

Divine Maya

The Life Divine Chapter XIII

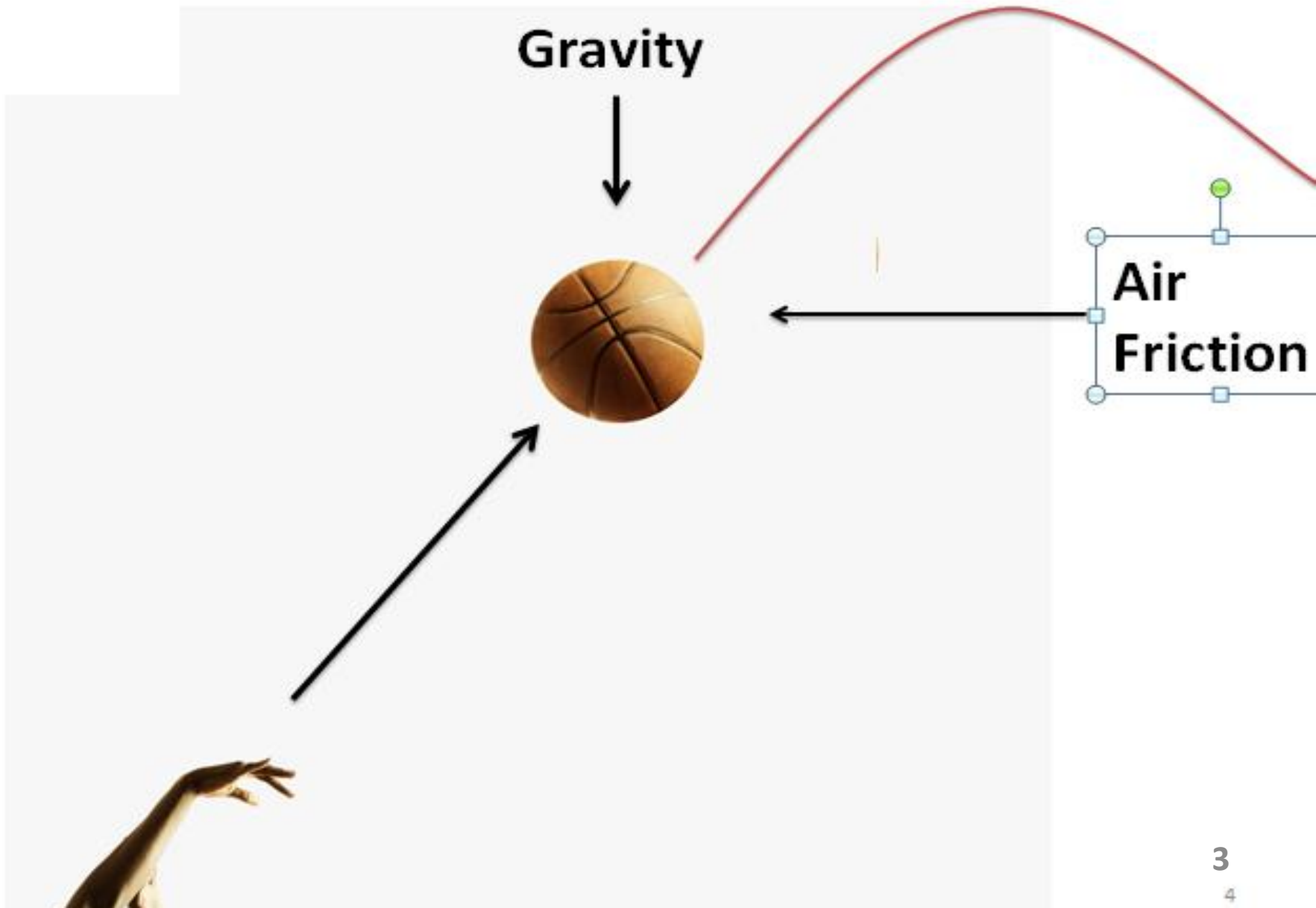
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Cosmic Law as seen by Mind

- Momentum based on fixed lines of working
- Habit of past energies -- inertia
- Action & Reaction
- Equilibrium of forces



Equilibrium of Forces



Unification of Science & Spirituality

- Sri Aurobindo unites science and spirituality
- Fusion of old Eastern and new Western knowledge
- Eternal truth of Vedanta justifies phenomenal truth of evolution
- Modern truth of evolution is the old truth of the Universal developing itself in Time seen opaquely through study of Force and Matter

Theory of Vedanta

- The ultimate Reality is Sachchidananda
- Existence acts and creates by the power and from the pure delight of conscious being
- Universe is the Becoming of an Infinite Being

All creation is self-manifestation

- Existence, Conscious Force, Delight concentrates at various points & says of each, “this is I”
- He is the creator, creation, act of creating
- Universe gives expression to the potential that lies hidden within Him



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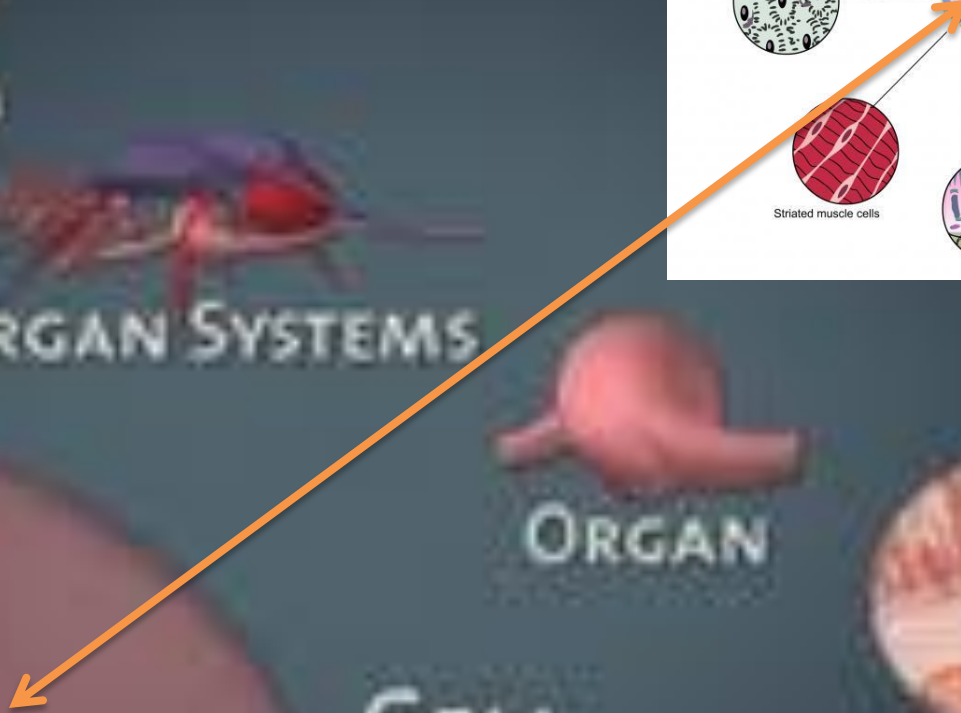
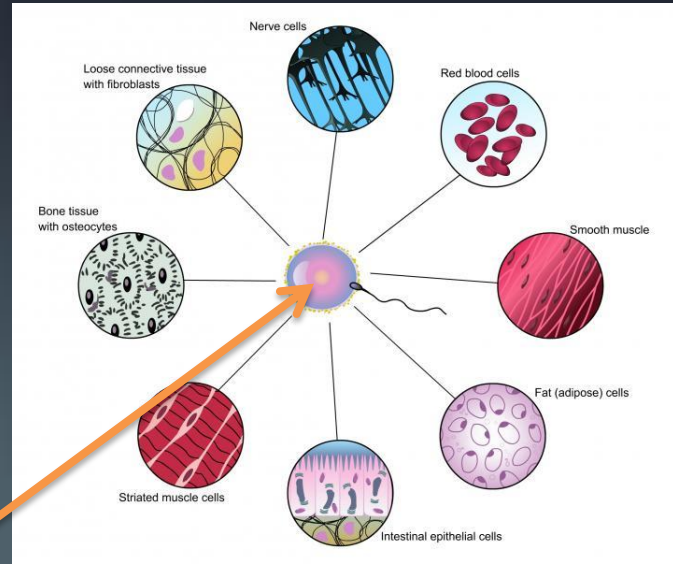
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Omnipresent Reality

Essential Reality

- Existence-Consciousness-Bliss
- Being
- One
- Infinite
- Timeless
- Formless

Phenomenal Reality

- Mind-Life-Matter
- Becoming
- Many
- Finite
- Time
- Form

Manifestation seeks Completeness

- Everything that comes into the world seeks self-enlargement, infinite self-realization
- Completeness is not possible in the individual consciousness in the finite ego
- Finite is only a mask or frontal appearance
- Final goal is emergence of universal and infinite consciousness as the unique **spiritual individual**

Triple Movement is the Key



1. Involution and self-absorption of conscious being into infinite divisibility of substance
2. Evolutionary emergence of self-imprisoned force into formal, living, thinking being in matter, life and mind
3. Self-realization of the One and Infinite at play in the world

This triple play is key to the world enigma slide

What is the lock?



- Sachchidananda does not work directly like a magician building up worlds by fiat
- We perceive a process.
- We are aware of a Law.

Law of Evolution based on Truth

- The Law expresses self-**Truths** of Existence
- Consciousness has **Knowledge** of these Truths
- Consciousness directs **Force** by Knowledge
- Force expresses these self-Truths in **Form**
- Cosmic manifestation is presided over by a **self-determining power**

Maya is Conscious Power of Brahman

- Who or what is the power that creates the world?
- According to the Vedas, all this was created by the power of Divine Maya
- Maya is power of Infinite Brahman to manifest itself
- Brahman & Maya are two aspects of a single whole

Selective Power of Maya



- Selective faculty of knowledge builds the world
- A power of consciousness which determines
- A directing faculty which brings out phenomenal reality from essential reality
- By Maya, Static truth of essential being becomes ordered truth of active being

Vedic Conception of Maya



- Maya is power of infinite consciousness to comprehend, contain, measure out, form out of the vast illimitable Truth of infinite existence
- Maya is not Mind. It is Conscious Force of the Absolute
- Conscious Reality throws itself into mutable forms of its own imperishable and immutable substance
- What Maya manifests expresses Real Being and is born of Real Being
- World is a conscious birth of that which is beyond Mind

Real Idea

- Conscious Being creates by the power of the **Real-Idea**
- Real-Idea is like the seed that becomes a tree
- Knowledge organizes Real-Ideas in perfect harmony before casting them into form
- Maya labors to realize the ideal which is in the Beyond-Mind



Real-Ideal-Phenomenal

- The **Real** is behind all that exists (Sachchidananda)
- The **Ideal** is intermediate harmonized truth of the Real throwing itself out into form
- The **Phenomenal** world is a variable conscious being drawn inevitably toward its own essential Reality.

Our ideals, values draw us toward the Divine

Truth self-compressed in Real Idea



Mango Mathematics



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All is in Each, Each in All

- The power that can generate infinite mangoes from one seed is Maya
- In the Supreme, **All is All** without separative consciousness
- By Maya, phenomenal being emerges in which **All is in Each, Each is in All**



Play as seen by Mental Maya

- This play of All in Each and Each in All is concealed by the mental play or illusion of Maya
- Mind creates the sense of separateness
- Illusion persuades each that he is in all, not all in him.
- He is in all as separate being, not inseparably one with rest of existence

Mental Maya is not the Creator

- The pessimistic and illusionist philosophies mistake mental Maya or Overmind as creatrix of the world
- We too think that what we see with Mind is reality
- We do not see the self-Truths of our Infinite Being striving to manifest in our lives

Mind cannot explain the universe

- World created by mental maya would be an inexplicable paradox
- Mind is a reflective mirror
- Mind is not faculty of knowledge or omniscience
- Mind creates possibilities out of its imagination.
- Mind is power which interprets truths of universal existence for practical uses
- Mind is an instrument of the descending creation – not secret creatrix
- Mind is a transitional stage

Divine Law

- Everywhere we see Law founded in self-being
- That Law is an expression of an innate Knowledge
- That Knowledge is inherent in the Existence
- That Knowledge is implied in the Force that expresses
- Being that is Infinite Consciousness, omnipotent Force, makes the world
- World is a harmony of itself

The Goal

- Law developed by Knowledge for progression implies a divinely seen goal
- World expresses a foreseen Truth, obeys a predetermining Will, realizes an original formative wisdom
- World is growing image of a divine creation

Reason and Knowledge

- Reason is only a messenger
- Cease to reason and go deep into ourselves where mind is stilled
- Then that other consciousness manifests to us
- Knowledge is seated behind mind and reason