

Chapter XVII THE DIVINE SOUL – speech notes for June 24, 2012

1. Intro

- In earlier chapters we have traced the process by which the One manifests itself as universe – becomes the universe – by its power of Divine Maya through the instrumentation of creative Supermind.

2. Process of Creation -- Slide

- The transcendent, unitarian, spaceless, timeless, formless Sachchidananda creates a world of forms – One becomes Many.
- This world is real since it is the creation of Truth Conscious Supermind.
- We begin to grasp how the world came out of the Divine and must return to it.
- We have discussed the three stages or statuses of Supermind the Creator – comprehending, apprehending and spiritual individual.
 - Sachchidananda puts forth truths of itself (Real-Ideas)
 - The One multiplies itself in countless forces and forms.
 - Like Jane Austen the author, it conceives of what it wants to manifest in its all-containing comprehending consciousness
 - Then like Jane Austen the director, it projects forms of itself and as the Individual Divine it occupies each of them to give them life in the Apprehending supramental consciousness.
 - Then like Jane Austen the actor, it identifies with each form and expresses a unique aspect of its divinity as the Spiritual Individual.
- We are now able to form a precise idea of divinity and divine life and the relationship between humanity and divinity.
 - Supermind is what we call God – the creator
 - Only unlike the traditional conception, it does not create the world – it becomes the world and inhabits it.
 - The world exists and is contained within the mind of God -- Supermind
 - The world is form of Divine, supramental truth
 - The Divine inhabits each of the forms it has created
- We must now try to understand the essential nature of the divine life towards which we aspire.
 - So far we have been defining the Divine in its descent toward limited Nature.

- But we ourselves are the Divine in the individual ascending back out of limited Nature to its own divinity.

Sri Aurobindo assures us Divine Life is inevitable

- It is the destiny of the Individual to become the Ishwara – the living embodiment of God
- This knowledge is power – understanding it gives us power to evolve
- The power comes not just when we attain Supermind
- Even now we are the Ishwara in our inmost being
- Our lives are our creation – we are the creator
- That is the power of Life Response
 - Eliza told Darcy he is the last man on earth she would marry
 - But Darcy longed for Eliza and she comes to him and eventually married him
- When we fully understand the truths he writes about, we acquire the power of Ishwara in our own lives in that measure
- The principles of Divine Life are valid even now
- We must know them and know how to invoke them
- That is the practical knowledge this chapter offers
- Every prayer answered by Mother is a living demonstration of this proof
- We see the result, do not understand the principle or the process

How will our lives be when we have fully emerged from the Ignorance?

- This chapter describes the existence of the soul living in the original Truth and unity of things but able to enjoy both oneness and play of difference from God.¹⁵¹
- He calls that status the Divine Soul
- How will our lives and consciousness be different when we are conscious of the divine origin and our oneness with all other beings?
 - When Bingley first tried to introduce Darcy to Elizabeth, he thought she was tolerable in appearance and she thought he was intolerable in behavior.
 - Imagine them trying to imagine at that moment what it would be to be in perfect love and harmony with one another.
 - This is what Sri Aurobindo wants us to imagine in reading this chapter.
 - That knowledge has the power to make it happen

- In trying to understand it, we also discover how we must change and what we must do to become that.
- We also acquire a practical knowledge that can be applied at every moment and in every act to acquire the knowledge, power and delight of the Divine Soul.
 - We know we are on the right track when problems and conflicts disappear
 - When people who oppose us offer cooperation – because we have changed our view.
 - It is not others who should change
 - It is not the world which should change
 - It is we who should change our view
- What is the view we should acquire?
- The view of the Divine Soul which never descended into ignorance

3. The play of Sachchidananda – **slide**

- The Divine Soul is always aware of itself as living in the play of Sachchidananda
 - The whole universe is that play
 - DS is contained in that play
 - Our lives are a play of Sachchidananda
- Ego does not understand the play and experiences the dualities
 - Darcy and Elizabeth react on the surface
 - Mrs. Bennet competes
 - Caroline is jealous
 - Lady Catherine dominates and is angry
 - Mr Bennet teases
 - Collins is vain and fawns to win approval from others
 - All are ignorant of the play of Sachchidananda
 - DS discovers Sachchidananda in every act and every moment
 - We can do it too
- The DS is aware of itself as pure and infinite self-existence – not as a separate temporal and temporary existence
 - Its life is a free play of immortal life in its becoming
 - It is uninvaded by death and birth
 - It is unclouded by ignorance and darkness of material being

- It does not feel divided from the world around it or from other beings or from the Divine – it is Infinite
- How would Jane have felt when Bingley abandoned her if she had been aware of her DS?
 - She would have known it is a play of her own being for the joy of self-discovery
 - She would have felt no loss because she is Infinite and Eternal
 - She would have the patience to wait for him to return with full faith
 - Patience is the soul's awareness of its own eternity
- Can we take that attitude to the problems and disappointments that confront us?
 - Can we show that patience and unwavering Faith?
 - If so, our lives walk the Sunlit Path full of the Grace of Mother
- **The DS is aware of itself as pure and unlimited consciousness in its energy – not limited by ignorance, weakness or incapacity**
 - An infinite Existence is also Infinite consciousness
 - It is capable of knowing all, imagining, creating all
 - It has endless truths in its self-awareness
 - It never departs from truth and oneness and harmony
 - Therefore we can attain that consciousness only when we are absolutely True in word, thought, motive and act
 - That is what Mother calls sincerity
 - Sincerity is power of consciousness that makes us divine
 - Each moment of our lives presents us with another truth of the Infinite in order to help us to widen our understanding and discover our own infinity
 - Every time others disagree or oppose us, life invites us to widen and deepen our knowledge
 - Each moment is an opportunity to grow in sincerity and consciousness
 - The Infinite of Being is also an Infinite of Power
 - It has endless powers of being and energy
 - We too contain that infinite energy and power and can learn how to tap and release it
 - This is the power that liberated India from British rule
 - This is the power Sri Aurobindo expressed through Churchill to defend England from the Nazis
 - It is the power that unleashed a prosperity movement in Ramapuram
 - It is the power that ended the Cold War

- It is a power that can make India prosperous overnight
- It is a power that can enable any devotee to earn Rs 100 crores in a year or less
- That power is founded on a poise of eternal and luminous tranquility
- Peace, calm, patience, non-reaction and non-initiative are the way we harness that power
- If Darcy had been conscious of that power, he would have known he can win back Elizabeth after she rejected him.
- If Eliza had been conscious of it, she would have known that Lydia's elopement need not lead to tragedy.
- **The DS experiences always a pure and inalienable delight in its eternal self-experience**
 - Its life is a free variation of bliss in Time – not just in timelessness
 - It is unaffected by the perversions of dislike, hatred, suffering
 - It is undivided in being – feels one with all others
 - Each time we feel superior to others or try to dominate or control them, we are sacrificing the delight of existence for the suffering of egoism
 - It is unperverted by ignorant desire – it does not seek to aggrandize the ego
 - Humility, not self-importance
 - Self-giving, not selfishness
 - Thy Will, not my will
 - These are the sources and means of its endless delight
 - Overcoming ego, the suffering and pain of dualities disappears from our lives
 - Forgetting ourselves and seeking Mother, everything we aspire for comes to us
 - How would Darcy feel when Eliza abuses him if he is conscious of his DS?
 - He would feel the intense ecstasy of being robbed of his falsehood, ignorance – like a rotten tooth or thorn removed, like a disease cured, like a man buried underground escaping or an innocent man released from prison
- **Our entire life would become a play of Sachchidananda**
 - We would be aware of the play of conscious being as a manifestation of the Absolute in forms of Sachchidananda
 - How would Eliza feel when she received news of Lydia's elopement?
 - She would know that this crisis presents a great opportunity for her to progress
 - She would hear Mother calling her to the adventure in consciousness and joy
 - In fact, this is always the truth of our existence, but we do not perceive it because we live in the divided and ignorant consciousness of ego.

- Everything that comes to us is Mother's call to adventure and joy
- She never punishes. She comes to liberate us from ignorance and suffering
- The pain we feel is of the thorn being extracted – we feel it because we cling to our suffering and ignorance as a precious possession

4. Divine Soul lives eternally in the presence of the Absolute– **slide**

- Absolute is to us only an intellectual conception of an indefinable existence – an Unknowable.
- DS is always conscious of itself as manifestation of the Absolute.
 - There is nothing really new in the world
 - Everything pre-exists in the Absolute and manifests.
- **Knowing**
 - It is always the Unknowable that knows
 - In its every state or act of knowledge, DS aware of the Unknowable cognizing itself by a form of variable self-knowledge
 - The Unknowable creates by Self-Conception – by knowing a potential of itself
 - We do not know ourselves, we do not know what we are capable of.
 - Our soul knows and decides. What it decides becomes reality in our lives.
 - We have that power of human choice – to decide and become what we will.
 - If Darcy were conscious of his DS, how would he respond when he sees Eliza for the first time?
 - He would not react out of superiority, pride or arrogance
 - He would recognize his soul-mate
 - How would Eliza respond when she met Wickham?
 - She would not have been attracted to falsehood – because she is grounded in Truth.
 - She would know the truth that Darcy is good and Wickham is evil
 - At a deeper level she may know that Wickham is meant for Lydia, not her
 - The Unknowable renders itself in terms perceptible to the human consciousness and then withdraws.
- **Power, will, force**
 - In its every state or act of power, will, force, DS is aware of the Transcendent possessing itself by a form of conscious power of being and knowledge
 - It is always the Transcendent that wills and acts

- The transcendent's imperative (313) derives from unity – all is in it, all is itself
 - Its conceptions become will, force, action and result automatically and instantaneously
- This is not just a theoretical or philosophical truth
 - It is also practical in our experience
- We too can act with that imperative – we call it life response
 - “Mistress of Pemberley” brings Darcy the next moment
- Intensity evokes the response
 - We normally feel that intensity only in times of crisis
 - Aspiration can generate that intensity
 - This is the secret behind 3 day prayer – it creates maximum intensity
 - We invoke the divine imperative when we exhaust our effort at the level of
 - ▶ Doing your duty
 - ▶ Doing what is right
 - ▶ Doing for Mother – Thy Will – consecration
 - ▶ Identifying with Mother – becoming That
 - This is the truth behind the belief that devotees can get anything they want
 - ▶ Only we should not claim it, expect it or demand it
 - ▶ Instead we should try to become what Mother wants us to become
 - Persistence is essential – do not stop in the middle
- How would Mr. Bennet respond when he received news of Lydia's elopement?
 - He would know that he always has the power to rectify the situation – nothing can go wrong.
 - He would release his aspiration
 - He would generate the necessary intensity by sincere regret for his irresponsible behavior
 - Then three day prayer will be answered instantly – Lydia will return married
- **Delight, joy, love**
 - In its every state or act of delight, joy, love –the DS is aware of the Transcendent embracing itself for conscious self-enjoyment.
 - It is always the Transcendent that enjoys (enjoys itself)
 - How would Darcy respond when Eliza abused him?
 - He would receive liberating self-knowledge and feel ecstatic delight
 - The very intensity of her abuse would be felt as Grace by him
 - All intensity that comes to us is really a form of Grace attuned to our receptivity

- ▶ Sometimes we are only receptive to a knock on the head or kick in the pants
- The soul delights in meeting all challenges
 - Churchill was exhilarated by the challenge of defeating Germany
- **DS lives in the constant presence of the Absolute**
 - Absolute is not something it experiences with difficulty or intermittently
 - It is the very foundation of its being both in unity and differentiation
 - It will be present in all its knowing, willing, doing, enjoying
 - Present in its timelessness and every moment of Time
 - In its spacelessness and its extended existence
 - In its unconditioned purity and in all relations, conditions, causality and circumstances
 - Absolute is the basis for its infinite freedom and delight, security
- **How would our lives differ with this knowledge of the Absolute unity?**
 - All our relations are based on relative ignorance, sense of separation, division and otherness – competition, jealousy, ill-will, selfishness, possessiveness, pride, self-importance
 - Darcy is conscious that aristocracy is different and superior to all other classes
 - Collins is conscious that Lady Catherine is a glorious patroness and the Eliza has only 50 pounds
 - Charlotte is conscious that she is 27 years old and very plain looking with no dowry
- **What are we conscious of?**
 - How should we change our consciousness – our ideas, beliefs, aspirations, will – so that we can live in the presence of the Absolute?

5. Divine Soul lives simultaneously in the two terms of Sachchidananda – the One and the Many – **slide**

- **One and Many are inseparable poles of the self-unfolding Absolute**
 - All being really lives thus
- **DS would be aware simultaneously of both**
 - infinite self-concentration and infinite self-extension and diffusion
- **This is the view of the Truth Consciousness hymned in the Vedas**
 - The real Advaita is unity of all terms of opposition, knowledge of the Unknowable
- **To our divided self-awareness, there is a gulf between the two**
 - We are compelled to choose between oneness/unity and multiplicity

- DS is not enslaved by this divorce and duality
- **One and Many are two eternal terms of the Absolute existence**
 - The Many mount attracted to the One as the culmination and justification of the play -
- ASPIRATION.
 - The Many are always reaching up to the One seeking Unity
 - As citizens we grow by becoming conscious of our relationship with the totality of Society and drawing on its infinite opportunities
 - As devotees we aspire constantly to rise into Mother's consciousness – to become what She wants us to become
 - The One is always reaching down to embrace and bring the Many to itself -- GRACE
 - Society offers unlimited opportunities and gifts to elevate and enrich its members
 - As devotees, we call Mother constantly to enter into our lives
- **If Darcy had this consciousness**
 - He would be conscious always of his aspiration for Divine Love
 - He would be conscious of his role in social evolution
 - He would be conscious of the Divine Grace coming to him as Elizabeth

6. All self-extensions are expressions of Sachchidananda- **slide**

- **All that forms in SCA are manifested potentialities of the One,**
 - All variation of being, consciousness, will and delight is an outflowing of the self-concentrated Unity developing itself as extended form of infinite oneness
- **The Absolute is biune in self-unfolding**
 - DS is always concentrated in oneness in essence of being
 - DS is always manifested in variation in extension of being
- **DS is conscious of Sachchidananda not only in its being but also in its becoming**
 - Everything that happens to us has a purpose
 - Everything that happens to us is play of Sachchidananda to help us discover our true being and evolve
 - When Wickham scandalizes Darcy, Darcy will know it is for his own good
 - When Lydia elopes, Darcy will realize it is Divine Grace acting, providing him an opportunity to prove his love to Eliza

7. Three Grades of supramental existence – **slide**

- **DS is aware of these grades as a triune fact of self-manifestation of Sachchidananda**

- not as grades as we mentally regard them
- Its embrace them in one comprehensive self-realization
- It can conceive, perceive and sense them in its own experience
- We too are capable of multiple awareness
 - When Elizabeth relates to her family, she feels
 - Identified with her mother (one with her) through their common traits
 - She also knows they are also members of the same family – they all share common traits
 - They are also each unique individuals – she is different from all the rest

8. [1]Comprehending Supermind – slide

- DS knows All things as the Self
 - There is only one Self which is the Self of all
 - One Self-being and Self-becoming
 - Our Divine Soul knows that our true self is the Self of all
 - DS knows it has no existence apart from that Self
- The Self in us becomes all existences (Upanishads)
 - That Self is not divided into its becomings – one Self becomes all beings and things
 - This is the basis of our oneness with all
- Darcy as an Englishman human being accepts all the other characters as Englishmen
- We all share the same Human Nature

9. P&P Slide

- Sri Aurobindo Alipore Jail experience
 - Walking for an hour or two in the jail yard
 - Repeating mantras of upanishads
 - Watching people and movements around him
- ◇ I tried to realise the basic truths of the immanent Godhead, God in every form. In the trees, the houses, the walls, in men, animals, birds, metals, the earth, with the help of the mantra:
- ◇ All this is the Brahman, (sarvaM khalvidaM Brahma), I would try to fix or impose that realisation on all of these.
- ◇ As I went on doing like this sometimes the prison ceased to appear to be a prison at all.

- ◇ The high wall, those iron bars, the white wall, the green-leaved tree shining in sunlight, it seemed as if these common-place objects were not unconscious at all, but that they were vibrating with a universal consciousness, they love me and wish to embrace me, or so I felt.
- ◇ Men, cows, ants, birds are moving, flying, singing, speaking, yet all is Nature's game; behind all this is a great pure detached spirit rapt in a serene delight.
- ◇ Once in a while it seemed as if God Himself was standing under the tree, to play upon his Flute of Delight; and with its sheer charm to draw my very soul out.
- ◇ Always it seemed as if someone was embracing me, holding me on one's lap.
- ◇ The manifestation of these emotions overpowered my whole body and mind, a pure and wide peace reigned everywhere, it is impossible to describe that.
- ◇ The hard cover of my life opened up and a spring of love for all creatures gushed from within.
- ◇ Along with this love such sAttvik emotions as charity, kindness, ahiMsA, etc., overpowered my dominantly rAjasik nature and found an abundant release. And the more these qualities developed, the greater the delight and the deeper the sense of unclouded peace.
- ◇ The anxiety over the case had vanished from the beginning, now it was a contrary emotion that found room in my mind. God is All-Good, He had brought me into the prison-house for my good, my release and the quashing of charges was certain, I grew firm in this faith.

10. [2]Apprehending Supermind – slide

- **All existences are soul-forms of the One**
 - All depend on the One as conscious forms of Him
 - Each soul has its own existence in the One
 - Each has its own standpoint and relations with all other existences
- **The Self containing all existences [Upanishads]**
 - This is the basis of our oneness in difference (Many, commonality)
- **Darcy comes to accept that the other characters are parts of his own life**
 - Darcy is an aristocrat – there are different classes in England but all classes are expressions of the English character and live in harmony
 - Darcy recognizes the people of Meryton as different classes of the same society – different but equally important
 - He does not try to get rid of Wickham but makes him brother-in-law
 - He does not try to separate Elizabeth from her family
 - He does not scorn the Gardiners because of differences in class.

11. P&P Slide

12. [3]Spiritual Individual – slide

- **DS knows all existences in their individuality**
 - The Divine Soul knows that each thing has its own individuality
 - Each has a separate standpoint
 - The Individual Divine dwells in each of us
 - Each is a wave that is all the sea
- **The Self inhabiting all existences [Upanishads]**
 - This is the basis of our individuality in the universal
- **Individuality means uniqueness**
 - The Infinite being infinite can only express itself through uniqueness
 - We each have the potential to express a unique aspect of the Infinite.
 - We discover our uniqueness when we give up all sense of limitations, all conditioning, and allow the infinite to express in and through us
 - Then truly nothing is impossible
- **Darcy would recognize the unique individuality of Elizabeth that distinguishes her from all others and makes her special and divine**
 - He would feel one with her and cannot exist without her.
 - He would feel that she is his soul

13. P&P Slide

14. All three are aspects of the one Existence

- **To the all-comprehending unity of Supermind, these three are a triune realization -- slide**
 - Essentiality – One Self becomes all
 - Commonalty – One Self contains all
 - Individuality – One Self inhabits all, but expresses uniquely in each
- **All the people in our lives are perfectly right and true as they are**
 - They each have a purpose
 - We must recognize their essential common divinity
 - We must recognize their role in our lives
 - We must recognize their unique individuality

- **The same is true of every event and circumstance**
 - Each has its divine purpose
 - Each calls us to the divine
 - Each prompts us to remember Mother and consecrate
 - If you have a companion that constantly forgets important things, that person is a reminder to you to constantly remember Mother
 - If you have a companion that is secretive and unreliable, we must discover similar aspects in our relationship with Mother
 - If you have a companion that refuses to appreciate your point of view, he is a reminder to think always of the viewpoint of others
 - If you know someone who has ill-will or is stingy and selfish, it is a reminder to you to be filled with goodwill and self-giving for others

15. Triune Realization– **slide**

- **The divine soul will be simultaneously conscious of all three**
 - As individual Divine living and acting in distinct relation with the 'others'
 - It will have as a foundation the entire unity from which all emerges
 - And as background the extended and modified unity
 - It will be capable of contemplating from all of these poises
- **Vedas affirm these poises**
 - Agni is the One that becomes all – essentiality
 - Agni is the One that contains all -- contains all the gods in himself -- commonality
 - Agni is a separate deity who helps others and acts as their messenger, priest, worker -- individuality
 - He is the creator of the world and father
 - He is the son born of our works
 - He is the original and manifested indwelling Self or Divine, the One that inhabits all.
- **The Transcendent, universal and individual are various forms of expression of an essential unity in the joyous manifestation of multiplicity and they remain always essentially One.**
- **How will we act if we have this consciousness?**
 - Collins recognizes that Charlotte and he are made for each
 - Eliza identifies with Jane and cares more for her happiness

- Darcy calls Eliza tolerable, then realizes she is divine
- Mr Bennet disassociates from family which is his world – Eliza is the fine flower – until he takes responsibility for Lydia
- Darcy finally accepts responsibility for all those around him

16. This comprehensive self-knowledge governs all relations of the divine soul with God, the supreme Self and other selves

- Its relations are of being, consciousness, knowledge, will, force, love and delight
- They are infinite in potentiality of variation
- They include all relations of soul with soul compatible with the inalienable sense of unity

The divine soul's relations of enjoyment – **slide**

- DS takes Delight in all its own experience of itself
- DS takes Delight in experiencing of relation with others as communion with other selves
- DS feels Delight of experience of other selves as if they were its own
- DS has this capacity because the Divine Soul will be aware of all these experiences as the joy or ananda of the One, the supreme Self, its own self.
- This unity is the basis of its experience
 - It will be free from discords of our consciousness divided in ignorance and egoism
 - All these selves and relations will play consciously into each other's hands, melt into each other as notes of eternal harmony.
- Darcy
 - He feels happy because he can please Elizabeth whom he loves and identifies with
 - He feels happy to please Jane and Bingley and Gardiners because it makes Elizabeth happy
 - He feels happy in himself because he loves her
- Can we take delight in our contact with all other selves?
 - When we do not resent, react, compete, we find our worst enemy does us a great service and becomes a source of blessings.
- Can we take delight in their happiness?

17. What will be the relations of the soul's being, knowledge, and will with other souls?

- What is true of delight, is also true of knowledge, faculties, ideas, actions
- Divine Soul will experience
 - All truths as partial expressions of the Truth
 - All faculties and perceptions as partial expressions of whole Consciousness
 - All acts as the play of a self-blissful conscious force of being
- Knowledge, will and delight cannot be in conflict or opposition to one another
 - There can be no clash or strife or discord of souls with one another
 - Mr. & Mrs. Bennet would not be in conflict
 - ▶ He would recognize her aspiration
 - ▶ She would revere his higher culture
 - Wickham would not clash with Darcy
 - ▶ W would be forever grateful for the generosity extended to his family by Darcy's
 - ▶ Darcy would embrace W and forgive his weaknesses as a brother
 - There is only a meeting, entwining and mutual interplay
 - They are different notes of one infinite harmony
- Can we discover the value in each relationship?
 - All clash and discord is a distorted expression of essential truth
 - We are never completely right
 - Others are never completely wrong
 - Each represents a truth we need to realize
 - Darcy offended Eliza calling her tolerable and interfering with Jane's marriage
 - Eliza believed Wickham's falsehood and slandered Darcy
 - He was proud, rude, selfish, mean
 - She was prejudiced, ignorant, false, angry
 - She mistook a handsome appearance for goodness
 - He failed to see her unique individuality
 - Each relationship is a source of knowledge and self-knowledge
 - Darcy learned valuable lessons at Hunsford
 - Eliza learns she never knew herself till she read his letter
 - The elopement made Mr. Bennet aware of his folly and irresponsibility
 - Each source of discord is an opportunity

- Darcy's conflict with Eliza was an opportunity to become good
- Wickham's conflict with Darcy helped Darcy overcome his arrogance and save the aristocracy
- Can we convert each source of conflict into harmony?

18. What will be the relations of the Divine soul to Supreme Self, God?

- The DS has the sense of oneness with the transcendent and universal Divine
- DS enjoys the oneness of God with itself in its own individuality
 - We will discover our own psychic and discover Mother in ourselves
- DS enjoys the oneness with its other selves in the universality
 - We will lose the sense of superiority or inferiority
 - We will find that Mother dwells equally in all people
 - All are equally Her children, equally divine
 - We will delight in the happiness and success of others

19. Relations of Knowledge

- DS's relations of knowledge will be the play of divine omniscience—for God is Knowledge
 - What is Ignorance for us will be only the holding back of knowledge in self-awareness so that certain forms of that self-awareness may be brought forward.
- We will discover great wisdom in what we thought was folly
 - Bingley had knowledge when he tried to get Darcy to dance with Eliza
 - He was right when he called Darcy stupid
 - Same when Sir William Lucas spoke to Darcy of Jane's engagement to Bingley
 - Same when Caroline warned Eliza about Wickham – even our enemies offer us valuable knowledge

20. Relations of Will

- DS's relations of will – will be play of divine omnipotence—for God is Force, Will, Power.
 - What is weakness and incapacity for us will be the holding back of will in tranquil concentrated force so certain forms of divine conscious-force may be brought forward into form of Power.
- Every experience comes to help us discover our inner strength

- Jane grew strong by patiently waiting a year for Bingley
- Eliza grew strong by suffering the humiliation of elopement
- Darcy was transformed by her abuse

21. Relations of Love and Delight

- **DS's relations of love and delight will be the play of the divine ecstasy—for God is Love and Delight**
 - It will include the possibility of any forms of God-enjoyment which are the highest rapture of the God-lover
 - What is cessation, death, annihilation with us will be only rest, transition, holding back of joyous difference separating itself from unity to enjoy the unity otherwise.
- **What is denial of love and delight with us will be holding back of joy in the still sea of Bliss so certain forms of divine union and enjoyment may be brought forward in upwelling waves of Bliss.**
 - Lydia's elopement helped Darcy discover a deeper and greater joy in life than he had ever imagined possible.
 - Jane's failure is a path to greater achievement
 - Eliza's abuse is a means to greater knowledge
 - Lydia's Elopement is a means to greater joy

22. Conditions for Divine Life

- **Under what conditions will the divine life realize itself?**
 - All experience of relation proceeds through certain forces of being formulating themselves through instrumentation as properties, qualities, activities, faculties.
 - Mind uses the instrumentation of judgment, observation, memory, sympathy
 - Supermind effects relations by forces, faculties, functioning proper to supramental beings
- **There is no other difference**
 - Darcy observes Eliza with his sense mind and finds her tolerable. Later he discovers light in her eyes.
 - Eliza relates to Wickham with her vital and finds him good because he is handsome. Later she sees him with her mind discovers the opposite.
- **What faculty do we use to relate to other people and the world?**
 - If we react with our vital, we are ignorant like Eliza

- If we act out of pride, we are foolish like Darcy
- If we laugh at others sarcastically like Mr. B, we make ourselves a laughing stock
- If we judge others from our sense of self-importance, we expose our own inferiority like Caroline
- **What deprives us of that knowledge?**
 - Division
 - Separative egoism
 - Desire
 - Ignorance
- **Their presence constitutes our mortality and fall from the Divine**
 - This is the original sin or deviation from the Truth, Right, oneness, integrality and harmony of the Spirit
 - They are the necessary condition for the plunge into Ignorance which is the soul's adventure in the world and the source of our suffering and aspiring humanity.
- **Absence of separatist egoism and effective division in consciousness are the essential condition of the divine life**
 - Darcy has to overcome his egoistic pride and selfishness
 - Eliza has to overcome her egoistic prejudice and attraction to falsehood
 - Mr. Bennet has to give up his laziness and irresponsibility
 - Mrs. Bennet has to give up her assertion and desire to dominant
 - Wickham has to give up his falsehood
 - Caroline has to give up snobbish self-importance
 - Lady Catherine must stop being arrogant

23. This knowledge tells us

- **We do not have to become divine.**
 - We have to emerge into knowledge to know that they are already and always the true truth of existence.
 - The transcendent reality is our real soul, being and existence
 - All beings and things in the world are Divine
- **We already possess divine power**
 - The power of conscious attention

- The power of prayer and consecration
- **The correspondence between inner and outer**
 - Darcy's pride and Eliza's prejudice
 - Collins is a sycophant like Charlotte's father
 - Lydia's & Elizabeth's attraction to Wickham is similar to Mr. Bennet's attraction to Mrs Bennet
 - All three are incapable of looking beyond the superficial form and attraction to charming surface
 - Mr Bennet and Lydia are complements – both irresponsible and wanting to separate themselves from the rest of family.
 - Darcy's false behavior complements Wickham's false character
 - Elizabeth unites Mrs. Bennet's materialism with Mr Bennet's spiritual values
 - Mrs B is like Eliza
 - both provoke Darcy
 - Both are attracted to militia
 - Mrs. B wants Collins for the entail. Eliza is attracted to Pemberley – she fell in love with the property like her mother.
- **The complementarity of life and other selves with us because they are also aspects of our unified wholeness**
 - Unity of the divine soul means all life is a spiritual complement to what we are
 - Mr Bennet
 - He says we are here to make fun of others and he gets married to an object of delight
 - He doesn't aspire – his wife aspires intensely -- he was attracted to her energy because he has none – life completes us by its complementarity
 - Charlotte gets what she wants in Collins – they are complements
 - Jane and Bingley are complements
 - Wickham comes to give Eliza self-knowledge of the mother in her which she has to outgrow in order to rise.
 - Charlotte & Eliza are complements. Charlotte shows the consequences of not having higher values
- **Review all characters and interactions in P&P as to what would be the outcome in Divine Soul**

- **Suppose Darcy had taken the perspective of the Divine Soul, what would he have done differently?**
- **Darcy with Wickham**
 - **He would have regarded Wickham as a wayward brother and spared to effort to redeem him the way Palliser redeemed Silverbridge after he lost 80k pounds and in response Isabella came as the perfect bride.**
- **Darcy with Eliza**
 - **He would have recognized his soulmate the first time Bingley mentioned her name**

24. Psychic

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Aspiration is almost always an expression of the psychic being – the part of us that's organized around the divine center, the small divine flame deep within human beings. You see, this divine flame exists inside each human being, and little by little, through all the incarnations and karma and so on, a being takes shape around it, which Théon called the "psychic being." And when the psychic being reaches its full development, it becomes a kind of bodily or at any rate individual raiment of the soul.

The soul is a portion of the Supreme – the jiva is the Supreme in individual form. And since there is only one Supreme, there is only one jiva, but with millions of individual forms. This jiva begins as a divine spark – immutable, eternal and infinite too (infinite in possibility rather than dimension).

And through all the incarnations, whatever has received and responded to the divine Influence progressively crystallizes around the jiva, which becomes more and more conscious as well as more and more organized. Ultimately it becomes a completely conscious individual being, master of itself and moved exclusively by the divine Will. That is to say, an individual expression of the Supreme. This is what we call the "psychic being."

This is what aspires, this is what has the contact.

So, when you're told "become conscious of your psychic being," it's for the being formed by external Nature to contact the divine Presence through the psychic being. Then the psychic takes charge of the whole being; in fact, it is the inner Guide....

the psychic being guides your life, and if you let it act freely, it arranges ALL circumstances – it's truly wonderful! ... that everything is arranged with a view to ... not at all your personal egoistic satisfaction, but your ultimate progress and realization. And all circumstances of life, even those you call "disastrous," are there to lead you where you have to go as swiftly as possible.