

Bk 2 Chap 28 Divine Life – chapter outline

1. Purpose is manifestation of divine in life

- A. Chance & blind Necessity or purposeful will and destiny?
- B. A self-existent Reality is manifesting itself in time
 - The self-existent Reality is a Being
- C. It is an evolutionary manifestation – progressive
 - Meaning the beginning and middle do not reveal the end
 - But the direction can indicate what is the ultimate goal
 - The self-existent Being is Becoming in Time
- D. The Unknowable knows itself as Sachchidananda (Vedanta) ^(LD43)
 - It is revealed only to itself within its forms
 - Only Sachchidananda can know itself in us
 - It becomes itself by knowing itself (by intuition, identity, self-vision, self-experience)
 - It knows itself by becoming itself (imparting its delight to its forms)
 - The Unknowable manifests as universe and individual
 - Through the individual it manifests in relation even as of itself it exists in identity
- E. Life has a significance
- F. Man has a destiny
- G. Man's destiny is to discover the divine within him
 - The self-existent Being is what we have to become

2. Consciousness is the central secret ¹⁰¹⁶

- A. Life and Consciousness are the keywords being worked out in Time
- B. Matter alone offers no meaning – it is unconscious and without intention
- C. Consciousness and Life are the keywords working out a secret in Time
- D. But are imperfect Consciousness and Life – they do not reveal the whole secret
- E. Our Consciousness is Mind – it is unfinished, in process
 - Ignorant, imperfect, an intermediate power

- It is an Ignorance growing into something beyond itself
- F. There were previous levels of consciousness before thinking, reasoning, reflecting
 - An unthinking consciousness living and sentient
 - A subconscious and unconscious
- G. There must be a greater consciousness subsequent to Mind
 - Mind's knowing is indirect, incomplete, error prone, unfulfilled
 - Dependent on constructed thought or sense impressions
 - Mind is a consciousness emerging from an original veiling Inconscience
- H. Essence of consciousness is power to be aware of itself and its object
 - Pure consciousness must be direct, self-fulfilled, complete
 - Its destiny must be perfection – wholly aware of self and all-aware
- I. This perfect consciousness is to us a superconscience – beyond Mind
 - We are evolving toward that
 - What is becoming must already be involved and secret
 - Inconscience is an involved Superconscience
 - Unconscious Energy acts express an involved subconscious Intelligence
- J. Supermind or Gnosis is that supreme self-aware and all-aware Intelligence
 - This is the consciousness of the Reality, the Being, the Spirit secret in us
 - We are becomings of that Being growing into its nature

3. **Life** ¹⁰¹⁷⁻¹⁸

- A. Consciousness is the essential secret of the Becoming in time
- B. Life is the outward indication – the effective power of being in Matter
 - Life liberates consciousness
 - Gives it form as embodiment of force
 - Makes it effectual in material act
 - Life is the exterior and dynamic sign of the revelation and effectuation of the conscious Being in Matter
- C. Man, mental being has imperfect life
 - Spirit is involved in Mind and is evolving – emergent in Mind
 - Supermind is the native dynamism (power) of the Spirit, not Mind

- D. Life has to become a manifestation of the Spirit
- E. The secret evolutionary intention of Nature is a divine life of a perfected consciousness in a supramental or gnostic power of spiritual being

4. Evolution of spiritual life is progressive ¹⁰¹⁸

- A. An intermingling of the mental and divine through a long process
 - Many stages in the transition
 - Progressive revelation and expression of secret divinity in mind and life
- B. Full and perfect evolution requires a transformation of mind, life and body
 - Both our inner being and outer instrumental nature must be transformed by higher power
 - Of both the individual and the collective life – to create a collective of gnostic beings
- C. The Principle of Inner & Outer Work
 - What is the difference between success and victory?
 - Success is outward completion
 - Victory is inner mastery
 - What is the power that determines results of work?
 - Aspiration and inspiration release the power and evoke life response
 - Perfect knowledge and attention to minute external work details generates the result
 - Organization is the means for translating inner intention into outer action
 - What is the relationship between inner and outer?
 - Life evolves by consciousness, consciousness by organization of life
 - What is inner work?
 - Why does it have power?
 - when our entire faith and reliance is on inner power rather than outer initiative.
 - When to take outer initiative?
 - When the inner work is as complete as possible and the outer action helps us to address and overcome inner psychological obstacles
 - Real work is inside
 - Token act

5. **Spiritual Change and Divine Life** ¹⁰¹⁹

- A. First truth of spirituality -- the inner life is of supreme importance
- B. The outer has value only in so far as it expresses the inner spirit
- C. Spiritually realized man dwells in the Divine
 - Gita: “He lives and moves in Me”
 - His outer life expresses his realization, even if through instrument of Mind
- D. For spiritual evolution, individual liberation and perfection is not enough
 - World must also change
 - Whole principle and instrumentation of life and action must change
 - Both being and action must be transformed
- E. A new Gnostic order of beings and new divine earth-life is required
 - Higher instruments of world knowledge and world action
 - Dynamization of consciousness in the physical and material Nature
 - A transmuting reversal of the whole nature

6. **Inner life is foundation of Gnostic Life** ¹⁰¹⁹⁻²⁰

- 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 serve as means to express the divine Reality within us
 - They do not exist for themselves
- D. In our present life, the world seems to create us
 - Our world is divided, ignorant and imperfect
 - Our external conscious being is its product
- E. In spiritual life, we must create ourselves and our world
- F. New formula of creation – inner life is of first importance
 - Intention is more important than action
 - Mr Bennet’s regret and decision
 - Darcy’s consciousness responsibility
 - Mark Robart’s repentance
 - Mary Thorne’s renunciation

- G. We must remake the outer world new, harmonious and perfect in the image of our spirit

7. **Three exclusive pursuits of Mind** ¹⁰²⁰⁻¹

- A. Inward spiritual perfection of our being
- Its own inner spiritual growth and perfection
 - Call of our spiritual being to transcend the world
- B. Perfection of the outer world
- Demand of the world, a cosmic form of Divine Being
- C. Our Nature – relationship of a better individual in a better world: Perfection of our Nature -- thought and outer dynamic and practical action -- in relation to the world around us
- Double demand of our being of Nature poised between the two and connecting them

8. **Growth must come from within**

- A. Spirit must be our first preoccupation ¹⁰²¹⁻²
- B. The inner change and perfection must come first
- Thought, knowledge, activity are means not ends in themselves
 - Going inside is the essential first truth – but not all
 - Then we must perfect the instruments of our nature
- C. A perfect human world cannot be created by imperfect men
- Regulation by education, law, social and political machinery cannot do it
 - Soul, mind and life can grow but cannot be made

9. **Development of our instruments is means, not end** ¹⁰²²⁻³

- A. Knowledge, thought and action are means for expression
- They are not the essence of object of life
 - Eating, education, wealth, family, status, popularity are not ends in themselves
 - Eat for living, not live for eating
 - They are only activities of the powers of being of the embodied Spirit
 - Means for self-discovery and becoming
- B. Physical mind turns the true method of things upside down

- It takes appearances for essence, means for ends
 - Purpose of consecration is to dissolve ego
 - It uses even consecration to aggrandize ego rather than transcend it and discover the spirit – to fulfill our will rather than to surrender it
 - It makes offering a means for self-importance
- C. To become ourselves is the one thing to be done
- The development of our powers of being is intended to reveal the Being itself
 - To exceed ourselves is to become ourselves
- D. Soul progresses more in failure than in success
- E. Only by going within, living within
- From that inner discovery to create a divine mind, life and body
- F. There can be no divine life without divinizing our inner being

10. How to move from surface to depth?

- A. Principles of Psychic Education
- B. What confines us to the surface?
- Social conformity
 - Reaction confines us to the surface – don't react
 - Thinking confines us to the surface -- silence
 - Acting from impulse confines us to the surface – non-initiative
 - **Egoism confines us to the surface**
- C. Complaining, Fault finding, reaction come from the surface
- Reaction is on the surface
 - Condemning NR's bitter messages, it never occurred to me that I was condemning him constantly
 - Verbal complaining poisons the body (cancer)
 - Silent complaining and reaction poisons the mind
 - Judging others is to be in the surface ego and ignorance
 - Fogg never does it. He rewards Fix rather than blaming him for his ruin
 - Accepting others at a level deeper than all reaction and criticism as we accept our parents, children and spouses

- By Collins she is called a lost soul living in sin beyond hope of redemption to be cast out forever
- Lydia is called foolish by the family and must be saved
- Dr. Thorne and Frank see only the virtues and goodness in Mary, not her blemished birth
- Convert all anger and jealousy into deeper identification
 - Pride and Prejudice
- D. Other's Point of View
- E. Goodwill, Benevolence, Magnanimity & Self-giving
 - Fogg saves Aouda and Passepartout
 - Athos' recovery of the treasure for Charles II – absolute truthfulness
- F. Move to the Psychic Being
 - Reach every Man through his innate resourcefulness that can make him great
 - It comes out in work more than meditation
 - See the outer as inner
 - See others as oneself
 - Discovering our oneness with others is to go within
 - **Psychic is activated by completing consecration**
 - **It is to let the Divine take hold of the act**

11. **Consciousness – To be fully is to be fully conscious** ¹⁰²³

- A. That is Nature's aim in us is to be fully
- B. This requires becoming fully conscious of oneself and of the truth of one's being
- C. Unconsciousness is a state of non-possession and non-mastery
- D. Self-awareness is spiritual knowledge
- E. Action of knowledge is a formulation of that consciousness
- F. Other action is consciousness oblivious of itself – self-ignorant labor seeing self-knowledge

12. **Force – To be fully is to have the integral force of one's being** ¹⁰²⁴

- A. Without possessing it fully is to have a mutilated existence
- 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. Force of being in conscious action is will – the conscious will the Spirit
 - Supramental being is completely identified with the will of the Spirit and therefore has the total force of the Spirit
- E. To have the complete consciousness and force, will of the Spirit, is to have complete mastery and power of manifestation of the being.
- F. All instances of power of consecration or calling Mother illustrate
 - Power at MSS for SriVidya

13. Delight – to be fully is have the complete delight of being ¹⁰²⁴⁻⁵

- A. The delight must be self-existent, intrinsic and automatic
 - not dependent on anything external
- B. Pain and suffering are signs of imperfection and incompleteness of being and consciousness and force of being
 - All suffering arises from a division of being
- C. Divine Living is to be conscious in being, force of being, delight of being and live in this integral completeness

14. Universality

- A. To be universal is not to be limited to 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
- B. 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
- C. What is consciousness responsibility?
 - CR is exactly in the opposite direction
 - 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

15. To be full and free universally, one must be also Transcendentally ¹⁰²⁵

- A. Fogg is not limited to the roles he plays
- B. Character – Personality – Individuality
 - Individuality is the character of personality
 - 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
- C. Eternity is spiritual fullness of being
 - To be conscious you are the timeless eternal spirit
 - Not dependent on time and universe
- D. Not to be limited to body, mind or life
 - They are subject to death, desire, pain, suffering, decay
- E. Body -- to hold body as an instrument –outer form
 - To exceed the consciousness of body – Mother
 - To feel physical oneness with all material existence
- F. Life – to feel the universal life as one’s own
- G. Mind -- feel oneness with universal mind
 - Not limited to identification with ignorance of mind
 - Exceed individual mental limits
- H. Fullness and freedom of being comes from Transcendence
 - Individual and universal are incomplete terms of Transcendence
 - It is their essence

16. Going in and Living inwardly ¹⁰²⁷

- A. Can’t be done in the external consciousness
- B. Mr. Bennet giving up the search for Lydia and changing his attitude is “going inside”

- C. External efforts at universality lead to aggrandizement of ego or subjection to the masses – mass movements
- D. “In men, the Self-Existent has cut the doors of consciousness outward”
- E. Psychologically, Darcy went within in the six months after Hunsford

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- F. Extravert and Intravert are both on the surface
 - Physical man, the born extravert, has no inner being. Lives only in outward Nature.
 - Introvert is the small mental man who lives superficially inside in the vital and mental ego,, not in his spiritual self
- G. Inner darkness or emptiness is first experience of surface mentality to going inside
- H. For those who live inwardly, the movement brings enlargement, new experience, greater vision, larger capacity
 - Life is extended and infinitely more real than physical living
 - A joy of living, a dynamic vital and mental expansion
- I. **Silence** of entry into infinite emptiness
 - Part of inner spiritual experience
 - 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
 - The silence seems like incapacity or non-existence
 - Emptying the cup of our natural being
 - Passage to a greater existence – crossing the desert
 - Plunge into the superconscience of the Absolute
- J. **Preoccupation is our distraction**
- K. Silence of the spirit

17. To live inwardly is to live more fully, intensely and powerfully ¹⁰²⁹

- A. Not imprisonment, but step toward universality

- Only by living inwardly can we really know the truth and live in harmony with others
 - Inner life embracing the universal life
 - It can know others and bond with them
- B. Surface consciousness is of separation, selfishness, egoistic assertion
- Mr. Bennet wants Mrs. Bennet to fail
 - Mrs. Bennet tries to circumvent his authority with Collins
 - Altruism is an ego trip
- C. You cannot have real mastery or lasting harmony with others by external means
- It can be achieved only by inner identification and unity
 - Exercise of authority, assertion and ego prompts resentment and revolt – Mrs. Bennet
 - Darcy's offer rejected because of inner conflict
 - Wickham's external charm failed to achieve
 - Robarts' search for prestige and status led to his downfall
- D. External unity is superficial outward joining with minor inner result
- Inward constructed unity persists with conflict of mind, interests, emotions, temperament
 - External forms of unity are always precarious
 - Family -- Lydia competes to be first married
 - Partners – quarrel constantly – NG
 - Communities compete for power and benefits
 - Mental, vital, physical conflicts persist
 - WAAS BOT
- E. Spiritual life reverses the process
- It bases collective life on inner sense of oneness
 - It includes other people within itself
 - We can really live for others only inwardly
 - Living for Mother is to live for all
 - Self-giving to Mother is self-giving to all
- F. Spiritual individual acts out of sense of oneness

G. The real power is inside

- Impatience, expectation, hurry, unconsciousness, reaction, jealousy, anger cancel accomplishment
- Self-mastery is the essential condition for world mastery
- Withdrawal of ego – removes egoistic opposition and reactions from outside

H. Divine life must be based on spiritual unity which is inside

18. Gnostic life has consciousness of the self of others ¹⁰³⁰

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

B. Gnostic being acts out of close mutual consciousness and oneness

- Not out of surface love and sympathy

C. He acts 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
- For effectuation of truth

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

- No separative ego to initiate anything – only Divine Will

E. God acts on the universe through the individual

- The Transcendent and Universal expresses through him

F. He lives in and for the Divine in himself, the collective, all beings

- Not for either individual or collective ego

G. Universality in action by the all-seeing Will in realized oneness is the law of divine living

19. Three conditions for perfected life on earth ¹⁰³¹

A. First -- Individual spiritual perfection is the first supreme business and meaning of Divine Life

- Spiritual fulfillment of the urge for individual perfection
- Inner spiritual completeness of being

- B. Second -- perfection of the spiritual and pragmatic relations with other individuals by
 - A complete universality and oneness with all life on earth
 - This is the second result of evolution of gnostic consciousness and nature
- C. Third – a gnostic community
 - A change in the total life of humanity
 - A new perfected collective life in earth-nature
- D. The ordinary physical, social collectivity
 - Based on community of interests, common civilization and culture, common social law, economic association, ideals, emotions
 - A collective ego
 - Subject to oppositions, conflict, compromise
 - Mr. & Mrs. Bennet – competing within the family
- E. Gnostic collective
 - United by common truth consciousness of harmony
 - No need for compromise
 - Embodiments of a single self/reality
 - Unified will and feeling
 - An order created by Truth of oneness order
 - Expression of spiritually united being and life
 - Spiritual forces expressing native harmony
 - Darcy finds a unifying vibration of truth harmonizing all
 - Compromise is not harmony
 - Goodwill is identification with the other person as oneself – Eliza with Jane
 - Evolution from contradiction to conflict to compromise to mutuality, harmony and oneness

20. Basis for relationship in gnostic community ¹⁰³²

- A. Mental method of harmony – mechanization and standardization, uniformity – divided by ego
- B. Gnostic – freedom, diversity, unity of the gnostic consciousness expresses as unity, mutuality and harmony

- C. Free diversity between and within gnostic communities
 - No confusion, discord or chaos
 - No ego insistence on personal idea or interest
 - Unifying sense of common truth and one force in many forms
 - It can find its harmony with all other truth of being around it ¹⁰³³
- D. Ego judging others
 - Lady Catherine, milk drinking
 - Find that on which each person is superior
 - Collins flatter, Mr. Bennet is cynical and mocking, Mary's morality, Eliza and Caroline about each other
- E. Spirits freedom can feel as much fulfilled in service and subordination as in power and rule
- F. Inner spiritual freedom based on truth of inner spiritual hierarchy based on a fundamental spiritual equality

21. **Passage from mental to supramental life** ¹⁰³³⁻⁴

- A. The passage is from Nature in the Ignorance to Supernature in spiritual self-Knowledge and world-Knowledge.
 - Supernature is our own true nature
 - It is Super because it is beyond our present level of consciousness
 - It is evolving from its concealment behind the veil of apparent Nature
 - Our spiritual destiny is to manifest and become Supernature
- B. If our nature is a fundamental Inconscience and Ignorance, our life, mind and body must always be imperfect
 - We can construct nothing beyond our nature – imperfect, we cannot construct perfection ¹⁰³⁴
 - Our science itself is a construction – it cannot perfect our nature, therefore it cannot perfect our life
 - Life is subject to decay and destruction because it cannot rest until it realizes its true perfection

22. External constructions of unity inadequate ¹⁰³⁴⁻⁵

- A. Rooted in the ego and its sense of separation and division, our efforts to create harmony are ineffective and compromised
 - The urge for union and harmony is there in our nature but it is not dominant
 - Marred by imperfect sympathy, misunderstanding, strife, discord
 - Cannot be otherwise without a true union of consciousness founded on self-knowledge
- B. We build a constructed artificial unity and order
 - An association of interests and egos
 - Meryton competes for Bingley's attention

23. Transcending Nature to Supernature ¹⁰³⁵⁻⁶

- A. Divine life is possible only by our nature transcending itself by transformation to Supernature
- B. If our Nature is fixed, we must accept imperfection, or seek it in the supraterrrestrial or moksha (extinction of ego)
- C. 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
- D. Our spiritual destiny is to manifest and become supernature – the nature our true self our unevolved whole being
- E. A nature of unity naturally will bring unity, mutuality and harmony

24. Unifying Knowledge & Will in Gnosis ¹⁰³⁶⁻⁷

- A. Gnostic Consciousness and the instrumentation of Supernature has a wholeness of sight and action
 - Difference between knowing & doing (truth) will be eliminated
 - Reconciliation of all mental contraries
 - Identity of Knowledge and Will acting as a single power in perfect unison
 - Foundation for perfect unity, mutuality, harmony of action
- B. 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
 - This is not possible in gnosis
- C. As we rise to gnosis, causes of our incapacity diminish
- D. **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?

25. Raising Consciousness Raises Power ¹⁰³⁷

- 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. Man has the capacity to convert energy into power

- E. Science is knowledge of the physical.
- F. Life response is knowledge of life – far more powerful
 - P&P dramatically reveals the consequence of ignorance 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
- G. An immensely greater power will replace the hampered operations of mental Energy in our too individualized force of existence

26. **Mind & Spirit can control Life & Matter** ¹⁰³⁸⁻⁴⁰

- A. 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
- B. **Most momentous discovery that man can make that mind and Spirit can by its direct power overcome and control life and matter**
 - Not merely indirectly by instrumentation of science & technology
- C. Gnostic supernature has direct power of consciousness and direct action of force
 - Free mastery and control of Life and Matter
 - Its knowledge is not external
 - It results from evolution of consciousness and force of consciousness
- D. Gnostic being possesses
 - Complete knowledge of self and others
 - Direct knowledge of hidden forces – **life response**
 - Direct knowledge of occult mechanism of mind, life, matter
 - silent will, non-reaction, non-initiative, cleanliness
 - reversal from surface to subliminal – tolerable

- E. Based on a direct intuitive consciousness and intuitive control of things
 - An operative insight
 - An integral assured effectiveness
- F. 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
- G. Gnostic being would be master of
 - Himself
 - The forces of consciousness
 - The energies of Nature
 - The instrumentation of Life and Matter
- H. Spirit reverses karma
 - Mr. Bennet reverses the course of 25 years submission to circumstance
 - Power of Mr. Bennet's decision
 - Power of Eliza's 'mistress of Pemberley'
 - Darcy prevails even after being the last man
 - Eliza wins him after being sure he will never return
- I. This direct power reaches acme in gnostic supernature
- J. These powers would be progressive as gnostic being evolves

27. New Powers inevitable consequence of evolution of Consciousness Force beyond Mind ¹⁰⁴⁰

- A. Control by mind over life and matter
- B. Control by spirit over mind, life and matter
- C. Breaking down of the barriers between soul and soul, mind and mind, life and life
 - The knowledge and power come only by universalization, not within ego
 - The power of self-abnegation of Mary Thorne is this principle –we grow powerful by abandoning our ego littleness

- Clinging to ego keeps us powerless – renouncing it generates power – George Washington
- D. Gnostic Life would include life of others in a common uniting consciousness
 - Spontaneous and innate unity and harmony, not constructed
 - Only possible by inner union of consciousness
 - Conscious union, identification and interchange of mind, life and body
- E. **Conscious unanimism** would be the character of this more evolved life

28. Harmony is the natural rule of the Spirit ¹⁰⁴⁰⁻¹

- A. All problems of life are problems of harmony
 - Attaining to Gnostic unity, all problems disappear
- B. Harmony is the inherent law and spontaneous consequence of unity in multiplicity and diversity, which are manifestations of oneness
 - There is no harmony in a blank oneness
 - In complete diversity there can only be a constructed harmony
- C. In infrarational life
 - harmony (cooperation of community) is achieved by instinctive oneness of nature, vital-intuitional sense-understanding
- D. In human life
 - understanding through sense-knowledge, mental perception, verbal communication can at best achieve an incomplete harmony
 - we build bridges between separate things
 - it is always incomplete
 - Other man's point of view is a means to shift from mental consciousness to gnostic consciousness
- E. In gnostic life of super-reason and supernature
 - Self-aware spiritual unity and spiritual conscious community of nature
 - Possesses superior powers of uniting consciousness inwardly with consciousness
 - Thought with thought
 - Vision with vision
 - Sense with sense

- Life with life
- Body-awareness with body-awareness
- Outward instruments put at service of the self-expression of Spirit in oneness of being and life

29. Unevolved Powers of Consciousness exist ¹⁰⁴¹⁻²

- A. Modern mind does not admit unevolved powers of consciousness
 - It assumes material Energy is the sole cause and mode of things
 - Unlimited instrumentation of material forces is readily accepted as natural
- B. Unevolved powers appear as supernatural, miraculous, or occult and is not admitted
 - There is nothing supernatural in this evolution
 - Just as evolution of powers of mind from animal life is not supernatural, e.g. reason, insight, intuition, speech, science, philosophy, arts
 - There are rudimentary signs of them in the animal
 - The rudiments of spiritual powers of gnostic Supernature can be found in mental nature

30. Appearance of new Powers of consciousness is natural ¹⁰⁴²⁻³

- A. Happens spontaneously in mystic experience from inner opening or a call of the being
- B. When the goal is liberation or God-love, these powers would be a burden or deviation
 - Seeker is advised to reject them
- C. These powers can be dangerous or feed the ego
 - So immature seeker is advised to avoid them
- D. Power can be abused as well as elevate
 - **Nothing is more liable to misuse**
- E. This bar does not apply when the aim is spiritual evolution of greater consciousness and greater life
 - Growth into Supernature cannot be achieved without their development
- F. It is essential, inevitable, normal and natural for the evolution from mental to gnostic consciousness

- Gnostic being would develop and use these powers as man uses powers of mental nature

31. **The evolution of new powers of consciousness is indispensable** ¹⁰⁴³⁻⁴

- A. The capacities missing or defective in mental man which prevent harmony and perfection are inherent in gnostic nature.
- B. Human life is limited to partial harmony for numerous reasons
 - Except when imposed, it requires acceptance of common ideas, desires, aims, motives and satisfactions by enlightened minds, heart and bodies
- C. There is an imperfect understanding and knowledge, power and will in the human masses regarding these ideas, aims, motives
 - Lydia, Mary, Jane and Eliza have very different ideas
 - So too Darcy, Bingley, Mr. Hurst, Caroline, Lady Catherine, Collins and Wickham
 - So too Roger, Louis, Arabella, Gresham, Thorne, Frank and Mary
- D. There is a struggle of unfilled suppressed desires and wills
 - Wickham, Collins, Mrs. Bennet
 - Brexit
- E. New ideas and life motives break in causing upheaval disturbing the constructed harmony
 - French Revolution
 - Indian Freedom
 - Caste discrimination
 - Segregation
 - Woman's liberation
 - Anti-apartheid
- F. Gnostic nature possesses spiritual knowledge and power lacking in mental nature
 - Power over self
 - Power born of unification with others
 - Power over invading world-forces

32. Inner harmony in the individual lacking in mental nature is also natural to gnostic nature ¹⁰⁴⁴⁻⁵

- A. Constitutional ignorance
 - Our individual minds, hearts and lives are not in accord with one another
 - Eliza and Darcy's inner conflict
 - Mr. Bennet wants Jane's marriage, not Mrs. Bennet's triumph
- B. Law of love and sympathy, demands of intellect, push of vital forces natural to our consciousness grow as we grow in Spirit
 - They conflict and pressure one another
 - Darcy's passionate attraction conflicts with his social standards and mental regard for Bingley's welfare
- C. We can only reconcile and harmonize this complexity of forces by growth into a more complete spiritual nature and more integral consciousness
 - By an intuitive light of Truth that spontaneously sees the thing to be done

33. Relation of gnostic community with lesser life ¹⁰⁴⁵⁻⁶

- A. No rational mental construction can harmonize this complexity
- B. Only the intuition and self-knowledge of awakened spirit can do it.
 - Not outwardly, only by inner oneness
- C. That is the nature of the Supramental Being
 - Unifying consciousness
- D. Whats true for the gnostic individual would also be true for the gnostic community
 - Based on unity of self with self
- E. Less evolved orders of life in the ignorance would still remain
 - Gnostic life would carry into them its own law of unity and harmony
 - Gnostic would have a perfect understanding of these orders

34. Three Pursuits of Humanity

- A. Perfection of the Individual
- B. Perfection of the collective
- C. Perfection of the relationship between individuals and the collective

- D. None of these are possible by the mental consciousness based in separative Ego, Ignorance and mental constructions
 - It cannot be constructed externally
 - It can only be founded on inner unity
- E. The Gnostic Life achieves all three spontaneously based on the principle of inner oneness, harmony, mutuality

35. Individuality is key to evolutionary movement ¹⁰⁵⁰

- A. Individual becomes conscious of the Reality
- B. Collectivity is largely subconscious
- C. Individual is not limited by the collective even though he belongs to it – he can excel it or leave it
- D. Individual's real objective must be to the Truth, Divine, Spirit
- E. Individual develops by moving toward spiritual freedom, and simultaneously moves toward spiritual oneness
- F. Individual must first seek his own perfection because
 - it is the call of the Spirit in him
 - without perfecting our Consciousness we cannot perfect our Life
- G. Perfection of the community can only come by perfection of its individual members
- H. Our only real Freedom is the discovery of the spiritual reality in us
- I. Our only means of true perfection is the expression of that spiritual Reality in all elements of our nature

36. Humanity's search for a solution ¹⁰⁵¹⁻²

- A. Material Life: first evolutionary basis
 - Man must first affirm his material and vital existence – both individual and social
- B. Mental Being in material life is next
 - Hellenic idea of civilization
 - Roman ideal of organized power
 - Cult of reason, government of life by science, critical thinking, utilitarianism

- C. Ancient ideal was higher –pursuit of an ideal truth, good and beauty and perfection of mind, life and body by this ideal
- D. Spiritual preoccupation awakens in man
- E. Spiritual perfection
- F. Eastern ideal of solidarity, unity, mutuality of all beings in Spirit
- G. Modern spirit has abandoned these motives for the light of Science
 - Ideal material organization of civilization and comfort
 - Reason, science and education of a utilitarian rationality
- H. Mentalized materialized humanitarianism relieved of all religious and individual ethic
- I. The ideal of perfected individual in a perfected economic society through these means is doomed to fail
- J. Led to a subjective chaos of WWII

37. **Resurgence of the barbarian in civilized man** ¹⁰⁵²⁻³

- A. The stress on material and economic life is a civilized reversion to barbarism
- B. It's a spiritual retrogression using the mental resources of a developed humanity
- C. The stress on perfected economic and material existence has its rightful place – but what is that place
- D. Danger of the resurgence of the primitive barbarian in civilized man
- E. Modern civilization has the power to protect itself from the outer barbarian
- F. The real peril is the resurgence of the barbarian in civilized man
- G. It can only be prevented by a high and strenuous mental and moral ideal controlling and uplifting the vital and physical man
- H. And a spiritual ideal liberating us into our inner being
- I. Another danger – a cessation of the evolutionary urge
 - Crystallization of a stable comfortable mechanized social living
- J. **Reason cannot long maintain human progress**
 - Only if it is a mediator between life and body with spirit
 - For an inner spiritual quest
- K. Otherwise man will disappear as an evolutionary failure like other forms of life

38. Humanity's evolutionary crisis 1053-4

- A. Structure of the external life – complex collective machinery
- B. System of civilization is too big for his mental and moral capacity
- C. It is being used for a multiplication of new wants and aggressive expansion of the collective ego
- D. Science has put at the disposal of our little individual and communal ego potencies of the universal Force and made life of humanity material one
- E. Clash of ideas, desires, claims, slogans..
- F. Evolution of the human mind and life will necessarily lead toward increasing universality based on ego and dividing mind creating a chaotic mess
- G. The mental consciousness does not have the capacity to master and harmonize the increasing potentialities being released by mind
- H. Reason and Science can only standardize and fix into an artificial and mechanical unity of material life.
- I. A greater whole-being, whole-knowledge, whole-power is needed to weld a greater unity of whole-life.

39. 1055-56

- A. A deeper and wider truth is needed to arrive at a life of unity, harmony, mutuality
- B. Humanity has begun to blindly seek that change
- C. Mind has created an organization of Life beyond its capacity to support without an inner change.
- D. It is imperative to move from egoistic individuality to a system of living based on mutuality, harmony, unity
- E. The change required is too great for our consciousness
- F. The destiny of the race is dangerously driven by vital colossal egoistic forces into perilous crisis and darkness of violence
- G. The problem is fundamental – evolutionary Nature in humanity is confronting with a critical choice

40. Failed efforts to address the crisis externally 1056-7

- A. Modern mind's inadequate solution to the crisis

- Rational and scientific formula of vitalistic materialistic human beings
 - Perfected economic society
 - Democratic culture of average man
 - Not enough to meet the needs of humanity
- B. A life instinct drives us toward a reversal of values or discovery of new values
- Transfer of life to a new foundation
- C. Attempt to find a simple ready made formula for unity, mutuality and harmony for the common life
- By forcefully suppressing the clash of egos
 - Materialization of a few ideas or slogans to exclusion of other thought
 - Suppression of mind of the individual
 - Mechanized unity and drive of the life force
 - Idealization of the communal ego as soul of the nation
 - A colossal and potentially fatal error
 - Forced, imposed unanimity under collective life is the formula
- D. This collective being is not the soul or self of the community
- It is a life force rising from the subconscious
 - Subject to dark massive forces
 - Nazism
- E. This is a reversion – not the direction Evolutionary Nature points toward

41. Another solution based on materialistic reason 1057

- A. Forced compression and mechanical organization of communal existence by unified organization of the economic life
- Communism
- B. Only through the growth of consciousness can collective soul become aware of itself and develop
- C. Free play of mind and life are essential for that
- D. Cannot be done by suppression of the individual
- E. Only by a greater consciousness

42. Alternative solution – development of life and reason 1057-8

- A. Man consenting to subordinate his ego for the life of the community consenting to a new socialized life
- B. Through agency of better knowledge and new social machinery – education and organization
- C. Faith in social machinery and training
 - European socialism
- D. Experience does not show education and intellectual training can change man – it leaves the ego unchanged
- E. Human mind and life cannot be cut into constructed perfection by social machinery
- F. Machinery cannot form the soul and life force, only coerce and compress mind and life leading to decadence

Conclusion

- A. Pleasing others
 - No one can say they do not know to please another person
 - Darcy could please Eliza by allowing Bingley to marry Jane – how reluctant he was
 - Do it now – 3 times a day