

*His laughter of beauty breaks out in green trees,
His moments of beauty triumph in a flower;
The blue sea's chant, the rivulet's wandering voice
Are murmurs falling from the Eternal's harp.*

Savitri, Book X, Canto III



Beauty of the New Creation

The new creation strives to better manifest the Divine.



Resolution

Nothing can stop its development



Happy New Year 2009

We are happy to start the second volume of MASA (2009) by sharing some of Mother's words about the significance of flowers.

I have noticed a first elementary psychic vibration in plant life, and truly the blossoming of a flower is the first sign of the psychic presence. The psychic individualises itself only in man, but it existed before him; only it is not the same kind of individualisation, it is more fluid and manifests as force or as consciousness rather than as individuality. Take the rose, for example, its great perfection of form, colour and smell expresses an aspiration and is a psychic gift. Look at a rose opening in the morning with the first contact of the sun-it is a magnificent self-giving aspiration.

The Mother

The Significance of Flowers

Sweet Mother, how do you give significance to a flower?

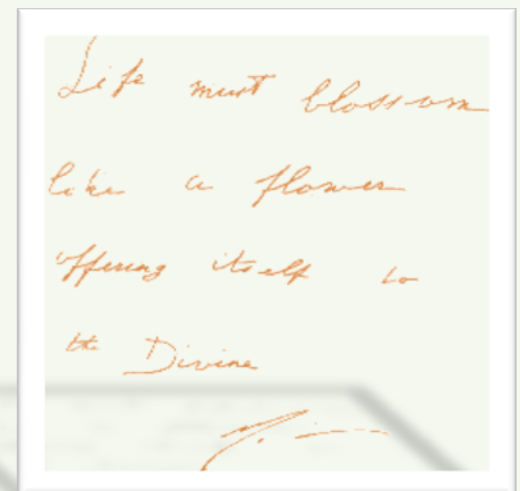
By entering into contact with it and giving a more or less precise meaning to what I feel... by entering into contact with the nature of the flower, its inner truth; then one knows what it represents.

When we offer flowers, with what attitude should we offer them? Does it matter if we do not know the significance?

This depends completely on the person who gives the flowers and on his state of consciousness. The same answer may be given to both the questions. According to the degree of consciousness of people what they do has a deep significance.

If our flower-offering depends on our state of consciousness, does it help us to learn the significances of flowers even if it is purely mental to begin with?

Yes, surely.





Promise of Renewal

May ugliness disappear from the world!

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We invoke the grace and blessings of Mother and Sri Aurobindo through our reference to MĀ and SA. MĀSA is also a Sanskrit word which means month – appropriate for a monthly publication.

Ananda Reddy presents a paper on Rebirth at the ICPR Workshop at Anantapur

Ananda Reddy attended a National Workshop organized by Indian Council of Philosophical Research at the Anantapur campus of Sri Sathya Sai University. The workshop on "Indian Philosophy and Its Social Concern" held on December 8-9, 2008 attracted speakers and attendees from various places.

Ananda Reddy presented a paper titled "Rebirth: Is the Concept Necessary?" which was highly appreciated by the audience most of whom were relatively new to Sri Aurobindo's philosophy, particularly his explanation of rebirth.



Here are some salient points covered in his talk:

The supreme Consciousness has undergone the process of involution and it is through the process of evolution that it recovers itself. In the process of the self-recovery it is the individual consciousness in which the evolving consciousness of the Supreme becomes organised and capable of awakening to its own Reality. Hence the innate reality and the immense importance of the individual being.

The individual's growth is necessary so that growing from lower to higher levels of consciousness the individual *chaitya purusha* may fulfil itself as a manifestation of the cosmic Self. For the heightening of consciousness rebirth becomes a necessity, an inevitable outcome of the root nature of our existence.

This is the basic necessity of rebirth and it is not for supporting the common theory of fulfilling one's karma, though karma is the process and not the aim of the theory of rebirth. That is to say, karma is basically accepted by the soul which seeks whatever is necessary for its new development.

Rebirth becomes meaningful only in the context of the spiritual evolution of the soul.

This workshop offered a meaningful opportunity for SACAR to continue its efforts to promote the academic study of Sri Aurobindo's thought and philosophy in institutions of higher education. This kind of bridge-building with other academic institutions is one of the key objectives of SACAR.



Another objective of SACAR is to provide help and guidance to interested seekers in their efforts to learn about Sri Aurobindo's philosophy and yoga.

Larry Seidlitz gives a talk at Aurodhan Gallery

Recently, SACAR helped organize a short series of lectures on fundamentals of Indian philosophy including Sri Aurobindo's philosophy and Integral Yoga for a small group of Belgian visitors to Pondicherry. Prof. Srinivas from Pondicherry University introduced the audience to some of the basic aspects of Indian philosophy, including Patanjali's Yoga. Larry Seidlitz from SACAR then briefly introduced Sri Aurobindo's Integral Philosophy and Yoga. This series of talks was organized in collaboration with Aurodhan, a local art gallery and guest house at Pondicherry.



Sri Aurobindo's Compassion

Why is the flower symbolising your compassion so delicate and why does it wither away so soon?

No, the compassion does not wither with its symbol - flowers are moment's representation of things that are in themselves eternal.

Sri Aurobindo

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Be Like a Flower

Be like a flower. One must try to become like a flower: open, frank, equal, generous and kind. Do you know what it means?

A flower is open to all that surrounds it: Nature, light, the rays of the sun, the wind, etc. It exerts a spontaneous influence on all that is around it. It radiates a joy and a beauty.

It is frank: it hides nothing of its beauty, and lets it flow frankly out of itself. What is within, what is in its depths, it lets it come out so that everyone can see it.

It is equal: it has no preference. Everyone can enjoy its beauty and its perfume, without rivalry. It is equal and the same for everybody. There is no difference, or anything whatsoever.

Then generous: without reserve or restriction, how it gives the mysterious beauty and the very own perfume of Nature. It sacrifices itself entirely for our pleasure, even its life it sacrifices to express this beauty and the secret of the things gathered within itself.

And then, kind: it has such a tenderness, it is so sweet, so close to us, so loving. Its presence fills us with joy. It is always cheerful and happy.

Happy is he who can exchange his qualities with the real qualities of the flowers. Try to cultivate in yourself their refined qualities.

The Mother

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Perfect New Creation

*Clustered, manifold and complete,
it asserts its right to be*

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