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The Axial Age was a time when the world was surrounded by a time of great intellectuals, including philosophers, and religious systems that shaped human society and caused the culture to emerge in a more prominent aspect. This included views on the soul, the cosmos, and society overall. During this time, the soul was seen by everyone as temporary within the body. For example, if one group of animals or (meat packs) died, the souls of that group would migrate to another meat group. That would lead to whatever the original group had done would apply to the next group the souls entered, which brings the idea of karma into effect. We today still have karma in our lives. To some people, it is not an important topic, but to others, it is brought up in everyday life, and many live by the effects of karma. We have good karma as well as bad karma. The definition and understanding are similar to the time of the Axial Age. Karma is a belief that whatever you do will come back to you, either in this life or the next, indicating the same surroundings as times then. Another topic was beliefs and social order. This was a developed caste system. This was created by a combination of philosophies that would guide people through dharma conflicts and establish duties and safety values for those who struggled to fit into the original social orders. Some of the leading social heads were the politicians who were running for state and were similar to a king. Today we see social order from a larger perspective. Based on income, housing, jobs, and everyday activities.

The high social status would include:

- Having a significant income.

- Living in a luxury house with luxury cars.
- Having a solid seat in society.

Whereas a lower social class would include having an average pay job with a standard home and having some spending money once in a while to enjoy. In today's world, people get caught up in society and base their life goals around social classes and trying to be seen as the elite and highest rank, no matter the consequences. Lastly is the nature of the cosmos. The Axial's souls influenced this idea based on the cosmos through the meanings and fundamental beliefs. This life led them into a very material world. This led the whole world to act as such. This action is similar to the world. It has become very materialistic; everyone wants to buy the newest thing and be able to flaunt their luxury purchase. Our world can be seen as a cruel and harsh society. Many see the world as a place to obtain as much as possible and lose the actual effect and accurate understanding of life. Overall, life from then to now has had similar actions to the Axles. We can view them in a more vital aspect due to the internet and the society the world revolves around.

