

1. Introduction

- A. Reality is infinite, eternal, omniscient, omnipresent
- B. All is divine in essence
- C. All manifestation is a creation of the divine
- D. **Undivine** is result of Ignorance
- E. Source of ignorance is division
- F. Mind is its instrument
- G. Overcoming division, life can be transformed into Divine Life
- H. First we must understand the nature of our Ignorance

2. What is reality in P&P?

- A. What was real to Darcy, Eliza, Jane and Bingley when story began?
- B. When Collins letter arrived?
- C. When he expressed interest in marrying one of the daughters?
- D. When Bingley left Meryton?
- E. When Darcy left Rosings?
- F. When Jane returned from London?
- G. When Eliza saw Pemberley?
- H. When Darcy left Lambton Inn?
- I. When Mr. Bennet received Mr. Gardiner's letter about marriage settlement?
- J. When Lady Catherine left Longbourn?

3. Think back to your own life

- A. 20 years ago?
- B. 10 years ago?
- C. 5 years ago?
- D. Last year?

4. Ignorance -- Mind's Incertitude

- A. Mind lives in Incertitude – it knows nothing for sure

B. Affirmation and Negation

- **All human thought and mental experience moves between constant affirmation and negation**
- **Mind can affirm or negate all truths of idea and experience**
 - **Darcy: Eliza is tolerable, dearest Elizabeth**
 - **Eliza: Darcy is the last man, Darcy is the best man I ever met**
 - **Eliza: Wickham is good. He is a scoundrel**
- **Two extreme denials -- Materialist & Ascetic**

C. Mind has negated the existence of

- **Individual being – science says we are just living machines**
- **Cosmos – Illusionists say it does not exist**
- **Immanent or underlying Reality – Buddhism denied brahman, affirms only Nirvana**
- **Transcendent Reality beyond cosmos – Materialism & atheism deny it**

D. Mind also constantly affirms these things

- **Individual being – soul is eternal**
- **Cosmos – materialism**
- **Immanent or underlying Reality – spirituality**
- **Transcendent Reality beyond cosmos – vedanta**

E. Thinking mind is an ignorant dealer in possibilities

- **It does not possess the truth behind possibilities**
- **It sounds and tests each possibility**
- **Strives for settled belief and certitude**
- **Can arrive at no certainty in a world of relativities and possibilities**

F. Our mentality even questions the actual, realized present fact

- **May or may not be – only appearances, wave or particle**
 - **Is Wickham good or bad?**
 - **Does Jane love Bingley or not?**
- **Might not have been – chance**
 - **We don't know the real cause**
- **Might not persist – ephemeral**

G. Our life-being has the same incertitude

- **Unsure of any true and final aim of living of enduring value**
 - Why are we born? Live? Die?
 - Existentialism

H. Our nature starts from facts and actualities it takes for real

- **It is pushed into uncertain possibilities**
- **Comes to question all that is real**
- **It has no hold on assured truth**
- **All truths on which it relies are partial, incomplete, questionable**

I. P&P

- **D's view of Elizabeth constantly changes**
 - He starts out thinking his understanding is quite complete
 - Later he is unable to decide whether or not to propose
 - He reverses his conduct toward Wickham – giving up his implacable resentment
- **E's view of Wickham constantly changes**
- **Mrs. Bennet's hopes and expectations rise and crash**
- **Mr. Bennet's view of his own actions**
- **Lady Catherine is disillusioned of her certitudes about D & Anne**
- **Caroline becomes all amazement about D&E**
- **Bingley's view of Jane's love**
- **Jane's hopes**

J. This is the nature of mind's incertitude

K. First rule of Psychic Education is to give up faith in it

5. Nature of the Physical Mind 413

A. Man lives first in the physical mind

B. It perceives and accepts as fact the actual, physical, objective

- **The subjective is not real – scientist questions love, loyalty, idealism**
 - Pushpa – value of Truth
- **It regards as unreal or unrealized all that is not physical**
 - Appa's 100 crores
- **Possibilities do not really exist for physical mind – just imaginations**

- C. It denies reality of expectation, aspiration, anticipation
- D. Things are true only when they become actual, physical
- E. It regards its own being as objective fact based on a visible, sensible body
 - I exist not because of my self-experience of its consciousness but because of my sensation
- F. All subjective things are real only as far as they become objects of our external consciousness or are constructed by reason from data of that consciousness
 - Love must express as a material gift?
 - Marriage is mistaken for romance
 - Soul does not exist because dissection does not reveal it
 - Mind is only brain
 - Thought is only electrical impulse
 - Love is a chemical reaction
- G. Physical Science is a vast extension of this mentality
 - It corrects errors of the senses
 - It pushes beyond the first limitations of sense mind by finding ways to objectivize facts and objects not seizable by our corporeal organs
 - But its standard of reality is the same – objective, physical
 - Its test of reality is possibility of verification by positive reason and objective evidence

6. Nature of life-mind & thinking mind 414

- A. Life mind – man also has a vital mentality
- B. A dealer in possibilities – not satisfied with the actual
 - Clinton dreamed of becoming president
- C. For enjoyment, novelty, to extend the limits of experience, to satisfy desire, self-affirmation and aggrandizement
 - Mrs. Bennet's aspiration
- D. It hunts to materialize, possess & enjoy unrealized possibilities
- E. Not satisfied with the physical and objective

- F. It seeks a subjective, imaginative, emotive satisfaction and pleasure
 - Charlotte's attitude toward marriage is physical mind
 - Eliza's is in vital mind
- G. Physical mind without vital mind would be like an animal
 - Accepting the established order of actual physical life and its limits as his whole possibility
- H. Unquiet life-mind demands and disturbs inert routine satisfaction
- I. It enlarges desire and cravings, creates dissatisfaction and unrest
 - Divine dissatisfaction
- J. Seeks for more than life seems able to give
- K. Enlarges field of physical actuality by actualizing unrealized possibilities
 - Power of anticipation
 - Yogi and French Revolution
 - Sri Aurobindo's five dreams
- L. A constant demand for more and always more
- M. Quest for new worlds to conquer
- N. Incessant drive for exceed all bounds of circumstance and self-exceeding

7. Thinking Mind 414

- A. It adds to the unrest and incertitude
- B. Inquires into and questions everything
- C. Builds affirmations and unbuilds them
- D. Erects systems of certitude but accepts none as certain
- E. Affirms and questions the evidence of the senses
- F. Pursues conclusions of the reason but undoes them to arrive at different, opposite conclusions ad infinitum
 - Eliza when she reads Darcy's letter at Hunsford – wavering in doubt
 - Eliza's reversal 'quite the opposite'
- G. History of human thought and endeavor is a constant breaking of bounds
 - Moves always in same spirals, enlarged but along similar curves of direction

- Mind of humanity is ever seeking, ever active, never arrives at firmly settled reality of life's aims and objects or its own certitude and convictions of existence

8. Things are not what they appear -- Illusion in P&P

A. Many things in life are not what they appear

B. Conscious concealment

- Ladies pretend to be calmly sitting at Longbourn
- Jane pretends to be disinterested
- Bingley does not mention Jane's name in Darcy's presence at Lambton
- Wickham's appearance hides his character
- Caroline's explanation for Bingley's departure from Netherfield appears

C. Ignorance conceals the deeper reality

- What Darcy, Collins, Caroline, Eliza think of themselves
- Darcy's assumption that Eliza would readily marry him
- Eliza is sure Wickham will never marry Lydia – a hopeless case
- Darcy's behavior vs. character
- Darcy's departure from Lambton
- What Darcy and Eliza discover about themselves

9. Negations of the physical, vital, mental mind 415

A. Physical Mind -- at a certain point it loses its conviction of objective certitude

- It becomes agnostic – questions all its own standards of life and knowledge
- Doubts whether all this is real or futile
- Mrs. Bennet moves from affirmation to negation with respect to Bingley
- She moves vice versa with Collins – she moves between extremes
- After Lydia's elopement, she despairs in fatalism – Wickham will kill Mr. Bennet in a duel

B. Vital Mind

- It becomes baffled, frustrated, dissatisfied, disgusted, disappointed
- Disillusioned -- all is vanity and vexation of spirit

- All achievements are only in ephemeral form – beauty, love, joy, popularity, success
- Popularity is an illusion
- It is ready to reject life and existence as unreality, illusion, Maya
- Elizabeth after the elopement – I'll never see him again
- During their first Longbourn visit, she never wants to see D&B again
- Eliza's love starts from Pemberley – she is mercenary – makes true romance appear as an illusion

C. Thinking Mind

- Principle of negation prevails over principle of affirmation
 - It becomes universal and absolute
 - Mind unbuilds its affirmations
- Discovers all are mere mental constructions with no reality
- Cynicism
 - Mr. Bennet about his wife and daughters
 - Money power rules – cynical view of democracy is negation
 - All lawyers or doctors are cheats
- Disillusionment
 - All men are after sex
 - All women are after money
 - Modern European man became disillusioned with religion
- Or it affirms the only reality is Absolute and Eternal

D. Principle of negation prevails over the principle of affirmation and becomes universal and absolute

- Gives rise to the great Life-negating religions and philosophies
 - The relative appears a vast dream or hallucination of mind
 - A Cosmic Illusion
- Recoil from life motive and seeking for life in a flawless, eternal heaven or after life
- Or annulling life itself in an immobile Reality or original Non-Existence – Nirvana

E. India has been birthplace of both greatest affirmation and greatest negation

- Vedantic formula – all this is Brahman
- Illusionism -- Shankara

- Nihilism -- Buddha
 - No other philosophies have been able to match its force, drive of personality and massive effect
 - Shankara takes up and completes and replaces Buddha
 - They have exercised tremendous power on India's thought, religion and general mentality – casting a shadow everywhere
 - Three great formulas – chain of karma, escape from rebirth, maya
- F. We need to look afresh at the Idea or Truth behind the negation of cosmic existence
- What is the value of its main formulations?
 - On what reality do they stand?
 - How far are they imperative to the reason and experience?
- G. SA compares the principle ideas behind the great cosmic Illusion, Maya with his own view
- Both proceed from the conception of the One Reality
 - One leads to universal Illusionism – unreal universe reposing on a transcendent reality
 - The other to universal Realism – a real universe reposing on a Reality at once universal and transcendent
 - Sri Aravindam is the ultimate life affirming philosophy

10. Vital Being's negation of purpose and meaning 416

- A. Cannot take vital being's negation for conclusive fact
- Cynic's frustration and disappointment have no greater claim than idealist's hope and faith
 - Eliza's disappointment with Charlotte
- B. Certain validity in the mental sense of illusion behind all human effort on earthly life
- Illusion of love, fame, power, success
 - King Lear
 - Human social and political endeavor turns in circles leading nowhere
 - Babur's ascent and collapse of Hamuyan's empire
 - Rise and Fall of Roman Empire, British Empire, Third Reich, USSR

- Illusion of political and social gospels – Colonialism, Communism, Catholicism
 - Illusion of ethical efforts at perfection
 - Recurrence of WAR
 - Neither education, religion, morality or philosophy has changed human character to produce the perfect man or perfect humanity
 - History repeats -- notion of repeating cycles makes the pessimism inescapable
 - Perfection is an illusion – dog’s tail – man remains unchanged
 - Illusion of altruism, philanthropy, service, Aid, Christian love, Buddhist compassion
 - Ulterior motives of the giver
 - Have not made the world happier
 - give only momentary relief
 - All aims are in the end transitory and futile
 - Death
- C. Only the form of human life changes – general character remains the same
- What did Mrs. Bennet learn from the elopement?
- D. This view may be exaggerate but has undeniable force
- Supported by centuries of human experience
- E. If fundamental laws and values of earthly life are fixed, then this view is inescapable
- Imperfection, ignorance, frustration and suffering are dominant factors in existing world order
 - Knowledge, happiness, success, perfection are found to be deceptive, inconclusive
 - Opposites are inextricably mixed

11. Idea of life as an intentional ordeal 417

- A. Evolutionary hypothesis explains it
- This world is a manifestation of divine Truth or divine Possibility in which initiative Ignorance is an necessary factor
 - There is a compulsion of Ignorance to move toward Knowledge
 - Imperfection to grow to perfection
 - Frustration to grow toward final victory
 - Suffering to prepare for emergence of divine Delight

- B. Then sense of disappointment, frustration, illusion, vanity is not valid
 - Success and failure, joy and suffering are experiences needed by soul, mind, life and physical to grow to spiritual perfected being
 - No need to postulate a meaningless Maya, cosmic Illusion
- C. No justification for a philosophical reason for
 - Illusionism or seeking escape from world
- D. World is a field for cosmic creative evolution
 - All the apparent imperfections are stages in a process of manifesting perfect perfection

12. Original unreality of the world 418

- A. Higher mental and spiritual basis for philosophy of world—negation
 - Here we are on more solid ground
- B. It can be contended that world is in its very nature an illusion
 - No reasoning from features and circumstances of an Illusion can raise it to Reality
- C. There is only one Reality – the transcendent, supracosmic
- D. Or world – if not an absolute illusion – is an inferior order
 - It must come to an end by soul's recognition that Brahman alone is true
 - That there is nothing but the transcendent and immutable Absolute
 - Idea of Divine Manifestation, victory of soul in Matter, divine life in Nature is a falsehood imposed on the sole true Reality
- E. This interpretation depends on the mind's conception or mental being's experience of Reality
 - Reality is formless, absolute, without qualities or properties
 - How far is that conception or spiritual experience imperative?

13. Cosmic Illusion as unreal subjective experience 419

- A. World is figure of forms and movements that arise in some eternal sleep of things

- B. **Dream is given in philosophy of Mayavadins as an analogy**
 - **A dream consciousness temporarily imposed on the pure, featureless, self-aware Existence**
 - **A dream that takes place in the Infinite**
- C. **Difficult for positive physical mind to admit idea of ourselves, world, life as inexistent**
 - **These are the only things to which it bears positive witness**
- D. **Analogies to dream and hallucination are used to show it is possible for experience to seem real yet prove to be without basis or sufficient reality**
 - **Dream is only real to dreamer so long as he sleeps**
 - **Waking shows it to be unreal**
 - **When we stand back from the illusion, we shall find it had no reality**
 - **Eliza feels that way when she reads D's letter at Hunsford**
- E. **Idea of world as a dream of subjective mind or soul powerfully enforces illusionist tendency in human feeling and thinking**
 - **Better to see if it has any validity**
 - **See how far it is similar to our sense of world-experience**

14. Dream as unreal 420

- A. **Dream seems unreal when we pass to another status of consciousness**
 - **Romance of honeymoon seems like a dream after marriage**
 - **This does not make dream unreal**
 - **It may be there are different states of consciousness each with its own realities**
 - **Just because we forget the reality of an earlier experience does not make it unreal**
 - **That is true of our childhood sense of wonder**
 - **Aunt Betty's recollection of meeting Mother**
 - **Even if world experience seems unreal to us when we pass into spiritual silence does not make world experience as illusions**
 - **The world is real to the consciousness dwelling in it**
 - **An unconditioned consciousness is real to consciousness in Nirvana**

B. Evanescence of Dreams

- **Dream also seems like an illusion because it is evanescent**
 - without precedent or sequel or intelligible to waking being
 - This is no valid analogy between dream and waking in life
 - Life and dream are different in character, validity, order
- **Life too seems to lack complete significance and inner coherence**
 - This is due to our limitation of understanding
 - When we go within and see from within, life assumes a complete connected significance
 - Life response validates this principle
 - Darcy comes to Pemberley
 - When Wickham comes to Longbourn, Bingley leaves Meryton
 - Elopement vibration moves from Geogiana to Lydia
- **Inner outer correspondences is a deeper vision of life's significance**
- **Life as a dream is a metaphor not an equivalence**
 - There is no surface incoherence in life
 - Rather life appears to mind as a chain of firm sequences
 - Laws of nature are validated for life, not for dreams
 - Gravity – water flows down hill
 - Causality
 - In dream, coherence of inner consciousness is absent
- **No evanescence in totality of cosmic experience**
 - Evanescence of dream is radical
 - One dream has no connection with another
 - Evanescence in waking life is in the details not the totality of world experience
 - Cosmic existence seems to be permanent and continuous without end or beginning
 - Stars and planets may disappear, cosmos persists

C. Conscious Control

- **Dream consciousness seems wholly devoid of control which waking consciousness exercises to some extent over life circumstances**
- **It has Nature automatism of the Subconscious construction**
- **It lacks the conscious will and organizing force of evolved human mind**

D. **Great disparity between dream-live and waking life does not support analogy of dream**

E. **Dreams are a figure or representation of something real**

15. Subconscious Dreams 421

A. Dreams are not totally unreal and without significance

- They are figures, image-record, symbolic transcript of things real
- In sleep, consciousness withdraws from its waking experience
- Surface consciousness is suspended, not the inner consciousness
- Inner consciousness enters into new inner activities, only a part of which are recorded and remembered

B. Subconscious dreams

- Near the surface is an obscure subconscious element
- Passage for dream experience and a dream builder
- Subconscious is the intermediate between consciousness and pure Inconscience
- Subconscious sends up formations in shape of dreams thru surface layer dreams marked by apparent incoherence
- Some call back selected persons, circumstances and experiences of the past as a starting point
- Others seem to be pure fantasy without any initiation and basis

C. Gradation

- Dreams caused by physical circumstances – health, digestion, position in bed, mechanical activity of the brain
- In sleep, mind enters into subconscious antechamber
- Dreams can reflect surface concerns
 - Just before this trip, I am bathing on the train before its arrival
- Erratic activities of mental faculties – associations, conversations, memories – express our confusion
- Inner being freed from constraints seeking revenge we impose on it – reveal tendencies, inclinations, desires of which we are not conscious
- Dreams can present reality in reverse
 - Having bad thoughts of another – dream of person beating you

D. Psychoanalysis

- It has established a system of meaning in the dreams

- Key to something that needs to be known and handled by the waking consciousness
 - There is something real behind dream experience with practical importance
- E. Subconscious is the antechamber to the Inconscient
- In which Inconscient struggles into a half consciousness
 - Surface consciousness retires into the intermediate subconscious when it sinks back from waking level
 - Through it, formations rise into our waking or subliminal being
 - Subconscious impressions rise of past, reassertion of old habits and experiences
 - It may rise in dream as a fanciful construction, composite of figures based on buried impressions
 - Waking intelligence may have no clue to subconscious system of significances

16. Subliminal Self 425

- A. Some of our dreams also come from the subliminal
- B. Subliminal is not an outcome of energy of Inconscient like our surface physical being
- C. Meeting place of
- Consciousness emerging by evolution from below
 - Consciousness descending for involution from above
 - It contains an inner mind, vital, subtle physical being larger than our outer being and nature
- D. Subliminal consciousness has power of direct contact with the universal
- Not indirect contact like our surface being thru sense mind and senses
 - Subliminal also has subtle sense of sight, touch, hearing
 - Subliminal is not dependent on its senses for its knowledge
 - They only give a form to its direct experience of objects
 - Not as starting point for indirect constructive mental experience
- E. Subliminal has right of entry into mental, vital, subtle physical planes of universal consciousness
- Not confined to material plane and physical world

- Can communicate with worlds of being created in involution and evolution
- F. Our mind, vital withdraw into these realm in sleep or inward concentration or by plunge into trance.

17. Subliminal Experiences 426

- A. In waking state we are unaware of connection with the subliminal being
- We receive from it without knowing origin
 - Inspirations, intuitions, ideas, will-suggestions, sense-suggestions, urges to rise from behind limited surface existence
 - Rangarajan and Gomati respond to each other
 - Savitri recognizes Satyavan at first sight
 - Archimedes eureka
- B. We can contact it in visions
- Balaraman's dream of Mother in the sky
 - Appa's vision of Auroville
- C. Sleep and trance open gates of subliminal to us
- We retire behind veil of limited waking personality
 - We receive records of sleep experience as dreams in dream figures
 - Not as inner waking experience as in trance
 - Not as vision or luminous communication by subliminal cognition which can come directly into waking self
- D. Subliminal with subconscious as annex is seer of inner things and supraphysical experiences
- In Upanishads Subliminal = Dream Self
 - reveals in visions, dreams, absorbed inner experience
 - Superconscient = Sleep Self
 - all mental and sensory experience ceases
 - no record reaches us normally
- E. Upanishads affirms all three states are Real
- Upanishads regards both as fields of reality no less than waking state
 - All three are different orders of one Reality, 3 states of consciousness, 3 grades of self-experience and world-experience

18. Subliminal Dream Consciousness 424

A. Activities of subliminal intelligence – dream becomes a series of thoughts

- **Problems are solved**
- **Warnings, premonitions, indications of the future**
- **Veridical – truthful – dreams**

B. Knowledge in dreams – problems solved

- **Larry Page – dreamed of a way to make a better search engine**
- **Jack Nicholas golf swing**
- **Robert Louis Stevenson scene in Dr. Jekyll**
- **Kekule – chain structure of organic compounds, benzene as circle as snake**
- **Elias Howe sewing machine with eye of the needle – dream of being chased by cannibals with spears like that**
- **M9 gun design – improved accuracy 95%**
- **Beatles Yesterday – McCartney**
- **CJ Walker – first female American self-made millionaire – dreamed of a solution for her lost hair**
- **Srinivasa Ramanujam says many of his formulas came from dreams of a Hindu goddess Namagiri**

C. Symbol dreams

- **Traveling on fast train or flying -- progress**
- **Mother's hotel constantly under transformation – the mother is physical nature, daughter new creation, manager is mental consciousness**

D. Dream experiences on vital plane or subtle physical

- **Our experiences or those we witness on other planes of our own being or universal being**
- **Some have strong bearing on our own inner or outer life or that of others**
- **Others no bearing, purely records of other systems of consciousness independent of our physical existence**
- **Sujata sees dark spot on false Mother – sincerity**
- **Mother in the park**
- **My dream of Mother laughing**

19. Dreamless Sleep 423

- A. In fact we have gone into profounder, denser layers of the Subconscious**
 - Too involved, obscure, heavy to bring to the surface
 - We continue to dream but are unable to retain a record
- B. We forget dreams because we have lost active connection with surface parts**
 - Surface Subconscious may record something of these experiences, often marred, deformed, incoherent
- C. State of deep dreamless sleep**
 - After a time, subconscious activity sinks back into what appears as complete Inconscience
 - Deeper still is the illusion of dreamless sleep since no record can be recovered
 - We can also arrive at a brief period of dreamless rest – true restorer of energies of waking nature

20. Becoming conscious in sleep 425

- A. Mostly it is subconscious dreams that we recall**
 - Mother says it is better to bring subconscious experiences to light to outgrow or transform them
- B. By developing our inner being, living more inwardly, we can open to a larger, more significant subliminal dream-consciousness**
- C. Some dreams can be cultivated as aids to our inner and outer work**
 - Subconscious knows more than our habitual surface consciousness
- D. Remembering Dreams**
 - A coherent knowledge of sleep-life is difficult but possible
 - It is possible to follow thru all stages of dream experience from beginning to end
 - We pass from state to state of consciousness
 - Possible to develop power of going back in memory from dream to dream, state to state
- E. Method**
 - Concentration focused on memory – on vague impressions

- Follow the path backward
- Avoid abrupt movement
- Review and record dreams
- Participation of the consciousness in the dream
- Try to make sleep conscious
- Light food

21. [Argument: Dreams are only a transcript of reality 427]

A. Dream that cannot be classed as unreal

- They are based on things real
- The analogy fails to support theory of cosmic Illusion

B. Illusionists may argue Dream and Life are only symbol images, not realities

- True -- we see physical universe only through a system of images imposed on our senses
- True -- our experiences and activities can be considered symbols of truth our lives are trying to express – imperfectly with partial success
 - Collins mannerisms –symbols of his striving for status he never achieves
 - Marriage, degree

C. Symbol is a notation of something that is, a transcript of realities

- Tree, stone and animal we image are real – not non-existent figures or hallucination
- Wickham is real even if Eliza mistakes his character
- Something justifies the image and corresponds to it

D. Theory of Illusion says the only reality is an indeterminable featureless pure Existence, Brahman

- No possibility of it being translated into a system of symbol figures
- That only possible if Existence had some determinate content or unmanifested truths to transcribe into forms
- Pure Indeterminable cannot be rendered by a transcript
- There is only pure Identity, nothing to transcribe or symbolize

E. Therefore dream analogy fails altogether

- Better to reject it

- **No value for a metaphysical inquiry into reality or origin of existence.**

22. Hallucination 429

A. No more helpful for a true understanding of theory of cosmic Illusion

B. 2 kinds of hallucinations

- **Mental or ideative**
 - **We mistake a subjective structure of mind, constructed mental error, objectivized imagination or misplaced mental image for objective fact**
 - **Rope taken for a snake, mother of pearl mistake for silver**
 - **Eliza's interpretation of why Darcy is staring**
- **Visual or other sensory**
 - **Seeing images of things where they are not**
 - **Mirage of an oasis**

C. Symbol images from subliminal are wrongly called hallucination

- **We see Mother enter the room in subtle physical**
- **Mother sees Sri Aurobindo in bandages when disciples edit his writings**

D. Imposition

- **in Illusion theory it means placement of an unreal figure of things on a reality**
- **Neither the mirage of an oasis or the rope are unreal**
- **If these things did not exist, there could be no hallucination**
- **Both are of something real but not where it is imposed**

23. Misapplication of Hallucination to Cosmic Illusion 430

A. Hallucinations are based on things that actually exists somewhere or could exist

- **Not on a reality that is incapable of form or content**

B. All mental errors and illusions are result of ignorance which miscombines data or proceeds falsely upon content of knowledge

C. Cosmic Illusion has no basis of actuality – original, all-originating illusion

- **It imposes names, figures, happenings that are pure inventions on Reality**
- **There never were or will be any happenings, names, figures there**

D. Therefore the analogy does not apply

24. All analogies to Cosmic Illusion fail 431

- A. All analogies for operation of Maya are inapplicable and without force or value
 - Mother of Pearl
 - British colonists who mistook fool's gold and quartz for gold and diamonds
- B. Optical illusions that duplicate or multiple image of single object, e.g. moon
 - Seeing two moons instead of one – optical illusion. The moon is real
 - Images in house of mirrors are of a real object
- C. This does not correspond to Illusionist theory of relation between Brahman and world
 - Maya generates an illusory multiplication of the Identical imposed upon its ever-unalterable Identity – One appearing as many
 - A diversity of forms and movements that have nothing to do with the original Real
 - There is no such thing as the operation attributed to Maya
- D. Mimesis
 - All dreams, mental hallucinations, poetic imagination are based on something real
 - You cannot write a story without reference to reality of life
 - English prof. who tries to eliminate all chance and coincidence
- E. Universe presents a diversity of the identical
 - As various real formation out of one substance – all objects made of gold
 - Not as illusion
 - One Reality manifests itself in a reality of numberless forms and powers of its being
 - There is a magic, mystery, but not a magic of the unreal
 - It is a working of Consciousness and Force of being of the omnipotent Real
 - A self-creation operated by an eternal self-knowledge

25. Mind is an Intermediate Creator 432

- A. What is the nature of Mind which is the parent of all illusions?
 - What is its relation to the original Existence? –

- **Original Creator of Illusion?**
 - Is it a child and instrument of original Illusion, a miscreating Force or Consciousness?
 - **Limited faculty that distorts Truth?**
 - Or is mental ignorance a misprision of the truths of Existence, a deviation from original Truth Consciousness which is the real world-builder?
- B. Mind is an intermediate creator**
- Our own mind is not an original or primary creative power of Consciousness
 - It is derivative, instrumental,
- C. Analogies based on errors of mind do not apply to original creative Illusion, all-inventing Maya**
- D. Mind receives truths – essential, possible or actual**
- Mind receives from both Superconscience and Inconscience
 - Mind receives from both occult subliminal and outward cosmic phenomenon
- E. From observed cosmic phenomenon: it receives figures of realized actualities and suggestions of possibilities**
- Mind starts from realized actualities of physical universe
 - It brings out from them subjectively the unrealized possibilities which they contain or suggest
 - It selects some out of the possibilities
 - It imagines and constructs forms of them
 - It chooses among them to objectivize or attempt to realize some
- F. From inner unknown: sources it receives inspirations, intuitions, imaginations, impulsions, figures of realities, possibilities**
- Mind sees truths other than those suggested by actual physicality
 - Charlotte perceives Darcy is in love with Elizabeth
 - Here too it plays subjectively with transmitted or constructed forms of these truths or selects some for objectivization and realization.
- G. Mind distorts reality – does not create non-exist things**
- In dealing with actualities, it can misobserve, misuse, miscreate
 - In dealing with possibilities, it can miscompose, miscombine, misapply, misplace

- In dealing with truths revealed, it may deform, misrepresent, disharmonize
- It can also make constructions of its own with no correspondence to what exists, or has potential to exist or support from truth behind.
 - Still they start with actualities
 - Wickham's scandal starts with facts

26. Creation by Mind and Maya 434

A. Mind creates but is not an original creator

- Not omniscient or omnipotent

B. Mind works best dealing with objectivized or discovered actualities and proceeding from them for creation

- Reason for the enormous success of physical Science
- No creation of non-existence in a vacuum and turning it into apparent actualities

C. Mind can only create out of substance what is possible to the substance

- Convert water into ice or vapor
- Clay into pots or vases
- Gold into jewelry or vessels

D. Mind can only do with force of Nature in accordance with her realizable energies

- It can use electricity, gravity, sunlight, wind power
- It can only invent or discover what is already contained or is potentiality of Nature.

E. Mind also receives inspirations for creations from within itself or from above

- These can only take form if they are truths or potentials
- Not simply because mind invents them

F. Maya according to Illusionism

- An original creator
- It creates things out of nothing
 - If it created out of substance of Reality, then what it creates would be real
- It has perfect knowledge of what it wishes to create – omniscience
- It has perfect power to create what it chooses – omnipotence
- Erects a superstructure which has nothing to do with Reality

- Creates something that is not possible to Reality or in accordance with it
- Creates forms whereas Reality is supposed to be formless, incapable of form
- Creates determinations whereas Reality is supposed to be absolutely indeterminable

27. **Mental Imagination** 435

A. Our mind has faculty of imagination

- It can create and take as real its own mental structures
- Seems analogous to Maya

B. Mental imagination is instrument of Ignorance

- It is used to compensate for our limited capacity for knowledge and effective action
- Mind supplements these deficiencies with power of imagination
 - The Bennets try to imagine what happened after the elopement
 - Jane images the best
 - Eliza imagines the worst
 - Neither imagine what Darcy will do even after he has done it
 - Our imagination is too close to earth – we cannot imagine Rs. 100 crores
- It appears to create its own figures of the possible and impossible
- It appears to erect illusory actuals or conjectures or constructed truths not true to outer experience
- This the appearance of its operation

C. In reality, imagination is mind's way of summoning infinite possibilities out of Being – to compensate for its Ignorance and limitation

D. Discovering unknown possibilities of the Infinite

- Leonardo's parachute, tank, diving suit, flying machine (helicopter)
- Jules Verne submarine, light propelled space craft to the moon, lunar modules, videoconferencing

E. Imagination makes experimental constructions of truth and possibility

- Theory of evolution, DNA, Big Bang, string theory
- Mind is brain

F. Imagination hypothesizes, questions what is true

- Mind is computer

- G. Imagination erects possibilities it hopes to actualize
 - Wickham hopes to marry money thru Georgiana or Miss. King
 - One day computer will overtake mind
 - Genetics will cure every disease
- H. Imagination figures subjective actualizations to satisfy its will of creation and delight of self-presentation
 - P&P is a story of romance fulfilled, which Austen could not do in life
- I. These things are not unreal
 - Imagination does receive figures of truth, e.g. submarine
 - It does summon possibilities that it realizes, e.g. man on the moon by 1970
 - Imagination effect pressure on the world's actualities, e.g.
 - Monet's dream of United States of Europe
 - Air travel and space travel – Jules Vernes' Journey to the Moon
 - Wireless telegraphy
 - Watch radio phone
- J. Individual thought-formations can actualize themselves, if sufficiently strong
 - Steve Jobs -- iPod, iPhone
 - Chronometer
 - Wright Brothers
 - Edison's light bulb
- K. Imagination can create its own potentialities, especially if supported by collective mind
 - **May even draw the sanction of cosmic Will – Churchill's never surrender**
- L. All imaginations represent possibilities
 - Some will be actualized some day in some form
 - More will not because they do not figure in the present creation
 - Some exceed the potentials of the individual
 - Some do not accord with the collective
 - Some are alien to destiny of the world-existence

28. Imagination is based on things real 436

- A. Mind's imaginations are not purely illusory

- Based on experience of actualities or variations on them
 - Jane Austen's life and times, beloved sister, disappointed love
 - My novel
 - Figure may-be's or might-be's of the Infinite
- B. Even extravagant illusions and hallucinations based on actuals and possibilities
- Unicorn – UCB professor
 - Mermaid – combines 2 actualities
 - Same for angels – man with wings
 - Griffins -- body, tail, and back legs of a lion; the head and wings of an eagle; and an eagle's talons as its front feet
 - Chimeras -- fire-breathing creature composed of the parts of three animals — a lion, a snake and a goat
 - House of Mirrors
 - Alice in Wonderland
- C. Memories of former actualities
- Dragons resemble dinosaurs
- D. Something real on other planes
- Even illusion of maniac is based on things real
 - Jesus Christ, Napoleon
- E. Imagination is a substitute for intuition of truth
- As mind ascends to Truth Consciousness, it becomes truth-imagination, intuition, inspiration
 - Then mind ceases to create delusions and error
- F. Mind is not sovereign creator of the non-existence erected in a void
- It is ignorance trying to know
 - Its illusions base on limited knowledge or half-ignorance
- G. Mind is instrument of cosmic Ignorance, Not of cosmic illusion**
- Seeker and discoverer or would-be creator of truths, possibilities and actualities
- H. The original Consciousness and Power of which mind is derived must also be a creator of truths, possibilities and actualities
- Not limited like mind but cosmic in scope

- Not open to error
- Free from ignorance
- A self-power of supreme Omniscience and Omnipotence
- An eternal Wisdom and Knowledge

29. Dual Possibility 437

A. Maya creative of illusory universe

- Original consciousness and power creative of illusions and unrealities with mind as its instrument in human and animal consciousness
- Differentiated universe we see is unreal, fiction of Maya
- Only indeterminable Absolute is real

B. Truth-Consciousness creative of true universe

- Original, supreme, cosmic Truth-Consciousness
- Mind acting as imperfect, ignorant, limited consciousness, capable of error, misrepresentation
- Half-position between truth and error, knowledge and nescience
- The ignorance proceeds upon knowledge and toward knowledge
- Capable of shedding the limitation, mixture
- Can turn into Truth Consciousness and power of original Knowledge

C. Our inquiry leads to second conclusion

- Does not support hypothesis of Cosmic Illusion
- The problem is a mixture of Knowledge with Ignorance in our cognition
- That is the origin of imperfection
- No need to posit original power of Illusion imposing a world of non-existent forms on a Consciousness or Superconscience that is ever pure, eternal and absolute.

30. Conclusion

A. We are all Illusionists

- Charlotte believes romance is an illusion
- Mr. Bennet believes sensible people are an illusion (even Charlotte & Eliza and himself)

- Darcy believes the culture of the lower classes is an illusion
- Eliza is sure she will never see him again
- She becomes disillusioned with Wickham and laughs at Darcy – for her too real love becomes an illusion

B. Doubting Mother's power makes us all Illusionists

- We doubt the reality when Appa says every devotee can get Rs. 100 crores
- We mistake our failures and disappointments for proof life is an illusion
- We overlook all Mother has given us as the greatest proof of what is possible
- We take everything we have acquired for granted
- We take everything way beyond us as unachievable

C. To believe Sri Aravindam is to know anything is possible – we are infinite and have infinite power.

D. We can discover that power and delight

- By universalizing – aspiring for the fulfillment of others – goodwill, self-giving