

**Knowledge &  
Ignorance  
in  
Life Divine and P&P**

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# Unknowable

- ❖ Tradition says the Reality is unknowable.
- ❖ Unknowable formulates itself to human consciousness (mind) and withdraws.

# The Life Divine

Book I - Omnipresent Reality & the Universe

Book II - The Knowledge & The Ignorance: Spiritual Evolution

- ❖ The Infinite Consciousness and the Ignorance
- ❖ The Knowledge and Spiritual Evolution

**Spiritual evolution means evolution from Ignorance to Knowledge**

# Sense Mind

- ❖ The data of the senses is our first means of emerging from ignorance
- ❖ Our senses constantly deceive us
- ❖ Sense knowledge is blind to content
- ❖ Sense data has to be interpreted by the reason in order to be useful

# Limitations of the mixed reason

- ❖ The data from the senses is always inadequate to know reality
- ❖ When reason bases itself on sense data, it is prone to serious errors.
- ❖ Mixed reason often mistakes appearances for reality, form for content
- ❖ Withdrawing from the senses, mixed reason becomes pure reason

# Pure Reason

- ❖ Even the pure reason is an instrument of Ignorance, not Knowledge
- ❖ It divides reality into small parts.
- ❖ It cannot know the whole.
- ❖ It cannot know the essential truth.
- ❖ There is Truth in every mental viewpoint
- ❖ Reason can argue any side of a truth as valid
- ❖ Can we conceive and concede that those we vehemently disagree with are also right?

# Faith in Mind

- ❖ Reliance on mind breeds many types of Superstition
- ❖ First rule of Psychic Education is to shift reliance from the mind's externalized way of seeing things
- ❖ Our first response to events should be consecration not understanding

# Vedantic Knowledge

- ❖ Withdrawing from thought, reason becomes intuition
- ❖ Charlotte sees that Darcy is in love
- ❖ Eliza refrains from exposing Darcy to Jane



# Constitutional Ignorance

- ❖ We are ignorant of the real constitution of our being -- Mental, Vital, Physical and Spiritual
- ❖ Each part is ignorant of the others and acts independently
- ❖ We give inordinate value to physical sensations and perceptions
- ❖ We base our reason on our vital preference
- ❖ We mistake our thoughts for reality of our being
- ❖ All the parts of our being are at war with one another

# Psychological Ignorance

- ❖ We are ignorant of the depths of our being – Subconscious, Subliminal, Superconscious, Circumconscious, Psychic
- ❖ We lack of self-awareness
- ❖ We do not see and know ourselves the way others see us
- ❖ To know ourselves the way others know us is a major step from Ignorance to Knowledge
- ❖ We value ourselves as society values us rather than based on our highest spiritual potential

# Egoistic Ignorance

- ❖ Reason is dominated by Ego
- ❖ Egoistic Ignorance is ignorance of other's point of view
- ❖ Taking others' point of view overcomes it

# Temporal Ignorance

- ❖ We are lost in the moment
- ❖ We repeat past follies over and over
- ❖ We are unconscious of the future
- ❖ We mistake the effect for cause

# Cosmic Ignorance

- ❖ Man's soul seeks to discover the Infinite and express it in finite life
- ❖ Reason cannot know the Infinite
- ❖ We must withdraw faith in the mind's externalized way of seeing.

# Original Ignorance

- ❖ The secret of knowledge is it is the light of self-existence
- ❖ God is not merely an impersonal Truth. It is a Being
- ❖ Original Ignorance is ignorance of the Integral Brahman

# Snakes and Ladders

- ❖ Ego is a snake that leads us deeper into the Ignorance
- ❖ Psychic is the ladder that leads us to Knowledge, Beauty and Delight