

OVERSELF and UNIT SOUL-UNIT OF MIND – JIVATMA

Let us first remember the background of the double nature of Soul or Overself: eternal Universal, and also becoming-individual. ***Overself is "a ray, not the original itself". It is an infinitesimal of infinite being.***

Overself is the inner or true self of man, reflecting the divine being and attributes. The Overself is an emanation from the ultimate reality but is neither a division nor a detached fragment of it. It is a ray shining forth but not the sun itself.(P) 22.3.319

From the ordinary human point of view the Overself is the Ever-Still: yet that is our own conceptualization of it, for the fact is that all the universe's tremendous activity is induced by its presence. 22.3.192

PB: 22.3. on Overself double nature.

The mysterious character of the Overself inevitably puzzles the intellect. We may appreciate it better if we accept the paradoxical fact that it unites a duality and that therefore there are two ways of thinking of it, both correct. There is the divine being which is entirely above all temporal concerns, absolute and universal, and there is also the demi-divine being which is in historical relation with the human ego. 22.3.386

... If it is thought of as the human soul, then the vibratory movement is connected with it. If it is thought of as transcending the very notion of humanity, and therefore in its undifferentiated character, the vibratory movement must disappear. 22.3.390

In its eternal and inviolable nature, it is inseparable from the eternal divine Nous and the void. In its eternal and inviolable nature, Overself is inseparable from the Divine Mind. As emanating, individuating, we speak of a unit of life, unit of mind, unit soul... Anthony uses "unit soul", Vedanta "jivatma" (unit of life) and HHDL calls it the "6th consciousness." Overselfing is the flowability of reality, the unification of reality

UNIT OF MIND-LIFE

The unit of mind is differentiated out and undergoes its long evolution through numerous changes of state, not to merge so utterly in its source again as to be virtually annihilated, but to be consciously harmonized with that source whilst yet retaining its individuality. 25.2.204

That about sums it up! A shorter quote on the theme of “what is the use” (26.4.257:) Here PB uses the term “unit of mind”, but in 26.4.257 “unit of life;”

A unit of mind or unit of life, or unit soul is an emanation- ray of the Divine Sun, a drop of the ocean of consciousness, a unique facet of infinite diamond. Just as each star is all blazing light but has a unique spectrum, so each unit soul has a uniqueness—called divine Name, or divine idea. Example: Dalai Lama is Avalokitesvara personified. All have the name “I Am”... and each is the divine expressing itself uniquely.

So metaphysically, unit of life is intermediary between Overself and ego-self. It is the life-to-life relation or continuity. It is also the “witness”... described very well in “The Secret of the I” in The Wisdom of the Overself. See the other file on the “witness.”

Unit of Life is the actual conscious-living-being, is the essential location or medium for the expression of your divine “name”... and the expression of the spectrum of powers of the soul ... and also the locus for the unfolding of the World-Idea... that in and through which the World-Idea is manifested, and which is being transformed by the World-Idea.

The unfolding ray or unit of life goes through these levels of the spectrum of the world idea and comes here to Earth to experience the world through burning center of experience. Plotinus 1.1.7: “from a ray of soul and the organized body there forms the *animate*.” It is the intersection of the unit soul and the ongoing world idea. So we have a conscious, living, being appearing as a person. And then through that experience *you become wisdom* and you unfold the wisdom which is intrinsic to the unit soul—transformer and transformed.

For me this concept of the unit of life or life to life consciousness is central to understanding the whole philosophic unfoldment. It is the presence that gives meaning to the individual center of experience. And it is what connects us with the unimaginable, awesome divine. It is paradoxical and uroboric. It is both indivisible and divisible. It is a transformer and transformed. It is accessing and expressing-- both the world idea of becoming perpetually and the infinite eternal divine idea that you are, that is being expressed through the center of unique experience. It is a ray of the divine sun, but not the whole sun—it is the nature of God to unquify itself. It is part of the evolutionary journey through the cosmos and space and time, and it is also eternally beyond it. It is in the world, but not of it. It is transcendent and also imminent in and through the cosmos. It is *conscious living being* appearing as a person. Life to life consciousness. And it is a great mystery. Too complicated to figure out. And we are all on God's dance floor. When you remove the filters, you will see that God is right there in front of you, shining through the forms and shining through the knowing of the forms.

In its eternal and inviolable nature, Overself is inseparable from the eternal divine Mind. As emanating, individuating, we speak of a unit of life, unit of mind, unit soul... Jivatma.

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So we have the ego-person in space/time. We have the witness life to life unit of life in perpetual unfoldment. We have the eternal nature of Overself. And the ineffable timeless ultimate Reality itself. We could say that the witness is the functioning of the Overself in relation to the World-Idea and the core of the individual centers of experience. As such it is the background witnessing awareness, not only lights up the experiences, but holds the distilled essence, and provides intuitive luminosity (the only source of real joy, inspiration, intelligence), and also the immediate intimate sense of I-consciousness. As PB says: it must hold the distilled essence of life-to-life experiences: good, bad, ugly. Emotional residue of undigested experience.

Paradoxically, or Uroborically, the World-Mind expresses itself as the entirety of World-Idea and also as infinite number of Rays. These units of life are like the rays from the Divine Sun - each unique expressions of the divine. God or World-Mind expresses itself uniquely through each individual center of experience —through these centers of experience, the world-idea is being manifested and accessed, and also the inner reality of the soul is being expressed.

So the soul or overself is the flowability of reality. Overselfing is the unification of reality. It is a ray of the Divine Sun, a drop of the ocean of consciousness. And it is a unique ray, includes a unique divine name or divine idea. It is God or world-mind expressing itself uniquely through each individual center of experience —unit soul or jivatma. And paradoxically, through these centers of experience, the world-idea is being manifested and also the inner reality of the soul is being expressed and accessed. The unfolding ray or unit of life goes through these various levels of the spectrum of the world idea and comes here to Earth to experience the world through burning center of experience. So we have. Conscious, living, being appearing as a person. And then through that experience you become wisdom—transformer and transformed. And you unfold the wisdom which is intrinsic to the unit soul. So double knower is essential.

EVOLUTION and IDEA OF MAN

Evolution is guaranteed because some fragment of the cosmic mind is itself the life-force which strives upward through all the muffling veils of the four kingdoms of Nature... [TWOTO WM para 52]

26.4.253-257

...The "I" differentiated itself out of the infinite ocean of Mind into a distinct individuality after a long development through the diverse kingdoms of Nature. Having thus arrived at consciousness of what it is, having travelled the spiral of growth from germ to man, the result of all this effort is certainly not gained only to be thrown away....

...Evolution as metalistically defined by philosophy is not quite the same as evolution as materialistically defined by Darwin. With us it is simply the mode of striving, through rhythmic rise and fall, for an ever fuller expansion of the individual unit's consciousness. However, the ego already possesses all such possibilities latently. Consequently the whole process, although apparently an ascending one, is really an unfolding one. 26.4.257 (use all of it too!)

26.4.63: on the idea of man

The ideas in a man's mind are hidden and secret until he expresses them through actions, or as speech, or as the visible creations and productions of his hands, or in behaviour generally. Those ideas are neither lost nor destroyed. They are a permanent part of the man's memory and character and consciousness and subconsciousness, where they have been recorded as automatically and as durably as a master phonograph disc records music. Just as a wax copy may be burnt but the music will still live on in the master disc, so the cosmos may be annihilated or disintegrate completely but the creative idea of it will still live on in the World-Mind. More, in the same way a man's body may die and disintegrate, but the creative idea of him will still remain in the World-Mind as his Soul. It will not die. It's his real Self, his perfect Self. It is the true Idea of him which is forever calling to be realized. It is the unmanifest image of God in which man is made and which he has yet to bring into manifestation in his everyday consciousness.

AD: unit soul

Each unit soul has an inviolable sanctity, in the sense that it is an image of God. But that it can be individuated and determined and fulfill a certain potential which is in the Mind of God, I think is a concept which is extraordinarily beautiful. . . 1/6/84

AD: ... think of wisdom in the sense that the mind is destined to become the universe...in the process of mind becoming the world, it assimilates a certain wisdom that is inherent in the world.... Wisdom is the recognition and application of that: your mind becoming the universe. 1/4/84 part of audio/text here:

So, this transcendent being which is our I AM, in order to know something about the Nous, the World- Idea, sends its offspring into the World-Idea, to evolve along with it. . . The richness, variety, and incomprehensibility of the World-Idea will satisfy individuals at every level. There's a deepening, an inwardization, a widening, a comprehension of the World-Idea. . . .

B: That would account for the unfolding of individual consciousness

AD: Yes...That traversing through the realms of nature develops and unfolds that individual consciousness, brings it out more and more. In other words, the very experience of the world forces the consciousness of an individual to evolve, the faculties to get developed. 3/9/84

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