

## C O N D I T I O N A L   I M M O T A L I T Y .

- I. Immortality considered either in abstract impersonal sense or in individual sense.
  - A. In strict metaphysical sense only that is immortal which is immutable.
    1. All change involves Becoming and Becoming-not.
    2. This immortality is not extension in Time, since the notion of Time is born from Change.
      - a. It is the Immortality of timeless Eternity.
    3. That there is this timeless Reality is implied in our power to perceive everywhere Change.
      - a. A consciousness posited in Change only could never perceive Change as a principle of action.
    4. Analysis of Self-consciousness reveals changeless character in the root power of perception, or pure subjectivity.
      - a. Hence in that root principle all perceiving beings are immortal, as an eternal unachieved fact.
        - (1) But this is immortality in pure Consciousness which is not Self-Consciousness or individualized.
    5. As the implied other or opposite of pure Consciousness, abstract objectivity is eternal.
      - a. But this is an objectivity particularized in no form whatsoever. (Mulaprakriti)
    6. Material and even physical immortality may be considered as real in the sense that corresponding to the principle of subjectivity there ever is active the enrobing principle of form.
  - B. Immortality in this metaphysical sense does not secure the continuity of the sense of "I am I".
    1. All memory in every sense of this and other lives could be wiped out and thus also the sense of self-identity, yet the Light back of that consciousness remain eternal.
- II. Individualized or personal immortality.
  - A. This means the perpetuation of the sense of self-identity or "I am I".
    1. Involves continuity of experience values although experience-forms are transient.
    2. Does not imply divisibility of Spiritual Being or the One Self.
    3. It means Self-realization with consciousness of that fact.
      - a. Initial Spiritual ~~experience~~ Consciousness is pure, but is not conscious of its character as Consciousness.
      - b. Immortalized Individuality is Self-Conscious.
    4. It is the drop and the Ocean becoming One by the drop absorbing the Ocean.
- III. Individualized immortality is conditional.
  - A. It is not the ~~fructifying~~ inevitable fruitage of a determined process in Nature.
    1. Mere resting upon Nature and the stars will not carry one through to this immortality.
  - B. It is not attained through a vicarious atonement of a special dispensation.
    1. Vicarious atonement one of most pernicious doctrines ever promulgated.

- a. asserts man's future state not dependent upon his effort or conduct.
    - b. Leads to hypocrisy and actually has produced soul-death.
  - C. Individualized Immortality won only as the fruitage of self-effort.
    - 1. It is possible for every man to attain this but he must strive for it.
    - 2. The whole purpose of life is involved in attaining this.
  - D. Acquired Immortality of several different kinds.
    - 1. Simplest most accessible form imbeds the personal sense of self with the Higher Ego.
      - a. This does not involve unbroken continuity of human egoic consciousness.
      - b. Personal self-identity of past incarnations sleeps during most future incarnations.
      - c. All of these personal identities ultimately consciously present in Higher Egoic Consciousness.
        - (1) This is when all incarnations are remembered.
      - d. This form of immortality prerequisite to all other individualized forms.
    - 2. A higher form involves unbroken self-identity during the period of one Round.
      - a. In this case mastery is gained over physical life so that it is largely though not unlimitedly extended.
      - b. Inner principles are so controlled that they are not disrupted at physical death and self-continuity is retained.
      - c. This form of immortality can be mastered only by high Adepts.
      - d. It is involved in the case of those who become Nirmanakayas.
    - 3. Pan-aeonio Immortality.
      - a. This is unbroken self-identity during the period of a solar cycle of manifestation.
      - b. Those who attain this are known as Planetary Spirits or high Dhyan Chohans.
        - (1) It is a stage of evolution <sup>beyond</sup> the highest merely human Adept.
    - 4. Those who enter cycle of Adeptship have a period of incarnations where intermediate principles are not disrupted.
      - a. In latter part of this cycle continuity of self-identity and memory is acquired.
- IV. Pre-requisites to attainment of simplest form of individualized immortality.
- A. The forming of the life-habits in action and thought which are consonant with nature of Higher Ego.
    - 1. This is process of shifting human Ego from lower mind to the Antahkarana or the Path.
      - a. Use illustration of Light thrown on ~~smut~~ gas in container, made florescent by the Light.
    - 2. The practice is moral and philosophical.
      - a. Ethic perception is refection of Buddhi.
        - (1) Consonant action carries the human ego toward this principle.

- b. Impersonal interest in philosophy and math. leads towards higher Mind which is Higher Ego.
  - (1) The practice of ethics and the cultivation of true philosophy most important protection against soul-death.

V. Dangers which may destroy this immortality.

A. A wholly selfish and materialistic life will destroy the antaskarana.

- 1. This means that nothing of that personal life will be left in the book of lives of ~~that~~ the corresponding higher Ego.

B. The exoteric Vedantic teaching which would destroy Antaskarana before crossing it, and jump to Atma at once.

- 1. This step would mean loss of all individual sense in Atma.

a. Self-identity destroyed.

b. Illustration of the man who destroys a bridge before he crosses it, though pursued by enemy.

VI. Individualized Immortality attained only through the Path of the Mind.

A. The Egoic principles of self-identity is produced only through the mind.

- 1. To step around the mind is to slip into the shining sea with loss of Self-identity.

B. Only after crossing to shore of the higher Ego may the step be taken of transcending Buddhi-Manas.

- 1. Then the ocean is absorbed by the drop as well as the drop melting in the ocean.

VII. Soul-death may be prevented by the power of the WORD.

A. This is not merely by lip-repetition.

B. To have power the Word must be ensouled.

- 1. This is accomplished by coming under the mantle of the Guru.