies are also given like, echo, Light and Mirror reflection. A modern day example is the billiard ball that hits a stationary ball to send it moving but the original one slows to a stop (dies). It is the movement of the first ball (its momentum, its karma) that is reborn in the stationary ball or "form and mind". Thus rebirth is just the continuity of a particular LIFE-FLUX. The new being is neither totally the same nor different but with the same stream of Karmic consciousness. This is according to the Law of Motion.
2. Our body is impermanent. It arises due to conditions and it goes the way of nature. The REAL entity is of an eternal Nature. We must use our body with understanding. Our body is subject to Karma so we have our duties to do. Duty towards our family members, love ones, friends, workmates and the environment, etc. Right duty leads to right Dhamma. We should use it with wisdom to live the noble life.
3. Karmic Nature and Spiritual Nature. The Karmic Nature is the summation of one's karmic volition over their entire existences since the distant past till now. These volitions shape one's karma resulting in the form and quality of existences that one experiences. One can only inherit from one's Spiritual Nature after one is able to develop the meditation to connect to one's True nature. Details can be heard from video and audio links sent to our Whatsapp group.

(Above draft short notes prepared by Sister Yoon Chun)