

Life Divine Bk2 Chap 11 Boundaries of the Ignorance

1. Boundaries of the Ignorance – where do you live?

- A. City without state – state without country
- B. Planet – only one that supports life in this solar system
- C. 300 billion stars in Milky Way Galaxy
- D. 100 billion galaxies
- E. Anthropomorphic universe – only one that can support life

2. Who is Elizabeth?

- A. What does she know of herself?
- B. Her inheritance from her mother?
- C. Her future destiny as mistress of Pemberley?
- D. Her afterlife as a famous character in books and movies?
- E. Her true and greater self -- Jane Austen?

3. What do we know of ourselves in the Ignorance?

- A. Book 2 Part 1 Infinite Consciousness & the Ignorance
 - Subject we are all experts about
- B. We live in the Ignorance
- C. We do not know our potentials, our power, our future destiny
- D. We sometimes think
 - we have only existed for a few decades and that our lives will end in a few more
 - we are ignorant
 - we are all alone in the world
 - we are powerless and helpless
- E. We experience succession of waves of being and force pressing from outside and inside
 - The actions and events in the story
 - The responses of characters to them

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- F. They become stuff of consciousness and mentalized sensations of self and things in Space & Time
 - Georgiana's elopement makes Darcy resentful
 - Wickham's flattery pleases Eliza
- G. Space as an objective field of contents of experience
- H. Time presents as a flow of dynamic movement
 - The mental being mobile in Time leaves perpetually in the Present
 - He saves experience as memory
 - He utilizes this experience in present and future becoming by thought, will and action
 - He coordinates this experience by perception, memory, intelligence
- I. We are Ignorant of our opportunities
 - Darcy at the dance
 - Eliza
 - Who could imagine that Lydia's problem could be solved?
 - Mr. Bennet says it will pass
 - Solution comes at same or higher level
- J. We are Ignorant of the troubles we invite
 - Mr. Bennet on Brighton
 - Eliza with Wickham
 - Darcy's interference with Bingley
 - Ego – all is gathered around, connected and given coherence by the ego-sense and ego-idea
 - Artificial center of mental consciousness
 - A constructed symbol of self, the separate ego
 - It does duty for the hidden real self, spirit, true being
- K. We are Ignorant of what Mother offers at every moment
 - Her silent protection
 - Her constant grace

4. P&P

- A. The story reveals the fact that all our life and actions takes place in the Ignorance
- B. Every character is ignorant about
 - Their own character
 - Eliza and Darcy about themselves
 - The character of other people
 - Eliza of Darcy and Wickham
 - Mr. Bennet about Lydia
 - The past –
 - Wickham and Darcy's background
 - Georgiana's elopement
 - The future – mistress of Pemberley
 - The world around them – French Revolution
 - God – no one even prays

5. This surface self-experience is a small part of our being

- A. Our self-experience is a small part even of our waking individual consciousness
 - We take note of only a limited number of mental sensations and perceptions of things and self that come into our surface consciousness
- B. We filter out many sensations and thoughts and feelings
 - We ignore most of the data
- C. Our memory saves only a scanty part
 - We forget most of what we observe
- D. Our intelligence uses a small portion for coordinated knowledge
 - We fail to learn from most of our experiences – repetition of folly
- E. The rest of our experience seems to go to waste
 - This is only an appearance
- F. A great part is quietly used by Nature to form us
 - It actuates our growth, becoming and action for which our conscious mentality is not responsible
- G. A greater part is employed by us for what we mistakenly think is our own creation

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- We recombine results we have forgotten but Nature remembers and we mistake it for new creation
- H. If we include rebirth, then all experience has its use
- Nothing is rejected except what has outlived its utility
- I. Only a little of Nature's growth and action in us is conscious
- The rest is subconscious as in the rest of material life
 - It goes to build our personality – knowledge, skill, strength, manners, character, values,
- J. We are much more than the momentary self we know of ourselves
- Our momentary personality is a bubble on the ocean of our experience

6. **Our Ignorance is Seven-fold -- Darcy**

- A. When he sees her he thinks she is only tolerable
- B. He regards her with the pride of his ego and feels superior
- C. He advises Bingley not to marry Jane
- D. He rejects her family as abominable
- E. He is unconscious of his deeper attraction to Eliza
- F. He tries to ignore Eliza at Netherfield not to encourage her
- G. Hunsford -- his mind and heart are in conflict
- H. He forgets the past and never dreams that Wickham will elope with Lydia
- I. When she calls him last man, he can never dream he will see her again or marry her
- J. He does not realize she is a Goddess – his Goddess

7. **Jane Austen Analogy**

- A. Compare what Darcy and Eliza know with what Jane Austen knows
- B. Can they ever imagine they are merely characters in a story?
- C. They are manifestations of Austen's eternal creative imagination
- D. They have immortal existence living forever in her story
- E. They exist beyond time flow of the story as beings of Her being
- F. Austen knows all that is going to happen of which they are ignorant

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- G. Austen knows all about them of which they are unconscious
 - Darcy will propose – neither of them imagine it
 - Eliza will come to Pemberley and marry Darcy
 - Darcy will save Lydia and propose again
- H. Austen knows all about the life around them and other characters
 - Charlotte will marry Collins
 - Lydia will elope
- I. Austen knows the whole universe of the story – social evolution
- J. Austen knows life beyond the story
- K. She might even know her eternal soul and God

8. **Constitutional Ignorance**

- A. We live in the Plane of Matter
- B. Our principle instrument of knowledge is mental intelligence wedded to sense mind
- C. Mind, vital and body exist and function separately from one another
 - Darcy's proposal
 - Eliza toward Wickham after reading the Hunsford letter
- D. Each interferes with the functioning of the other
 - Mother's 'sincerity' -- Everything playing its rightful part
- E. Our minds are preoccupied with material and social life, not aware of the wider reality or their higher powers
- F. Vital dominates body
 - It uses body for its desires, pleasure and dissipation
 - Source of most illness
- G. Physical dominates mental
 - Mind is dominated by the material plane and material sense
 - We are preoccupied with our physical needs
 - Eat for living, do not live for eating
 - We think physically
 - Only the physical is really real to us

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- Only what we see we believe
- Only what is present really exists
- We seek only physical comfort and convenience
 - Rain is inconvenient
- We cannot imagine what does not exist physically
- Insistence of physical Science
 - Mind = brain = computer
 - morality hormone
- We do not believe in the power of ideas to change the world – freedom, independence
- No matter how many times prayer works, next time we rely on the MD, medicine, physical initiative
- We cannot believe in Spirit because it is not physical

H. Physical values

- Eliza judges Wickham by his manly appearance
- Watson relates to a client as a woman

I. Life values – superstition and irrationality

- We judge others by their wealth and social status –
 - Darcy
 - Lady Catherine
 - Caroline
 - Watson – a lord, a rich client
- MDs are knowledgeable
- PhD's are very intelligent
- Americans are rich
- Actors and actresses are special -- NTR, MGR
- Ministers, MPs, CMs are great people

J. Mind and Vital

- Vital ego dominates the mind for self-justification
- Impartiality and rationality are rare
- Darcy's vital attitude makes him say Bingley cannot marry Jane
- Eliza: Anyone so handsome must be good – physical

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- Mrs. Bennet's rationale for Collins marrying Eliza
- Darcy concludes connections in Cheapside, Jane can never work
- We are dominated by vitality, preference, prejudice, desire, ambition, jealousy
- Lady Catherine's argument to Eliza – based on social status
- Everyone is deceived by Wickham's physical and vital
- Everyone is deceived about Darcy's true character because they are offended by his self-importance
- I am always right – others wrong
- Faith in lying, bribing, asking,

K. Mind also dominates the body

- It makes the body ill by its fears
- It can heal the body by its faith – Placebo
- Power of healing
- Power of creation

L. Rationality

- Phileas Fogg
 - He believes what no one else can conceive – why?
 - Never panic in crisis – mind is objective
- Steve Jobs – Apple Store
- Sherlock Holmes
 - Doesn't rely on physical appearances
 - Doesn't succumb to social opinion

M. Mind which should be master of vital and physical is their slave – dominated by them

- As long as we fear we are not human
- To be rational is to be human
- First we must become real mental beings

N. Analogy to social structure

- Upper class thinks lower classes are here only to serve them
- Lower want to seize what belongs to the higher
- Politicians work for themselves and mint money and exercise arbitrary power

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- Compare with real modern democracy where politician is a public servant – not a privileged elite
 - Boss wants to maintain authority over subordinates
 - Servants must be submissive and humble
 - French Revolution – clash between the classes
 - There is some rough working compromise, no real harmony
- O. The 27 defects are of the constitutional ignorance
- Mr. Bennet's laziness
 - Jane's stupidity
 - Eliza's opinions, prejudice, doubt and disbelief
 - Caroline's pettiness, jealousy
 - Lady Catherine's self-importance
 - Darcy's pride, arrogance, selfishness
 - Mrs. Bennet's desire, greed, unwillingness to change
 - Lydia's cravings, sensations, passions,
 - Wickham's falsehood, hostility to truth
- P. **Growth into full mental being is the first step**
- **Outgrowing preoccupation with the bodily life**
 - **Becoming more perfectly mental beings**
 - **Liberated Mind acquires sovereign power as master**
 - **Life becomes more refined and harmonious**
 - **A truly human race of mental beings**
- Q. Mind is not the highest plane of our existence – we have to evolve beyond it
- Silent will -- Mrs. Gardiner's restraint – If I don't ask, I won't know
 - **Non-reaction – mind wants to, but vital refuses**
 - **Faith – mind believes, vital or physical refuses**
 - **I should consecrate to Mother – vital says suppose she does not give me what I want**
 - I want a job in the same town – physical comfort and convenience
- R. Constitutional ignorance divides the three planes

- S. We are ignorant of the occult presence that determines their operations and evolution -- Psychic
 - They must be reunited and harmonized by the Psychic

9. Psychological Ignorance

- A. A limitation of self-knowledge to that little wave or superficial stream of our being
- B. Analogy to psychological importance
 - We consider the wealthy, powerful, popular as more better, important and valuable human beings
 - What others achieve we do not think we can achieve.
 - We are unconscious of our own potential and unutilized capacities
- C. We are unconscious of a greater part of our being
 - It is to us Inconscient like the plant and mineral
 - We call it subconscious because so it appears to us
 - This concealed consciousness is a vast sphere of our existence
- D. This concealed self and consciousness is our real, whole being
 - The outer is only a part, a phenomenon, a selective formation for surface use
 - We perceive only a small portion of the contacts that impinge upon us – our inner being perceives all
 - We perceive only a small portion of the workings of our life and being
 - our inner being perceives all
 - We remember only a small portion of our perceptions
 - the inner being retains everything and keeps it ready at hand
 - Our ego is only a minor superficial formation of its self-consciousness and self-experience
 - The cognition, will or impulsive force of the inner being stands behind the whole conscious becoming.
 - **To know our inner being is the first step toward real self-knowledge.**
- E. We do not know ourselves
 - Eliza says at Hunsford – ‘I never knew myself -- absurd’
 - How many of you thought as youth you could achieve what you have achieved?

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- She never dreamed she could become mistress of Pemberley
- Darcy – does not know he is attracted to Eliza when he calls her tolerable or ignores her at Netherfield
- Edmund Dantes does not know his potential as Count of Monte Cristo
- George Washington rejected by the British
- Abe Lincoln raised in log cabin
- Steve Jobs

10. Elements of our being

- A. Waking consciousness – which submental and subliminal throw onto the surface – wave of their secret surge
- Our mind and ego are like the crown and dome of a temple jutting out from the waves, the great body concealed beneath the surface
 - Only a small portion of our being is covered by our waking self-awareness
- B. Subconscious and submental – which appears to us as Inconscient – comprising material basis and good part of life and body
- C. Subliminal
- Our waking mind and ego are only a superimposition on a submerged subliminal self – an inner being of vaster capacity of experience
 - Inner physical, vital and mental with psychic entity supporting them
 - At the level of the Knowledge-Ignorance – luminous, powerful, extended – but not the supreme of whole sense of our being
- D. Superconscient – above, this too is ourselves, a country of our spirit
- But other than surface mental personality
 - A supreme highest Reality sustaining and exceeding the other parts –God, Spirit, Oversoul
 - We have visitations from these higher spheres and rise toward them
 - Unknown to us and seemingly unattainable

11. Subliminal

- A. Includes lower subconscious and upper superconscient ends

- B. Subliminal is the meeting of the subconscious and superconscious – source of our surface being
- C. It provides the whole material of our apparent being
 - Subliminal's greater power of knowledge – subtle senses
 - Mother's knowledge of the child
 - Knowledge coming in dreams
 - Stevenson used dream to create new stories
- D. Our perceptions, memories, effectuations and intelligence are only a selection of its own
- E. Analogy to Family and Society
 - They are resources for immense accomplishment
 - Man depends on his family for support in times of crisis
 - Churchill's capacity for leadership is inherited
 - He draws on his cultural heritage for guidance how to act
 - American can do attitude – inherited from generations of immigrants
 - Indian farmers are entrepreneurs – CS and Green Revolution
 - Society is an unlimited reservoir of his collective potential on which he draws without thinking about it
 - Language
 - Skills
 - Knowledge – fire, cloth, paper
 - Tools and technology – wheel, electricity
- F. Challenges release the latent potential of the subliminal
 - Bata
 - Churchill – certain defeat into victory
 - Green Revolution – famine into prosperity
- G. Our subliminal is source of unlimited power
 - Mrs. Bennet's aspiration fulfilled
 - Eliza does not know she possesses the power in her subliminal to bring him to Pemberley
 - Darcy does not know he has the power to become first man or is capable of passionate love

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- Significance of Wickham's scandal for Darcy
- Edmund Dantes – feels like he has lost everything when he is really ready to find himself

H. How to release the power of the subliminal?

- Refuse to follow our surface impulses
 - Mrs. Gardiner's restraint
- Refuse to rely on our surface capacities
 - Don't act like Mrs. Bennet
- Silence on the surface
 - Darcy's confidentiality
- Non-action releases the subliminal potential
 - Mr. Bennet's freedom
 - Darcy's non-initiative to Eliza
- We have power to pray and consecrate yet rarely do it

I. Social Evolution in P&P – the subliminal atmosphere for accomplishment

J. Subtle Knowledge

- Six Napoleons
 - Lestrade is aware of a murder
 - Watson of a psychological condition monomania
 - Sherlock knows the whole historical and social context – diamond theft years ago, released prisoner,
- We can coordinate as understanding only a small portion of our experience which our intelligence has been trained to grasp and appreciate
- The intelligence of our inner being preserves all perceptions and memories – without need of any training
- It can grasp their significance immediately
- It uses subtle senses – as telepathy bears witness
- The perceptions of the inner being are not confined to the physical senses

K. Phileas Fogg

- He has a can do attitude
 - He is sure of success regardless of circumstances or events
 - His confident words have the ring of truth
 - It is will, not desire that motivates him

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- How? Sailor for 20 years
 - His has subtle capacity for accomplishment like the farmer
 - He is in tune with life – he represents Life
 - Life acts and expresses through him **consciously**
 - Mother expresses through devotees unconsciously
- L. Internet cyberspace is the social subliminal of us all
- Google, Amazon and Jobs tapped it for infinite results
- M. It is the **urgent sea** out of which the waves of our conscious becoming arise (like the story arises from Austen's consciousness)
- N. What are its limits?
- We think of subconscious as that which is unconscious, half-conscious or submerged below – inferior in awareness and organization to our surface consciousness
 - When we go within we find the greater part of subliminal is not subconscious
 - Our inner being or subliminal self is wider, more luminous and in possession of itself and things than our waking surface
 - This is other than the subconscient which is inferior province
 - There is also a superconscient part – our highest self

12. **Subliminal Self**

- A. Is not subconscious
- B. It is in full possession of mind, life-force and subtle-physical sense
- C. Has same capacities as our waking being -- but wider, more developed and sovereign
- Subtle sensation
 - Perception
 - Comprehensive extended memory
 - Intensive selecting intelligence, will & self-consciousness
- D. It also has other capacities that exceed those of mortal mind
- A power of direct awareness of being – in itself and toward objects

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- It arrives more swiftly at knowledge and effectivity of will, more deeply at understanding and satisfaction of impulse
- E. A surface mind is hardly a true mentality
- It is involved, bound, hampered, conditioned by body, bodily life, nervous-system and physical organs
- F. Subliminal self has a true mentality superior to these limitations
- It is aware of their works, but exceeds the physical mind and organs
 - To a large degree it is their cause or creator
 - It is subconscious only in the sense it does not bring most of itself to the surface
 - It works behind the veil
- G. It is a secret intraconscient and Circumconscient
- It envelops as much as it supports the surface consciousness
 - This is truest of the deepest layers of the subliminal
- H. In the more superficial layers there is more of ignorance
- They can be the source of delusion and confusion
 - But no kinship to the Inconscient

13. What is the Subconscious?

- A. Most bodily operations are subconscious to our mental being
- B. **We can only have power over that of which we are conscious**
- C. Even our physical being knows or feels only so much as is enlightened by mind-sense and made observable by intelligence.
- D. A vitality also works in our bodily form, most subconsciously as in the lower animals and plants
- We are only aware of a portion of its activities
 - We know only what comes to observation as pain or pleasure and other sensations
 - Or as cause of physical or nervous reactions and disturbances

- E. This does not mean body and vital are unconscious of their own operations, just because they are not mentally conscious

14. Consciousness is not identical with mental awareness

- A. Mind identifies itself with some movements of vital and physical, giving impression that all consciousness is mental.
- B. But when we separate mind as witness from these parts, we find Life and body have a consciousness of their own
 - A consciousness of an obscurer vital and physical being
 - Similar to elemental awareness in more primitive animal forms
 - Partially mentalized in us
- C. Submental consciousness of life and body
 - A mind involved and implicit in the physical life, not independent as in mental awareness
 - No organized self-consciousness
 - Less in possession of itself
 - Only sense, reaction, movement, impulse, desire, need, hunger, instinct, pleasure, pain
- D. When we separate mind from sensations, we perceive
 - A nervous, sensational, automatically dynamic mode of consciousness
 - Gradation of awareness different from mind
 - Has its own separate reactions to contacts
 - Does not depend on mind's perceptions and response
- E. This is not the true subconscious
 - That is Inconscient on the borders of Consciousness
 - It sends up motions to be changed into conscious stuff
 - It swallows impressions of past experience as seeds of unconscious habits and returns them chaotically to the surface consciousness – some perilous or futile
 - They rise in dream, mechanical repetition, untraceable impulsions and motives, mental-vital-physical perturbations, dumb automatic necessities

- F. **Transcending preoccupation with the physical and vital beings, we have to become aware of ourselves as spiritual beings**
- G. **The wall separating surface and subliminal must dissolve**
- H. **We have to ascend to higher planes beyond normal mind**

15. **Temporal Ignorance**

- A. We exist superficially by a becoming in time
- B. We are ignorant of our existence in Time – except of the small hour we remember
- C. We don't remember
- D. Surface mind is ignorant of the long past and future, aware only of a little life it remembers
- E. Much is lost in observation, much in memory
- F. Past lives always
 - What's past is not past
 - Life consequences can always be reversed – even a month after the elopement – it can be reversed
 - Eliza's last man – can never be rectified
 - She is sure she will never see him again – too late
 - ITS NEVER TOO LATE
 - Land confiscated is returned
- G. Future already exists
 - Our aspirations determine our future – Mrs. Bennet, The Book
- H. We are Ignorant of past lives and future ones
 - Our real becoming in time does not end with birth and death
 - Our real self in the cosmos is the Superconscient which becomes the subliminal self which throws up the surface self for experience between birth and death
 - **Actor** does not cease to exist when he completes playing one part like our mortal personality. Same for the poet
 - Like the Self, Jane Austen existed before her characters were born and after they die

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- We really believe we came into existence at our birth and will cease at death – for the simply insufficient reason that **we do not remember** or perceive anything else.
- This is true only of our physical mentality and physical vitality -- corporeal sheath – constituted at birth and dissolved at death
- It is not true of our real becoming in Time.

I. **Our real Self in the cosmos is the Superconscient**

- It becomes the subliminal self and throws up the apparent surface self to act in the present birth as a self-formation of the being in a world of inconscient Nature.

J. Our true being does not die

- Anymore than the actor when he has finished one of his parts or the poet one of his poems
- Our personal mortality is only such a role or creative self-expression

K. Our becoming in Time goes far back and continues far into the future.

L. **Realization of timeless immortality comes by knowledge of the Self or changeless spirit in the non-becoming within us – the inner eternity**

M. Neither superconscient nor subliminal is limited by a few moments in time

- Superconscient is eternal. Time is only one of its modes
- Subliminal is an infinite field of various experience – its very existence presupposes all the past and future?

N. We are ignorant of the past which alone explains our present being

- Our mind knows only this actual physical existence and its memories

O. Mind knows nothing of the future – which alone explains the constant trend of our becoming

P. We are so fixed we believe

- Past can be known only by recollections because it no longer exists
- Future cannot be known because it does not exist

Q. Both past and future are here with us now

- Past involved and active
- Future ready to evolve in the continuity of the secret spirit

16. Egoistic Ignorance

- A. Nalli Silk story – Rs. 7000 loan for Rs. 1100 purchase of wedding saris
- B. We are ignorant of ourselves in Space, except the small span we are mentally and sensationally conscious of – the single body and life we identify with
- C. Man is also ignorant of the world in which he lives and act and which constantly acts on and through him
- D. The ego regards the environment as not-self
 - He regards world as something separate from him – as not-self – because it is other than his individual nature-formation and ego
 - Ego is the root of selfishness
 - Everything good that happens to us happens because it happens to everyone
 - Education is a universal endowment, but I think I am educated
 - Cell phone
 - Road, traffic rules – I must have my own road
 - Mrs. Bennet wants social evolution only for her family
- E. Egoism in work
 - We approach work as our work – my achievement, my authority, recognition is important
 - Identify as Mother's work – seek nothing for oneself – work for all
 - CS Green Revolution
- F. Man thinks of his own superconscient Self as something other, external, extracosmic God
 - The world is only its manifestation
 - All in it is the One – our self
- G. Ego prevents us from becoming the universal individual
- H. We regard only our little foam-bubble of life and body as himself
- I. Ego-sense creates the division
 - The Ignorance we superficially are maintains strong but permeable walls
 - It has created its own prison.
 - Ego is the most formidable knot that ties us to Ignorance

J. **Universal Ignorance**

- We regard the environment as a not-self
- Every character and event is a projection of Austen's creative consciousness – the one Self or Being
- Conscious Force manifests in multiple bodies but the mentality regards its own concentrated expression as a separate existence
- The characters do not enjoy an independent existence
- We do not participate in the consciousness of the sea
- The world lives, thinks and becomes in us but we imagine it is we who do it for ourselves
 - Society fulfills itself through the individuals
- Ignorance of our Universal self
- Our impulse is to strive for self-possession and self-knowledge
- **Unlibrary** – we define ourselves by the tiny portion of books we have read – of what we know of ourselves. We should really judge ourselves by what we don't know. Our Ignorance
- Separative consciousness brings ignorance
- Integral consciousness brings integral Knowledge

K. Other man's point of view

- Impossible to take it
- Impossible to even imagine what it is
 - Collins and Darcy's proposal to Eliza
 - Wickham's absence from Netherfield ball
 - Eliza believes Wickham totally
 - Sherlock – Red Headed League – detective must know criminal's point of view
 - Darcy's staring
 - Headmaster and the King
 - Customer is King
 - Lady Catherine at Longbourne
- Impossible to concede that there could be one
- Other cultures different than our own

L. The Conscious-Force concentrates in manifold bodies, lives, minds and soul presides over one of them

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- M. Our mentality concentrates in this and regards all the rest as not-self
- N. He becomes aware of his subliminal self as a greater and different person and consciousness which can support and guide him
 - But our subliminal consciousness extends to be commensurate with the world
- O. Reality is One
 - We cannot know our own mentality, vitality and body without knowing the one Mind, Life and Matter
 - Their nature is determined by that nature
 - Their activities are influence and determined by it
- P. Our body is a knot of one indivisible Matter
 - Our body cannot exist for a moment separate from all matter
- Q. Our life is an eddy of one indivisible Life
 - Our personality exists only in relation to others
 - Who are you?
- R. Our mind is a receiving and recording instrument for one indivisible Mind
 - We cannot even think without using the words and ideas given to us by others
- S. Our soul and individual being are portions of one indivisible Spirit
- T. **Becoming universal we identify with the self and spirit in the cosmic consciousness**

17. Cosmic Ignorance

- A. We take the universe as the only reality.
- B. We are ignorant of our Self and Spirit
- C. **Awakening of spirit leads to dissolution of the Cosmic Ignorance**
- D. Superconscience -- our highest deepest vastest Self
 - We are ignorant of our timeless immutable Self possessing itself in cosmos and beyond cosmos
- E. Sachchidananda creating us and world by His divine Knowledge-Will
- F. Spiritual, supramental, truth-conscious, infinite
- G. The real Being, Lord, Creator

H. As the Cosmic Self veiled in Mind, Life and Matter

- It descends into the Inconscience
 - It constitutes and directs its subconscious existence by His supramental will and knowledge
 - It has ascended out of the Inconscient and dwells in the inner being constituting and directing its subliminal existence by the same will and knowledge
 - It has cast up our surface existence out of the subliminal and dwells secretly in it overseeing with the same light and mastery
- I. Subliminal may be compared to a sea which throws up waves of our surface mental existence
- J. Superconscience is like an ether which constitutes, contains, overrules, inhabits, determines, movements of the sea and its waves
- K. Here we are intrinsically conscious of our spirit and self, not at lower levels (even in silent mind or the subliminal)
- L. We can pass through it to a supreme status, knowledge and experience
- M. We are normally more ignorant of it than of the rest of our being
- N. This is the knowledge to which we are struggling by emergence out of involution in the Inconscient

18. Original Ignorance

- A. Capital or first Ignorance 561-2
- B. Unconsciousness of our highest inmost self is the our **capital ignorance**
- C. **We are ignorant of the Absolute**
- D. Subliminal and subconscious are like a sea, superconscient like ether which constitutes, contains, determines the movements of the sea and its waves.
- E. Knowledge of Spirit or Self is incomplete as long as we do not also know it as the knowledge and will governs the world and the evolution.
- F. To know Jane Austen's genius, it is not enough we know and admire her as an individual. We must discover the expressions of her genius in every small detail of her stories, e.g. Kitty's cough. (561)

19. Practical Ignorance

- A. We miss true knowledge, power and enjoyment of life in the world
- B. We are ignorant of our thoughts, will, sensations, actions
- C. We give wrong and imperfect responses like Nalli Silk story's father
- D. We wander in a maze of errors and desires, strivings, failures, pain and pleasure
- E. We grope blindly

20. Evolution from Ignorance

- A. Become less physical
 - Do not insist on physical proofs
 - Learn from your experience instead of endless repetition
 - Do not believe you cannot change – Morris Goodman
 - You can become whatever you want to become
- B. Rise above society and social superstition
 - We belong entirely to society
 - We desire social conformity
 - Our submission to social authority is total
 - We yearn approval, acceptance, recognition, respect
 - We are flattered by compliments – even when they are given to everybody for anything
 - What society believes is true
 - What society accepts is good and right
 - We value and respect whatever society values
 - Our individuality is not born
 - We should yearn for **Mother's approval**
- C. Become rational
 - Accept the inner outer correspondence
 - Recognize that what faults we find in others are in ourselves
 - Do not blame others for anything
 - Do not react

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- Act on the higher knowledge we understand

D. Move from the gross to the subtle for increasing power

- Accept challenges as the necessary condition for growth of your personality and accomplishment
- All progress is from gross to subtle
 - Experience-history-civilization-culture
 - Manners-behavior-character-personality-values
 - Physical-vital-mental-spirit
- Silent will
 - Bingley and Jane – Darcy’s reversal
 - Eliza comes to Pemberley
- Non-reaction
 - Dr. and Mary Thorne
- Non-action
 - Action out of habit for security or achievement – speech preparation
 - Inspiration comes from withdrawing reliance on our own capacities.
- **Consecration**

21. Conclusion

- A. What saves and redeems us as human beings?
- B. There is a full, irresistible, eternal impulse of our ignorance toward realization of self-possession and self-knowledge
- C. Many sided Ignorance strives to become all-embracing Knowledge
- D. This is the definition of the consciousness of man, the mental being
- E. A limited separative awareness of things strives to become an integral consciousness and integral Knowledge.