

1. Involution and Evolution of Consciousness

- A. Reality is an eternal Existence, Consciousness, Delight
- B. Involution of the Reality in the Inconscience of Matter is the starting point
- C. Evolution is the emergence of this Existence, Consciousness and Delight in evolutionary forms that express and disguise it.
- D. Existence first appears as substance of Matter created by an inconscient Energy – Mr. Hurst
- E. Consciousness first emerges as vital vibrations of Life, animate but subconscious, then in imperfect forms of conscient Life
 - Consciousness in life manifests mental perception and vital awareness of self and things
 - Internal sensation responds to the contact of life and Matter
- F. Consciousness labors to manifest itself through inadequacies of sensation its own inherent Delight of Being
 - It can only generate a partial pain and pleasure – Mrs. Bennet and Lydia
- G. In Man -- consciousness appears as Mind with clearer awareness of self and things – Eliza, Darcy, Mr. Bennet
- H. Integral emergence is the goal of evolving Nature

2. Man's evolutionary destiny – object of his creation ⁶⁸⁴

- A. Man's first business is to affirm himself in the universe
- B. But Nature's intention is also for Man to evolve and exceed himself
 - To enlarge from partial to complete being and integral consciousness
 - Mastery of his environment, but also world-union and world-harmony
 - Realize individuality, but also enlarge into a cosmic self and universal and spiritual delight.
 - Transformation of all that is ignorant and
 - A free and wide harmony and luminousness of knowledge, will, feeling, action and character
- C. The object of creation is his self-enlargement, self-fulfillment, self-evolution from his partial temporary apparent nature to his secret self and spirit
 - Outer, ephemeral, apparent man imprisoned in limited mentality must become the real inner Man, master of himself and environment, universal in his being
 - Natural man has to become the divine Man
 - Sons of Death must know themselves as children of immortality
- D. Human birth is the turning point in evolution and critical stage in earth nature

3. Concept of Knowledge or Truth ⁶⁸⁵

- A. The knowledge we need is not merely intellectual knowledge
 - Not just right belief, opinion, information, which is only surface mind's idea of knowledge
 - Mental conception of god and ourselves is good for intellect, but will not make us conscious sons of infinity
 - Partial truths are never fully true. They lack consistency
- B. Truth is holistic, universal and integral
 - Ancient Indian thought meant by knowledge a consciousness which possesses the Highest Truth in a direct perception and self-experience
 - To become, to be the highest is the sign we really have knowledge
 - To shape our outer life by pragmatic knowledge or intellectual notions of truth and right cannot be the ultimate aim
- C. Our Aim is to grow into our true being, being of Spirit, Sachchidananda

4. Existence, Consciousness, Delight is the truth of ourselves we must grow into. ⁶⁸⁵

- A. All our existence depends on that Existence which is evolving in us
- B. That is the root principle of our existence
 - The source of our existence, consciousness, energy, will to delight
- C. Our surface formulation is a mistranslation into the terms of the Ignorance
 - Our I is Ego, not the spiritual being
 - Our mentality and will are not that Consciousness
 - Our joys and ecstasies are not the Delight
 - We are on the surface an ego, an ignorance, a desire
 - We are an ignorance seeking knowledge
- D. We become ourselves by exceeding ourselves
 - To exceed ego and be our true self is the ultimate meaning of our life here
 - It is difficult and dangerous
 - To be and be aware of our true self and possess a real delight of being is the ultimate meaning of our life here

5. Our complex powers of consciousness ⁶⁸⁶

- A. Intellectual Knowledge and practical action are devices of Nature for limited self-expression and growth
- B. Intellect and mental knowledge and will are not our only means of our consciousness and energy

- C. Our nature (Force of being) is complex in its ordering of consciousness and instrumentation of force
- D. We need to discover all the powers of our consciousness and use them in the highest way possible
- E. The object is to
 - become, to be conscious and increase our realized being and awareness of self and things in actualized force and joy of being
 - to express them dynamically in action of the world and ourselves
 - to grow toward highest reach of universality and infinity
- F. We need to actualize the highest and finest values possible to us
- G. All our actions and achievements in all fields are expressions of the upward endeavor of Nature and they have no other real significance
- H. Vedic seers meant by knowledge for the Individual to arrive at divine universality and supreme infinity and express it in all his being, consciousness and delight of being – that is the Immortality they set as man’s divine consummation.

6. **Three aspects of knowledge – Individual, Universe, God** ⁶⁸⁷

- A. Due to our mentality and ignorance, we are obliged to move ignorantly, obscurely step by step in this evolutionary movement.
 - We cannot immediately envisage the completeness of its unity.
- B. Our search for knowledge is preoccupied by three categories
 - Man or individual soul
 - God
 - Nature
- C. First, he sees himself separate from the world around yet always inseparable, part and dependent on it
- D. Second, he knows the cosmos, world, Nature, around indirectly by his mind and bodily senses – similar yet somehow different from himself – separate yet following the same processes.
- E. Third, he divines indirectly in himself an invisible Reality and occult Infinite

7. **God** ⁶⁸⁸

- A. He seeks the Divine, the Unknown, the cause, the Supreme, the All
 - The perfection or totality of all that is partial or imperfect
 - The Absolute of all relativities
 - The Unknown by which all can be known
- B. Man has tried to deny the reality of all three aspects

- C. But he feels a need for arriving at a unity of the three terms, but none of the denials wholly satisfy.
- D. Man affirms one while denying either of the other two
 - Affirming or pursuing only one or two aspects of the Truth leads to inherent inconsistencies in human life
 - The denial of God is a denial of his true quest and his own supreme Ultimate
 - The ages of naturalistic atheism are always short-lived because they do not correspond with the truth within
- E. Behind all these partial denials is the necessity of arriving at a unity, by merging them or suppressing some and affirming others
- F. Every value represents a truth of spirit – but the whole truth encompasses a reconciliation of all values.

8. Neither man nor cosmos are sufficient in themselves ⁶⁸⁸⁻⁹

- A. Man is not sufficient to himself separate from the Eternal and the All
 - By himself he cannot be the explanation of the cosmos
- B. The visible cosmos is also insufficient to itself.
 - It cannot explain the unseen material forces
 - It cannot explain much in the world and himself beyond them
- C. Neither his intellect or intuition or feeling can do without the One or Oneness
 - He feels there must be an Infinite which holds these finites, bases and relates them
 - His thought needs an Absolute on which all relativities are based, a creating Power or Force who originates and upholds these innumerable beings
- D. He must arrive at a Supreme, Divine, Cause, Infinite and Eternal, Permanent and Perfection

9. None of the three are sufficient ⁶⁸⁹⁻⁹

- A. We will never be fully and lastingly satisfied by any partial knowledge, power or realization.
- B. Even the Absolute by itself, excluding Man and Nature, is insufficient
- C. It leaves man and cosmos as inexplicable, purposeless mysteries
 - It leaves his heart and will without meaning or purpose
- D. It leaves cosmos a paradox or non-existent anomaly or play of blind organized energy without significance
- E. They offer not satisfying fulfillment for consciousness, the energy manifested in the world
- F. Man needs to find something that links them all together
 - By which Nature is fulfilled in man and man in Nature and both in God self-revealed in man and Nature

10. Unity & Integrality of Knowledge ⁶⁹⁰

- A. Realization of true knowledge is possible only when we realize the unity of the three aspects
 - The growing self-consciousness of the individual opens to their unity and integrality
- B. Reconciling unity is the condition for integrality
 - All three meet and become one in consciousness only when we know each in its completeness
 - All become one and indivisible in a total knowledge
- C. Man has to enlarge knowledge of himself, world and God until in their totality he becomes aware of their mutual indwelling and oneness
- D. Darcy self-satisfied with himself found he was not fully satisfied. Then he wanted her too, but without any baggage. Finally he discovered his ultimate fulfillment lies in accepting all – including Wickham, Lydia, Mrs. Bennet, Gardiners and Lady Catherine.

11. All-knowledge of the relation between Man, Cosmos and God ⁶⁹⁰

- A. Supreme is self-existent and self-sufficient ⁶⁹⁰
- B. God exists in himself, not by virtue of man or cosmos
- C. Whereas man and cosmos exist by virtue of God, not in themselves
 - They are manifestations of power of God
 - They are somewhere present/implied even in His eternal existence
- D. Man as he appears here is an individual being of the Divine
 - Divine extended in multiplicity is the Self of all individual existences
- E. Man arrives at knowledge of God through knowledge of self and world, not otherwise
 - He can offer his whole being to the Divine only by rejecting his own ignorance, not by rejecting God's manifestation
 - Through his own manifestation or that of the world,
- F. Approaching God through his own manifestation, he may plunge into individual immergence or absorption in the Indefinable and lose the universe
- G. Approaching through the universe alone,
 - He can sink his individuality in impersonality of universal being or dynamic self of universal Conscious-Force
 - He emerges into universal self or becomes an impersonal channel of cosmic Energy
- H. Arriving through equal integrality of both and seizing all aspects of the Divine
 - He exceeds and fulfills them
 - He possess the Divine in his being
 - He is enveloped, penetrated, possessed by God in himself and in the universe
 - By the divine Being, Consciousness, Light, Power, Delight

- I. All-knowledge justifies to him creation of himself and the universe
- J. This is achieved by ascension into supramental and supreme supernature and descend of its powers into manifestation
 - Even earlier it can be made subjectively real by spiritual reflection and reception in mind-life-body Nature.

12. Affirmation of Individuality ⁶⁹¹⁻²

- A. The early preparatory evolutionary step of Nature is for man to affirm his own individuality.
- B. He has to begin with his ego.
- C. In this phase, the world and others are less important than himself. They are aids to his self-affirmation.
- D. God and the gods too are less important and are treated as if they exist for man, as instruments for satisfaction of his desires, his helpers in fulfilling his wants and ambitions.
- E. This primary egoistic development should not be regarded as an evil or error
- F. It is necessary for his first work of finding his own individuality and disengaging from the lower subconscious in which he is subject to the mass-consciousness of the world and the mechanical workings of Nature.
- G. Man has to develop his individuality to affirm his personality, evolve his capacities of force, knowledge and enjoyment so he can turn them on the world for mastery
- H. His self-discriminating ego is a means for this purpose.
- I. He cannot be fit for the greater work or turn his faculties to higher and divine ends until he has this separate capacity, this individuality.
- J. Man has to affirm himself in the Ignorance before he can perfect himself in the Knowledge.

13. Role of the Individual in Evolution ⁶⁹²⁻³

- A. Evolution from Inconscient is initiated by two forces
 - A secret cosmic consciousness
 - An individual consciousness manifest on the surface
- B. The secret subliminal cosmic consciousness organizes itself on the surface by creation of separate objects and beings
- C. It also creates collective powers of consciousness which are the large subjective formations of cosmic Nature
 - It does not provide them with an organized mind and body
 - It bases them on groups of individuals and develops a group-mind, a changing but continuous group-body
- D. Only as the individual becomes more conscious can the group being become more conscious

- E. Growth of the individual is indispensable for the inner growth of the collective being (as distinct from its outer growth and expansion).
- F. Dual Importance of the Individual
 - Through him the cosmic spirit organizes its collective units and makes them self-expressive and progressive
 - Through him it raises Nature from Inconscience to Superconscience and meets the Transcendent
- G. The mass-consciousness is near to Inconscient
 - It expresses and organizes a subconscious, obscure movement through the individual
 - It is moved by a subconscient impulse rising to the surface
 - It is prone to half blind unanimity which suppresses the individual in the common movement
 - It thinks by slogan, motto or traditional idea and acts by the rule of the pack, herd mentality, type-law.
 - It can be extraordinarily effective when it finds an individual to embody, express, lead or organize it
 - Its crowd movements can be irresistible like an avalanche or tempest
- H. Its practical efficiency arises from suppression or subordination of the individual to mass-consciousness if it can find a group, class, head to embody its spirit and direction.
 - This is the secret of Nature behind the strength of military states and world-conquerors
 - This is efficiency of the outer life, not the highest term of our being
- I. Our life has no true value except growing consciousness, developing mind, expressing life, liberating the soul and indwelling Spirit.

14. Individuality and Ego ⁶⁹³⁻⁴

- A. The progress of mind and soul, individually and collectively, depends on the progress of the individual to gain freedom, independence, separate power of expression of what is unexpressed in the mass and undeveloped in the subconscious or to descend from Superconscience.
 - Idea of freedom
 - Elon Musk's vision
- B. The individual is the diviner of truth, form-maker, creator.
- C. The collectivity is a mass, a field of formation.
 - Individual's relation with the collectivity
- D. The individual loses his inner direction in the mass and becomes a mere cell of the mass-body moved by collective will or idea or impulse.
 - How far are we really formed individual and how far are we simply living the life of the collective?

- Why do we believe what we believe? Value what we value? Seek what we seek?
- E. Individual mind, life and body have to emerge from the common mentality, life-uniformity and common physical.
- Vitality? – marriage is the goal, money is valuable
 - What does it mean to emerge from the common mentality? – Copernicus, Einstein, Elon
- F. He has to eventually retire into himself to find himself
- G. Only then he can become spiritually one with all
- H. If he tries to achieve oneness in mind, vital or physical without sufficient strength, he may be overpowered by the mass-consciousness and lose his fulfillment.
- Without strong individuality, he will be overcome by mass consciousness
 - Ayala and Lucy's values – protected them from being overwhelmed milieu pressure – they acquired mastery over circumstances
- I. The collective being may even become strong and dominant but lose its plasticity and evolutionary movement.
- J. Great evolutionary periods of humanity have taken place in communities where the individual became active, mentally, vitally and spiritually alive.
- K. Nature invented ego so the individual might disengage from the inconscience or subconsciousness of the mass and become an independent mind, life power, soul spirit coordinating with the world around but not drowned by it.
- Collins' ignorance supports his development. Don't deprive others of it.
 - He does not know there is any other point of view. Like Darcy and Collins' proposal – vital ego knows only one view
 - How far are we mass? Selfish separate Ego? Selfless server of society?
- L. Individual is part of the cosmic being, but also he is a soul descended from the Transcendence.
- M. He cannot manifest it because he is too near the Inconscience, rather than the Superconscience.
- N. He has to find himself as mental and vital ego before he can find himself as soul or spirit.
- O. Moving to others point of view is not spiritual, it is widening to universal. Divine point of view is spiritual – values
- Elizabeth sees Justification for Darcy's behavior toward Wickham
 - Business transaction for mutual benefit
 - Action by values – Mr. Bennet and Thorne
 - At level of ego we can bargain and compromise
 - Only at level values we can arrive at harmony

15. He must transcend Ego ⁶⁹⁴⁻⁵

- A. Ego is not the true spiritual individual

- B. Ego is a work of will, power and self-effectuation more than of knowledge
- C. A time comes when man must look below the surface of his egoistic being to find the real man
 - Nature's primary education – our outer superficial relations with the world around us without going inside to truly know ourselves – it gives us power and practical efficiency but is only a little higher than the animals
- D. First, he has to know his own psychology and natural elements – ego, mind and its instruments, life and body
 - What does it mean to distinguish the vital from the mental? – Eliza does it
 - Can we distinguish our ego? -- Darcy does it
- E. He is in need of an explanation other than his natural elements
- F. He may seek it in Nature and mankind in discovery of his unity with the rest of the world
- G. He may seek it in supernature, God in discovery of his unity with the Divine
- H. Practically he attempts both
 - Consecration is a practical means – it's a movement toward unity of the three aspects
 - Dr. Thorne
 - Self-giving is so powerful -- Ayala

16. Secret of the eternal individual behind ego ⁶⁹⁵⁻⁶⁹⁶

- A. Knowledge of himself, Nature and God are only aids toward self-knowledge, perfection, supreme goal
- B. He may seek God in the world, in individual salvation, a supreme Self or nirvana
- C. It is always the individual seeking self-knowledge and PURPOSE of his separate existence
- D. Even altruism and love and service to mankind and self-effacement are only means toward his realized individuality
- E. This may seem like expanded egoism
- F. But a deeper secret of the eternal individual, the Purusha, behind justifies his individuality and its demand

17. Spiritual realization is through the individual ⁶⁹⁶

- A. Perfection, liberation has to be individual, not collective, because of the spiritual Person, the Divinity in the individual.
 - Perfection of the collective can only come through perfection of individuals
 - The individual is That. To find himself is his great necessity.
- B. He finds his perfect self-finding in a complete self-giving and surrender to the Supreme.
- C. Abolition of mental, vital, physical and spiritual ego leads individual to the peace and joy of escape into his own infinity

- He experiences that he is nothing and no one or everything and everyone
 - It is Brahman in the individual that attains yogic realization
- D. It is imperative to get beyond the ego, but one cannot get beyond the self
- Self is not ego
 - Self is one with the All and the One
 - Finding the All and the One, we find our self
 - Contradiction and separation disappears, self, spiritual reality remains

18. Realization of the Seven-fold Knowledge ⁶⁹⁶⁻⁷

- A. It begins when we get beyond preoccupation with the relation of Nature and God to our superficial being, apparent self.
- B. Removal of temporal ignorance
- Knowledge of our Temporal Eternity
 - To know this life is not all
 - To become aware of the immortality of the soul
 - To know the states beyond the material and his lives behind and before him – pre-existence and subsequent existence
 - Enlarging into possession of our own eternity
- C. Removal of psychological ignorance
- Discovery that our surface waking is only a small part of our being
 - Knowledge of the Inconscient, subconscious, subliminal and superconscient
- D. Removal of constitutional ignorance
- We are something other than our instrumental mind, life and body
 - We are an immortal ever developing individual soul (psychic)
 - Also we are an eternal immutable self and spirit
 - To learn the categories of our spiritual being
 - To discover that all in us is expression of spirit
 - To distinguish the link between our lower and higher existence
- E. Removal of cosmic, egoistic and original ignorance
- To discover the self and spirit (God) beyond the temporal (egoistic)
 - To discover the vision of the Self in the cosmic consciousness as the divine Reality behind Nature and this world of beings (cosmic)
 - To open to the Absolute of whom self and individual and cosmos are faces (original)
- F. Removal of the practical ignorance

- To cast our whole life motive, thought and action into the mold of this enlarging self-knowledge
- G. This is the path that leads out of falsehood and suffering of limited and partial into perfect possession and enjoyment of a true, complete existence

19. Individual realizes Unity of God, Man & Nature ⁶⁹⁷

- A. He discovers the unity of the three categories
- B. He discovers his being is one with cosmos and Nature
- Nature and cosmos include mind, life, body, soul in succession of Time, conscient, subconscious and superconscient and their various relations
 - We discover the society and humanity
- C. He discovers his being is one with God
- He is the Absolute, Spirit, timeless and spaceless Self, Self cosmos, Lord of Nature
- D. In finds his unity with all other souls and beings
- In Nature he is one with them in mind, vitality, matter, soul, cosmic principle and result
 - Absolutely, he is one with them in God because the one Absolute, Self, Spirit is the Self of all and origin of all
- E. The unity of God and Nature manifests itself to him
- F. He discovers it is the Absolute who is all these relativities
- G. All principles are manifestation of Spirit
- H. The Self has become all these becomings
- I. Nature is the the Shakti or Power of being and consciousness of the Lord of all being
- J. By progress in self-knowledge we discover that by which all is known as the one with our self and possession of which all is possessed and enjoyed in our own self-existence.

20. Knowledge of the Universe realizes Unity ⁶⁹⁸⁻⁹⁹

- A. Knowledge of the universe leads to the same large revelation.
- B. Knowledge of Matter, Force and Life leads to scrutinizing relation of mental consciousness with these principles
- C. Knowing the real nature of mind leads from surface appearances to discover the secret will and intelligence operative in all planes of Nature
- D. It leads to discovery of the soul in the body of material universe
- E. He recognizes his unity with the rest of the cosmos
- F. He finds Supernature behind appearances
- G. He discovers supreme conscious power of Spirit, Self, in and beyond Space & Time who becomes all becomings.

- H. He realizes the Absolute who manifests all relativities
- I. He knows Nature as not only material Energy, Life-Force, Mind-energy also as Knowledge-Will have the Divine Lord of being, Consciousness-Force of the self-existent Eternal and Infinite.

21. Man's quest for knowledge is great ⁶⁹⁹

- A. The quest of man for God becomes the most ardent enthralling of all quests
- B. It starts as a vague questioning of Nature and sense of something unseen in himself and in Nature
- C. Early forms of religion deifying natural forces embody a veiled intuition in the subconscious of
 - hidden influences and incalculable forces,
 - being, will, intelligence in apparent inconscience,
 - the invisible behind the visible
 - secret conscious spirit in things in every work of energy
- D. However primitive or obscure the first perceptions, they reflect the value and truth of the great quest
- E. All our seeking, including Science itself, start from obscure ignorance perception of hidden realities and proceed to more luminous vision of the Truth veiled in Ignorance
- F. Anthropomorphism is a recognition that man is what he is because of what God is
 - There is one soul and body of things
- G. Humanity in its incompleteness is the most complete manifestation yet achieved here
- H. Divinity is the perfect of what in man is imperfect
- I. Man sees himself everywhere and worships himself as God
 - But it is based on a truth in the Ignorance
 - His being and the Being are one
 - His is a partial reflection of That
 - To find his greater Self everywhere is to find God

22. Unity of all Knowledge ⁶⁹⁹⁻⁷⁰⁰

- A. A unity behind diversity and discord is the secret of the variety of religions and philosophies.
 - They all get some touch of the one Truth seen from different aspects
 - Whether they worship him in the material inconscient or superconscience, in the cosmos or beyond it, in humanity or in the timeless immutable, as Power or Love or Truth or Good, Father and creator or Nature and universal Mother.
- B. The truth behind is always the same because All is the one Divine Infinite whom all are seeking.
- C. Because everything is that One, there must be endless variety in the human approach
- D. Man must find God variously in order to come to know Him entirely.

- E. We arrive at the greatest possible unity when knowledge reaches its highest aspects.
- F. Then all knowledge is unified in one comprehensive meaning.
- G. All religions approach a single Truth.
- H. All philosophies look at different sides of a single Reality
- I. All Sciences meet together in a supreme Science.
- J. The unity of God, Man and Nature is the source of the most integral knowledge.

23. Conscious unity of God, Soul, Nature ⁷⁰¹

- A. Truth according to man's highest God-conception
 - Brahman, the Absolute is the Spirit, timeless Self, Self possessing Time, Lord of Nature, creator and continent of the cosmos, immanent in all existences, Soul from whom all souls derive and to whom they are drawn
- B. The same Absolute reveals in all relativities
 - Spirit who embodies Himself in cosmic Mind, Life and Matter
 - Of whom Nature is the self of energy
 - All she creates is the Self and Spirit variously manifested in His own being to His own conscious force for the delight of His various existence
- C. This is the truth of being which man's knowledge of Nature and cosmos is leading him
- D. He will reach it when his Nature-knowledge unites itself with his God-knowledge
- E. This truth of the Absolute is the justification for the cycles of the world.
 - The Self-Being has become all these becomings
 - The Self is the eternal unity of all these existences – I am He
 - Cosmic energy is the conscious force of that Self-existent
- F. It can arrive at the individual possession of its complete existence through its divine nature embracing the universal and transcendent
 - Feel its presence and power in one, in all, in the relations of one with all
- G. A triune knowledge – complete knowledge of God, himself, Nature gives him his high goal
- H. The conscious unity of the three – God, Soul, Nature in his consciousness is the foundation of his perfection and all harmonies
- I. This will be his highest and widest state and status of a divine consciousness and divine life

24. Unity

There can be no true consistency without overcoming all the forms of Ignorance

- A. Knowledge of the parts must evolve into knowledge of the interdependence and unity of the parts
 - The individual with Nature and with God

- Nature with the Transcendent

B. All three are aspects of one Reality