

THE ASCENT OF LIFE

The Life Divine -- Chapter 21

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ORIGIN OF MIND

- * Divided Mind is parent of limitation, ignorance and dualities
- * All dualities arise from Ignorance
- * Supermind governs the universe and all that happens

ORIGIN OF LIFE

- * Life is parent of death, hunger and incapacity
- * Highest terms of Conscious Force are immortality, delight and omnipotence
- * All actions and events move toward a universal and self-effecting GOOD

Life is infinite, absolute, untrammelled,
possessed of its unity and bliss.

LIFE DIVINE IS INEVITABLE

- * Conscious Force is the origin and the goal
- * Ascent of Life starts in conditions apparently opposite to Supreme Divinity
- * The inevitable culmination and conclusion will be Divine Life on earth

FOUR STATUSES OF LIFE

1. Material existence and life of the plant
2. Subconscious Life of the animal
3. Emergence of conscious Mind in humanity
4. Supramental transformation for Divine Life

THREE TERMS OF LIFE

1 st Status	2 nd Status	3 rd Status
Division	Aggregation	Unity
Subscient Will	Conscious Desire	Love
Passive Subjection	Struggling Incapacity	Satisfied Delight

MANIFESTATION OF SACHCHIDANANDA

- * Evolution results in manifestation of Sachchidananda
- * Life becomes more & more conscious in Knowledge
- * Life becomes more & more powerful in force of Will
- * Life becomes more completely in possession of the Delight of Existence

FIRST STATUS OF LIFE

ATOMIC DIVISION AND AGGREGATION

- * In Matter – everything is separate and independent of everything else
- * Life starts with extreme divisions and rigid forms
- * Principle of Unity compels physical aggregation

FORCE-DRIVEN SUBCONSCIENT WILL

- * In Matter – will is subconscious
- * Life expresses as dumb urge of physical energy
- * Mechanical forces govern interchange between each form and its surroundings

PASSIVE SUBJECTION TO THE ENVIRONMENT

- * Incapacity of atomic existence to possess itself
- * Subjection of material individual to not-self
- * Sense of impotence
- * This is only a first superficial appearance of Life

SECOND STATUS OF LIFE

- * Struggle toward possession and perfection to secure lasting survival and continuous permanence.
- * Death is the negative term in which Life hides from itself and tempts its own positive being to seek immortality.

Death is only a process of life

HUNGER AND DESIRE

- * Struggle toward satisfaction and security
- * Subscient will evolves into seeking Desire

- * Struggle toward expansion, mastery, possession of self and conquest of the environment
- * Life is subjected to constant dissolution, dispersion and reconstruction by shock of contact with others
- * Darwinian view of Life as a struggle, battle, conquest of the fittest

INTERCHANGE, INTERMIXTURE AND FUSION

- * Vital life is founded on association and aggregation
- * Constituents of one life are broken up to form elements of other lives
- * Interchange, intermixture and fusion of being with being is very process of life, law of its existence

Extent of this law has not been recognized by science.

THIRD STATUS OF LIFE

RECONCILIATION OF DIVISION AND AGGREGATION

- * First status is based on division and separateness
- * Second status is based on aggregation and interchange
- * Third status reconciles individual and aggregate
- * It requires full emergence of Mind

PERMANENCE

- * Permanence is opposed by law of death
- * In Life – the Individual is compelled to seek permanence for the species by association, cooperation and mutual help, a conscious joining and interchange
- * Mind has the power of linking past to future as a stream of continuity
- * Permanence grows with the emergence of psychic toward 4th status

- * Life seeks to transform the original subjection and incapacity into fulfillment, satisfied delight and harmony
- * Delight grows through association and love
- * Delight is fulfilled by recognition of not-self as a greater self

GROW BY GIVING

- * Physical life exhausts itself by too much giving and devouring
- * Mind progressively imposes its own law on material existence
- * Mind transforms desire, devouring into growing by giving
- * Giving and receiving become one

TRANSFORMING DESIRE INTO 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
- * In 3rd 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.

LIFE RAISES DESIRE TO LOVE

- * What we call love is a form of hunger in the body and vital without permanence
- * Physical life desires only to receive, is compelled to give.
- * Love is a principle of life not mind
- * Love acquires permanence only when taken up by mind
- * Law of love is the impulse to realize and fulfill oneself in others and by others
- * Love grows toward the rule of conscious unity in differentiation

FOURTH STATUS OF LIFE

- * 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.
- * It comes through evolution of a fourth status of life in the unity and freedom of the Spirit
- * Supramental harmony
- * The end is determined by the beginning

FROM ATTACHMENT TO LOVE

- * Attachments binds us to lower consciousness and prevents Light and Grace from descending?
- * Physical lives only for itself – possess others , never think of others
- * Vital wants to relate for selfish satisfaction – taking
- * Mind can think of others and act for their welfare
- * Psychic grows by self-giving

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

