

## 1. Life Divine Chapter 21: Ascent of Life

### 2. Origin of Mind

- A. Divided Mind is parent of limitation, ignorance and dualities.
  - It is only a dark figure of the Supreme Truth Consciousness -- Supermind.
  - Ignorance is a limitation of knowledge
  - not the opposite of knowledge.
- B. All dualities arise from Ignorance
  - not from any essential reality of life.
  - Change our view and the dualities disappear.
  - Failure is not the opposite of success – Lydia’s elopement
  - Evil is not the opposite of good – Wickham’s scandal
  - Misfortune is only Grace preparing greater achievement
- C. Supermind governs the universe and all that happens in it.
  - Supermind = Supreme Truth Consciousness

### 3. Origin of Life

- A. Life is parent of death, hunger and incapacity
  - It is only a dark figure of divine Consciousness Force that creates the universe
- B. Highest terms of Conscious Force are immortality, delight and omnipotence  
**Life is infinite, absolute, untrammelled, possessed of its unity and bliss.**
- C. All actions and events move toward a universal and self-effecting GOOD
  - What we call negative responses are not the opposite of positive life responses.
  - Humiliation prepares us for elevation -- Darcy’s tolerable
  - Abuse prepares for appreciation Wickham’s scandal
  - Disappointment prepares greater fulfillment -- Bingley’s departure
  - Crisis prepares highest accomplishment -- Lydia’s elopement

### 4. Life Divine is inevitable

- A. Conscious Force is the origin and the goal
  - This relation determines the beginning, middle and ultimate terms of evolution.
  - The divine, like Jane Austen, creates apparent conditions opposite to romance where there is hatred and he is the last man
- B. Ascent of Life starts in conditions apparently opposite to Supreme Divinity.
- C. The inevitable culmination and conclusion will be Divine Life on earth.

## 5. Four statuses of Life

The first three chapters on Life traces its evolution thru three statuses of its evolution until it culminates in the fourth

**1<sup>st</sup>: Material existence and life of the plant**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Subconscious Life of the animal**

**3<sup>rd</sup>: Emergence of conscious Mind in humanity**

**4<sup>th</sup>: Supramental transformation for Divine Life**

## 6. Evolution of 3 Terms of Life

The evolution of life progresses along 3 terms which change with each stage

- A. Division -- Aggregation -- Unity
- B. Subconscient Will -- Conscious Desire -- Love
- C. Passive Subjection -- Struggling Incapacity -- Satisfied Delight

## 7. Manifestation of Sachchidananda

Evolution results in the manifestation of Sachchidananda in the world

- A. Life becomes more and more conscious in Knowledge
- B. Life becomes more and more powerful in force of Will
- C. Life becomes more completely in possession of the Delight of Existence

## 8. FIRST STATUS OF LIFE IN MATTER

### 9. Atomic division and aggregation in 1<sup>st</sup> status

- A. In Matter everything is separate and independent of everything else
- B. Life starts with extreme divisions and rigid forms of Matter
  - Rigid division of atom is the basis of all material form
    - Two fruits can be squeezed together and fused
    - The ego is like a coconut that defies all efforts to open it – even if you smash it against another nut
    - Lady Catherine cannot adjust or cooperate with anyone
  - It stands apart from all others even in its union.
  - It rejects death and dissolution under any ordinary force
  - Nature allows atom to resist fusion (dissolution of its identity) to order to provide a firm basis for her combinations and a fixed seed of forms

- It is not the real truth of our existence
- We all feel alone and separate – ego sense
- So long as we look out for ourselves only, we are living a mere physical existence.
- Darcy at Meryton dance – refuses to mix or dance
- Lydia and Wickham live at this level – thinking of no one but themselves.
- All human progress comes from rising beyond this stage.

**C. Principle Unity compels physical aggregation**

- Unity is as strong a principle in Nature as division
- Unity is the master principle -- division is a subordinate term
- Everything forms part of a wider whole
- Lady Catherine needs companionship of Collins
- Collins needs a bride to be complete and raise family
- Lydia forgets that and wants to act wholly on her own
- Darcy wants to take Elizabeth without her family
- Mr Bennet tries to hide in the library but is forced to emerge by the elopement
- Every divided form must subordinate itself by mechanical necessity, compulsion, assent or inducement.
- Nature compels atom to fusion by aggregation, the first basis of aggregate unities.
- Darcy's aloof separative superiority – aristocracy stands apart. He prides himself on his independence and superiority and refuses to dance. Physical separateness

**10. Force-driven subconscious will in 1<sup>st</sup> status**

- A. In Matter – will is subconscious
- B. Life expresses as dumb urge of physical energy
- C. Mechanical forces governing interchange between the form and its surroundings
- D. Physical habits we cannot stop
- E. **Ritual** is mechanical form of devotion

**11. Passive subjection to the environment in 1<sup>st</sup> status**

- A. Incapacity of atomic existence to possess itself
- B. Subjection of material individual to not-self
- C. Sense of impotence
  - Science sees only the inconscient blind potent action of Energy

- It extends it as the whole basis of existence
- It includes even the consciousness of Matter.

**D. This is only a first superficial appearance of Life in Matter**

- Capacity comes from widening, relating to others, belonging
- If we feel a sense of incapacity, it means we are totally cut off from the world around us.
- Eliza first appears to Darcy as tolerable
- He does not see the light in her eyes, the liveliness in her personality, the love of Jane in her heart, the strength and courage of her character.

## **12. TERMS OF LIFE IN SECOND STATUS**

- Life as it evolves toward conscious Mind
- Characterized by Death, mutual devouring, hunger and conscious desire

## **13. Death**

**A. Struggle toward possession and perfection to secure lasting survival and continuous permanence.**

- Atoms are immortal
- Life forms are transient

**B. Death is the negative term in which Life hides from itself and tempts its own positive being to seek immortality.**

- Steve Jobs was motivated by the knowledge that he would not live long

**C. Death is only a process of life**

## **14. Hunger and desire**

**A. Struggle toward satisfaction and security**

**B. Subconscious will evolves into seeking Desire**

- Desire is stimulus for Life to achieve full possession of delight of existence.
- Mrs. Bennet tries to grab Collins and Bingley for her daughters – she loses Longbourn to Charlotte out of incapacity
- Charlotte desires the security of Hunsford

## **15. Incapacity**

**A. Struggle toward expansion, mastery, possession of self and conquest of the environment**

- Wickham tries to achieve mastery by elopement with Georgiana and falsehood but he fails
  - Lady Catherine wants to preserve the dying aristocracy
- B. Life is subjected to constant dissolution, dispersion and reconstruction by shock of contact with others**
- Life constantly challenges our beliefs, ideas and values as Eliza confronted Darcy
  - Mother says these extreme tensions are essential for our progress
  - The shock breaks up our present formation and allows a wider truer formation to emerge
- C. Darwinian view of Life as a struggle, battle, conquest of the strongest**
- Darwinism imposed too largely the aggressive principle of Life, vital selfishness and aggression.
  - This is Mrs. Bennet's philosophy – she must compete with others to find grooms for her daughters – the fastest and strongest wins the race.
  - Caroline competes with Eliza for Darcy
  - Lady Catherine seeks to dominate Eliza to win Darcy for Anne
  - Actually highest success comes to the family when Eliza gives up struggling.

## **16. Interchange, intermixture and fusion in 2<sup>nd</sup> Status**

- A. Vital life is founded on association and aggregation**
- B. Opposite principle is basis of vital ego**
- C. Constituents of one life are broken up to form elements of other lives**
- When a company goes bankrupt, its employees, products, know-how, property are absorbed by other companies
  - When children leave the family, they form new families
- D. Extent of this law has not been recognized by science.**
- One religion gives rise to many offshoots
  - One company gives rise to many offspring -- IBM
  - Need to evolve a science of mental life and spiritual existence
  - Theories are challenged and rejected and form seeds for new theories
    - Newton's laws give rise to Relativity Theory
  - Mrs. Bennet and Charlotte accept necessity of association for survival and security.
  - Life material is recycled and becomes food for other life
  - True of our subtler vital being

- Life energy, desire energy, powers, strivings, passions enter into others both during our lives and after our death.
  - Our thoughts, feeling, sensations enter into others and live on
  - The aspirations of the parent live on in their children
    - Mrs. Bennet's love of red coats lives on in Lydia, Kitty, Jane and Eliza
  - No achievement is really our own
  - We cannot function without relying on gifts of others
    - Language
    - Objects – wheel, chair, spoon, coffee, electricity
  - No idea is really our own
  - The teacher transfers her knowledge to countless students
  - Sri Aurobindo inspired thousands with the thirst for Indian freedom
  - The guru transfers his knowledge, faith and power to his disciples
- E. Interchange, intermixture and fusion of being with being is very process of life, law of its existence**
- Darcy's compulsion for passionate selfish association with Elizabeth is driven by desire
  - Aristocracy is compelled to accept relationship with other classes.
  - His attraction compels him to ask her to dance.
- F. Interchange is the source of all money and wealth**
- Substance (money) is created by objectification (relationship)
  - Money is power of social relationship
  - Relationship is packed with power

## **17. EVOLUTION TOWARD THIRD STATUS OF LIFE**

A new principle emerges as Life evolves upward toward Mind

## **18. Reconciliation of Division and Aggregation**

- A. First status is based on division and separateness**
- Necessity or will of separate ego to survive in its distinctness and guard its identity
  - Nature's most difficult problem is to create stable separate forms of separative individuality in the incessant flux and motion of Energy and in the unity of the infinite.
  - Individual form persists in atomic life as the basis and creates more or less persistent aggregates as the basis for vital and mental individualizations.
- B. Second status is based on aggregation and interchange**
- Vital reverses the process
  - Nature compels fusion with others.

- Individual forms are transient and perish
  - Aggregate life profits by the elements of the form dissolved.
    - Charlotte submerges her individuality for the preservation of society and species.
  - Harmony is not possible in vitality without conscious mind
    - This does not harmonize the two principles – therefore it cannot be the last stage.
    - Vital is not capable of loyalty and lasting relationship – Lydia and Wickham
  - Vital is capable of only temporary unstable equilibrium ending in death of the body, dissolution of the individual and dispersal of the elements into the universality.
  - Vital is aware of its relationship, association and belonging to others, rather than being totally divided and separate
    - Charlotte becomes Mrs. Collins
- C. 3<sup>rd</sup> Status is the contradiction and opposite of its first conditions.
- D. Reconciliation of individual and aggregate requires full emergence of Mind
- Mind is conscious rather than inconscient
  - It seeks mastery rather than being passively helpless object of external forces or subordinate to the group
    - After Pemberley Darcy behaves exactly opposite to his behavior in Meryton
  - Harmonization of self-affirmation and freedom by which he possesses himself with association, love, fraternity and comradeship by which he gives himself to others
  - All efforts of humanity to harmony, justice, mutuality, equality are efforts of Nature to solve the problem of Life
    - To resolve conflict between the two opposites created by the foundations of Life in Matter
  - Realization of harmony can only be found in a Power beyond Mind.

## 19. Permanence (in 3<sup>rd</sup> Status)

- A. Permanence is opposed by law of death
- B. In Life, the Individual is compelled to seek permanence for the species by association, co-operation and mutual help, a conscious joining and interchange
- C. Mind has the power of linking past to future as a stream of continuity
- Death breaks the physical memory
  - Mind's power of permanence is limited
- D. Permanence grows with the emergence of psychic toward 4<sup>th</sup> status
- Persistent individuality only possible with emergence of mental being supported by psychic in which secret soul begins to express
  - Psychic continuity of consciousness eventually develops as a bridge between death and birth

- Mental expressing soul-consciousness is nodus of the persistence individual and aggregate life in which union and harmony are possible

## 20. Delight in 3rd Status

- A. Life seeks to transform the original subjection and incapacity into fulfillment, satisfied delight and harmony
- B. Delight grows through association and love
- C. Delight is fulfilled by recognition of not-self as a greater self
  - Impulse to individual possession is fulfilled by possession of the life of others and all aggregate has to give him as our own
  - Darcy embraces the whole family of Elizabeth and helps all to rise
  - Mr. Bennet does it by taking responsibility where he stood aloof and detached from family.
  - Same happens between aggregates

## 21. Grow by Giving

- A. Physical life exhausts itself by too much giving and devouring
  - Mind suffers the same limitation in measure it depends on law of Matter
- B. Mind progressively imposes its own law on material existence
  - Mind does not need to devour in order to possess and grow
- C. Mind transforms desire, devouring into growing by giving
  - The more it gives, the more it receives and grows
  - The more it fuses into others, the more it fuses others into itself and increases its being
- D. Giving and receiving become one
  - Eliza takes as much joy in Jane's marriage as in her own

## 22. Transforming Desire into Love

- A. Law of desire is transformed and fulfilled as law of Love
  - These are the seeds of the principle of love
  - Association with love as its secret principle governs development of the third status of life
  - Life is a self-affirmation of being that has need of other beings

- Even the development and survival of ego requires interchange and needs to include other beings in its life
- In 3<sup>rd</sup> status, individuals and aggregates are fittest who develop most the law of association and love through common help, kindness, affection, comradeship, unity, harmony, self-giving.
- We rise from mutual devouring and strife to mutual help, interchange & fusion

*(1) From Mrs. Bennet and Wickham to Darcy*

## 23. Law of Love

- A. What we call love is a form of hunger in the body and vital without permanence**
- B. Physical life desires only to receive, but it is compelled to give.**
- If it does not give, it becomes barren and perishes
  - It obeys the subconscious impulse of Nature
  - At first self-giving preserves a mechanical character of subconscious will in the atom – forced interchange
- C. Love is a principle of life not mind**
- At first, love obeys law of hunger, enjoying the receiving and extracting rather than the giving and surrendering.
  - Love is at first and for long selfish, desire to dominate.
  - Love is the desire to give oneself to others and receive others in exchange
- D. Love acquires permanence only when taken up by mind**
- The true law of love is to establish an equal commerce in which joy of giving and receiving are equal
  - When love rises under pressure of psychic flame to fulfil itself in unity, giving becomes even greater
  - It realizes what appears as not-self as one's greater and dearer self than its own individuality
- E. Law of love is the impulse to realize and fulfill oneself in others and by others**
- to be enriched by enriching
  - to possess by being possessed
- F. Love grows toward the rule of conscious unity in differentiation**
- This is the divine law of manifest Sachchidananda
  - Darcy's deep fulfillment arising from love and self-giving that embraces both her and her family and wider society
  - Aristocracy thrives and is revitalized through harmonious union.

- His life's fulfillment is in her. Psychic love.

## 24. Fourth Status of Life

- A. Perfect solution to problem of life cannot be realized by association, interchange and accommodation of love alone or through law of mind or heart alone.**
- B. It comes through evolution of a fourth status of life in the unity and freedom of the Spirit**
- No longer in division of body or passions and hunger of vitality or groupings and imperfect harmonies of mind.
- C. Supramental harmony**
- All problems of life are problems of harmony
  - Ego is shed in the universal life.
  - Life is capable of transformation into divine life
  - Supramental life is one of unity, mutuality, harmony.
  - Supramental life is cosmic life.
- D. The end is determined by the beginning**
- The goal is to pass beyond Mind to That of which Mind is an inferior term and instrument and from which it arose.

## 25. From Attachment to Love

- A. Attachments binds us to lower consciousness and prevents Light and Grace from descending?**
- B. Physical lives only for itself – possess others , never think of others**
- Darcy's tolerable – he sees Eliza as an object
  - Lydia wants to possess Wickham like an object, not for human relationship
  - Collins wants to possess Eliza as a fancy ornament
- C. Vital wants to relate for selfish satisfaction – taking**
- Darcy's proposal at Hunsford – entirely selfish
  - To relate to others for selfish purposes and domination
  - Mrs. Bennet wants to dominate Mr. Bennet and compel Eliza to submit to her will
- D. Mind can think of others and act for their welfare**
- Take other person's point of view
  - Darcy at Pemberley is considerate, thoughtful

### E. Psychic grows by self-giving

- Darcy going to London to save the whole family
- His sacrifice of self-mortification ends in ecstatic joy

## 26. Life & Money

Life is material/vital power of money	Money is social power of life
Life builds up and sustains physical forms	Money builds up and sustains social forms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Money enables us to create families – Wickham cannot afford to marry</li> <li>• Surplus agricultural production led to the founding of cities</li> <li>• Trade and commerce lead to education and development of the arts</li> <li>• The wealth of the aristocracy created culture</li> </ul>
Life force acts in physical, vital, mental planes	Money has power to act in all fields of social life.
Mind and life individualize universal cosmic force	Money individualizes social power – empowers the individual and makes him self-reliant
Life is universal force which lends its power to the individual form	Money is universal social power that gives power to the individual – enables him to draw on power of society
Surplus of physical energy gives good health	Money is surplus life energy in the vital.
Strife is essential to awaken life desire becomes Love.	Competition is essential to release power of wealth creation in society until higher values can multiply it in harmony, goodwill and self-giving.
Life thrives by exchange of energy	Money acts through exchange & only has value for exchange with others
Limitation of Life comes from division & ignorance	Limitation of money comes from possessiveness and selfishness
Life is an imperishable universal force. Only the form changes.	Money takes many forms, but is never destroyed. As life changes form, money converts one form of social power into another – labor, education, health, ideas, entertainment
Life works in the Ignorance as conflict/strife of divided beings but all the time fulfilling a supramental intention to express underlying spiritual unity	Money works through egoistic ignorance, greed, competition, possessiveness but working secretly to build up society and unite all its elements through interchange, relationship, cooperation, mutuality.
Life limited to ego is finite, cut off from the universal.	Money is limited when it is possessed by ego. Money grows as ego expands to embrace market, society.

## 27. Multiplying Money

- A. Money acts like a physical thing when we have the physical attitudes of division, separateness, possessive ego.
- B. Money grows by harmonious mutual relationships with others
- C. Knowledge multiplies when shared, shrinks when possessed (as Brahmins did).
- D. Money multiplies when our consciousness is expansive, socially outgoing, attuned to market.

## 28. What makes money shrink and grow?

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

## 29. Principles of Money

- A. **Consciousness creates money**
- B. **Money is a universal force, not a thing**
- C. **Money is a force multiplied by exchange & interchange like the force of life**
- D. **Organizing life force converts it into money**
- E. **Money is a flow – the more you give, the more you get**
- F. **Money grows by giving**
- G. **Converting desire into love and love into delight, money comes of itself**
- H. **Money is infinite and can be created infinitely like life force**