

The Life Divine -- Chapter 27

Supermind, Mind & Overmind Maya

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Eight-fold Chord of Being

Upper Hemisphere	Lower Hemisphere
Existence	Matter
Conscious-Force	Life
Bliss	Psychic
Supermind	Mind

Lapse into Ignorance

- Division of consciousness is the basis
- Exclusive concentration is the cause
- Ignorance essential for Divine Life in material body

Gulf between Mind & Supermind

- The gap between Supramental Truth and our lives in Ignorance seems too great to overcome
- There must be an intermediate power and planes of consciousness.
- We live in a narrow band of consciousness like the range of sounds and colors we can perceive
- Below is subconscious, above is superconscious
- We seem to have no contact with higher planes

Exceeding the Limits of Mind

- Intuition
- Impersonality & Universality of Cosmic Self
- Genius
- Inspiration & Revelation
- Spiritual Experience

Methods of Ascent

1. Go within from surface to the subliminal
 - Discover inner mental, vital, subtle physical being
 - Psychic Being comes to the surface
2. Rise above
 - Realize the Silent Self
 - Self can ascend to Spiritual planes of Mind

The World Stair

- Higher Mind of Truth-Thought
- Illumined Mind of Truth-Sight
- Intuitive Mind of Truth-Vision & Truth-Force
- Overmind

Overmind

- The occult link
- Delegate of Supermind in the Ignorance
- A principle of cosmic Truth, not falsehood or illusion
- An inferior Supermind
- First parent of the Ignorance

Law of Separation

- Overmind affirms independent Truths
- It has capacity for separation & combination
- Each principle follows its independent line

Overmind separates Existence

- It separates Reality into aspects
- Existence becomes a million Godheads
- Purusha and Prakriti (Conscious Being & Nature)
- One & Many
- Divine Personality & Impersonality
- Finite & Infinite

Overmind separates Consciousness-Force

- One Consciousness separates into many independent forms of consciousness
- One Real-Idea splits into many Idea-Forces
- One Consciousness-Force is liberated into a million forces, each with a right to fulfill itself
- Overmind unleashes infinite possibilities
- Overmind creates multiple worlds or planes
- Cosmic Overmind creates individual centers of consciousness

Overmind separates Delight

- Delight is loosed into many forms of delight
 - Beauty, love and joy
 - Aesthetic enjoyment
 - Mental enjoyment
 - Vital satisfaction
 - Physical pleasure
 - Sense delight
- Each seeks its independent fullness

Dimensions of Division

- Four above separate from four below
- Essential knowledge separates from Totality & Individuality
- Being separates from Consciousness from Ananda
- Knower separates from Knowledge & Object of Knowledge
- Being becomes Transcendent, Universal and Individual
- Consciousness becomes multiple planes of consciousness
- Knowledge separates from Will in Mind
- Force separates from Consciousness in Life
- Form separates from force in Matter

Mind

- Sees the world in sections cut by reason and sense and reassembled to form a whole
- Each individual perceives the world he lives in depending on the poise Consciousness has assumed in him
- As is our consciousness, so we experience the world
- Mind sees all things in terms of opposites

Integral & Separative Knowledge

- Supermind has Integral Knowledge of the Essence, the Totality and the Individual Truth
- Overmind sees the totality & accepts the Truth of all its aspects
- Mind sees one-side or individual aspect of Truth & rejects others as false

Descent into Ignorance

- A veil divides Supermind from Overmind, concealing the essential Truth
- A veil divides Overmind from Mind concealing the universality and totality of Truth
- A line divides cosmic Truth from cosmic Ignorance
- Cosmic Mind in Ignorance is unaware of its source
- In Mind each principle acts independently
- Individuals act ignorant of others and of the cosmic whole

Descent into Inconscience

- Involution creates Inconscient Ocean of Rig Veda
- Complete separation occurs in the Inconscience
- Each being, idea, force becomes completely separated from all others
- Consciousness and Force become completely separated
- Mind, Life and Matter become separated
- Consciousness gets absorbed in Form and Force
- This makes error and falsehood inevitable

Origin of the Dualities

- Our fragmentary separative existence and consciousness emerges from the Inconscient
- Ignorant struggle to know creates falsehood & error
- Ignorant struggle to live engenders wrong & evil
- Egoistic struggle to enjoy creates joy, pain, suffering
- Existence expresses in dual terms of life & death
- Forces of Darkness assert to maintain the Ignorance

Evolution

- Ignorance is knowledge seeking for itself behind a mask of Inconscience
- It is 'right working' to recover from the Fall
- Evolution starts with conflict & disharmony
- Secret Oneness compels us to strive for harmony, interdependence, concord & unity

Ascent to Truth

- True harmony & unity can only dynamically be achieved by evolution of powers of Truth
- Higher ranges of Spiritual Mind have to open
- Hidden Overmind & Supermind must emerge
- Infinite resistance below meeting an descent of Infinite power releases infinite Delight of Self-discovery

Aids in our Ascent

- Descent of Overmind generates Intuition
- Overmind & Supermind act secretly in the Ignorance
- Everything carries the stamp of Supramental Creator
- Divine Life is inevitable result of Nature's evolution

Methods for our Ascent

- Be rational
- Non-reaction
- Consciousness responsibility
- Goodwill
- Self-giving
- Non-initiative
- Be Good and True

Thank you