

# Sri Aravindam & The Tradition

Talk on The Life Divine

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# The Absolute

## Tradition

- The Absolute is unknowable.
- The Absolute to be immutable.
- The Absolute, being immutable, cannot be the source of determinism.

## Sri Aravindam

- The Absolute can be known.
- The Absolute is both immutable & mutable.
- All determinisms are found in the Absolute.

# The Absolute & The Relative

## The Tradition

- Absolute is different from the Relative.
- God is extra-cosmic
- Unity in the One
- Advaita in the Self --  
*One without a second*

## Sri Aravindam

- The Absolute is the Relative.
- God IS cosmos
- Unity in Multiplicity
- Integral Advaita –  
*All is Brahman*
- Omnipresent Reality reconciles One & All

# Sat & Asat

## The Tradition

- Non-Being is the opposite and negation of Being
- Non-Being is emptiness or Void

## Sri Aravindam

- They are complements
- Being is affirmation of Unknowable as Itself
- Non-Being affirms Absolute's freedom from all limitation
- Non-Being permits Being
- Nihil = Zero = ALL  
Infinite fullness

# Life in the World

## The Tradition

- Maya – Illusion
- Prakriti – unconscious mechanical energy
- Karma – fixed law

## Sri Aravindam

- Real
- Shakti – conscious force of the Divine
- Marvel – infinite Grace

# The One & The Many

## The Tradition

ONE

Sachchidananda

MAYA

MANY

Triple world of Mind, Life  
and Matter

## Sri Aravindam

ONE

Unitarian consciousness of  
Sachchidananda

SUPERMIND

MANY

Dividing Mind & Ego

**Sachchidananda**

**Comprehending Supermind**

**Apprehending Supermind**

**Universal Divine (God)**

**Individual Divine (Jivatma)**

**Spiritual Individual**

**Dividing Mind & Ego**

# Planes of Time

## The Tradition

- Two planes of Time
  - Time
  - Timelessness

## Sri Aravindam

- Three planes of Time
  - Time
  - Timelessness
  - Simultaneous Integrality



# Brahman-Purusha-Ishwara

## The Tradition

- God in the Descent -- Sachchidananda
- Spirit is static
- Karma is inevitable law of Prakriti

## Sri Aravindam

- God in the Ascent – Divine Soul
- Spirit is evolving
- Karma can be transformed by Mother (Shakti)

# Chords of Being

## The Tradition

- Seven-fold
  - Existence
  - Consciousness
  - Bliss
  
  - Mind
  - Life
  - Soul
  - Matter

## Sri Aravindam

- Eight-fold
  - Existence
  - Consciousness
  - Bliss
  - **Supermind**
  - Mind
  - Life
  - Soul
  - Matter

# Destiny of the Individual

## The Tradition

- Soul and God are eternally separate
- Jivatma returns to the One (Paramatma)
- Soul's destiny is moksha

## Sri Aravindam

- Man, the individual, is one status of God
- Individual is Eternal
- Man's destiny is to become God

# Mind & Supermind

## The Tradition

- Mind is final stage in evolution
- Mind (Brahma) is the Creator
- Mind sees one side of Truth at a time

## Sri Aravindam

- Mind can evolve to Supermind
- Supermind is the Creator
- Supermind is Integral Knowledge

# Knowledge & Ignorance

## The Tradition

- Knowledge & Ignorance are separate and independent
- Avidya is the opposite of Vidya

## Sri Aravindam

- Ignorance is a limitation of Knowledge
- Avidya is a limitation of Vidya

# Dualities

## The Tradition

- They are inherent in life
- Can only be escaped by moksha

## Sri Aravindam

- They are created by ego
- Universalizing dissolves the dualities
- Dualities are transmuted in the transcendent

# Good & Evil

## The Tradition

- Sin & virtue are inevitable opposites in Life
- Evil can only be escaped

## Sri Aravindam

- Acts are real, sin & virtue are relative & changing
- Good can come out of Evil and vice versa
- Evil can be transformed

# Higher Levels of Mind

## The Tradition

- Mind
- Higher Mind
- Illumined Mind
- Intuitive Mind
- Overmind -- co-exists with Ignorance

## Sri Aravindam

- Mind
- Higher Mind
- Illumined Mind
- Intuitive Mind
- Overmind
- **Supermind -- no Ignorance can exist**



# Realization

## The Tradition

- Goal is moksha
- Moksha is possible while ego remains
- Stages of Moksha
  - Purusha in the part
  - Jivatma
  - Paramatma
- Bliss of the Absolute

## Sri Aravindam

- Goal is transformation
- First siddhi is to dissolve the ego
- Stages of Transformation
  - Psychic
  - Spiritual
  - Supramental
- Matter is Delight of Being