

A. Speech notes on Chapter 20 – Death Desire Incapacity

1. Chapter 19 – first term of life

- B. The aim is Divine Life**
- C. There are four chapters on Life presented in four terms or stages**
- D. All things in Nature are alive**
- E. All forms of energy are expressions of a subconscious Will in Nature.**
- F. That will is the manifestation of Life.**
- G. This chapter traces the evolutionary emergence of Life in material Nature.**
- H. Life is there subconsciously even in the metal and other material objects**
- I. Life is the energy that surcharges the atom and binds them together in aggregates**
- J. Sri Aurobindo explains that life is present even in the plant and mineral.**
- K. In matter, life appears as a mechanical response of inanimate objects without consciousness**
- L. Life manifests as nervous energy full of submental sensation in plants.**
- M. Life expresses as sensitivity to the environment.**

2. Chapter 20 – second term of life – animal kingdom

- N. Life manifests as desire-sense and desire will in animals**
- O. This is the life Darwin studied – survival of the fittest, competition, evolution**
- P. Through evolution the conscious force buried in matter is awakening to become conscious on the surface**
- Q. Life is subconscious in the animal and increasingly self-conscious in man**
- R. Man is the highest status moving from the second to the third term as he becomes mentally self-conscious.**
- S. In this chapter, He explains why Death, Desire and Incapacity are the inevitable characteristics of evolving life in the second term.**
- T. To overcome these three great problems is essential for achieving a Divine Life on earth in the body.**
- U. To do so, we must overcome the original perversion of separateness that is referred to as the Fall of Life.**

3. Life is that which makes us feel alive.

V. What is Life?

W. Life is the action of Conscious Force energizing and constituting individual forms and acts

X. To be more alive is to further awaken that force.

- **Darcy awakens in the story from dull wooden petrified wood to passionate idealistic love**
- **Darcy's love is the rising of the life force in him to consciousness – the gradual awakening to Self**

4. Life is the final operation of Conscious-Force

Y. We know Life as this energy that makes us feel alive

Z. Where does the energy or force of Life come from?

AA. It comes from the second term of Sachchidananda – Conscious Force -- Chit

BB. Conscious Force is the nature of Being -- Sat

CC. Conscious Being manifests as creative Knowledge Will

DD. This is Real-Idea or Supermind

EE. Supramental Knowledge-Will is Conscious Force operating for the creation of forms of united being in an ordered harmony == world or universe.

FF. Life is the final operation by which the Force of Conscious-Being acts in Life through the Supermind

5. Process of Creation

6. Life = force = power = will

GG. All force is secret consciousness

HH. Conscious Force of chit

II. Life is the awakening of consciousness in force AND FORM

JJ. It is the awakening of SCA in man

KK. All Will is the working of the master consciousness

LL. Life is the conscious force of the universe awakening in each of us.

MM. Since life is everywhere in everything, objects, events, time and space all respond to us

NN. Life has all Conscious-Force behind and in every one of its workings

7. Involution of Life

OO. In matter, the consciousness is asleep and concealed

PP. This is the first term of Life discussed in Chapter 19

QQ. The atom is surcharged with overflowing energy of life

RR. Life is involved and working subconsciously in Matter.

SS. Life manifests by the awakening of the universal conscious force from the sleep of matter.

TT. Life expresses in the animal and in man as seeking, desire, hunger

UU. This is the second term of Life discussed in this Chapter

VV. Here life is subject to Death, Desire and Incapacity

8. Evolution of Life, Mind and Supermind from Matter

WW. Life is involved in Matter and evolving out of it

XX. Mind is involved in Life and subconscious in Life

YY. Supermind is involved and subconscious in Mind.

ZZ. Out of Matter, Life, Mind and Supermind must inevitably evolve

9. Individualization

AAA. Conscious Force

- It is cosmic and universal
- It is governed by Supramental Truth Consciousness
- It is always conscious of the unity of all existence and all beings
- It always functions in an ordered harmony

BBB. Life

- It does not create unity of beings in ordered harmony.
- It is individual, divided, separate
- Something that seems to be contained within us
- Each of us seems to have a separate life independent of one another
- How is that separateness created?
- It is created by the divided mortal Mind

10. Mind is the individualizing consciousness

CCC. Mind is the final individualising operation of Supermind.

DDD. Life is the Consciousness-Force, Knowledge-Will operating for maintenance of individual forms

EEE. Life is the individualizing force that builds up forms

- **P&P: The universal conscious force acting thru individualized forms and lives in the story is force of social evolution**

FFF. Life creates individual forms competing and clashing with one another, struggling to survive, grow, control, and master one another.

- **As Mrs. Bennet constantly tries to assert and control Mr. Bennet.**
- **As Lady Catherine dominates those around her.**

GGG. The soul in each form works out its own mind and life as if they were separate

HHH. We think of our lives as something separate and independent of others

III. In reality, all is the play of One Soul, Mind, Life.

11. Life is the force that builds and destroys forms

JJJ. Life creates each form

- **It is the energy that gives form to the child within the mother's womb**
- **Energy of the entrepreneur creates a business**
- **Energy of the inventor, engineer, artist creates new products, structures, art**

KKK. Life is the force that maintains and energises individual forms and acts in and thru them.

- **It is the physical energy of respiration and metabolism**
- **It is the vital energy of desire and self-seeking and relationship**
- **It is the mental energy of curiosity and learning**

LLL. The same life energy modifies, dissolves and reconstructs substantial forms when they no longer serve their purpose.

12. Life is the energy of interchange

MMM. Life is the energy of interaction between forms

- **All forms are in constant interaction with one another**
- **We see that energy exchanged between Eliza and Darcy at Hunsford**

NNN. Life constantly sends out waves of energy and receives shocks of energy from its environment

- **Lady Catherine & Eliza at Longbourn**
- **Sensation, feeling, emotion, perception, communication, conception are its**

expressions

- **Human touch communicates a physical sensation of energy – Mother’s hand or look**
- **Fear is contagious because it is a lower vital vibration of energy that radiates**
- **Affection is exchange of emotional energy**
- **The patriotic leader energizes his followers with emotional energy**
- **The poet thrills us with inspiring verse**
- **The thinker inspires with new ideas**

OOO. We are attracted to other people by their energy

- **As Eliza is attracted to Wickham, Darcy to Eliza**
- **They make us feel more alive**
- **Charisma**
- **Magnetic personality**
- **Movie stars**
- **Political leaders**
- **Yogis**

PPP. We draw on the energy of others

- **Jane draws on Eliza and depends on her**
- **Kitty draws on Lydia**
- **Darcy feels alive in Eliza’s presence – even if she abuses him**
- **Collins feels alive in the presence of Lady Catherine’s power**
- **Leaders draw on the energy of their followers to acquire strength**
- **Athletes are inspired by their supporters to greater feats**
 - **Home team wins more often**

QQQ. We give our energy to others

- **Mothers literally give their lives to their children**
- **Teachers, to their students**
- **The healthy give their energy to the sick**
- **The young give their energy to the old**
- **The high give their energy to the low**

RRR. Electricity illustrates the various functions of life

- **Power can be used to make steel out of iron and coal.**
- **Power can be used to fashion that steel into machines.**
- **Power can be used to operate those machines.**
- **Power can be used to melt them down and use the materials for another purpose.**

13. Life is the link between Mind and Matter

SSS. Life is an intermediary form of energy of consciousness appropriate to the action of Mind on Matter;

TTT. Life carries the sensations of the physical to mind

- Darcy sees Eliza's fine eyes and decides to pursue her
- Collins sees Jane is beautiful and wants to propose to her
- Eliza is vitally attracted to Wickham and decides he is a good man
- Eliza sees Pemberley and decides she could be its mistress

UUU. Life translates the intentions of mind into actions of the physical

- This is what gives mind mastery and control over matter
 - Man is the first thinking animal who guides his own actions
 - The plant responds automatically
 - The animal responds by subconscious instinct
 - Man responds mentally
- شح We decide what to eat and when, where to sleep and how long

VVV. Life is an energy aspect of Mind

14. Life is subservient to Ignorant Mind

WWW. Our Life is subservient to the darkened and dividing operation of Mind

- Our ignorance is seven fold
- We think we are separate from everyone else
- We are ignorant of our true self, of the selves of others, of the world around us and of the divine

XXX. So our lives are also darkened and divided

- We live for ourselves
- We compete with others and feel jealous like Caroline
- We are false to others like Wickham
- We try to dominate others like Mrs. Bennet and Lady Catherine

YYY. Therefore our lives are subject to death, limitation, weakness, suffering, ignorance

ZZZ. The bound and limited creature-Mind is the parent and cause.

15. Original Perversion

AAAA. We regard ourselves by an exclusive concentration as a separate self-existent individuality

BBBB. We regard all cosmic action only as it presents itself to its own individual consciousness

CCCC. Our original perversion is to think and act as if we existed independently and separately of others.

- Darcy comes to Meryton and insults everyone by his arrogant behavior
- Lydia and Wickham act as if their lives were completely independent from those around them.
- Lady Catherine thinks only of Lady Anne – not the social evolution of the country, not Darcy's happiness

DDDD. The separate selfish individual is the first step in the evolution of humanity.

- It is the source of all our problems

16. Overcoming the original perversion

EEEE. We have to see ourselves as a conscious form of the One and embracing all consciousness, all knowledge, all will, all force, all enjoyment and all being as one with its own.

FFFF. We have to overcome the original perversion of separation and selfishness

- Darcy took responsibility recognizing that he exists as part of a greater social whole.

17. Death is process of life

GGGG. Opposition between death and life is error of mentality

HHHH. Life is the Force that builds, maintains & breaks up the forms

IIII. Disintegration of substance and renewal of substance are essential for maintenance of form and change of form

- Body continuously renews itself – replacing old cells with new
- Companies reinvent themselves
- India is renewing itself after centuries of decline – the old must die so the new can be born

JJJJ. Consciousness does not end with death

- Many come to Mother after death
- Disciple did not know he was dead – why are they taking my room?

KKKK. Nothing really perishes

LLLL. Law of supply and demand for material of form

- Nothing is wasted
- Everything is recycled
- Moguls are followed by the British
- End of the British Empire is birth of Independent India

MMMM. Death appears undesirable and terrible in the absence of freedom

- We shrink from the compulsion, the struggle, the pain, the subjection to something that appears to be Not-Self
- The sense of being devoured, broken up, destroyed or forced
- Eliza's abuse of Darcy is a psychological death that is essential for his progress
- Lydia's elopement is a social humiliation for Eliza (death) which is the key to her rise

18. Utility and Necessity of Death

NNNN. Soul seeks infinite experience through succession of moments in Time-experience

- The Soul stores the succession of time experience in subconscious and superconscious memory

OOOO. Death is necessary when the physical consciousness becomes fixed and limits the soul's experience

PPPP. Change of form-type, time, place and environment are necessary for variation of experience

- The form by its very organisation limits the possibility of experience
- Eliza being born into a prosperous family with five daughters is different than Charlotte's experience
- Wickham's poverty vs. Darcy's prosperity
 - Wickham's endowments are physical and social
 - Darcy's endowments are social and psychological
- Mrs. Bennet aspires to rise and Lady Catherine aspires to keep others from rising to her level

QQQQ. Change of form in the material universe means dissolution of the body

RRRR. Death becomes the spur for life to seek immortality

- Death makes us strive to prolong life
- Death makes us strive to strive for more perfect health and safety

SSSS. The law of mutual devouring is the law of Death

- Life is subject to constant intershock, struggle and mutual devouring

TTTT. Death is essential for spiritual evolution

UUUU. The mask of Death spurs the movement of the finite Life to affirm its immortality

19. Life as Food

VVVV. Life force is the food of the body

WWWW. The body is the food of the life-force.

XXXX. Each form feeds on others and becomes food for others

- Plant is food for animals because it contains essence of force of life
- Mrs. Bennet tries to dominate Mr. Bennet
- Bingley thrives on Darcy's strength and Jane attaches herself to Bingley
- Caroline thrive by putting down others, but fails with Eliza

- Lady Catherine dominates Collins & Charlotte, but submits to Darcy & Eliza
- Britain dominated the world with her colonies and had to defend the whole world against Hitler

YYYY. Life is Hunger which is Death

ZZZZ. Mutual devouring is a necessary process of the initial law of Life in Matter

AAAAA. Individualized existence is always secretly conscious of its all-embracing infinity.

BBBBB. The spur of the cosmic Divine, the lust of the embodied individualized Self, is to realize that secret consciousness.

CCCCC. It seeks this through growth and expansion.

DDDDD. In the material world, this is done by feeding on the environment, absorbing others, aggrandizing oneself

EEEEE. This is the universal justification of Hunger in all forms

FFFFF. Law of interchange = what devours must finally be devoured.

20. Death arises from imbalance, disharmony

GGGGG. Each form is constantly taking into itself and giving out again the breath and energy of the common Force

- Directly by vital exchange
- Indirectly by physical assimilation

HHHHH. Disease results from an imbalance between taking and giving in animal and man

- Eating too little we starve
- Eating too much we get diseases
- Taking too much things are taken from us – Lady Catherine
- Giving foolishly too much, we are destroyed
- Too much force or too much attention more than a person deserves leads to problems
- Too much neglect – same result

IIIII. Whatever the temporary mastery, harmony and balance, eventually the environment triumphs leading to disintegration

- Lady Catherine tries to take too much – Lady Anne is feeble
- Wickham tries to take without giving – he is thwarted
- Outgoing Elizabeth gives expansively in harmony with life around her and rises

21. Life aspires for Mastery

JJJJ. Life in Matter suffers and obeys the interplay with other forms by mechanical reaction.

KKKKK. The impulse of life is to seek power and mastery

- Mrs. Bennet wants to dominate over her husband
- Mrs. Bennet wants five daughters married
- Lady Catherine wants to dominate all who come to her

سہ She resents Eliza's outspoken independence

تجی Caroline calls it impertinence

LLLLL. As consciousness develops, it becomes increasingly conscious of its power and seeks to master the play

- Darcy is conscious of his money and status and uses it for mastery over Bingley
- When Darcy proposes to Eliza at Hunsford, she first becomes conscious of her power of attraction

MMMMM. This awakening to power is an awakening to self.

- Life is Force
- Force is Power
- Power is Will
- Will is Master-Consciousness

NNNNN. Life aspires to individually become master of its own world.

- Lydia wants to be the first married

OOOOO. Life becomes increasingly conscious that it is Will-Force of Sachchidananda which is master of the universe

PPPPP. This is the self-manifestation of the Divine in cosmic existence.

- The liberation of woman is one expression of social evolution
- The abolition of slavery, untouchability and poverty are society evolving

22.Struggle for Mastery

QQQQQ. The divided individualised life and force prevents it from really becoming master of its world.

- Power of aristocracy derives from the whole society – 1% ruling 99%
- Separating itself from society, aristocracy dies – Lady Anne
- Darcy becomes so aloof from society, that those below resent him
- It is impossible for a divided limited life to master the All-Life, All-Force

RRRRR. Life is subject to attacks of universal environment on limited individual form

- Energy of life in the body has to support it against attacks from environment and the possibility of being consumed.
- When Lydia elopes, Meryton spreads gossip about the Bennets
- To accomplish, one has to overcome social resistance
- Individual has the strength to stand on his own – self-reliance

SSSSS. The struggle for mastery and growth of mind increases the demands on the life energy

- Increasing demand of life energy on the form
- This introduces disorders inimical to harmony and maintenance of life
- Human beings aspire whereas animals are content with meeting their biological needs and then rest.
- Our insatiable quest for more is very demanding

لُ The animal rests between meals

館 Man constantly dreams of more of everything

TTTTT. The effort for mastery evokes reactions from the environment

- Jane's aspiration for Bingley evokes Darcy & Caroline's interference
- Eliza's aspiration for Darcy evokes Lady Catherine's vested interests
- Mrs. Bennet's dominance over Lady Lucas
- Darcy's dominance over Bingley evokes assertion

UUUUU. This is the source of Limitation

- It can only do so by becoming the All-Life
- We have to expand and universalize
- Until then it must always be subject to Death, Desire, Incapacity

23. Desire

VVVVV. Desire = attempt of the individual, the living atom, to maintain and aggrandize itself

WWWWW. Growth is the natural instinct and is achieved by feeding on one's environment, expanding, absorbing, possessing, enjoying

- Growth of individualized life means growth of individualized Power.
- We grow by experience, possession, absorption, assimilation, enjoyment
- Physical, vital, moral, mental growth is the fundamental impulse of divided, individualized Existence.

XXXXX. Desire is the lever by which the divine Life-principle seeks self-affirmation in the universe

- Behind every impulse of desire is the whole infinite omnipotent force
- Basis of desire is to discover the secret consciousness of unity
- Desire is the impulse of the Force of Being individualised in Life to affirm its infinite Bliss of Sachchidananda in Time and Space.

YYYYY. Attempt to extinguish desire is a denial of the divine Life-principle

ZZZZZ. Vital hunger in subconscious life becomes craving of Desire in the mentalized life, straining of Will in thinking life

- Lydia simply runs away on an animal impulse without thinking of the result
- Darcy consciously longs emotionally for Elizabeth for months
- Wickham schemes mentally how to rise

AAAAA. Frustrated desire issues out of our selfishness

- Wickham's falsehood and greed are the source of all his problems
- Mrs. Bennet insists on Collins
- Lady Catherine tries to demand Eliza to give way to Lady Anne
- Caroline's jealous initiatives fail her

BBBBB. One cannot cease to be individual except by being infinite

- Movement of desire must continue till individual becomes master of himself and possessor of the universe by union with the Infinite

24. Law of Love

CCCCC. Progress is from mutual devouring to mutual giving – joyous sacrifice of

interchange.

- Individual gives to individual -- generosity, self-giving, love
- Lower gives to higher, higher to lower – loyalty & leadership
- Human to the Divine, Divine to human – surrender & grace
- All in the individual to the All in the universe -- service

DDDDDD. This is the fulfillment of the Desire in the universe

- Law of Hunger must give way to Law of Love
- Law of Division to Law of Unity
- Law of Death to Law of Immortality

25. Incapacity

EEEEEE. Limitation of force, incapacity is the third of the three characteristics of individualised and divided Life.

FFFFFF. The mask of Desire issues from Life's law of incapacity

- The soul in us is imprisoned in mind
- The universal life in us is imprisoned in the individual action
- It exists and acts as a separate life with limited insufficient capacity
- Our life does not freely embrace the shock and pressure of cosmic life around it.

GGGGGG. Life is infinite force working in terms of the finite

- Its individualized action appears as limited capacity, partial impotence.
- The whole infinite omnipotent Force lies behind subconscious or superconscious
- Without that presence, no single movement is possible
- Each individual act is subject to the omnipotent omniscient Supermind inherent in things

HHHHHH. Individualised life-force is to its own consciousness limited and full of incapacity

- It has to work against other individualized life forces
- It is also subject to control, denial by the infinite Life
- Separateness results in incapacity

IIIIII. Desire arises in the gulf arises between the impulse to possess and the force of possession

- Mrs Bennet is not satisfied with being mistress of Longbourn
- She wants Jane to get Netherfield
- If there were no gulf, there would only be calm self-possessed Will, rather than craving desire

26. Ignorance is basis of Desire and Incapacity

JJJJJJ. Desire and Limitation arise because the individualized force operates in the ignorance of individualizing mind separate from Supermind.

KKKKKK. Incapacity arises from our ignorance

- Eliza believes Wickham making her vulnerable
- Darcy's false pride makes him helpless against Eliza
- Mr. Bennet denies Lydia's capacity for mischief

LLLLLL. A mind of Knowledge would know the intention, scope and result of every act

- Wickham would not spread lies
- Eliza would see Wickham is false
- Darcy would never call Eliza tolerable

MMMMMM. A mind of Knowledge would not struggle or crave

- Darcy discovered what to do to win Eliza and did it
- She willingly accepted him

NNNNNN. Failures are acts of the Divine, its omniscient omnipotence which knows the right time and circumstance for the incipience, the vicissitudes, the immediate and the final results of all its cosmic

- Darcy's first proposal
- Lydia's elopement

OOOOOO. An omnipotent ignorant force is unthinkable.

- Imagine the world if Mrs Bennet had infinite power
- Or Lady Catherine
- Or Caroline
- Or Wickham
- It would set itself against the divine working
- Therefore incapacity is necessary

PPPPPP. Identify with the Divine Will and you become powerful

27.Strife & Mutual Devouring

QQQQQQ. Mutual devouring is first law of life

- Caroline and Eliza

RRRRRR. The struggle of limited forces increasing their capacity by that struggle under the driving impetus of instinctive or conscious desire

SSSSSS. Strife is the necessary and salutary beginning

TTTTTT. Can we overcome that impulse to dominate and devour in ourselves?

28.Transform Strife into Love

UUUUUU. Strife must be transformed into Love

- Darcy and Wickham
- Happy shock of divine interchange

VVVVVV. The happy shock of divine interchange, the strenuous clasp of Love must replace the convulsive clasp of strife

29.Ultimate Causes

WWWWWW. Death, Desire and Strife are the trinity of divided living, the triple mask of the divine Life-principle in its first stage of cosmic self-affirmation.

XXXXXX. Death arises for seeking of individualized consciousness for immortality

YYYYYY. Desire arises for its seeking for infinite delight

ZZZZZZ. Incapacity and strife out of its ignorance

30. Life & Money

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
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
Life is universal force empowering the individual form	Money is universal social power empowering the individual
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
Life thrives by exchange of energy	Money acts through exchange, has value only for exchange
Limitation of Life comes from division & ignorance	Limitation of money comes from possessiveness, selfishness
Life is imperishable universal force. Only the form changes.	Money converts one form of social power into another
Life works in the Ignorance as strife of divided beings	Money works through egoistic greed, possessiveness
Life secretly serves a supramental intention	Money unites society through interchange & cooperation
Life limited to ego is finite, cut off from the universal.	Money is limited when it is possessed by ego.

31. Money is Sensitive

AAAAAAA. All force is conscious and capable of reaction, response, and sensitivity.

BBBBBBB. Money as force is conscious

CCCCCC. Money is sensitive like water and plants and minerals

DDDDDDD. Money responds to attention

EEEEEEE. Money responds to attitude

32. What makes money shrink and grow?

Negative	Positive
Neglect & carelessness	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

33. Personality of Money

FFFFFFF. Money carries the consciousness of how it is acquired

- Desire creates money through lower methods – liquor, gambling, corruption
- Converting desire into love creates infinite money by expanding to saturate the market
- Money won in gambling, lottery goes the same way

GGGGGGG. Money carries the consciousness of its possessor

34. Principles of Money

HHHHHHH. Money is a universal force, not a thing

IIIIIII. Money is multiplied by exchange & interchange

JJJJJJ. Organizing life force converts it into money

KKKKKKK. Money is a flow – the more you give, the more you get

LLLLLLL. Money grows by giving

MMMMMMM. Consciousness can create money

NNNNNNN. Converting desire into delight, money comes of itself

OOOOOOO. Money is infinite and can be created infinitely