

Chapter 27: Sevenfold Chord of Being

1. Introduction

- A. Ch27 was originally the end of Book 1
- B. It summarizes chapters 9-26 and places them in relation to one another
- C. His vision of Truth is a vision of Beauty
 - Perfect truth reflecting as beauty – Truth is Beauty, Beauty Truth (Grecian Urn)

2. Transcendent Existence-Conscious-Bliss

- A. He starts with the greatest discovery of Vedanta
- B. The ultimate reality we can know is a Transcendent Existence-Conscious-Bliss
 - Beyond that there is only the inexpressible Absolute
 - ECB – Sachchidananda – is the nature of divine being
- C. Sachchidananda becomes the universe
- D. ECB is the origin, continent and ultimate reality of all that expresses in cosmos

3. Consciousness has two aspects by which it possesses itself in static condition and dynamic movement

- A. Illuminating self-awareness
- B. Effective self-force
- C. Its creative action knows and wills
- D. Omnipotent self-consciousness knows all that is latent within it
- E. Omniscient self-energy governs the universe of its potentialities

4. Unity & Multiplicity

- A. Eternal oneness is the foundation and reality of the multiple worlds
 - Brahman is intensive unity
- B. Creation moves between unity and multiplicity
 - Oneness is essence
 - Variation between unity and multiplicity in manifestation
- C. The original unity expresses in the cosmos as idea, force and form

D. Involution is toward multiplicity, evolution back toward unity

E. Cosmos is infinitely variable oneness

5. Supermind or Real-Idea

A. The Nature or Creative power of SCA

B. It is the nodus of ECB's creative action – it is itself SCA

C. In Supermind, Knowledge and Will are one

- Divine knowledge is one with self-existence and self-awareness
- Will is in perfect unison with existence and knowledge

D. In contrast human consciousness is ignorant of the truth of our own existence and our own inner being

- Darcy does not know his feelings for Elizabeth
- Eliza's will is unable to accept her knowledge of Wickham

E. It proceeds from unity to multiplicity and from multiplicity to unity

F. SM is Divine Gnosis which creates, governs, upholds the worlds

G. Supermind is power of Sachchidananda

6. Supermind – double faculty

A. Its self-awareness comprehends all things in itself as itself the One

B. Its action apprehends separately all things in itself as objects of its will and knowledge

C. It infallibly develops the movement, form and law of things in harmony with the Truth and significances of its manifestation

- Nothing can happen without its knowledge because all is within it
- Nothing can happen without the Will of the Supreme
- All that happens occurs for our evolutionary awakening from the ignorance – this is true Knowledge
- To know that it need not happen – something better can happen – is a greater knowledge – Human Choice

D. It creates an appearance of division which is not binding

- A subtle unseparating division
- A demarcation within the indivisible

E. It upholds both our Knowledge and our Ignorance

7. Supermind is the Fourth

A. Sachchidananda alone cannot become an ordered universe

- It would create only an infinity of figures without fixed order or relation
- But the world we know is stable in form and orderly in process

B. Supermind creates ordered relations by its power to

- It fixes determined relations out of infinite possibilities
- It develops results out of the seed
- It establish the rhythms of cosmic Law
- It governs the worlds as their ruler

C. Supermind creates through self-limitation

D. All development is self-development

- All that manifests is seed of a Truth of things
- No law is absolute – only the Infinite is absolute

E. Supermind is the fourth (Turiyam) in descent and ascent

8. Mind, Life, Matter

A. Lower Triplicity

B. They are really subordinate powers of the divine quaternary

C. Mind is power of Supermind

- It takes its standpoint of division
- It forgets the oneness behind but able to return to it

D. Life is the energy of Consciousness-Force

- Play of conscious energy working from Mind's standpoint of division

E. Matter is form of substance of the Existence (SCA)

- Force working out in form
- Formed by subjection to Mind and Life

F. In our universe, they work subjected to the Ignorance

- Apparently self-forgetful of the One

G. They are essential for cosmic being

- Cosmos exists only when there are separate viewpoints and standpoints
- But there is no cosmos without individual centers of viewpoint –
- Creation of the individual
- Jane Austen must become separate from give each of her characters a separate existence

9. **Mind**

A. Mind faculty of SM that measures and limits

B. Fixes a particular center and view from there of the cosmic movement

- The being that uses mind need not be self-imprisoned in ego
- It may be capable of seeing from other centers or from the real Center of All in the universal diffusion
- Without mind, there would only be a Being musing within himself infinitely, not cosmos

C. Mind is necessary for fixed order and interaction of relations

10. **Life**

A. Life is will and energy of cosmos working out in forms, actions and conscious dynamic of being

B. Life is a play of persistent soul-forms of the Eternal

- Not necessarily fixed in space and time

C. Life is the energy of relations and interaction between many fixed centers of consciousness

- Life may be very different than we know it but principle would be the same

D. The ancient thinkers called in Vayu or Prana

11. **Matter**

A. Substance is essential for manifestation as cosmos

B. Substance is being looking at itself as object

C. Matter is form of substance in division

D. Matter is how mind acting through the senses experiences Sachchidananda

E. Some form and substance is always necessary for cosmos

- even if it be only a mental body
- Substance too might be very different from our view and sense of material body – more subtle, less rigidly binding in self-division and mutual resistance

12. **Psychic is the fourth below**

- A. Nodus of mind, life and body – meeting point
- B. Double appearance
 - Desire soul in front strives for possession and delight
 - True psychic entity --- real repository of experiences of the spirit
- C. Psychic is projection of infinite Bliss under conditions of soul-evolution

13. **Bliss is the nature of Infinite Consciousness**

- A. Consciousness consist of self-awareness and self-possession
- B. Essence of Consciousness is self-delight
- C. Delight is the essence, cause and object of cosmic existence
 - Cosmos is a play of divine self-delight
 - The universal entirely is possessed of that delight of the play
 - Cosmic Being enjoys the delight of existence,
 - All existence is a seeking and reaching out to discover and possess delight
 - Joy, delight, ecstasy, rapture are the highest terms of expanding life
- D. Only the surface individual does not because of the double soul
 - Bliss has become subconscious, lost on the surface, but present at its roots
 - the psychic principle is buried
 - Individual in ignorance and division
 - Delight is held back in the subliminal and superconscient being
- E. Our surface has to seek for it be development of individual consciousness
 - We discover that delight by finding ourselves
 - We find ourselves by universalizing and transcending our limiting ego and mind
 - Thus, self-giving, goodness are movements toward possessing the delight of being
 - Not possessiveness and taking – *Give and Take*

14. **Eight-fold Chord of Being**

- A. Four above and four below ²⁶⁴
- B. The whole world is a descent of the 4 divine principles
- C. Chart

15. **The 8 principles are essential to all creation, manifest or unmanifest**

- A. All cosmos is an expression of the reality of the higher quaternary
- B. The play of the infinite Consciousness and Force of Existence
- C. The infinite All-Existence has become time and space
- D. The play of an Infinite Force of Existence which produces and regulates all these forms and movements
- E. Higher trinity is the source and basis of all existence and its play
- F. The eight principles are essential to all creation
- G. All 8 are present in the world and ourselves
 - Even if only one is apparent, all the rest must be present
 - All must be secretly at work
 - When Darcy loudly calls her tolerable, something in him wants to attract her attention
 - Even when Eliza thinks she is being rational and has rejected Wickham, her vital preference and physical attraction for him is active
 - Even when she thinks she is in love with Darcy, her attraction to Pemberley is alive
- H. Evolution of the involved is inevitable in any world
 - Material world is bound to manifest life, mind, Supermind and SCA
 - The only question is whether earth will be the scene of that emergence in humanity in this or another cycle of Time?
 - The ancient seers saw the possibility for man – his divine destiny
 - Modern thinkers do not conceive of it
 - Man's conception includes nothing beyond mental or vital
 - Wisdom lies with the higher aspiration rather than its denial
- I. The higher we project our view and aspiration, the greater the Truth that seeks to descend upon us
 - Because it is already there within us, concealed in Nature and calls for release

16. Infinite & Infinitesimal

- A. The world created by involution is the Infinite disguised as the finite
- B. The Self-existence SCA is present in every detail, act, moment, situation
- C. In each small thing, the whole Truth is acting
 - Darcy's "tolerable" reflects attitude of whole aristocracy
 - You can discover a person's whole personality in a single act – "if it weren't for entail, nothing would matter"
 - French Revolution expresses in
 - Darcy befriending Bingley
 - Collins introduction to Darcy
 - Wickham's scandal
 - Eliza's words to Lady Catherine "I am not yet 21"
 - The personality of Jane Austen expresses in each of her character
 - The whole society expresses in every member

17. Fractals – Mandelbrot Sets

- A. The whole cosmos is a magic puzzle of correspondences
 - Rubbick's cube
 - The Marvel
- B. Everything is connected to everything else
- C. Everything mirrors and reflects everything else
- D. Darcy's ruse in London is mirrored as Wickham's ruse to London
- E. Mrs. B's triumph about Jane, Darcy's in stopping the marriage
- F. Elopement begins the story and ends it
- G. Arrival of Darcy, Bingley, Collins & Wickham at Herefordshire reflects at the momentary meeting in Meryton and their marriages
- H. Spring at Hunsford
- I. Darcy's pride reflects as Eliza's prejudice
- J. Eliza's weakness for Wickham as Mr. Bennet's laziness
- K. Darcy's secrecy about Wickham, with Eliza's secrecy with Mr. B

L. Changing the smaller changes the whole world

- Mrs. Gardiner's restraint leads to Darcy's
- Darcy's disbelief about Wickham leads to Wickham's marriage
- Widening the attitude releases ananda -- Darcy

18. Divine Life

- A. Knot separates the 2 hemispheres**
- B. Where mind and Supermind meet there is a veil between them**
- C. Rending the veil is condition for divine life in humanity**
- D. It enables descent of the higher into the lower and lower into the higher**
- E. The four lower will realize their original character above and express it in manifestation**
- F. Mind recovers its divine light in Supermind**
- G. Soul realizes its divine self in Ananda**
- H. Life repossesses its divine power in play of omnipotent Conscious-Force**
- I. Matter opens to its divine liberty as form of Divine Existence**
- J. This is the goal and significance of evolution**

19. Recovering

- A. Our separate viewpoint need not prevent our recovering the Supermental Consciousness**
- B. We need only give up limitation, selfishness, taking, smallness, insistence on our view and preference**
- C. Give & Take – Pygmalion effect**

20. Opening, Receptivity, Sincerity

- A. Devotees see so many magnificent openings. Some come and go, a few fructify. Why?**
- B. Opening comes from Grace**
 - For Eliza it was social evolution
 - For youth in India today it is development and prosperity
 - For devotees it is Mother's atmosphere

C. Converting opening into accomplishment requires receptivity and sincerity

- Receptivity comes from aspiration
- Sincerity comes from self-giving and consecration
- Darcy
 - The opening came by arrival in Meryton
 - Darcy was receptive when he accepted Eliza's abuse of him, not when he called her tolerable or proposed at Hunsford
 - He was sincere when he saved Lydia, paid for it and insisted on confidentiality
- Mr Bennet
 - He was closed when Eliza warned him about Brighton
 - He was receptive when he accepted responsibility for the tragedy
 - Mrs Bennet's blaming others is the opposite attitude
 - He was sincere in deciding to repay Gardiner
- Eliza
 - Opening came from French Revolution
 - Eliza was receptive when she accepted responsibility for the folly of believing Wickham
 - She was sincere in recognizing the greatness of Pemberley, the goodness of Darcy, feeling gratitude

D. Thadastu

- In nature that Will expresses as Thadastu
- Sanction of Spirit for the freedom of action of Nature
- It is not the highest possible, but the action of the higher in the conditions of the lower – 'best possible'
- Darcy's tolerable, Wickham's scandal, Lydia's elopement

E. Message of Life Divine

- Everything that happens to us comes to draw us closer to the Divine