

## Bk 2 Ch 27 Gnostic Being – speech outline

### 1. Difficulty of describing Supermind to Mind

#### A. Radical reversal of consciousness

- Supermind escapes the grasp of mental perception & knowledge -- almost an impossibility
- From viewpoint of character to that of author

#### B. Spirit & Nature

- Mind is detached from Nature and has limited power over it
- Supermind is a perfect integration and consummation of spiritual nature and experience – a total spiritualization of nature

### 2. Mind is consciousness of the finite

#### A. Finite limitation

- Knows only some of the data – Silver Blaze
- Complexity is too great
- Forces are invisible

Objective vs. Subjective -- Inner separate from the Outer

#### B. Actualities alone are fully real not possibilities, potentials and imperatives

- Phileas Fogg and Passpartout on the first morning and last day
- Edmund Dantes on arrival in Marseilles
- Elizabeth when Darcy proposes at Hunsford and takes leave at Lambton Inn

#### C. We see limitation everywhere – possibilities are always limited

- Lady Arabella's view of Mary before the inheritance

#### D. Only structured forms are real to us – not society, not spirit

- FDR in banking crisis
- Gandhiji Salt March

#### E. Physicality – what exists physically alone is fully real

- brain not mind
- heart not psychic
- marriage not love – Charlotte marries Collins
- money not character – Dr. Thorne

#### F. Past and future do not exist for mind

### 3. Supermind is a consciousness and power of the Infinite

- A. SM sees infinite opportunity everywhere at every moment – anything is possible
  - iti iti, neti neti
  - anything is possible at any moment – consecration
  - Draupadi's sari
  - Phileas Fogg
    - Saving Auda
    - Crossing the bridge
    - Success after 'losing' the wager
  - Morris Goodman
- B. Unity & division
  - Mind thinks, feels, wills, senses from division
    - Economy separate from environment
    - Health of body separate from environment
  - Supermind views everything from basis of oneness
  - Divine life is a life of essential unity
  - Mind starts from division and has only a constructed understanding of unity
    - Language
    - Concepts
  - View of the CEO vs. department head
  - PM vs CM
  - Guru serves God while disciples compete for favor
  - Jane Austen vs. her characters
- C. Vision vs. Idea
  - Mind acts by intellectual idea, rule, constructed thought, reasoned choice or life impulse
  - Supermind acts by innate spiritual vision of the truth in things according to their inherent reality – calm, self-possessed, spontaneous, harmonic – felt in the spiritual substance
    - Harmonic identity of the truth in the substance of conscious being
      - Sri Aurobindo sees the light on the court papers
    - Mother acts uniquely in each situation
    - Srividya consecrating for power in Venkata Nagar on a day of total power cut – office power is never severed. On Ashok's inquiry, EB says its impossible.
    - Latha's four urgent tasks all get accomplished

- Nalli Silk House
- Consciousness responsibility – Sundar Pichai
- Grocery shop manager who turned around a failing company when the owner abandoned it and then took it back; he becomes owner of chain of textile shops when another owners offers him partnership and then gives him the whole co
- When Lydia eloped and Darcy left, Eliza could not conceive of the outcome
- Impossible for mind to forecast or anticipate how Supermind will act
  - Faith is to believe another outcome is possible. Consecration is to rely on it
- Still a general description can be attempted

#### 4. Logic of the Infinite

- A. The action of the Infinite appears to be a magic devoid of reason. It is actually a spiritual and supramental reason and greater logic of the Infinite
  - What is magic to our reason is logic of the Infinite
- B. Examples
  - Fogg 24 hours extra
  - Darcy comes to Lambton
  - Srividya's prayer for power
  - Rs 81,000
  - The book falls
- C. Mind is consciousness of the finite
  - Logic and reason
    - Mind divides and aggregates. Reason is its faculty to aggregate by discovering connections and relationships on the surface
    - **Mind is power of organization** – it organizes relations of the inner oneness on the surface
    - Logic defines what is a real relationship.
    - Reason is of the part, logic of the whole
    - Mental logic is superstition and ignorance – materialism sees Matter, not Life
  - Truth that completes truth
- D. Logic of the Infinite vs Finite logic
  - Infinite comprehends all the subtle facts (data) unperceived by mind (Eliza's change in attitude brings Darcy, Mr. Bennet's decision brings money)

- Infinite knows the connections, relationships, and complexity unperceived on the surface
  - Mary's inheritance
- It deduces from them results mind's inferior reason cannot anticipate
- Infinite observes the complex nexus of forces (forces are invisible to mind, e.g. power of values)
  - FDR 1933
  - Social Evolution
  - Sri Aurobindo at Dunkirk
  - 1956

E. Knows the possibilities, potentialities and divine decisive imperative

- These forces are pre-existent actualities, possibilities (dynamic potentials) emerging suddenly as actualities and behind them the decisive divine imperatives (Will of the Infinite) expressing which can bring out different results from the same nexus of forces.
  - Social evolution
- Intuition can perceive directly what intellect cannot perceive through indirect action

F. Truths of the Infinite affirming in the determinations of the finite (330)

- Infinitesimal is the infinite
- Squandering eternity on a beat of time – eternity comes down to express in time
- Ant hill and solar system – illusion of quantity
- Wickham's scandal
- BL contract
- Mother in Indo-China war

## 5. **Symbolic relationships and Token Acts**

- A. Microcosm reflects macrocosm
- B. What we do at home reflects the whole world with which we are related
- C. Illusion of quantity – Brahman equally in all
- D. How we treat the smallest object, action, person determines
  - Smallest customer
  - Door slam -- Tolerable
  - Missing object

- E. Ramapuram and India
- F. ICPF and disarmament -- NJS

## 6. Transition from Overmind to Supermind

- A. From evolution in Ignorance to evolution in the Knowledge
- B. Progressive unfolding, not sudden or abrupt transition
  - This is the principle of all terrestrial being
  - A successive revealing of a concealed infinite Reality through obscurely limited, imperfect, half-figures leading to true progressive revelation
- C. Supermind can descent into nature without compromising its essential character while manifesting in lower planes
- D. SM's capacity for Self-concealment
  - Ignorance seeking knowledge and knowledge holding itself back and expressing according to the readiness of things 967
  - SM is infinite power of free self-determination but it puts forward only what is needed at each stage of evolution
  - The being can will on its surface not to know and even put itself under the control of Nescience
  - Difference between what Austen knows in telling a story and what the listener knows.
  - Difference between what Trollope knows, Thorne knows and Mary and Frank know about the final outcome of the story.
  - Actor may play any part but works for the beauty and manifestation of the whole
  - Musician, conductor, composer play three different roles
- E. At SM stage of evolution, the veil will be lifted on the action of SM in Nature.

## 7. Supramental Transformation

- A. Supramental change is in less explored territory
- B. Beyond human mental conception
  - As the human mind is beyond animal perception
- C. All previous levels of ascent achieved subconsciously by Nature
  - based on formations in the subliminal inner consciousness
- D. Slow aeonic graduality becomes concentrated pace of evolutionary swiftness

- Law of evolutionary transformation is gradual
- Law of departure can be an abrupt rupture
- E. Progress is not linear and in discrete stages
- F. Transition from Overmind to Supermind
  - Cognition: passage from Ignorance to Knowledge
  - Will-Force-Power: passage from Nature to Super-Nature
  - Impossible for Mind (power of Ignorance) to achieve on its own unaided aspiration and power

## **8. Supramental Stage of Evolution – Ascent & Descent**

- A. Mental consciousness and power shaped a race of mental beings and elevated all its nature ready for that change
- B. Now a gnostic consciousness and power will shape a race of gnostic spiritual beings and take up all in earth-nature ready for this transformation
- C. It will receive from above all that is ready to descend into terrestrial being
- D. Evolution is always by a combination of ascent and descent
  - Aspiration and Grace
  - Symbol Dawn
  - Mother and Sri Aurobindo were present at all critical transitions in history

## **9. Surface & Subliminal Consciousness**

- A. Division between surface and subliminal self & consciousness in all previous stages
- B. Surface formed mainly by push of upsurging force from below – Inconscient
  - Surface is a formulation of concealed force of Spirit
- C. Subliminal formed mainly by simultaneous influx of the same force from above
  - A mental or vital descent into the subliminal
- D. That descent forms a mental or vital personality on the surface

## **10. Veil between surface and subliminal**

- A. It must break before supramental change can begin
- B. Then the descent will be into the entire consciousness of the whole being
  - No longer behind the veil

- C. Process will no longer be concealed – but open consciously for transmutation of the whole being
- D. Otherwise the process is identical
  - Supramental inflow from above
  - Descent of a gnostic being into the nature
  - Emergence of concealed supramental force from below
- E. The influx and unveiling will remove what remains of the Ignorance

### **11. Rule of Inconscient will disappear**

- A. Inconscient is the source of error, ignorance, falsehood, evil, pain, suffering, limitation
  - Seven-fold Ignorance
- B. It will be changed by outburst of a greater secret Consciousness within it – the hidden Light – into a sea of secret Superconscience
  - Release of the herds of the sun from imprisonment by Panis in the subconscious cave
- C. This will result in first formation of a gnostic consciousness and nature

### **12. Hierarchy of Gnostic Beings**

- A. Gnosis applies to all consciousness based on Truth
- B. SM is consummation of previous steps
- C. It will confirm in terrestrial nature Overmind, Intuition and other gradations of spiritual nature-force
- D. It will establish in earth nature a race of gnostic beings
- E. A shining ladder of ascending degrees and formations of gnostic light and power
- F. All beings ready to rise beyond mental ignorance but not yet ready for supramental heights will find intermediate steps of spiritual existence

### **13. Action of SM on lower evolutionary stages**

- A. Supramental manifests gradually and progressive – why?
- B. It will awaken something of the hidden Truth-Power everywhere in Nature
- C. Discord, conflict, blind seeking, clash will yield to more orderly harmonic steps of development of life and consciousness

- D. Human life will acquire a freer play of intuition, sympathy and understanding and more enlightened dealing with opportunities and difficulties
- E. The struggle between forces of light and darkness, Consciousness and Inconscient, will become a graded progression from lesser light to greater light
- F. Conscious beings at each stage would expand their own law of cosmic Nature to a higher degree
- G. SM will progressively transform the lower and reveal new potentials in it as living matter alters the character of minerals
- H. The evolutionary principle would not be annulled
- I. SM would harmonize, tranquilize and hedonize the evolutionary emergence
- J. Mother can supramentalize world in a day – but world is not ready?

#### **14. Overmind & Supermind**

- A. OM follows out diversities and divergent possibilities
  - OM can allow contradictions and discords but force them to contribute to the cosmic whole
  - OM can even encourage contradictions and oblige them to support each other and still maintain the Oneness and lead back to it
  - This is the secret sense of this world of Ignorance working from Inconscience
  - Individual being in overmind creation does not possess the knowledge
    - Darcy does not know what Austen knows
  - Overmind being would perceive the secret but work on his own lines of Nature
  - Overmind creation in the Ignorance might be separate from the surrounding world of Ignorance and guarded from it
- B. SM is Unitarian, Integralizing, Harmonic Consciousness 970
  - SM will not lose this character as it descends
  - A supramental gnostic being would create a harmonic unity even in the formations of the Ignorance
  - He would have the power to link life nature to true order, truth and harmony
  - It would require appearance of a new Power in Nature
  - It would be the hope of a more harmonious evolutionary order in earth Nature

#### **15. Supramental or gnostic race would not be made according to a single type**

- A. Law of Supermind is unity fulfilled in diversity



- B. There would be an infinite diversity in the manifestation of gnostic consciousness
  - Yet the consciousness would be one in its basis, constitution and order
- C. The triple status of Supermind would reproduce itself in this manifestation
  - Below, there would be the ascending degrees of overmind and intuitive gnosis
  - Above, there would be individuals who ascend beyond the Supermind formation to the summits of Unitarian self-realization in the body – the last supreme state of the epiphany of Creation
  - There would be the supramental race itself
- D. Each individual would be different and unique formation of Being

## 16. Status of the Gnostic Individual

- A. **Gnosis is the effective principle of the Spirit – a highest dynamis of spiritual existence**
- B. **Gnostic individual would be the consummation of the spiritual man**
- C. He would feel the presence of the Divine in every center of his consciousness
- D. All life would reveal the Conscious Being, Purusha, finding self-expression in Nature
- E. He would be aware of the workings of the supreme World-Mother, Supernature, in all the workings of his force of Nature
- F. In his consciousness he would live in transcendent freedom, joy of Spirit, identity with the cosmic Self, sympathy with universe
- G. All beings would be his own selves, all powers his own universality
- H. Each truth would be in its own place – in diversified harmony – without confusion, clash or distortion
- I. **His life and world-life would be a perfect work of art**
  - As if the creation of a cosmic genius
- J. Gnostic being would be in the world and be of the world, but transcendent and free in universality and not limited by separate individuality

## 17. Unification of the three powers of being

- A. Three powers – Individual, Cosmic Being, Transcendent will be united in harmony
- B. All the trinities of Spirit would be real to his individual self-awareness and inner life in oneness with the transcendent and universal Self and Spirit

- Individual, Universal, Transcendent
  - Sachchidananda
  - Brahman, Purusha, Iswara
  - Maya, Prakriti, Shakti
  - Knower, knowledge, known – Lover, Beauty, Delight
  - Self as subject, object, self-awareness
  - One, Many, Omnipresent Reality
  - Time, Timelessness, Simultaneous Time
- C. Perfect and complete individual – fulfilled in growth and self-expression
- Complete self-knowledge in all things
  - Complete self-mastery – Will – power of perfect self-expression in Nature
- D. **The true person is not an isolated entity**
- His individuality is universal
  - He individualizes the universe and the divine Transcendence
- E. The complete individual is the cosmic individual (taking the universe into itself) and transcending it
- Supramental being in his cosmic consciousness sees and feels all as himself 974
    - He has no ego
  - He acts in universal harmony with the total action
    - Goodwill and Self-giving
    - Not competition, strife, conflict
    - The self-sacrificing leader identified with the nation – Churchill
    - Company serving society
    - Country serving humanity
    - Devotee serving Mother’s Will
- F. Individual and Universe are expressions of same transcendent Being <sup>974-5</sup>
- A large harmonic universality
  - SM knows the truth of relations of individual with universe as power of the Transcendence
  - Supramental Light and Truth would have the dynamic Power in Life in the Ignorance.

## 18. Knowledge & Power in SB

- A. Supramental being would be play of truth power for the delight of one-existence  
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- B. Gnostic being has the knowledge of what is to be willed and the power to effectuate it
- C. Gnostic Life – delight of the manifestation of Spirit in its truth of being and joy of being
- D. Ego in mind seeks joy in its separate fulfilment for separate self-affirmation or domination opposed to others
- E. SM seeks the manifestation of divine delight equally in all
  - Their joy will be part of his own joy of existence
  - Their grief...
- F. It does not seek results, fruits
- G. No contradiction or strife between his own good and good of others
- H. It knows bliss in being and delight in doing
- I. A satisfied spiritual totality in essence of being and dynamic movement is the very mark of supramental consciousness
- J. Integral bliss of Ananda in every act
- K. Experience of the Infinite in each finite

## **19. Gnostic consciousness transforms our world-consciousness and action**

- A. SM integrates our inner and outer being and experience
- B. Our outer seems independent of inner and determines it
  - Subjection to and struggle with Life-Force and Matter
    - Mrs Bennet and Lydia
  - We seem to be created by life and matter
  - We react to its impacts
- C. SM reverses the relationship
  - Inner has the power to express in outer forms
  - Inner creates the outer
  - His own life and then the common gnostic life with other gnostic beings
  - Fogg does not feel that subjection
  - Consciousness responsibility has power because inner and outer are not separate

## 20. Cosmic Consciousness

- A. In the Ignorance, spiritual man has to separate himself from the outer world of Ignorance which refuses to change and guard his inner life
- B. In gnostic life, the opposition of inner and outer life is cured
- Transcendent freedom of Spirit -- Inwardly he will be alone with God, the eternal nothing can disturb or invade
  - Outwardly he will embrace the world with God-love and delight – a universal calm of equality and dynamic freedom of oneness
  - Inner oneness and communion will extend to all his relations
  - He can embrace even the Ignorance without entering into it
  - He will be one living in the universe and also carrying the whole universe and its beings within him.
- C. Cosmic consciousness
- All objective life will become part of his subjective existence
  - He will sense, feel, see, hear the Divine in all forms and movements
  - All movements will be experienced within his own vast self of being
    - **As P&P takes place in Austen's consciousness**
  - He will be in inner contact with the inner self of things and beings
    - Consciousness responsibility – Mr. Bennet, Darcy
    - Gandhi and Churchill identified with whole country
    - Mother relating to sadhaks and the world
    - Anger flowing into Sri Aurobindo
    - Mother felt lies as pinpricks
  - He will be aware of that in others of which they are unaware
  - He will act on others with an inner sense of oneness and independence
- D. **His action on the world will be mainly an inner action by power of Spirit by**
- unspoken word
  - supramental idea-force
  - power of heart
  - dynamic life-force
  - enveloping and penetrating power of self one with all things
  - Fogg's equanimity is an inner action with outer results
  - Sri Aurobindo fought the war
  - Changing out attitude, life will respond

E. Contact on other planes

- Contact will extend beyond the physical world to the inner beings connection with other planes of being
- It will also possess full knowledge and power of the mental and vital planes and their forces
- Enormously increasing its power of instrumentation on the world of physical Nature

## 21. Aim of Existence

- A. The Self-existent in its own plane of Supermind can have no aim except to be, be conscious of being and delight in being
- B. Objects of life in the Ignorance
- To grow, strive, labor and arrive at knowledge and accomplish, to overcome incapacity and suffering and seek satisfaction
  - We do not know what we should do, learn or become
- C. Spiritual man has discovered his soul and its joy and needs nothing external
- D. Gnostic being will fulfill that in the Knowledge as a universal delight of self-existence

## 22. Divine Perfection and fulfillment of MIND

- A. Supramental transformation will perfect and fulfill the powers of mind, life and body
- B. Mind seeks for light, knowledge of the one essential truth basing all and truth of diversity of that oneness
- C. The thinking mind's joy of existence is discovery of the mystery of creation
- D. Gnostic change its character from discovering the unknown to bringing out the known
- Beethoven hears the music
  - Ramanujan theorems
- E. It sees world as a universe of the Spirit
- F. It will unveil the endless manifold opulence of the identical truth in forms and powers of self bringing out infinitely its oneness
- G. Knowledge by identification with all – a leap of self-discovery
- A surer intuition than mind

- A direct intimate awareness
- H. It will replace intellectual seeking by supramental identity and gnostic intuition
  - Integration of knower, knowledge and known
    - Jane Austen concretes by self-conception
    - You know you are you by Identity
  - An inner seeing and intimate self-perception
- I. Truth completing truth rather than setting truth against truth in the light of the one Truth of which all are aspects
- J. Cognition of supramental nature is a revelation of light out of light
  - Not discovery of light out of darkness

### **23. Divine Perfection and Fulfillment of LIFE**

- A. Life seeks for
  - Development of its own force and for mastery by force
  - Growth, power, conquest, possession, satisfaction, creation, joy, love, beauty
  - Self-expression, manifold action, creation, enjoyment, strong intensity
- B. Gnostic evolution will lift these life seekings to highest, fullest expression by the Divine Presence, Light, Power, Love, Delight, Beauty
  - For the Divine in itself, in all and in the world
  - Not the power, satisfaction, enjoyment of the mental or vital ego
- C. The individual's power, love, joy, beauty, creation will be instrumentation of Supernature for sake of Divine self-expression
  - Whole world can take refuge in her single heart

### **24. New relation of Spirit & Body**

- A. Reversal of consciousness
- B. Presently, the body limits and determines the self-expression of mind, life and spirit through it
  - subject to its subconscious law of action, movement, will
- C. In Gnostic life, Spirit will directly control and determine movements and law of the body
  - Subconscious will become conscious and subject to supramental control
  - Inconscience will be transformed into a supporting superconscience by the supramental emergence

- D. Action on the Body in Supermind
  - Body will respond to the influence of the Idea and Will-Force will develop potency
  - Action of mind on body is rudimentary, chaotic, mostly involuntary
  - Already in Intuitive mind and Overmind it is present
- E. Real-Idea is truth perception that is self-effective
  - It will act directly, no longer behind a veil
- F. Body will become a true, perfectly responsive instrument of the Spirit
- G. Mother's body becomes conscious

## 25. **Spiritualization, Perfection & Fulfillment of the PHYSICAL BEING**

- A. No longer is rejection of life and Nature necessary for liberation of the spiritual consciousness
- B. Spiritual light and force can invade and take up the body and accept material Nature
  - Matter can be seen as form and substance of Brahman
  - Aware of the secret consciousness within material substance
- C. Gnostic light and power can unite with Matter and accept it as instrument of spiritual manifestation
- D. Body consciousness is a patient servant
  - It has potential to be potent instrument of the individual life
- E. It seeks duration, health, strength, physical perfection of form and substance, ease, liberation from suffering
  - The Gnostic Force can act in the body to establish them
- F. Supramental consciousness will restore and supplement the spoiled intuitive instincts of the body
- G. Respect and care for the Divine in them
- H. Gnostic life can relate to all material things as instruments for service without vital attachment or desire
  - It will flood the body with supreme energy of Consciousness-Force to meet, assimilate and harmonize all the forces of existence around and pressing on it
  - Experience of Mother's touch and presence
  - Honey sweet body on the train

## 26. Mastery of Pain & Suffering

- A. Cause of suffering is the weakness of the Consciousness-Force manifest in mental, vital, physical being
- B. Human evolution brings greater sensitivity and suffering
  - Growth in consciousness is not sufficiently supported by growth in force
  - Body becomes more subtle, refined but less efficient
- C. Spiritual ascent increases immensely the control of spirit and inner mind over outer mentality, nervous being and body
  - Equality to all shocks becomes a habitual poise
  - It can bring immense strength and peace
    - Phileas Fogg
  - A power of willed physical insensibility and detachment is possible
- D. Spiritual Mind and Overmind acquire power to change vibrations of pain into Ananda up to a certain point
- E. A power of self-protection can repulse or transmute the shocks
- F. Gnostic evolution must bring a complete power of reversal, self-protection, immunity and power of total delight of existence

## 27. Ananda is the essence of Brahman

- A. All the parts of being seek delight in different forms
- B. Ananda is the very essence of Brahman
  - Sri Aurobindo's Bliss of Brahman
- C. Supermind descends from Ananda and reascends to it
- D. SM is supported by the original Delight of Existence and carries it in all its activities
- E. The next in sequence after Supramental is manifestation of the Bliss of Brahman
  - Evolution of the being of gnosis is followed by evolution of the being of bliss
- F. Liberation from Ignorance brings first peace, calm, silence and quietude in the Eternal and Infinite
- G. Its consummate power is the bliss of the Eternal and Infinite
- H. **What is delight?**
  - Child's innocence
  - Creation issues delight



- Growing issues delight
  - No greater joy than consecrating living
  - Sunlit path
  - Take joy in all you do
  - Rasa in food
  - Joy in intensity – Lady Catherine at Longbourne
  - Delight of wrestling with God
  - Humor and seriousness
  - Sri Aurobindo’s humor – Mother laughed at absurdity of life
  - Rishis shrink from divine ecstasy as too intense
  - When you laugh at life it laughs with you – Appa at BL
- I. Supermind unifies peace and Ecstasy -- unified bliss of the Infinite
- J. **None can escape the law of Ananda**
- Mind -- calm and intense delight
  - Heart – passionate delight of universal union, love, sympathy and joy
  - Will & Vital
    - energy of delight of divine life-power in action,
    - beatitude of the senses perceiving universal beauty and secret harmony
    - meeting the One everywhere
  - Body – ecstasy pouring in pure peace and bliss from heights of Spirit
- K. Eternal Ananda is revealed
- Universal beauty and glory of being begins to manifest
- L. From mental point of view two further questions remain

## 28. Place of personality in the gnostic being

- A. Common notion is that ego disappears in the transcendent
- B. In Gnostic life on earth the spiritual person remains
- Liberated, purified, perfected
  - Ego-personality is replaced by a universalized spiritual individual, a center and power of transcendent Being
  - Not a blank impersonality (mental solution)
- C. Gnostic Being combines Impersonality & Personality<sup>993-4</sup>

- Personality & impersonality are inseparable in supramental consciousness, not opposites
- D. Impersonality is substance for building personality
  - Universal powers of the Divine
  - Qualities or aspects of truth
    - courage, strength, sweetness, love
    - Wisdom, knowledge, love, beauty
- E. Person is Being supporting what is impersonal
  - The true Person or Purusha is the formless unlimited Self
  - It contains boundless, universal possibilities
- F. Personality is the form and expression of Being/Person in Nature
  - Personal expression of the impersonal
  - Divine Individual is a unique self of the one Divine
- G. God can be described by impersonal characteristics as love, beauty, bliss
- H. But the Divine is a Being, not an impersonal state
- I. In Gnostic Being -- person and impersonal life and melt in each other

## 29. **Supramental gnostic individual**

- A. A spiritual Person but not a limited personality
  - Person is Self, Soul, Purusha
  - Person is a power of being, Power of Self
  - Person is not a limited creature of Nature
  - Person puts forth personality as his roll, character, persona
- B. Personality is a self-expression of Person
- C. Gnostic individual is the inner Person unveiled
  - Not merely a surface personality partly expressing the secret being –
  - not merely a wave, but the ocean
- D. Nature of Gnostic Individual <sup>995-6</sup>
  - An infinite and universal being revealing its eternal self through the significant form and expressive power of an individual and temporal self-manifestation

## 30. **Truth Consciousness of Gnostic Being**

- A. Self-determining knowledge of Gnostic Being

- B. Direct and inherent awareness of the truth of being and things
- C. Supramental gnosis is a two-fold Truth-Consciousness based on identity of self and world
  - Inherent Self-knowledge
  - Intimate world-knowledge by identity
- D. Consciousness of universal identity
- E. No play of separative ego bend on its own self-affirmation
- F. Truth of relation between all the parts and movements of individual and the being of any gnostic collective
  - Mother acts differently with each discipline
- G. Not ideative knowledge observing ideas
- H. An essential light of consciousness
  - self-light of all the realities of being and becoming
  - self-truth of being determining, formulating and effectuating itself
- I. Inherent Truth-knowledge, Truth-sight, Truth-feeling, Truth-will, Truth-sense, Truth-dynamis of action

### **31. Knowledge -Will & Power of Supramental Being**

- A. Power of Universal knowing and working out in oneness and detail
- B. **His truth of being and the divine will are one and the same**
  - The action of the person is the action of the Ishwara in the person, of the One in the many
- C. Good means good for all
  - Acts in each circumstance according to the truth of the circumstance with each according to its need, nature, relation and the demand of the Divine Will
- D. No conflict or strife
  - Darcy's conflict – proud of preventing Bingley and Jane
  - Ayala's conflict
- E. Perfect control of mind, heart, life and body until they are unified in consciousness
- F. To be, not to know, is the object of manifestation
- G. Knowledge is only the instrumentation of an operative consciousness of being

## 32. Ethics & Gnostic Being

### A. No problem at all, ethical or of good and evil

- Problems are the creations of mental ignorance seeking for knowledge
- All problems are problems of harmony
- They cannot exist in the gnostic consciousness whose knowledge is based on self-existent truth of being

### B. Gnostic being manifests essential and universal Truth and Good

- No ignorance leading to wrong will or falsehood
- No separate egoism inflicting harm on itself or others

### C. Imperfect human consciousness

- Strives for right conduct based on standards of conduct
  - Ethics, virtue, punya vs. sin, demerit, papa
- Ethics is a construction of good in a Nature smitten by Ignorance and evil

### D. Gnosis is based on oneness with others and with truth

- No struggle or conflict
- No need for constructed laws or standards
- All is self-determined by truth of consciousness

### E. For devotee

- Taking another's point of view
  - Fogg does not resent Fix and pays him!
- **Goodwill and self-giving** is the equivalent approximation
- **Values** are truths of spirit expressing in mind as high principles, not constructed rules
  - Value is of the whole
- Value of personality for accomplishment
  - Darcy saves Lydia
  - Fogg saves Auda
  - Gandhi
  - Washington didn't seek the Presidency
  - Fogg, Bennet, Thorne – punctuality, responsibility
- Consecration
  - Prayer give me what I want vs Thy Will

## 33. Knowledge and Will become one – cannot conflict

### A. Truth of spirit and life become one

- B. Freedom and order become one – inherent in each other
- C. They arise from identity and are inherent in each other
- D. Falsehood or wrong will would be felt as a violence done to the liberty of the Spirit and alien to his Supernature

### 34. Gnostic nature is not bound by Karma

- A. Mind must select limited rules and ways of life because it is itself limited in vision and capacity
- B. Gnosis transmute whole life into harmonic self-expression of a vast Truth infinitely one and multiple
- C. The knowledge and action of gnosis has the wideness and plasticity of an infinite freedom
- D. It is bound only by the infinite integral truth of the whole and the objects – not by Karma
  - Not by fixed rule, or past state or action or consequence
  - No compulsion to fit into a system or pattern
- E. Its movement would create harmonic Truth-expression

### 35. Freedom of the Gnostic Being

- A. Freedom from law issues from its unity of its will with the Eternal
  - All mental standards would disappear as unnecessary
- B. Law of identity with Divine Self and all beings would replace it
  - No question of selfishness or altruism
  - All are seen as one self
  - Only what the supreme Truth and Good decides is done
- C. Pervasive sense of universal love, sympathy, oneness
  - All powers in GB are intimate and act as one
  - No possibility of conflict between them
  - No place for uncertainty, disharmony or contradictions

### 36. Gnostic Being unifies Freedom of Spirit and Self-existent Order

- A. **Biune Reality** expresses in the actions of each individual gnostic being
  - **Gnostic Consciousness: Freedom of the Self, Spirit** -- The absolute truth of the being of the self – absolute freedom of infinity

- **Gnostic All-Will of the Divine** -- The absolute truth of the will of the Ishwara one with that truth – the same will is variously active in all
- B. The Gnostic Being is conscious of oneness in many individuals
- Assures a symphonic movement of unity, harmony, mutuality of the whole
  - Unity and concord of all the powers and movements of the individual
- C. Free self-expression of the being and obedience to inherent law of the supreme and universal Truth of things
- Even apparent contradictions fit themselves into each other
- D. Infinite individuality which is cosmic and transcendent
- Not limited by cosmic action or force
  - His universality would embrace even the Ignorance but not be affected by it
- E. No division or opposition between Purusha and Prakriti, Soul and Nature
- Supreme truth of his being is an infinitely harmonic principle creating a plastic order based on spiritual freedom
- F. **Perfect freedom and perfect order**
- **Gnostic Individual follows greater law of Ishwara**<sup>1001</sup>
  - His life is a free expression of the self – the highest self one in being with Ishwara
  - Obedience to Ishwara, his own supreme being, is the condition for freedom of the self
- G. Evolution from automatism and mental standards to freedom of spirit
- Spiritual life replaces liberty of the Spirit – breaking all formulas
  - “Abandon all dharmas, all standards and rules of being and action, and take refuge in Me alone”

### 37. Integration through knowledge by identity

- A. Knowledge integrated with Will
- B. Soul and Nature
- C. Individual, universal and transcendent integrated
- D. Inner integrated with outer
- E. Integration of life and action
- F. Unity of self with other selves

- G. Union of Freedom and Order would be the law of its life – unity of being and manifold diversity of play
- H. Mind, vital and physical integrated with psychic

### **38. Instrumentation in different grades of gnostic being**

- A. In lower grades of gnostic being, truth of spiritual being and consciousness would act through different instrumentation
- B. In higher-mental being, through truth of thought and idea
- C. In Illumined gnostic being, main action would be through truth-vision
- D. In Intuitive gnostic being, through direct truth-contact and perceptive truth-sense
- E. In Overmind, an immediate grasp of things by gnostic vision and thought resulting from an underlying knowledge by identity
- F. In Supramental gnosis, the truth-vision, sense, thought go back to its source in knowledge by identity as a single body of knowledge containing everything

#### **G. Unity of Supramental gnosis**

- An inherent awareness is its principle of working
  - It has no need for formulation in thought
- Free to use the instrumentation of lower planes
  - For manifold delight of self-manifestation
  - For the joy of the powers of the Infinite
- In intermediate grades of gnosis, there could be separate expression of the aspects of divine Being and Nature
  - Divine love
  - Divine light and knowledge
  - Divine power
- In supramental gnosis, all would be taken up in a manifold unity of the divine life and supreme integration of being and life

### **39. Gnostic life on earth**

- A. Manifestation or play of truth-conscious being,
- B. Aware of itself in all things – not self-absorbed in self-oblivion
- C. Using form and action for free and perfect self-expression – not seeking lost or hidden significances
- D. Delivered from inconstancy and ignorance – not bound

- E. Freely determining movement in tune with supreme and universal Reality in manifestation
- F. Play of its substance, consciousness, force and delight of existence
- G. Its aim is to Be not to Do

#### 40. Gnostic collectivity

- A. The collectivity would share the characteristics of the gnostic individual
  - Truth-Consciousness would be its character
  - Dynamic realization of the spiritual unity of all being
- B. Collective soul power of the Truth Consciousness
- C. Spiritual rather than mechanical collectivity
- D. Union of freedom and order – rich diversity of self-expression of oneness
  - Not a constructed unity
  - Not a rule of sameness or standardization
  - Difference would be a complementary, not discord of mind and life created by ego and separation
- E. A unity, mutuality and harmony arrived at inwardly by direct sense and grasp
  - Its divergences would its opulence

#### 41. Relations of Gnostic Being with other grades

- A. Gnostic Light would ensure the right relation and action in every circumstance
- B. Gnostic Power would affirm a symphonic effectuation
- C. In dealing with mind in the ignorance and lower degrees of gnostic evolution
  - Supramental life would relate its own truth of being with the truth of being behind the Ignorance
  - Found relations on common spiritual unity and harmonize the manifested differences
- D. Ignorance rising or entering into the overmind, intuitive, illumined or higher mind would cease to be ignorance
- E. The evolved gnosis would exert influence of its harmony on the still existing Inconscience and Ignorance
  - The secret gnostic power within them would act more powerfully
  - Beings of the Ignorance would be more conscious and responsive to the gnosis



- More beings in the intermediate grades would emerge
  - Even a race of higher humanity born of the sense of the One Divine in all beings.
- F. Those on the summits of Supermind would begin to rise to some supreme manifestation of Sachchidananda

## 42. Destiny of Evolution from the Inconscient

- A. The evolution from the Inconscient would not cease for the whole material universe
- That would mean a reversal of the first evolutionary principle
  - It would result in a simultaneous manifestation of the secret involved consciousness in every part of the vast universal Inconscient
  - A change in earth-nature could not have such all-pervading universal consequences
- B. Impact on earth evolution
- The gradual and progressive reproduction of the upper hemisphere in the lower triplicity
  - A harmonious development from stage to stage, type to higher type of power and beauty
  - The evolution here would remain the same in its degrees and stages
  - Nature would be subject to law of harmony, unity in diversity and diversity working out unity
  - The necessity for strife, struggle and law of suffering might be exhausted once supramental gnosis emerged from the Inconscient
- C. The change would be consummated when the supramental evolution became complete and rose to its greater fullness of supreme manifestation of Sachchidananda.

## 43. Applications – Ideal Accomplishment

- A. Do not aspire for accomplishment – only for consecration
- Less done, greater the result
  - Greater the work, less is our effort
  - Greater the block, greater our ignorance
  - Not to think of a possibility – yogic accomplishment
  - Not seeking success
    - Thorne & money

- Non-seeking success
    - Mark Robarts -- money
    - He never admitted the possibility of liking Auda – it would be taking advantage
  - Ability to take no initiative
  - Non-reaction, silent will, non-initiative, non-expectation, non-consideration
- B. Inner over the outer
- Master the outer from inside
- C. Power of Equality
- Absence of jealousy, competition, envy, desire
  - Non-reaction
  - Fogg's power dominates over life
  - Life responds to patience, calm, silence, peace, delight
    - Samata
    - Shanti – take the inner stability deep down
    - Sukam – inner ease
    - Glad laughter of the soul
- D. Freedom is spiritual
- All work is done better in total freedom
- E. Deficiencies
- Do not energize the problem
  - We easily see our deficiencies in others and condemn them
    - Condemning others is egoistic self-assertion
  - Not condemning others is sincerity
    - Darcy paid Wickham
    - Fogg paid Fix – no grudge
  - Make inveterate enemies in to friends
- F. Token act and symbols – infinite behind the finite
- Make smallest act important as a great act
  - More great things by perfection in small matters
  - Token act – when you cannot do more
  - Do a great work in small matters at home
- G. Objects are divine – supramental in Matter
- Relate to material things as conscious beings -- divine

H. Perfection is of the whole

- Mind develops a part – a skill, value such as orderliness or punctuality – and resents others who do not possess it.
- Perfection is of the whole.
  - Perfection of an act, event – inner and outer, emotional attitudes, as well as physical action – brings brahman
- Motive is of the being

#### **44. How can we approach Gnostic Consciousness?**

A. Speak only the Truth

- Sincerity – mean what you say

B. Non-reaction of equality

C. Silence, Peace, imperturbable Calm

D. Act from highest values rather than personal motives

- Mr. Bennet's debt
- Thorne's disinterestedness – change the will
- Fogg saving Auda

E. Consciousness responsibility

- Darcy saving Lydia

F. Goodwill and Self-giving – universality

- Charlotte
- Passpartout

G. Joy of self-giving to others

- To know what the other needs -- Jobs
- Sears
- For development of another -- Pygmalion
- Nalli Silk House
- Self-giving to Mother is self-giving to the whole universe

H. Non-initiative of ego

- Not seeking – going inside
- Dynamism of static condition is higher will
- Accomplishment even without movement of thought

I. Consecration

- Thy Will be Done voiced sincerely, not my will sanctioned

J. Gratitude

## 45. Analogy of the Puzzle

A. Humpty Dumpty

B. Crossword Puzzle

- Beautiful magnificent picture of a flower garden in Spring with children joyously playing and lovers loving
- Betty is Eve creating ignorance
- Scattering the harmonious image into a thousand separate pieces
- Suppose the picture is only in black and white – difficult to distinguish the colors
- Suppose there is no picture on the puzzle but only pieces
- Suppose the person assembling it is blind like the 6 blind men and the elephant?
- Suppose the pieces are further broken up into infinitesimally small pieces rather than discrete shapes?

C. Crystal Globe

- Suppose instead of a puzzle it is a huge crystalline globe assembled from a million crystals each cut to perfect shape?
- Pieces have to fit in three dimensions, not two – they have to match on 6 sides or more with their neighbors
- Suppose there is no picture to even indicate the shape

D. Orchestra

- Suppose instead of a crystal it is an orchestra with a million instruments
- There is no musical score
- Now the problem is not only in Space
- It is also in time
  - Everything is moving
  - What comes first, what comes next
- There is a question of which notes to play
- There is question of how loud or soft, how fast or slow and how long or short each note should be played
- Which instruments should play it

- Which other instruments should play the same of different notes at the same time
- There is no conductor
- No one knows what to play
- No one is in charge of the performance
- The possibilities are infinite
- It can only create infinite noise – Chaos
- Supposing the conductor is there but he is deaf and cannot hear what is played
- Suppose he is also blind and cannot read the score

#### E. A Story P&P

- Suppose instead of music it is a living play of human beings
- Suppose the cast arrives for the performance but they do not know the script and they do not know have a director to instruct them
- Who plays which part
- What is the intended action?
- Everything wants something for themselves regardless of others – they live in the ego
  - Caroline wants to marry Darcy
  - Collins wants Eliza
  - Eliza wants Wickham
  - Lydia wants to elope
  - Catherine wants Darcy to marry Anne
- All the qualities are partial and mixed
  - Charlotte is intelligent but not courageous
  - Jane is good but not intelligent
  - Eliza is cheerful and brave but impulsive and attracted to falsehood
  - Darcy is good but proud, selfish and offensive
  - Wickham is charming but false
- No one has the knowledge – they live in the Ignorance
  - What happens first? Next?
  - Where to go? What to speak? What to do?
- No one knows what is true and false
- No one can tell appearances from reality
- No one knows what is possible or impossible
  - Eliza's reply to Collins and Darcy

- No one knows what is good and evil -- Brighton
- Everyone in their ignorance seeks the wrong goal and lands in trouble
- The story has to work itself out through a long period of trial and error
- It requires a long slow gradually evolution of consciousness
- The characters have to look beneath the surface to discover the truth of themselves and the truth of the other characters
- They have to discover goodness, honesty, loyalty, goodwill, love in each other
- They must find out who really belongs with whom
- Eventually they acquire knowledge
- Eventually they change their minds, hearts, opinions and attitudes
- Eventually truth, right, responsibility, generosity, love, goodness, loyalty, self-giving prevail
- The story ends in Delight
- Blind ignorant egoistic human beings realize truth, harmony, love, joy, unity and oneness

#### F. Supermind

- Supermind is the unification and integration of all the millions of aspects of existence
- It is Truth Consciousness – it knows the truth of all things
  - The individual discovers other people are parts of his own being and he is part of God – the Divine
  - He discovers the outer world of Nature and his own soul are one being and force – Purusha and Prakriti
  - He seeks the finite universe as the frontal appearance of the Infinite
  - He knows Matter is Brahman – all is Brahman
- It is Truth Will – it wills only what is right, good, pure and true
  - It wills only for what is good for all
  - It wills only for the Divine will and spiritual manifestation
- It unites and harmonious everything with everything else – reassembling the crystal
  - It unifies everything
  - Truth and Goodness
  - Knowledge and Will
  - Will and Power
- He knows the delight in all things
  - In the transcendent

- In the universe
- In the individual
- In every being, object, event and moment
- He sees Eternity squandered on each beat of time
- He sees the Infinite Divine manifesting its creative delight in each infinitesimal act

G. Beethoven's Ninth choral finale