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Editorial

My dear friends,

I am happy to bring to you the 15th February, 2014 issue of The Sunlit Path.

‘Living Words’ tell us everything that we must know about The Mother. Two very beautiful passages from Sri Aurobindo’s Savitri reveal the very objective of Integral Yoga and document the fact of its fulfilment, that is, the establishment of transforming principle of evolution in the human consciousness, *a victory of Spirit over Matter won for the mankind.*

“ But since thou hast refused my maimless Calm,
And from happy extinction of thy separate self,...
I yoke thee to my power of work in Time. ”

Please bear with me for the delay in bringing out this issue.

The issue of 15th March, 2014 will be published on 29th March as a special issue commemorating centenary of The Mother’s first meeting Sri Aurobindo on 29th March, 2014.

Sincerely yours,

Dr Bhalendu Vaishnav

Living Words

The Mother Sri Aurobindo

The One whom we adore as the Mother is the divine Conscious Force that dominates all existence, one and yet so many-sided that to follow her movement is impossible even for the quickest mind and for the freest and most vast intelligence.

The Mother is the consciousness and force of the Supreme and far above all she creates. But something of her ways can be seen and felt through her embodiments and the more seizable because more defined and limited temperament and action of the goddess forms in whom she consents to be manifest to her creatures.

(1)

Integral Yoga Sri Aurobindo

A STILLNESS absolute, incommunicable,
Meets the sheer self-discovery of the soul;
A wall of stillness shuts it from the world,
A gulf of stillness swallows up the sense
And makes unreal all that mind has known,
All that the labouring senses still would weave
Prolonging an imaged unreality.

...

Abolished is the burdening need of life:
Thought falls from us, we cease from joy and grief;
The ego is dead; we are freed from being and care,
We have done with birth and death and
work and fate.

O soul, it is too early to rejoice!
Thou hast reached the boundless silence of the Self,
Thou hast leaped into a glad divine abyss;
But where hast thou thrown Self's mission and Self's
power?
On what dead bank on the Eternal's road?
One was within thee who was self and world,
What hast thou done for his purpose in the stars?

...

Escape brings not the victory and the crown!

...

A black veil has been lifted; we have seen
The mighty shadow of the omniscient Lord;
But who has lifted up the veil of light
And who has seen the body of the King?

...

What seemed the source and end was a wide gate,
A last bare step into eternity.

...

A high and blank negation is not all,
A huge extinction is not God's last word,
Life's ultimate sense, the close of being's course,
The meaning of this great mysterious world.

In absolute silence sleeps an absolute Power.
Awaking, it can wake the trance-bound soul.
And in the ray reveal the parent sun:
It can make the world a vessel of Spirit's force,
It can fashion in the clay God's perfect shape.

To free the self is but one radiant pace;
Here to fulfil himself was God's desire. (2)



Thy Swetness give me for earth and men

Sri Aurobindo

“Choose, spirit, thy supreme choice not given again;

**For now from my highest being looks at thee
The nameless formless peace where all things rest.**

In a happy vast sublime cessation know,—

An immense extinction in eternity,

A point that disappears in the infinite,—

Felicity of the extinguished flame,

Last sinking of a wave in a boundless sea,

End of the trouble of thy wandering thoughts,

Close of the journeying of thy pilgrim soul.

Accept, O music, weariness of thy notes,

O stream, wide breaking of thy channel banks.”

The moments fell into eternity.

But someone yearned within a bosom unknown

And silently the woman’s heart replied:

Thy peace, O Lord, a boon within to keep

Amid the roar and ruin of wild Time

For the magnificent soul of man on earth.

Thy calm, O Lord, that bears thy hands of joy.”

...

**“Thy oneness, Lord, in many approaching hearts,
My sweet infinity of thy numberless souls.”**

...

**“Thy energy, Lord, to seize on woman and man,
To take all things and creatures in their grief
And gather them into a mother’s arms.”**

...

**“Thy embrace which rends the living knot of pain,
Thy joy, O Lord, in which all creatures breathe,
Thy magic flowing waters of deep love,
Thy sweetness give to me for earth and men.”**

...

**Then after silence a still blissful cry
Began, such as arose from the Infinite
When the first whisperings of a strange delight
Imagined in its deep the joy to seek,
The passion to discover and to touch,
The enamoured laugh which rhymed the chanting worlds:**

**“O beautiful body of the incarnate Word,
Thy thoughts are mine, I have spoken with thy voice.
My will is thine, what thou hast chosen I choose:
All thou hast asked I give to earth and men.**

(1)

Companion for All

Guide

Find the Guide secret within you or housed in an earthly body,
 hearken to his voie and follow always the way he points.
 At the end is the Light that fails not, the Truth that deceives not,
 the Power that neither strays nor stumbles,
 the wide freedom, the ineffable Beautitude.

Sri Aurobindo

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