

NAIROBI CENTRE – NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2012

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Dates to remember:-

1st August 2012 – Wednesday – Prosperity Day – Meditation at the Bhavan at 6.30 p.m.

15th August 2012 – Wednesday – Sri Aurobindo's 140th Birth Anniversary. – Meditation at the Bhavan at 6.30 p.m.

Every Saturday: 5.15p.m. to 6.30p.m.: Meditation, "SAVITRI" studies, readings from "De luxe Volume 15 – COLLECTED WORKS OF THE MOTHER – Centenary edition."

Every Sunday: 11.00a.m. to 12.30p.m.: Readings from "The Synthesis of Yoga"

Shrine: Sri Aurobindo's Shrine at Sri Aurobindo Bhavan is open from 8a.m. to 7p.m. You are welcome. It is a place for silent meditation.

NEWS

On 11th June 2012, the Nairobi Centre presented five hundred booklets in ten titles to the Kenya Institute of Social work and Community Development.

On 13th June 2012, Nairobi Centre presented 450 booklets of Ideal Child, Ideal Teacher, Ideal Parent and 400 booklets of Ideal Child in Kiswahili to Nairobi Utumishi Rotary Community Corps. at Sri Aurobindo Bhavan, Nairobi. The president of the Utumishi Club had specially requested for these booklets in order to distribute them to the Star of Hope School situated in Lunga Lunga slum on the occasion of celebration of Family Health Day in the school.

On 29th June 2012 Nairobi Centre of Sri Aurobindo Society presented 2200 booklets in twelve titles to the Kabete Technical Training Institute at Sri Aurobindo Bhavan. The booklets were received by the chief librarian and counselor of the institute which has the capacity for three thousand students. The booklets will be distributed among the young students who come for vocational training, the teachers and few sets will be kept in the library of the institute which falls under the Ministry of Higher education, science and technology of Kenya.

Collected Works of The Mother – Volume 12.

This volume is a compilation of the Mother's articles, messages, letters and conversations on education and self-development and of the three plays written by the Mother.

In the following newsletter, extracts are taken from *Part Two – Messages, Letters and Conversations*.

MESSAGES

STUDENT'S PRAYER

(Given at the inauguration of the Sri Aurobindo International University Centre)

Make of us the hero warriors we aspire to become. May we fight successfully the great battle of the future that is to be born, against the past that seeks to endure; so that the new things may manifest and we may be ready to receive them.

6 January 1952

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We are not here to do (only a little better) what the others do.

We are here to do what the others *cannot do* because they do not have any idea that it can be done.

We are here to open the way of the Future to children who belong to the Future.

Anything else is not worth the trouble and not worthy of Sri Aurobindo's help.

6 September 1961

Let the Truth be your master and your guide.

We aspire for the Truth and its triumph in our being and our activities.

Let the aspiration for the Truth be the dynamism of our efforts.

O Truth! We want to be guided by Thee. May Thy reign come upon earth.

16 December 1967

When one lives in the Truth, one is above all contradictions.

16 December 1968

You must have lived what you want to teach.

To speak of the new consciousness, let it penetrate you and reveal to you its secrets. For only then can you speak with any competence.

To rise into the new consciousness, the first condition is to have enough modesty of mind to be convinced that all that you think you know is nothing in comparison to what yet remains to be learnt.

All that you have learnt outwardly must be just a step allowing you to rise towards a higher knowledge.

16 December 1969

It is only in the calm that one can know and do. All that is done in agitation and violence is an aberration and a folly. The first sign of the divine presence in the being is peace.

We are here to do better than elsewhere and to prepare ourselves for a supramental future. This should never be forgotten. I appeal to the sincere goodwill of all so that our ideal may be realized.

16 December 1971

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We are not here to lead an easy and comfortable life. We are here to find the Divine, to become Divine, to manifest the Divine.

What happens to us is the Divine's affair, not ours.

The Divine knows better than we do what is good for the world's progress and for our own.

23 August 1967

You must not confuse a religious teaching with a spiritual one.

Religious teaching belongs to the past and halts progress.

Spiritual teaching is the teaching of the future – it illumines the conscious and prepares it for the future realization.

Spiritual teaching is above religions and strives towards global Truth.

It teaches us to enter into direct relations with the Divine.

12 February 1972

The aim of education is not to prepare a man to succeed in life and society, but to increase his perfectibility to its utmost.

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Do not aim for success. Our aim is perfection. Remember you are on the threshold of *a new world*, participating in its birth and instrumental in its creation. There is nothing more important than the transformation. There is no interest more worth-while.

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STUDENTS

You who are young, are the hope of the country. Prepare yourselves to be worthy of this expectation.

Blessings.

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Of one thing you can be sure – *your future is in your hands*. You will become the man you *want to be* and the higher your ideal and your aspiration the higher will be your realization, but you must keep a firm resolution and never forget your true aim in life.

2 April 1963

To be young is to live in the future.

To be young is to be always ready to give up what we are in order to become what we must be.

To be young is never to accept the irreparable.

28 March 1967

Only those years that are passed uselessly make you grow old.

A year spent uselessly is a year during which no progress has been accomplished, no growth in consciousness has been achieved, no further step has been taken towards perfection.

Consecrate your life to the realization of something higher and broader than yourself and you will never feel the weight of the passing years.

21 February 1958

There is a great power in the simple confidence of a child.

17 November 1954

When a child lives in normal conditions, it has a spontaneous confidence that all it needs will be given to it.

This confidence should persist, unshaken, throughout life; but the limited idea, ignorant and superficial, of its needs which a child has, must be replaced progressively by a wider, deeper and truer conception which culminates in the perfect conception of needs in accordance with the supreme wisdom, until we realize that the Divine alone knows what our true needs are and rely upon Him for everything.

19 November 1954

Sweet Mother,

How can a child know without the help of his parents or teachers, what he is?

You must find it out yourself, but not with your mind.

It is only the psychic that can tell you.

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Divine Mother,

When we are children, we are told what is good and what is bad. That's why we repeat the same all our life, "This is good! That is bad!". How should one know, in fact, what is good and what is bad?

You can know the truth only when you are conscious of the Divine.

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How can I abstain from error?

By knowing what is true.

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Lord, we pray to Thee:

May we understand better why we are here,

May we do better what we have to do here,

May we be what we ought to become here,

So that Thy will may be fulfilled harmoniously.

15 January 1962

Permit, Sweet Mother, that we be,

Now and for ever more,

Thy simple children, loving Thee

More and still more.

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I have a sweet little mother sitting close in my heart.

We are so happy together; never will we part.

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Sweet Mother,

Can you hear me whenever I call you?

My dear child,

Be sure that I hear you each time you call and my help and force go straight to you.

With my blessings.

1 June 1960