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n. pl. **pal·in·gen·e·ses** (-sēz')

1. The doctrine of transmigration of souls; metempsychosis.
2. The supposed repetition by an organism during its embryonic development of the stages in the evolution of its species, as asserted by the discredited biogenetic law.

[Greek *palin*, again; see **k^wel⁻¹** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + **-GENESIS**.]

pal'in·ge·net ic (-jə-nĕt ĭk) *adj.*

pal'in·ge·net i·cal·ly *adv.*

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