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Editorial

My dear friends,

I am happy while bringing to you the 15th December, 2013 issue of The Sunlit Path.

‘Living Words’ offer to us a heart touching poem by Sri Aurobindo. ‘Integral Education’ contains a precise description of the true meaning of knowledge. ‘Integral Life’ has a very beautiful passage from Sri Aurobindo’s ‘Letters on Yoga’ which may form a living experience for many of us in our journey termed *Life*.

An addition to the present issue is a new section entitled ‘Constant Companion’ which is being introduced as a book-mark in the print version of The Sunlit Path with a view to offer very powerful quotations for students and teachers of various teaching faculties.

I do hope that you will find the contents inspiring and helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Dr Bhalendu Vaishnav

15 December, 2013

LivingWords



A God's Labour
Sri Aurobindo

... I have gathered my dreams in a silver air
Between the gold and the blue
And wrapped them softly and left them there,
My jewelled dreams of you.

I had hoped to build a rainbow bridge
Marrying the soil to the sky
And sow in this dancing planet midge
The moods of infinity.

But too bright were our heavens,
too far away,
Too frail their ethereal stuff;
Too splendid and sudden our light could not stay;
The roots were not deep enough.

He who would bring the heavens here
Must descend himself into clay
And the burden of earthly nature bear

And tread the dolorous way.

Coercing my godhead I have come down
Here on the sordid earth,
Ignorant, labouring, human grown
Twixt the gates of death and birth.

I have been digging deep and long
Mid a horror of filth and mire
A bed for the golden river's song,
A home for the deathless fire.

A little more and the new life's doors
Shall be carved in silver light
With its aureate roof and mosaic floors
In a great world bare and bright.

I shall leave my dreams in their argent air,
For in a raiment of gold and blue
There shall move on the earth embodied and fair
The living truth of you.

(1)



Integral Education

True Meaning of Knowledge Sri Aurobindo

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meant by knowledge a consciousness
which possesses the highest Truth in a direct perception
and in self-experience; to become, to be the Highest that we know
is the sign that we really have the knowledge.

For the same reason,
to shape our practical life,
our actions as far as may be in consonance
with our intellectual notions of truth and right
or with a successful pragmatic knowledge,—an ethical
or a vital fulfilment,—is not and cannot be the ultimate aim of our life;
our aim must be to grow into our true being,
our being of Spirit, the being
of the supreme
and universal
Existence, Consciousness, Delight, Sachchidananda.

(2)

Integral Life

Life: A Pilgrimage

Sri Aurobindo

There are always two different consciousnesses in the human being, one outward in which he ordinarily lives, the other inward and concealed of which he knows nothing.

When one does sadhana, the inner consciousness begins to open and one is able to go inside and have all kinds of experiences there. As the sadhana progresses, one begins to live more and more in this inner being and the outer becomes more and more superficial.

At first the inner consciousness seems to be the dream and the outer the waking reality. Afterwards the inner consciousness becomes the reality and the outer is felt by many as a dream or delusion, or else as something superficial and external.

The inner consciousness begins to be a place of deep peace, light, happiness, love, closeness to the Divine...

One is then aware of two consciousnesses, this inner one and the outer which has to be changed into its counterpart and instrument—that also must become full of peace, light, union with the Divine.

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There is always a double nature in human beings, the inner (psychic and spiritual) which is in touch with the Divine; the outer, mental, vital and physical, which has been brought up in the Ignorance and is full of defects, imperfections and impurities.

It is for this reason that in sadhana things cannot be changed in a moment. The inner experience grows and extends and fills more and more of the nature, but till all is filled, the imperfections remain somewhere.

(3)

Towards The New Age

The Mother

In an age like ours success alone counts and the material satisfactions it brings.

However, an ever-increasing number of dissatisfied people are seeking to know the reason of life.

And, on the other hand, there are sages who know and strive to help suffering humanity and to spread the light of knowledge.

When the two meet, he who knows and he who wants to know, there springs up a new hope in the world, and a little light penetrates the prevailing darkness.

(4)

Companion for All

**A prayer, a master act, a king idea
Can link man's strength to a transcendent Force.
Then miracle is made the common rule,
One mighty deed can change the course of things;
A lonely thought becomes omnipotent.**

Sri Aurobindo

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