

DEATH, DESIRE AND INCAPACITY

The Life Divine -- Chapter 20

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FIRST TERM OF LIFE

- ◇ Life is present even in the plant and mineral
- ◇ Life is subconscious in metals & material objects
- ◇ Life is the energy that surcharges the atom and binds them together
- ◇ In matter, life appears as a mechanical response of inanimate objects without consciousness
- ◇ Life manifests as nervous energy of sub-mental sensation in plants

SECOND TERM OF LIFE

- ◇ Life manifests as desire-sense and desire will in animals
- ◇ Force buried in matter evolves to become conscious on the surface
- ◇ Life is subconscious in the animal and increasingly self-conscious in man
- ◇ Mentally self-conscious Man is moving from the second to the third term
- ◇ Death, Desire and Incapacity characterize the evolution of Life in the second term
- ◇ Overcoming these three problems is essential for achieving a Divine Life on earth in the body

LIFE IS OPERATION OF CONSCIOUS-FORCE

- ◇ Life comes from Conscious Force – Chit
- ◇ Conscious Force is the nature of Being – Sat
- ◇ Conscious Being manifests as creative Knowledge Will
- ◇ Knowledge Will is Real-Idea or Supermind
- ◇ Conscious Force operates to create forms of united being in an ordered harmony
- ◇ Life is the final operation by which the Force of Conscious-Being acts through the Supermind

Existence-Consciousness-Bliss



Knowledge



Will



**REAL IDEA
(Supermind)**

Mind

Life

LIFE = FORCE = POWER = WILL

- ◇ All force is secret consciousness
- ◇ Life is the awakening of consciousness in force
- ◇ All Will is the working of the master consciousness
- ◇ Life is the conscious force of the universe awakening in each of us.
- ◇ Life everywhere in everything responds to us
- ◇ Life has all Conscious-Force behind and in every one of its workings

INVOLUTION OF LIFE

- ◇ Life is involved and working subconsciously in Matter.
- ◇ The atom is surcharged with overflowing energy of life
- ◇ Life manifests by the awakening of the universal conscious force from the sleep of matter.
- ◇ Life expresses in the animal and in man as seeking, desire, hunger

EVOLUTION OF LIFE, MIND AND SUPERMIND

- ◇ Life is evolved in Matter and evolving out of it
- ◇ Mind is involved and subconscious in Life,
- ◇ Supermind is involved and subconscious in Mind.
- ◇ Out of Matter, Life, Mind and Supermind must inevitably evolve

Conscious Force

- ◇ Cosmic and universal
- ◇ Governed by Supramental Truth Consciousness
- ◇ Its basis is conscious unity and ordered harmony

Life

- ◇ Individual, divided, separate
- ◇ Created by divided mortal Mind
- ◇ Its basis is separateness and strife

MIND IS INDIVIDUALIZING CONSCIOUSNESS

- ◇ Mind is the final individualising operation of Supermind.
- ◇ Life is the individualizing force that builds up forms
- ◇ The soul in each form acts as if it were separate
- ◇ In reality, all is the play of One Soul, Mind, Life.

LIFE IS THE FORCE THAT BUILDS & DESTROYS FORMS

- ◇ Life creates each form
- ◇ Life is the force that maintains and energizes individual forms and acts in and thru them.
- ◇ The same life energy modifies, dissolves and reconstructs substantial forms when they no longer serve their purpose.

LIFE IS THE ENERGY OF INTERCHANGE

- ◇ Life is the energy of interaction between forms
- ◇ Life constantly sends out waves of energy & receives shocks of energy from its environment
- ◇ We are attracted to other people by their energy
- ◇ We draw on the energy of others
- ◇ We give our energy to others

LIFE IS THE LINK BETWEEN MIND AND MATTER

- ◇ Life is intermediary form of energy of consciousness appropriate to the action of Mind on Matter
- ◇ Life carries the sensations of the physical to mind
- ◇ Life translates the intentions of mind into actions of the physical
- ◇ Life is an energy aspect of Mind

LIFE IS SUBSERVIENT TO IGNORANT MIND

- ❖ Our Life is subservient to the darkened and dividing operation of Mind
- ❖ So our lives are also darkened and divided
- ❖ Therefore our lives are subject to death, limitation, weakness, suffering, ignorance
- ❖ The bound and limited creature-Mind is the parent and cause.

ORIGINAL PERVERSION

- ◇ We regard ourselves by an exclusive concentration as a separate self-existent individuality
- ◇ We regard all cosmic action only as it presents itself to its own individual consciousness
- ◇ Our original perversion is to think and act as if we existed independently and separately of others
- ◇ The separate selfish individual is the first step in the evolution of humanity

OVERCOMING THE ORIGINAL PERVERSION

- ◇ Overcome the original perversion of separation and selfishness
- ◇ See ourselves as conscious form of the One
- ◇ Embrace all consciousness, all knowledge, all force, all enjoyment and all being as one with our own

DEATH IS PROCESS OF LIFE

- ◇ Opposition between death and life is error of mentality
- ◇ Disintegration and renewal of substance are essential for maintenance of form and change of form
- ◇ Consciousness does not end with death
- ◇ The sense of being broken up appears terrible to us

UTILITY AND NECESSITY OF DEATH

- ◇ Soul seeks infinite experience through succession of moments in Time-experience
- ◇ Death is necessary when the physical consciousness becomes fixed and limits the soul's experience
- ◇ Change of form-type, time, place and environment are necessary for variation of experience
- ◇ Death is essential for spiritual evolution
- ◇ Death spurs finite Life to affirm its immortality

LIFE AS FOOD

- ◇ Life force is the food of the body.
- ◇ The body is the food of the life-force.
- ◇ Each form feeds on others and becomes food for others.
- ◇ Mutual devouring is the initial law of Life in Matter.
- ◇ Life grows by feeding on the environment, absorbing others, aggrandizing oneself.
- ◇ Law of interchange = what devours must be devoured.

DEATH RESULTS FROM IMBALANCE, DISHARMONY

- ◇ Each form is constantly taking into itself and giving out again the breath & energy of the common Force
- ◇ Disease results from an imbalance between taking and giving in animal and man

LIFE ASPIRES FOR MASTERY

- ◇ Life aspires individually to become master of its own world.
- ◇ Life becomes increasingly conscious that Will-Force of Sachchidananda is master of the universe
- ◇ This is the self-manifestation of the Divine in cosmic existence.

STRUGGLE FOR MASTERY

- ◇ The divided individualization of life force prevents it from becoming master of its world
- ◇ The effort for mastery evokes reactions from the environment
- ◇ The struggle for mastery and growth of mind increases the demands on the life energy

- ◇ Desire is the attempt of the individual to maintain, grow & aggrandize itself
- ◇ Growth is a natural instinct – to feed on one's environment, expand, absorb, possess, enjoy
- ◇ Desire is the lever by which the divine Life-principle seeks self-affirmation in the universe
- ◇ Vital hunger becomes craving of Desire in the mentalized life & straining of Will in thinking life
- ◇ Attempt to extinguish desire is a denial of the divine Life-principle

FROM LAW OF DESIRE TO LAW OF LOVE

- ◇ Progress is from mutual devouring to mutual giving – joyous sacrifice of interchange.
- ◇ Law of Hunger must give way to Law of Love
- ◇ Law of Division to Law of Unity
- ◇ Law of Death to Law of Immortality

INCAPACITY & STRIFE

- ◇ Limitation of force, incapacity is the third characteristic of individualised, divided Life.
- ◇ Desire issues from Life's law of incapacity
- ◇ Life is infinite force working in terms of the finite
- ◇ Desire arises in the gulf between the impulse to possess and the capacity for possession
- ◇ The first law of life is the struggle of limited forces increasing their capacity by that struggle under the impetus of desire

IGNORANCE IS BASIS OF DESIRE AND INCAPACITY

- ◇ Incapacity arises from our ignorance
- ◇ A mind of Knowledge would know the result of every act
- ◇ A mind of Knowledge would not struggle or crave
- ◇ Identify with the Divine Will and you become powerful

TRANSFORM STRIFE INTO LOVE

- ◇ Strife must be transformed into Love
- ◇ The happy shock of divine interchange, the strenuous clasp of Love must replace strife

THE TRINITY OF DIVIDED BEING

- ◇ Death arises from the seeking of individualized consciousness for immortality
- ◇ Desire arises from its seeking for infinite delight
- ◇ Incapacity and strife arise out of its ignorance

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

MONEY IS SENSITIVE

- ◇ All force is conscious and capable of reaction, response, and sensitivity.
- ◇ Money as force is conscious
- ◇ Money is sensitive like plants and objects
- ◇ Money responds to attention
- ◇ Money responds to our attitude

ATTITUDES 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

PERSONALITY OF MONEY

- ◇ Money carries the consciousness of how it is acquired
- ◇ Money carries the consciousness of its possessor

PRINCIPLES OF MONEY

- ◇ Money is a universal force, not a thing
- ◇ Money is multiplied by exchange & interchange
- ◇ Organizing life force converts it into money
- ◇ Money is a flow – it grows by giving
- ◇ Consciousness can create money
- ◇ Converting desire into delight, money comes of itself
- ◇ Money is infinite & can be created infinitely

THANK YOU