

# **The Problem of Life**

## **The Life Divine - Chapter 22**

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# Origin of Life

- **Conscious Force of Sachchidananda is the origin of Life**
- **Cosmic Process is the divided action of an undivided Force**
- **World takes on appearance of a clash of opposing truths**
- **Oppositions appear as denials of Sachchidananda**
- **They are only misrepresentations of the concealed Reality**
- **Hidden Truth and unity press to manifest in the world**
- **Divine ascent starts in conditions that appear opposite**

# Three Stages of Life's emergence

- 1. Material -- submerged consciousness, mechanical force**
- 2. Vital -- partially emerging consciousness, subconscious instinct**
- 3. Mental -- conscious mind, consciousness tries to reflect fact of life**

# The Human Aspiration

- **Man is mental being, mental consciousness working as mental force**
- **We seek to know ourselves and the world to order to master them.**
- **We do not have complete knowledge of either ourselves or the world**
- **Therefore, we lack mastery over ourselves and our lives**
- **The secret will of Sachchidananda in us compels us to seek conditions to satisfy this aspiration**
- **Either man must become a divine humanity or give place to Superman.**

**AS IS THE CONSCIOUSNESS,  
SO IS THE FORCE**

# 1<sup>st</sup> Poise of being in Sachchidananda

- **Consciousness is infinite, one, transcendent of acts and forms even while embracing, informing, organizing them**
- **Force is infinite, one with its works, transcendent in power and self-knowledge.**
- **Consciousness and Force are one**

# **2<sup>nd</sup> Poise of being in Material Nature**

- **Consciousness is submerged, self-oblivious**
- **A monstrous movement of the Inert and Inconscient**
- **It seems to fulfill itself by accident**
- **This is the great denial of Sachchidananda by Himself**
- **Utter separation of Force from Consciousness**
- **All-governing Inconscient is only a mask**
- **In reality it faultlessly obeys Divine law of Right and Truth.**

# **3<sup>rd</sup> Poise of being in Mind & Life**

- **Consciousness is divided in itself**
- **It limits itself in different centers**
- **It is unaware of their real unity**
- **Each seeks its own fulfillment regardless of others**
- **Individual lives clash**
- **Things and forces appear in opposition to one another**
- **This is Mind and Life emerging out of the Denial**



# **We only have power over what we are conscious of**

- **You cannot master that which is not yourself**
- **Taking another person's point of view overcomes the divided consciousness that separates us**
- **We become master by taking responsibility**

# 4<sup>th</sup> Poise of being in Supermind

- **Consciousness is in possession of both unity and diversity**
- **Consciousness and Force share the same nature**
- **Fulfilled Existence will solve the problem of Life**

# Three Difficulties of Life

# 1<sup>st</sup> Difficulty: Psychological Ignorance

- **Man is aware of only small part of his being**
- **We know only our surface mentality, life and physical**
- **We do not even know all that**
- **We are ignorant of subconscious and subliminal mind, life-impulses, corporeality**

# Doer of Works

- **Even the wise are compelled to follow their Nature**
- **It is always the Lord who determines**
- **What works in the Denial seeks to become the Affirmation**
- **Nothing can be done without the Lord's will and soul's sanction**
- **Man must become one in self-awareness with the Lord**

# Solving Problems

- **Every problem we have can be understood in terms of our own subconscious beliefs**
- **Every problem can be solved by taking the Lord's point of view and saying "Thy Will be Done"**
- **Humiliation, goodwill and gratitude blunt the ego**
- **Ego is the enemy of our progress, the opposition to the Lord**

# Money

- **The more we put faith in money, the more it evades us**
- **Man is meant to be master, not slave**
- **Subconscious attitudes rules over conscious intention**
- **Praying for others' success brings prosperity because we overcome subconscious competition.**

# **2<sup>nd</sup> Difficulty: Universal Ignorance**

- **Man is separated from the universal in mind, life and body**
- **Knowledge can only come by conscious identity**
- **Indirect knowledge is imperfect knowledge**
- **Only a conscious unity can arrive at perfect relation**
- **Supermind alone knows unity in diversity**



# **3rd Difficulty: Division of Consciousness & Force**

# Division into Matter, Life & Mind

- **Each part of being has its own law of working**
- **Life is at war with body**
- **Mind is at war with body and vital**
- **True solution lies in Supermind**

# **Division between Force of Nature and Conscious Being**

- **Mind, vital and body are also divided, each against itself**
- **Surface personality is divided from inner being**
- **Inner being and surface nature are in conflict**
- **Solution lies in unity of Supermind**

# **Man seeks Harmony within himself**

- **Harmony between his mind, life and body**
- **Harmony between ourselves and others (our greater self)**
- **Harmony between consciousness and force (inner aspiration and outer capacity)**
- **Harmony between knowledge, will and emotion**
- **Divine seeks a perfect harmony combining integral development of all our potentialities.**
- **Perfect harmony demands mental, vital, physical perfection**

# Man seeks Harmony with the world

- He seeks a principle of harmony, joy, peace and unity
- His mind strives for knowledge of others
- His will strives to feel one with the will of others
- His heart strives to embrace the emotions of others
- His life-force strives to fulfill the energies of others
- His body strives to feel one from others
- Only then can he become spiritually and practically one with others and recover his own universal self

# Fourth Status of Life

- **Supramental unity which transcends and fulfills love, mental illumination and vital urge**
- **Human life founded on supramental realization of conscious unity with the One, with our own being and all humanity**
- **This is 4th status of life in ascent toward the Godhead**
- **The three difficulties are reconciled by rising to Supermind**

## LIFE

Material/Vital power

Builds up & sustains physical forms

Acts in physical, vital, mental planes

Individualizes universal cosmic force

Surplus physical energy of good health

Thrives by exchange of energy

Strife is essential to awaken life

Division & Ignorance limit

Secretly serves supramental intention

## MONEY

Social power

Builds up & sustains social forms

Act in all fields of social life

Individualizes social power

Surplus vital energy in society

Has value only for exchange

Competition generates wealth

Possessiveness & Selfishness limit

Unites society by interchange

# Principles of Money

- \* Consciousness creates money
- \* Money is a universal force, not a thing
- \* Money is a force multiplied by exchange & interchange like the force of life
- \* Organizing life force converts it into money
- \* Money is a flow – the more you give, the more you get
- \* Converting desire into love and love into delight, money comes of itself
- \* Money is infinite and can be created infinitely like life force



# Multiplying Money

- \* Money acts like a physical thing when we have the physical attitudes of division, separateness, possessive ego
- \* Money grows by harmonious mutual relationships with others
- \* Knowledge multiplies when shared, shrinks when possessed
- \* Money multiplies when our consciousness is expansive, socially outgoing, attuned to market

# What makes money shrink or grow?

Negative	Positive
Neglect & Carelessness	Attention
Jealousy	Goodwill
Shrinks in giving or receiving	Expands in giving or receiving
Selfishness	Self-giving
Possessiveness	Generosity
Depression	Delight
Quarrelsome	Harmony
Impatience	Calm, patience
Doubt, disbelief, suspicion	Trust & Faith
Resentment	Gratitude