

Speech Notes on Chapter V: Destiny of the Individual

1. Life Response

- Elizabeth darted across the room and Darcy entered
- Wouldn't it be nice if life responded to our needs like that?
- We say it is Mother's Grace
- Jane Austen is the first novelist to depict the influence of the supramental force positively
- What is that power?
- Where does that power come from?
- That power is in each of us

2. Spiritual Individuality

- It is the power of the Spiritual Individual
- One man's perfection can change the world
- How is it possible?

3. Social Individuals

- We see many striking examples of social individuals
- Anna Hazare – society -- truthfulness in public life
 - Corruption in India has been getting worse for decades

From thousands to lakhs to crores to 1000s of crores

- Its gotten so bad, it seemed like it is impossible that it could ever get worse
- And that may be true
- The darkness hour is before the dawn
- Remarkable events in India this year have changed all that
- One man has brought the establishment to its knees
- How is it possible that one ordinary ex-serviceman known for building check dams could accomplish so much?
- He's not unique – countless stories
- As a Gandhian he was inspired by Mahatma Gandhi – politics -- freedom
- Steve Jobs did it in business starting in garage
- Salman Khan Academy -- education

4. Role of Pioneering Individuals

- How is it possible?
- Where does an single individual acquire the capacity to change the world
- Process of social development

- Social readiness
- Formed individual
- Inspired by a higher potential or value – freedom, honesty in public life
- Every individual has the potential within himself
- If he harmonizes with the society (universal) he can achieve at the highest level
- How to do it?

5. Your Destiny

- Every devotee can be an Anna Hazare in their own life, own work, own world
- As Appa brought so many devotees to Mother
- As centre heads have made Mother accessible to so many
- Appa has said
 - Every devotee can earn Rs 100 Crores
 - How can he say that?
 - How can he know that?
- That's like saying
 - Every man can become a Darcy
 - Every woman can become mistress of Pemberley
- It happened to Elizabeth and Jane.
- Could it have happened to Charlotte too?
- How is it possible?

6. Individuality

- Because that is the Destiny of the Individual
- That is the power of Individuality
- It is a matter of Choice. Human Choice.
- Human choice matters – Determines
 - Do you choose like Charlotte to marry Collins for the security of Hunsford?
 - Or do you choose Pemberley?
- Message of this chapter – you can become what you want to become
- When will it happen?
 - When you want it to happen.

7. How can I achieve it?

- You cannot achieve it acting like Wickham by running after money and try to steal fortune by trickery

- Or like Collins seeking status and trying to flatter others into respecting him
- Or Mrs. Bennet who wants to gloat with self-satisfaction
- Not like Mr. Bennet hiding in the library to escape responsibility
- Not like Darcy asserting his superiority and self-importance
- Not like Elizabeth running after false appearances
- It will happen when we discover our Destiny – the true purpose of our soul and our lives

8. What is that purpose of our lives?

- **Mother: to discover our true self, Psychic**
 - Faith, Good and Self-giving – reject the ego
- **Sri Aurobindo: to become Supramental Beings**
 - Free, All-knowing, All-Blissful, Immortal
- **How is it possible?**
 - Because that is the Truth of our Individuality
 - The Destiny of the Individual is to become God
 - To understand that, we must know that God is not merely some extracosmic looking down at us
 - God is the Omnipresent Reality

9. Omnipresent Reality

- **To understand our destiny, we must understand the nature of the Omnipresent Reality**
- **Sri Aurobindo's Vision**
 - He has revealed to mental vision the face of the Absolute.
 - He has described the Absolute as it is known to Supramental Vision.
- **This Reality is the Truth of all life and existence**
 - Absolute and Relative
 - Animate and Inanimate
 - Intelligent and Unintelligent
- **Many as well as the One**
 - Manifesting as infinitely varying and constantly opposed self-expressions
- **Ineffable & Indefinable –**
 - Defies all fixed limited formulations
 - not this, not that
- **Unknowable**

- Yet it appears to us in many states and attributes
- Comes to us as values
- **Brahman**
 - One beside whom nothing else exists
 - Unity which embraces all conflict and opposition
- **Sachchidananda**
- **Non-being -- Asat**
 - Beyond all perception and conception – it is FREE
- **Infinity**
 - Multi-dimensional Infinity
 - Infinite in Space & Time
 - In quality and well as quantity
 - Physical: Quantity, quality, property, design, form, color, texture
 - Vital: sensations, impulses, beings, forces, energies,
 - Psychological: Ideas, feelings, emotions, sentiments
 - Spiritual: Values – Silence, Peace, Truth, Goodness, Unity, Knowledge, Will, Power, Beauty, Love, Joy, Prosperity.
 - Infinity to the power of Infinity

10. Integral Knowledge

- How shall we know that reality?
- We need integral knowledge
- Vidya – knowledge of the Oneness— by which we know God
- Avidya – relative and multiple consciousness of Multiplicity
- The Many are also Brahman
- Avidya without knowledge of Oneness is a night of darkness and ignorance
 - Avidya is limitation of knowledge not its opposite
 - Elizabeth saw only Wickham’s charming appearance not his wicked character

One has all the goodness and the other all the appearance of goodness

Handsome appearance is not goodness

Impolite behavior does not mean an evil character

- Judging from appearances, Darcy said she was tolerable
- Vidya without Avidya is also an ignorance

- To know only the light is another form of blindness
- Jane sees only the good in people and becomes a victim to Caroline's falsehood and ill-will
- Men blinded by light so they can no longer see the field the light illumines
- Ancient sages had the patience, clarity and humility to admit the limitations of our knowledge

11. Trenchant Distinctions (Vidya & Avidya)

- Avoid partial logic that
 - Declares Avidya is illusion or non-existence
 - Transcendent One is real
 - Cosmic Many is also real
- Mind cannot know the Infinite
 - Avoid the tendency to limit and confine the infinite to a limited aspect
 - We are obliged to transcend our largest conceptions
 - Any fixed exclusive formulation, however vast, is a sin against its unknowableness
 - Darcy judges her social status and calls her tolerable

He discovers she is a lively loving good soul

She is a mystery -- ever full of surprises

- Don't attempt to divide the indivisible
 - Affirm the unity of the Indivisible
 - We must know God everywhere equally, without distinction
- The Many are also Brahman
 - Unity has to make its account with multiplicity
 - Do not deny the Many in search of the One

Darcy's Hunsford proposal

- We cannot exclude the field of Ignorance

Love cannot be exclusive – Darcy must accept the entire Bennet family

We cannot take Elizabeth and reject Lydia and Mrs. Bennet

- Avoid mind's attachment to particular points of view

- Spiritualized mind sees the universe is unreal

Elizabeth was the ascetic denying material advantage and social status

- Darcy and Elizabeth see from the egoistic perspective

Wealth and Aristocracy are not false

They are Real manifestations of Spirit

Character too is real

Eliza's individuality is superior to Lady Catherine's status

- Materialized mind and senses conclude God and the Beyond are illusory.

Lady Catherine believes only in birth, caste, status and wealth

That is an illusion

Darcy was the materialist denying love

- There is a greater truth that these two conceptions disfigure
 - Nothing is entirely valid in this world until it is possessed of our physical consciousness and manifested at the lowest level in harmony with the highest

Spiritual Prosperity – inner goodness must express as outer abundance

- Matter is not a self-existence reality – that's an illusion of Ignorance

Wealth alone has no value

It should express highest cultural and spiritual values

- Pursue the One in the many
 - Revelation of the One confirming itself in the Many.

12. Integral Brahman

- We need an integral conception of Brahman
- Brahman is infinite
 - Mind cannot conceive of Infinity
 - We can only conceive of it through an Infinite series of conceptions and experiences – manifestations
 - Mind can only approach the Infinite through its forms and appearances
 - We must pursue the One in the many so the Many can reveal itself as forms of One

- Brahman is in this world to represent itself in the values of life so Life can reveal itself as form of Brahman
- Brahman manifests through opposites
 - Our lives are filled with contradictions and conflicts
 - These too are expressions of Brahman
 - Life presents us with contradictions for our progress
 - We grow through opposition and problems

Edmund Dantes evolves from a common sailor to the heights of society and individuality

Our failures prepare us for greater success

- All opposites confront each other in order to recognize one Truth in their opposed aspects

Wickham and Darcy – reveal Truth

- Through conflict opposites seek their mutual Unity.

Pride and Prejudice – reveal Goodness and Love

- Contradictions are complements
- Reality is one and not a sum or concourse
 - Unity is indefinable (incoercible) – white light
 - White is not the sum of the colors
 - All the colors are contained in the white light
- Non-Being beyond is an affirmation of the illimitableness of the Unknowable – not the ultimate reality

13. Integral Manifestation

- Brahman is integral and unifies many states of consciousness at a time
 - Each of us is many different persons simultaneously
 - All are aspects of ourselves to be accepted
 - Brahman expresses itself in many successive forms of consciousness
 - So we should also accept Brahman in all its states and forms
- Integral manifestation does not reject the physical life
 - Rule of self-realization is progressive comprehension
 - Life must also rise to ever-new provinces of its own being
 - We mustn't renounce the lower when we rise
 - We climb ill if we forget our base
 - True divinity of nature is to transfigure the lower in the light of the higher, not to abandon it.
 - We too should become integral and all-embracing.
- Multiple unity

- Brahman is a multiple unity
- Unity expresses in 3 terms of

Subconscious

Conscious – unity of the ego separate from all others

Superconscious

14. Individual and Universe are also Real

- Reject the ascetic impulse to belittle and degrade the individual and the universe
- Nodus of Life is the relation between 3 forms of consciousness
 - Universal
 - Individual
 - Transcendent or supracosmic = ‘God’

15. Universe

- Transcendence embraces the universe, is one with it, does not exclude it
- Universe is a form and definition of Brahman
- Universe is occupied by the entire immanence of the Formless and Indefinable.
- Universe embraces the individual, is one with him and does not exclude him
- Universe expresses the transcendent self by a multiple oneness
- Society is also real – French Revolution

16. Individual

- Individual is the center of the whole universal consciousness
- Individual activities are not inconsistent with attainment of cosmic consciousness or transcendence
- Individual is essential for manifestation of god in the universe
- Man unites in himself the individual, universal and transcendent
- Soul’s unity with transcendent one is incomplete without unity with the cosmic many
- Whole transcendent is imminent in the individual
- Human consciousness is transfigured by perfect Self-discovery
- To fulfil God in life is man’s manhood
 - divine existence is his objective
 - this is the Spiritual Individual

17. Purpose of Manifestation

- **Self-manifestation**
 - Absolute did not create the universe
 - Brahman has entered into form and material substance to enjoy self-manifestation in the figures of relative and phenomenal consciousness
 - Brahman represents itself in the values of Life
 - All values and experiences are representations of Brahman
 - Life exists in Brahman in order to discover Brahman in itself
- **Delight of Existence – lila**
 - The unmanifest Pure Existence experiences itself as a static bliss.
 - Brahman became the universe for the sheer delight of self-manifestation, of becoming in Space and Time.
 - Darcy may enjoy wealth and high status but he is incomplete without the joy of love – the joy of relationship with the Many.
 - Manifestation adds to that the Self-experience of active Delight.
 - If we can speak of a goal at all, its goal is to experience the infinite delight of a progressive manifestation in endless Space and eternal Time
 - Brahman is at once the creator, the creation and the act of creating.
 - God is playing in the universe
 - The universe is his playground
 - Life is his play – lila
 - But that play has a purpose
 - The purpose is Spiritual Evolution

18. Spiritual Evolution

- **Brahman's manifestation in Time Eternity is a natural counterpart to its unmanifest existence as the Timeless Eternal.**
 - What is the sense of having such a beautiful home and great wealth as Pemberley if you have no one to enjoy it with and share it with?
- **The manifestation is an evolutionary adventure of consciousness and delight in Time.**
 - In discovering Elizabeth, Darcy discovers a deeper truth of his own being and brings it out
 - He discovers his own true goodness and high character – Self-discovery
 - He discovers Love – the Soul or Self in another person
- **The soul evolves progressively as the Psychic Being.**

- The universe too is Divine and it is evolving through time.
 - French Revolution
- He says that even the Divine Being, the Iswara is evolving.
 - Love is growing from the satisfaction of selfish human possessiveness into pure delight of divine self-giving
 - The whole universe is evolving into an ocean of Love
 - August Le Comte predicted on day their will be 37 million Newtons and Shakespeares
 - The oceans will become sweet
- Spiritual Evolution is Integral
 - Individual – Psychic & Supramental Being
 - Universal Life -- Marvel
 - Transcendent – Supreme Iswara
- Purusha to Iswara – Mr. Bennet emerges from the library
 - We too must come out of the library
 - We too let the Psychic come out and lead our lives

19. Liberation of individual soul

- Our fulfillment is not by egoistic self-assertion like Mrs. Bennet
- Not by the soul's insistence on its separateness from other souls
 - Aristocracy tries to rise by separating itself -- like Darcy
 - Like the sannyasi seeking moksha
- Fulfillment is in the soul's unity and oneness with the universal and transcendent
- By universalizing ourselves
- Liberation of the individual soul is the primary divine necessity & pivot
- Keynote of the definite divine action
- Liberated individual is the point of light at which the complete self-manifestation in the Many begins to emerge
- Liberation is vertical and horizontal
 - Vertical unity with Transcendent above
 - Lateral unity with all Souls
- Liberated soul multiplies itself in other souls as the animal multiplies itself in similar bodies
 - Lydia's marriage is followed by Jane's and Eliza's
 - Each devotee can awaken faith and devotion in many others
- A soul's liberation leads to an outburst in other individual souls
- Buddha resolved not to remain until all souls are liberated from bondage of ego.

- **What is that greater reality that seeks to Manifest itself?**
 - **Darcy has everything**
 - **He seeks a lively bride**
 - **He discovers the Delight of LOVE**
- **Man is destined to become God and manifest God**

20. Perfection harmonizes Liberty & Formation

- **We can attain to the highest without rejecting the life**
 - **The secret is not to change our outer circumstances**
 - **But to change our inner condition**
 - **Devotees move to avoid noisy neighbors**
- **None are bound, None are free**
 - **We have the power**
 - **The power is in us**
- **The Unknowable is free in the Transcendent, free from forms**
- **So also it is free in the multiplicity**
- **Unknowable is bound neither by its Unity or its Multiplicity**
- **Two terms of Brahman**
 - **Liberty within, formation without**
 - **Expression and freedom from expression**
- **We too can attain the same divine self-possession**
- **Detachment**
 - **liberty by exclusion of the thing excluded is path of negation**
 - **It is refusal of what God has accepted**
 - **Mr Bennet (sannyasi) must come out of the library**
- **Absorption**
 - **Losing oneself in the act and energy is inferior affirmation**
 - **It is denial of the Highest**
- **Why should man divorce what God combines and synthetizes?**
- **Harmony of the two tendencies is the condition for divine life**
 - **Darcy has wealth and social status**
 - **He thinks he has everything until he discovers Eliza and his soul**
 - **Darcy has to reconcile his love of Elizabeth with her family and social condition**
 - **He reconciles his outer and inner life, his life with that of all others, status with love – Integral Delight**
 - **Aristocracy has to accept French Revolution**
 - **We have to harmonize our deepest aspirations with our external circumstances**

- We should integrate – Oneness in Multiplicity
 - Express the inner in the outer
 - Make life respond

21. Through Avidya & Vidya we attain Immortality in Life

- Absolute is manifesting in terms of the multiplicity.
- Unity and multiplicity are both real.
- The Absolute is free even in manifestation as Many
- Avidya, multiplicity, is the path out of transitional ego.
 - Liberation from ego is through Multiplicity
 - Eliza and Darcy realize through Wickham
- Vidya expressing in Multiplicity with the perfect sense of oneness enjoys integrally -- immortality and beatitude.
 - Darcy does it
- We are liberated from lower birth and death by attaining the Unborn beyond all becoming
- We invade mortality with immortal beatitude by accepting Becoming freely as the Divine and become luminous centers of its conscious self-expression in humanity.

22. Accomplishment

- Power is there in the atmosphere (universal)
- Available for the receptive soul
- Spiritually this is Hour of God
- Socially it is Prosperity Movement
 - Lizzy's decision brings Darcy to the Inn – she darts across the room
 - Solution comes even when we do not know what to do
- Spiritual Individual has access to the Power
- Human sincerity surrendered to Mother puts the power into the hands of those who seek Mother for Her own sake, not for Power