

## 1. Chapter Overview

### A. Part I

- Man's destiny is to discover the divine within him
- The self-existent Being is Becoming in Time
- It is a progressive evolutionary manifestation
- The self-existent Being is what we have to become
- The Unknowable manifests as universe and individual
  - The Unknowable knows itself by becoming itself
  - It becomes itself by knowing itself
- Life and Consciousness are the keywords being worked out in Time
  - Consciousness and Life are imperfect – they do not reveal the whole secret
  - There must be a greater consciousness beyond Mind – it is Supermind
  - There must be a greater life beyond the Human – it is Divine Life
- Life evolves by consciousness. Consciousness evolves by the organization of Life.
  - Outer experience in life awakens the hidden consciousness within
  - Outer life develops by discovering and expressing the hidden consciousness in the organization of our lives
- A perfect human world cannot be created by imperfect men
  - The inner change and perfection must come first
  - First truth of spirituality -- the inner life is of supreme importance
- Go within and Discover the Spirit
- Shift from outer work to inner work
  - The power is inside
  - Inner determines the outer
- Renounce ego
  - One's rights and claims
  - Exercise of power and authority over others
  - Self-importance
  - Judgement, criticism and complaints
  - Selfish ingoing movements
- Withdraw from the surface nature to go within
  - Shift from social consciousness to Truth and Right
  - Reject mental opinions and constructions

- Goodwill
- Others point of view
- Self-giving
- Cherish the unique capacities in others
- Silent will
- Non-reaction
- Non-initiative
- Calling
- Constant remembrance
- Consecration
- Surrender
- Move to the Psychic Being
- Psychic is activated by completing consecration
- Discovery of Spirit is the first essential requirement
- Go Within

## B. Part 2 Superconscience & SuperNature

- SuperConscience
  - Life is the evolution of a concealed Spirit, an manifestation of the Unknowledge
  - Life Divine is the evolutionary perfection of Consciousness and Life – knowledge and power
  - Knowledge to perfect Life is Superconscience
  - Divine Life is governed by the knowledge and will of the Supreme based on oneness, unity, mutuality, harmony
  - Perfection of Consciousness is Superconsciousness, Supermind
  - The inner determines the outer.
  - First step is to go within
  - Discover the Spiritual consciousness.
  - Replace mind in the Ignorance with Supermind
- SuperNature
  - Power to perfect Life is SuperNature
  - Greater consciousness is a greater power
  - Nature is force of being and power of consciousness
  - Nature is the organization of life
  - Spirit has power and mastery over mind, life and spirit – **mind over matter**

- C. Part 3 – Unity, Harmony, Mutuality
  - Superconscience and SuperNature universalize and perfect life
  - It breaks down the barriers between souls, minds, lives, bodies
  - Unity, Harmony, Mutuality is the formula of the Divine Life
- D. Part 4 – Gnostic Community & Divine Life

## 2. **SILENCE of entry into infinite emptiness**

- A. Silence is part of inner spiritual experience
- B. Physical mind fears the emptiness – Richard
  - It confuses silence with incapacity and cessation or non-existence
  - Mother’s Mother tried to prevent her going inside – trance at the dinner table, automatic writing
- C. The silence seems like incapacity or non-existence
- D. Passage to a greater existence – crossing the desert
- E. Plunge into the superconscience of the Absolute

## 3. **Inner life is foundation of Gnostic Life**

- A. Nature of the Gnostic life is inner, not outward
- B. Inner Spirit builds up and uses mind, vital and body as instruments
- C. Thought, feeling and action are as means to express the divine Reality within us
- D. In our present life, the world seems to create us
  - Our external conscious being is a product of divided consciousness
  - Life and Society form us
- E. In spiritual life, we must create ourselves and our world

### **Superconscience**

## 4. **Supramental Consciousness**

- A. Awareness: Essence of consciousness is power to be aware of itself and its object
- B. Direct knowledge: Pure consciousness must be direct, self-fulfilled, complete
  - It can act directly without instruments of Nature
- C. Perfection: Its destiny must be perfection – wholly aware of self and all-aware
- D. This perfect consciousness is to us a superconscience – beyond Mind

- E. What is evolving must already be involved and secret
- F. Inconscience is an involved Superconscience
- G. Unconscious Energy acts express an involved subconscious Intelligence
- H. Supermind or Gnosis is that supreme self-aware and all-aware Intelligence
- I. This is the consciousness of the Reality, the Being, the Spirit secret in us
- J. We are becomings of that Being growing into its nature
- K. Characteristics of the Supramental are Consciousness, Power, Delight, Universality and Transcendence

## 5. Consciousness

- A. Unconsciousness is a state of non-possession and non-mastery
  - Elizabeth discovered she did not know herself
  - Darcy did not know himself or Elizabeth
    - He was proud of his virtues
  - Don't be proud of our strengths or sorry for your weaknesses (Appa)
- B. Self-awareness is spiritual knowledge
  - Windows of soul turned outwards – sees the sin in others
  - Darcy's bitter lesson
  - What is true self-knowledge?
    - Knowledge of the Self, not of the ego
- C. To be fully is to be fully conscious
- D. To be fully conscious is Nature's aim
- E. Becoming fully conscious of oneself and of the truth of one's being
- F. Why does the Soul progress more in failure than in success?
  - Failure forces us to go inside and reflect – to become conscious
  - Darcy
  - Mr. Bennet
  - Jobs
  - Mark Robart's renunciation

## 6. Force-Power

- A. To be fully is to have the integral force of one's being
- B. Power of self is the sign of divinity of self

- The power cannot be dependent on anything external
- Powerless Spirit is no Spirit
- C. We must possess both Purusha and Prakriti, consciousness and force, Soul and Nature
- D. Will is Force of being in conscious action
  - Capacity to achieve results
- E. Supramental being is completely identified with the will of the Spirit and therefore has the total force of the Spirit
- F. Complete mastery and power comes from complete consciousness and force -- will of the Spirit
- G. All our power comes from Mother
  - Shift from self-reliance to reliance on Her
- H. Power of consecration or calling Mother illustrate
  - Power at MSS for SriVidya
  - Riffy, Holladay, Bajaj

## 7. Delight

- A. To be is to have complete Delight of Being
- B. Delight must be self-existent, intrinsic and automatic
  - not dependent on anything external
- C. All suffering arises from a division of being – right from the falsehood
- D. Pain and suffering are signs of imperfection and incompleteness of being and consciousness and force of being
- E. Divine Living is to be conscious in being, force of being, delight of being and live in this integral completeness
- F. Unwavering Cheerfulness

## 8. Universality

- A. To be is to be universally
- B. To be universal is not to be limited to ego
- C. Ego

- Ego is organized to affirm separation, distinction, importance, superiority, achievement
- Ego is limited consciousness, force and delight of being
- Results in ignorance, weakness, suffering – dualities

D. All being is one -- to live in all is to live fully

- Great leaders acquire their power by identification with the whole country – Churchill, Gandhi
- Goodness is to live for others, not one's ego

E. What is consciousness responsibility?

- Mother says if she meets a person she takes responsibility for their soul ever after
- She aspired and works for the spiritual evolution of whole humanity
- The whole world could take refuge in her single heart

## 9. Transcendence

A. To be full and free universally, one must be also Transcendentally

B. Eternity is spiritual fullness of being

- To be conscious you are the timeless eternal spirit
- Not dependent on time and universe

C. Not to be limited to body, mind or life

- They are subject to death, desire, pain, suffering, decay

D. Body -- to hold body as an instrument –outer form

- To exceed the consciousness of body – Mother
- To feel physical oneness with all material existence

E. Life – to feel the universal life as one's own

F. Mind -- feel oneness with universal mind

- Not limited to identification with ignorance of mind
- Exceed individual mental limits

G. Fullness and freedom of being comes from Transcendence

- Individual and universal are incomplete terms of Transcendence
- Transcendence is their essence

H. To believe in something beyond oneself – more important than life itself -- Values

I. Fogg risks his all for values

- He is not limited to the roles he plays
- He gives up punctual comfortable leisurely life of gentleman

J. Character – Personality – Individuality

- Character is limited fixed conditioned by the society
- Personality is to go beyond the limitations to draw on wider social capacities
- Individuality is not limited to society – it draws on universal capacities and powers
- Individuality is the character of personality

K. **Darcy**

- His character is proud
- His personality is noble and generous
- His individuality is true
- His universality is the actor who identifies with all the characters and transcends the part he plays – he lives in all the characters
- His transcendence is to know he is the author, not the actor – he lives outside the story

**10. Unity, Harmony, Mutuality is the law of the collective gnostic life**

A. **Unity** is the basis of the Gnostic Consciousness

- Spiritual freedom and order based on truth of spiritual hierarchy
- Spiritual hierarchy and spiritual equality go hand in hand

B. **Mutuality** is the natural result of its direct awareness of oneness in diversity

C. **Harmony** is the inevitable power of the working of its force

**11. Gnostic life has consciousness of the self of others** <sup>1030</sup>

A. Close mutual consciousness, intimate oneness

- Even their physical being is felt as if it were one's own
- He is fulfilled in others – not Mrs. Bennet
- Not out of surface love and sympathy

B. Based on a vision of truth of what must be done

- Will of the Divine Reality in oneself and in others
- He sees a divine working everywhere

C. He acts for the sake of the Divine in all

- No separative ego to initiate anything – only Divine Will
  - God acts on the universe through the individual
  - The Transcendent and Universal expresses through him
- D. He lives in and for the Divine in himself, the collective, all beings
- Not for either individual or collective ego

## SuperNature

### 12. Our Nature is based on Ignorance

- A. We cannot construct a system based on the Ignorance
- Without perfecting our Nature, we cannot perfect our life
- B. Perfection of Divine life is possible only by transformation of our Nature to Supernature
- If our Nature is fixed, we must accept imperfection, or seek it in the supraterrrestrial or moksha (extinction of ego)
- C. Mental being -- discord, disharmonies and defects are normal in mind within the same being
- Discord of constructed knowledge with the real or whole truth
    - Even its truths are partial, ineffective or only partially effective
    - They lead to unintended consequences or eventual disillusionment
  - Discord of knowledge with knowledge, will with will, knowledge with will is normal in Ignorance
    - Knowledge may be ripe but Will may oppose it
    - Mr. Bennet has knowledge, Mrs. Bennet has energy
    - Conflict between mental and vital in Eliza and Darcy
  - Mental constructions always end in disillusionment
    - They are the sources of ignorance, conflict and ineffectivity

### 13. Transcending Nature to Supernature <sup>1035-6</sup>

- A. Our Nature is based on Ignorant consciousness rooted in divided ego, separated from one another, struggling to establish relationship
- Our relationships are based on misunderstandings, strife, discord, unhappiness
  - no true union of consciousness
  - We are unable to create unity, mutuality, harmony needed for perfect social living
- B. We cannot perfect life without perfecting our Nature by



- Self-knowledge
  - Mutual understanding
  - Unity
- C. SuperNature is based on Knowledge, Power, Delight, Immortality, Universality
- D. Nature developing beyond itself – how?
- First step is to draw back from our present nature
  - What we should become is already there in us like the tree in the seed
- E. Nature is evolving from basis on Ignorance to a Supernature based on spiritual self-knowledge and world-knowledge
- F. Our spiritual destiny is to manifest and become supernature – the nature our true self our unevolved whole being
- G. A nature of unity naturally will bring unity, mutuality and harmony

#### 14. Unifying Knowledge & Will in Gnosis <sup>1036-7</sup>

- A. Gnostic Consciousness and Supernature has a wholeness of sight and action
- Reconciliation of all mental contraries
  - Identity of Knowledge and Will acting as a single power in perfect unison
  - Difference between knowing & doing (truth) will be eliminated
  - Foundation for perfect unity, mutuality, harmony of action
- B. As we rise to gnosis, causes of our incapacity diminish
- C. **Knowledge is power and act of consciousness**
- Will is conscious power and conscious act of force of being
  - Wherever there is an increase of consciousness, there is an increase in potential force and actual power
  - How to change our consciousness to increase our power?

#### 15. Raising Consciousness Raises Power <sup>1037</sup>

- A. Emergence of consciousness in matter, life and mind is the progressive manifestation of greater power
- This is not apparent in terrestrial evolution because mind is emerging from the Inconscience and Ignorance and seems to be helpless before Matter & Life
- B. Inconscient Material Energy is automatic effective action of a masked Cosmic Force

- Action of a universal concealed Consciousness and universal Life, Mind and veiled Gnosis
- Mind also depends on Life-Force for its action and instrumentation
- C. Nature-force in mental man far more powerful than in the animal due to greater consciousness and knowledge
  - Vital dynamic man seems more powerful, but is less effective – Rome vs. the German barbarians
  - Science extends mental man’s mastery even to physical Nature and Matter
- D. Consciousness has the capacity to convert energy into power
  - P&P dramatically reveals the consequence of ignorant consciousness rendering man powerless
    - Mr. Bennet sending Lydia to Brighton
    - Eliza never knew herself so she was powerless
    - She did not know Wickham so she was vulnerable
    - Darcy never knew Eliza so he was helpless
    - Jane believes in Caroline
  - Thorne and Mary’s orthodoxy was in direct contradiction to the approaching Grace
- E. Science is knowledge of the physical.
- F. Life response is knowledge of life – far more powerful
- G. An immensely greater power will replace the hampered operations of mental Energy in our too individualized force of existence

## 16. Power of Gnostic Being

- A. Mind & Spirit can control Life & Matter <sup>1038-40</sup>
- B. Mind is subjected to Life and Matter
  - Even at the height of mental mastery, this inability persists as pain, suffering, death, incapacity, ignorance
  - Occult knowledge shows us the limitation is not insuperable
- C. **Most momentous discovery that man can make**
  - **Mind and Spirit can by its direct power overcome and control life and matter**
    - **Direct power of consciousness**
  - Not merely indirectly by instrumentation of science & technology
- D. Gnostic supernature has direct power of consciousness and direct action of force

- Direct action of the force of being
  - Mastery and control of life and matter
  - This knowledge is not external or learned
  - It results from evolution of consciousness and force of consciousness
- E. Gnostic being would possess
- Complete knowledge of self and
  - Complete knowledge of others
  - Direct knowledge of hidden forces – **life response**
  - Direct knowledge of occult mechanism of mind, life, matter
- F. Gnostic consciousness is based on a direct intuitive consciousness and intuitive control of things
- An operative insight
  - An integral assured effectiveness
- G. Gnostic being is in unison and communion with the **Consciousness Force at the root of everything**
- His vision and will are channels for supramental Real-Idea, self-effective Truth Force
  - His action is free manifestation of the power of the root Force of existence, of an all-determining conscious Spirit
- H. New powers of consciousness
- Control of mind over life and matter
  - Control of spirit over mind, life and matter

## 17. Harmony -- Consciousness of others

- A. Harmony is the natural rule and law of the spirit
- Spontaneous consequence of unity in multiplicity and diversity
  - Direct inner contact, interchange, communication
  - Not a constructed harmony
  - Not based on sense knowledge, mental perceptions and speech
- B. Gnostic consciousness would break down barriers between soul and soul, mind and mind, life and life

- Individual includes the life of others in a common uniting consciousness
- Communication of thought with thought, sense, life and body-awareness
- Spontaneous and innate (not constructed) unity and harmony
- Identity of being and consciousness with others
  - Self of one existence
- Inner and direct mutual knowledge
  - Based on consciousness of oneness and identity
  - Consciousness of each other's thoughts, feelings, movements, mind with mind, heart with heart.
- **Conscious unanimism**