

Newsletter August 2013

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Dates to remember:-

1st August 2013 – Thursday – Prosperity Day – Meditation at the Bhavan at 6.30 p.m.

15th August 2013 – Thursday – Sri Aurobindo's 141st Birth Anniversary. Programme at the Bhavan at 6.30 p.m.

Every Saturday: 5.15p.m. to 6.30p.m.: Meditation, "SAVITRI" studies, readings from "COLLECTED WORKS OF THE MOTHER – De Luxe Volume 16.

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 4th June 2013, Nairobi Centre of Sri Aurobindo Society presented one thousand booklets in ten titles at Sri Aurobindo Bhavan, to Kenya Institute of Social Work and Community Development. The booklets will be kept in their library and will be given out to community developers.

On 25th June 2013, Nairobi Centre presented one thousand booklets in ten titles to the Chief Librarian and other officials of Kenya Institute of Professional Studies, at Sri Aurobindo Bhavan. The Principal of the institute expressed his gratitude for the booklets which will be kept in their main library for the students, staff and other library users. Here the students are being trained among other subjects on counselling and on social work and community development.

On 26th June 2013, the Deputy Matron of Gertrude's Children's Hospital visited Sri Aurobindo Bhavan and she was presented with two thousand booklets in ten titles for the hospital and its satellite clinics. The booklets will be kept in all the reception areas and in the wards for the patients and the staff of the hospital.

13th July 2013 - Tenth Anniversary of the enshrinement of the sacred Relics of Sri Aurobindo at Sri Aurobindo Bhavan, Nairobi.

This significant day was celebrated by the devotees of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo at Sri Aurobindo Bhavan, Nairobi Centre of Sri Aurobindo Society. The devotees gathered in the Shrine at 10 a.m. The Mother's Prayer of 30th March 1914 was read followed by collective chanting of Sri Aurobindo's Gayatri Mantra, followed by collective recitation of Sri Aurobindo's epic poem 'Savitri' until 7 p.m.

15 August:

A Date of Capital Importance

The fifteenth of August is Sri Aurobindo's birthday. Therefore, it is a date which has a capital importance in the life of the earth, from the physical point of view.

The Mother

One step more towards Eternity

Sri Aurobindo and the Coming of a New Race

Sri Aurobindo is an emanation of the Supreme who came on earth to announce the manifestation of a new race and a new world: the Supramental.

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Man is the creation of yesterday.

Sri Aurobindo came to announce the creation of tomorrow: the coming of the supramental being

The Mother

15 August 1872

The Eternal Birth

Physically, it means that the consequences of this birth will last as long as the Earth. The consequences of Sri Aurobindo's birth will be felt throughout the entire existence of the Earth....

Mentally, it is a birth the memory of which will last eternally. Throughout the ages Sri Aurobindo's birth will be remembered, with all the consequences it has had.....

Psychically, it is a birth which will recur eternally, from age to age, in the history of the universe. This birth is a manifestation which takes place periodically, from age to age, in the history of the Earth....

And finally, from the purely spiritual point of view, it will be said that it is the birth of the Eternal on Earth. For each time the Avatar takes a physical form it is the birth of the Eternal himself on Earth.

The Mother

Divine Incarnation

(From a sadhak, Nagin Doshi's correspondence with Sri Aurobindo)

Q: We believe that both you and the Mother are Avatars. But is it only in this life that both of you have shown your divinity? It is said that you and she have been on the earth constantly since its creation. What were you doing during your previous lives?

Carrying on the evolution.

Q: I find it difficult to understand so concise a statement. Can't you elaborate it?

That would mean writing the whole of human history. I can only say that as there are special descents to carry on the evolution to a farther stage, so also something of the Divine is always there to help through each stage itself in one direction or another.

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The Mother on Sri Aurobindo

Since the beginning of earth history, Sri Aurobindo has always presided over the great earthly transformations, under one form or another, one name or another.

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What Sri Aurobindo represents in the history of the earth's spiritual progress is not a teaching, not even a revelation; it is a mighty action straight from the Supreme.

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In the eternity of becoming, each Avatar is only the announcer, the forerunner of a more perfect realization.

And yet men have always the tendency to deify the Avatar of the past in opposition to the Avatar of the future.

Now again Sri Aurobindo has come announcing to the world the realization of tomorrow; and again his message meets with the same opposition as of all those who preceded him.

But tomorrow will prove the truth of what he revealed and his work will be done.

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August 15th, 1947 is the birthday of free India....

August 15th is my own birthday and it is naturally gratifying to me that it should have assumed this vast significance. I take this coincidence, not as a fortuitous accident, but as the sanction and seal of the Divine Force that guides my steps on the work with which I began life, the beginning of its full fruition. Indeed, on this day I can watch almost all the world-movements which I hoped to see fulfilled in my lifetime, though then they looked like impracticable dreams, arriving at fruition or on their way to achievement.

Sri Aurobindo

The Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo

The Integral Yoga takes up the essence and many processes of the old Yogas – its newness is in its aim, standpoint and the totality of its method.

It is new as compared with old Yogas....

1. Because it aims not at departure out of the world and life into Heaven or Nirvana, but a change of life and existence, not as something subordinate or incidental, but as a distinct and central object.
2. Because the object sought after is not an individual achievement of divine realization for the sake of the individual, but something to be gained for the earth consciousness here, a cosmic, not solely a supracosmic achievement. The thing to be gained also is a bringing in of a Power of Consciousness – the Supramental.
3. Because a method has been preconized for achieving this purpose which is as total and integral as the aim set before it, viz., the total and integral change of consciousness and nature, taking up old methods but only as a part of action and present aid to others that are distinctive.... Our Yoga is not a retreading of old walks but a spiritual adventure.

Sri Aurobindo

As to whether the Divine seriously means something to happen, I believe it is intended. I know with absolute certitude that the supramental is a Truth and that its advent is in the very nature of things inevitable. The question is as to the when and how. That also is decided and predestined from somewhere above; but it is here being fought out amid a rather grim clash of conflicting forces..

Sri Aurobindo

It is not for personal greatness that I am seeking to bring down the Supermind. I care nothing for greatness or littleness in the human sense.... I believe the descent of this Truth opening the way to a development of divine consciousness here to be the final sense of the earth evolution. If greater men than myself have not had this vision and this ideal before them, that is no reason why I should not follow my

Truth-sense and Truth-vision. ... it is a question between the Divine and myself – whether it is the Divine Will or not, whether I am sent to bring down or open the way for its descent or at least make it more possible or not. Let all men jeer at me if they will or all Hell fall upon me if it will for my presumptions, - I go on till I conquer or perish. This is the spirit in which I seek the Supermind, no hunting for greatness for myself or others.

Sri Aurobindo

24 April 1956

The manifestation of the Supramental on earth is no more a promise but a living fact, a reality.

It is at work here, and one day will come when the most blind, the most unconscious, even the most unwilling shall be obliged to recognize it.

The Mother

All has to be done by the working of The Mother's Force aided by your aspiration, devotion and surrender.

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Remain firm and turned in the one direction – towards the Mother.

Sri Aurobindo

Sri Aurobindo is always with us, enlightening, guiding, protecting. We must answer to his grace by a perfect faithfulness.

The Mother