

## Nature and the Forces of Nature

The so-called forces of Nature are nothing but the exterior activities of beings out of proportion with man by their size and by the powers which they wield.

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*(About a cyclone which struck Pondicherry on 1 May 1966)*

This cyclone was simply a push from the Earth-Nature to wake up some of her somnolent human children to the necessity of making a progress based on Sri Aurobindo's saying, "Materially you are nothing, spiritually you are everything."

May 1966

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*(About a cyclone which struck Pondicherry in November 1966)*

Nature is collaborating in her own way. All is meant for the growth of a spontaneous sincerity.

November 1966

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One must let things grow just as plants grow in Nature. Every too rigid form or limitation we would seek to impose on them before their time, would hamper their natural development and would sooner or later have to be destroyed.

The Divine in Nature creates nothing final; everything is temporary and at the same time as perfect as it is possible for it to be under the circumstances at the time.

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In our way of working we must not be the slaves of Nature; all these habits of trying and changing, doing and undoing and redoing again and again, wasting energy, labour, material and

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money, are Nature's way of action, not the Divine's. The Divine Consciousness sees first the truth of a work, the best way of doing it according to the given circumstances. And when She acts it is final; She never comes back to what is done, She goes forward, using failure as well as success for a new progress, one more step towards the goal.

In order to progress Nature destroys, while the Divine Consciousness stimulates growth and finally transforms.§

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If you do not feel your responsibility and if you are not always alert and painstaking, then Nature will play mischief with you. If you want to stop the mischief of Nature, you have to do your work with exactness and a sense of responsibility. You must not leave anything undone. You must always be careful and alert and you will be safe.§