Messages

NEW YEAR MESSAGES¹

1933

Let the birth of the new year be the new birth of our consciousness.

Leaving the past far behind us, let us run towards a luminous future.

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1934

Lord, the year is dying and our gratitude bows down to Thee. Lord, the year is reborn, our prayer rises up to Thee. Let it be for us also the dawn of a new life.

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We surrender to Thee this evening all that is artificial and false, all that pretends and imitates. Let it disappear with the year that is at an end. May only what is perfectly true, sincere, straight and pure subsist in the year that is beginning.

¹ Messages given annually on New Year's Day (January 1).

O Lord! Grant that this year may be the year of Thy Victory. We aspire for a perfect faithfulness which would make us worthy of it.

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1937

Glory to Thee, O Lord, who triumphest over every obstacle!

Grant that nothing in us may be an impediment to Thy work.

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1938

Lord, grant that everything in us may be ready for Thy Realisation. On the threshold of the new year we bow down to Thee, O Lord, Supreme Realiser.

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1939

Will be the year of purification.

O Lord, all those who take part in the divine work implore Thee that by a supreme purification they may be liberated from the domination of the ego.

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1940

A year of silence and expectation... Let us find, O Lord, our entire support in Thy Grace alone.

The world is fighting for its spiritual life menaced by the rush of hostile and undivine forces.

Lord, we aspire to be Thy valiant warriors so that Thy glory may manifest upon the earth.

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1942

Glory to Thee, O Lord, conqueror of every foe! Give us the power to endure and share in Thy victory.

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1943

The hour has come when a choice has to be made, radical and definitive.

Lord, give us the strength to reject falsehood and emerge in Thy truth, pure and worthy of Thy victory.

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1944

O Lord, the world implores Thee to prevent it from falling back always into the same stupidities.

Grant that the mistakes recognised may never be renewed.

Grant lastly that its actions may be the exact and sincere expression of its proclaimed ideals.

The earth will enjoy a lasting and living peace only when men understand that they must be truthful even in their international dealings.

O Lord, it is for this perfect truthfulness that we aspire.

1946

Lord, it is Thy Peace we would have and not a vain semblance of peace, Thy Freedom and not a semblance of freedom, Thy Unity and not a semblance of unity. For it is only Thy Peace, Thy Freedom and Thy Unity that can triumph over the blind violence and the hypocrisy and falsehood that still reign upon earth.

Grant that those who so valiantly struggled and suffered for Thy Victory, may see the true and genuine results of that victory realised in the world.

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1948

Forward, for ever forward! At the end of the tunnel is the light... At the end of the fight is the victory!

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1949

Lord, on the eve of the new year I asked Thee what I must say. Thou hast made me see two extreme possibilities and given me the command to keep silent.

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1950

Don't speak. Act. Don't announce. Realise.

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Lord, we are upon earth to accomplish Thy work of transformation. It is our sole will, our sole preoccupation. Grant that it may be also our sole occupation and that all our actions may help us towards this single goal.

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O Lord, Thou hast decided to test the quality of our faith and to pass our sincerity on Thy touchstone. Grant that we come out greater and purer from the ordeal.

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Lord, Thou hast told us: Do not give way, hold tight. It is when everything seems lost that all is saved.

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1954

My Lord, here is Thy advice to all, for this year: "Never boast about anything, let your acts speak for you."

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The manifestation of a new world is not proclaimed by beat of drum.

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A Power greater than that of Evil can alone win the victory.

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1958

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1959

At the very bottom of the inconscience most hard and rigid and narrow and stifling I struck upon an almighty spring that cast me up forthwith into a formless limitless Vast vibrating with the seeds of a new world.

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1960

To know is good, to live is better, to be, that is perfect.

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1961

This wonderful world of delight waiting at our gates for our call, to come down upon earth...

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1962

We thirst for perfection. Not this human perfection which is a perfection of the ego and bars the way to the divine perfection.

But that one perfection which has the power to manifest upon earth the Eternal Truth.

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1963

Let us prepare for the Hour of God.

1964

Are you ready?

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1965

Salute to the advent of Truth.

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Let us serve the Truth.

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1967

Men, countries, continents! The choice is imperative: Truth or the abyss.

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1968

Remain young, never stop striving towards perfection.

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1969

No words — acts.

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1970

The world is preparing for a big change. Will you help?

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1971

Blessed are those who take a leap towards the Future.

Let us all try to be worthy of Sri Aurobindo's centenary.

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1973

When you are conscious of the whole world at the same time, then you can become conscious of the Divine.

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COMMENTS ON NEW YEAR MESSAGES²

1943

The hour has come when a choice has to be made, radical and definitive.

Lord, give us the strength to reject falsehood and emerge in Thy truth, pure and worthy of Thy victory.

This is no question of general theory; it belongs to the actuality of things. The Asura is the force of falsehood, antidivine, which reigns as sovereign over the physical world; his influence is felt everywhere, it is in everything in Matter. But the time has now come when the separation, the purification, can be made, the falsehood, the Asuric influence, rejected and there can be an exclusive living in the Divine Truth.

3 January 1943

 $^{2}\,$ Additional comments on New Year Messages may be found in CWM Volume 12 in the section on the New Age Association.

This is not a prayer, but an encouragement.

Here is the encouragement and a comment upon it:

"At the very moment when everything seems to go from bad to worse, it is then that we must make a supreme act of faith and know that the Grace will never fail us."

The hours before the dawn are always the darkest.

The servitude just before freedom comes is the most painful of all.

But in the heart endowed with faith burns the eternal flame of hope which leaves no room for discouragement.

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1961

This wonderful world of delight waiting at our gates for our call, to come down upon earth...

Is "this wonderful world of delight" the same as the Supramental New World that was born on 29 February 1956, or is it different? Since You have spoken of it as the "world of delight" it cannot be merely the Delight or Ananda of the Supramental World already born. Does it mean that, after the manifestation of the Supramental World, now one more new world is "waiting at our gates for our call" to manifest on earth?

It has always been waiting, since the beginning of the creation.

Is this world the world of Ananda which, in the hierarchical gradation of the planes of existence, is situated above the world of Supermind? If so, does it mean that after six years of its birth the Supramental World is

now sufficiently well-established on earth to make the manifestation of a still higher world possible?

Not necessarily.

The above question arises because, according to Sri Aurobindo, the Ananda plane cannot manifest in the earthly evolution until the Supramental is well-established in it.

This is absolutely evident.

What is meant by "waiting at our gates"? Does it mean that it has come down up to the subtle physical plane?

I did not specify what gates they are.

"Waiting at our gates for our call, to come down upon earth..." — does this mean that it will not come down upon earth until it is called?

Certainly not.

What is the best way of calling down this world of delight?

Understand and be sincere.

Have the printed copies of Your five photographs, with a significance given to each, which You distributed on 21 January 1961, anything to do with the calling down of the world of delight? If they are given as an aid to call, how best to make use of them for the purpose?

Each one must find that for himself.

Will it be helpful to call down this world if Your Message itself is converted into an invocation and repeated in silent concentration as follows: "O wonderful world of delight waiting at our gates for our call, come down upon earth..."

For those who spontaneously feel like doing it, it will be helpful.

Unlike every year, You read the Message this time first in English and then in French. Why this change of procedure?

Because I received it in English first.

The dots at the end of the Message give an impression as if something is left unsaid. Is it so?

There is always something — many things — left unsaid.

5 March 1961

1964

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Are you ready?

The question means: Are you ready for the Hour of God?

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1966

Let us serve the Truth

What is the Truth?

He who wants sincerely to serve the Truth, will know the Truth.

Men, countries, continents! The choice is imperative: Truth or the abyss.

About the New Year Message of 1967, you say that the choice is between truth or the abyss. The abyss seems to be gaping just in front, yet there is a confidence that it will be removed from the way.

The confidence is quite legitimate.

The message is only for those who are still asleep and quite satisfied with their sleep.

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What is the meaning of "abyss" in your New Year's Message or, put another way, what should a sadhak fear?

Right now there is a great tension. They have all taken positions as if to start war. It is the blind passion that men put into their international relations.

At the base of all there is fear, general distrust, and what they believe to be their "interests" (money, business) — a combination of these three things. When these three lowest passions of humanity are brought into play, that is what I call "the abyss".

When someone has decided to consecrate his life to the seeking for the Divine, if he is sincere, that is to say, if the resolution is sincere and carried out sincerely, there is absolutely nothing to fear, because all that happens or will happen to him will lead him by the shortest way to this realisation.

That is the response of the Grace. People believe that the Grace means making everything smooth for all your life. It is not true.

The Grace works for the realisation of your aspiration and everything is arranged to gain the most prompt, the quickest realisation — so there is nothing to fear.

Fear comes with insincerity. If you want a comfortable life, agreeable circumstances, etc., you are putting conditions and restrictions, and then you can fear.

But it has no business in the sadhana!

26 May 1967

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1970

The world is preparing for a big change. Will you help?

How should we help the big change in the world, about which your New Year's Message speaks?

The best way of helping is to let the Consciousness that has come down upon earth work in you for transformation.

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9 January 1970

What is it "to work for the Future"?

To begin with, not to stick to the old habits individual and national.

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May this year be a year of luminous peace in the joy that comes from true kindness — the human child of Divine Compassion.

Let us hope also that this year will not pass without bringing us together once more.

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Let the dawn of the New Year be for us also the dawn of a new and better life.

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Mother, dispel all my ignorance and egoism with the first ray of sunlight of the New Year.

Make Your Light shine out in me and may this Light give birth in me to a consciousness full of Your supreme delight.

Yes, the New Year must dispel the smoke of ignorance and make the Light shine forth.

My blessings are with you.

Messages

DARSHAN MESSAGES³

24 April 1950

The disciples judge the forms by the Master. Outsiders judge the Master by the forms.

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15 August 1950

Our sadhana has reached a stage in which we are mostly dealing with the subconscient and even the inconscient. As a consequence the physical determinism has taken a predominant position bringing an increase of difficulties on the way which have to be faced with an increase of courage and determination.

In any case, whatever happens and whatever you do, do not allow FEAR to invade you. At the slightest touch of it, react and call for help.

You must learn not to identify with your body and treat it as a young child who needs to be convinced that it must not fear.

FEAR is the greatest of all enemies and we must overcome it here, once and for all.

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21 February 1952

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,

³ The four Darshan Days are: 21 February, the Mother's birthday (1878); 24 April, the Mother's final arrival in Pondicherry (1920); 15 August, Sri Aurobindo's birthday (1872); 24 November, Siddhi Day (Victory Day), the descent of Krishna, the Overmind Godhead, into the physical (1926).

Here and in the sections which follow, only the messages written by the Mother are published; those from the writings of Sri Aurobindo are not included.

against the past that seeks to endure; so that the new things may manifest and we may be ready to receive them.

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24 November 1952

To follow Sri Aurobindo in the great adventure of his integral Yoga, one needed always to be a warrior; now that he has left us physically, one needs to be a hero.

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21 February 1954

When you fear death it has already defeated you.

24 April 1956

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The manifestation of the Supramental upon 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 recognise it.

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24 November 1956

Without care for time, without fear for space, surging out purified from the flames of the ordeal, we shall fly without stop towards the realisation of our goal, the supramental victory.

24 April 1957

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

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21 February 1958

To celebrate the birth of a transitory body can satisfy some faithful feelings.

To celebrate the manifestation of the eternal Consciousness can be done at every moment of the universal history.

But to celebrate the advent of a new world, the supramental world, is a marvellous and exceptional privilege.

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24 April 1958

There are two complementary aspects of the liberating action of the Divine Grace upon earth among men. These two aspects are equally indispensable, but are not equally appreciated.

The sovereign immutable peace that liberates from anxiety, tension and suffering.

The dynamic all-powerful progress that liberates from fetters, bondages and inertia.

The peace is universally appreciated and recognised as divine, but the progress is welcomed only by those whose aspiration is intense and courageous.

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15 August 1961

In the depths of the Inconscient there also shines the Divine Consciousness, resplendent and eternal.

21 February 1965

Above all the complications of the so-called human wisdom stands the luminous simplicity of the Divine's Grace, ready to act if we allow It to do so.

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21 February 1968

The best way to hasten the manifestation of the Divine's Love is to collaborate for the triumph of the Truth.

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21 February 1969

It is only immutable peace that can make possible eternity of existence.

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21 February 1970

Truth is a difficult and strenuous conquest. One must be a real warrior to make this conquest, a warrior who fears nothing, neither enemies nor death, for with or against everybody, with or without a body, the struggle continues and will end by Victory.

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21 February 1971

A life consecrated to union with the Divine is the only life worth living.

24 April 1971

Needless to say that those who aspire to Truth must abstain from telling lies.

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21 February 1972

The complete unification of the whole being around the psychic centre is the essential condition to realise a perfect sincerity.

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15 August 1972

Sri Aurobindo's message is an immortal sunlight radiating over the future.

24 November 1972

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Beyond all preferences and limitations, there is a ground of mutual understanding where all can meet and find their harmony: it is the aspiration for a divine consciousness.

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21 February 1973

The more we advance on the way, the more the need of the Divine Presence becomes imperative and indispensable.

24 April 1973

Beyond man's consciousness Beyond speech O Thou, Supreme Consciousness Unique Reality Divine Truth

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MESSAGES FOR THE SUPRAMENTAL MANIFESTATION UPON EARTH 29 FEBRUARY 1956

The Golden Day

Henceforth the 29th February will be the day of the Lord.

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29 February 1956

During the common meditation on Wednesday

This evening the Divine Presence, concrete and material, was there present amongst you. I had a form of living gold, bigger than the universe, and I was facing a huge and massive golden door which separated the world from the Divine.

As I looked at the door, I knew and willed, in a single movement of consciousness, that *"the time has come,"* and lifting with both hands a mighty golden hammer I struck one blow, one single blow on the door and the door was shattered to pieces.

Then the supramental Light and Force and Consciousness rushed down upon earth in an uninterrupted flow.

Written in 1956



The Mother

Truth alone can give to the world the power of receiving and manifesting the Divine Love.

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1972

It is only when the Supramental manifests in the body-mind that its presence can be permanent.

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MESSAGES FOR THE MOTHER'S FIRST ARRIVAL IN PONDICHERRY⁴ 29 MARCH 1914

1950

I need not appear to be good if my sincerity is perfect. It is better to be than to seem.

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1952

Never forget that you are not alone. The Divine is with you helping and guiding you. He is the companion who never fails, the friend whose love comforts and strengthens. Have faith and He will do everything for you.

⁴ The messages for the Mother's final arrival in Pondicherry (24 April 1920) are published in this section under "Darshan Messages".

29 February – 29 March

Lord, Thou hast willed, and I execute: A new light breaks upon the earth, A new world is born. The things that were promised are fulfilled.

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1958

When you are in need of an external change, it means that you do not progress internally. For he who progresses internally can live always under the same external conditions; these constantly reveal to him new truths.

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1961

Our Path

To walk on the path you must have a dauntless intrepidity, you must never turn back upon yourself with this mean, petty, weak, ugly movement that fear is.

An indomitable courage, a perfect sincerity, a total selfgiving to the extent that you do not calculate or bargain, you do not give with the idea of receiving, you do not offer yourself with the intention of being protected, you do not have a faith that needs proofs, — this is indispensable for advancing on the path, — this alone can shelter you against all dangers.

Messages

MESSAGES FOR SRI AUROBINDO'S ARRIVAL IN PONDICHERRY 4 APRIL 1910

1950

Be sincere, always sincere, more and more sincere.

Sincerity exacts from each one that in his thoughts, his feelings, his sensations and his actions he should express nothing but the central truth of his being.

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1951

A new Light shall break upon the earth, a new world shall be born: the things that were promised shall be fulfilled.

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1958



The descending triangle represents Sat-Chit-Ananda.

The ascending triangle represents the aspiring answer from matter under the form of life, light and love.

The junction of both — the central square — is the perfect manifestation having at its centre the Avatar of the Supreme — the lotus.

The water — inside the square — represents the multiplicity, the creation.

Physically, materially, upon earth, it is in gratitude that one finds the source of the purest delight.

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PUJA MESSAGES

Lakshmi Puja 1955

Mother divine, thou art with us, each day thou givest me the assurance, and closely united in an identification which grows more and more integral, more and more constant, we turn to the Lord of the universe and to That which is beyond in a great aspiration towards the new Light.

31 October 1955

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Kali Puja 1955

An Old Chaldean Legend

Long, long ago, in the dry land which is now Arabia, a divine being incarnated upon earth to awaken in it the supreme love. As expected it was persecuted by men, misunderstood, suspected, pursued. Mortally wounded by its assailants, it wanted to die quietly in solitude in order to be able to accomplish its work, and being pursued, it ran away. Suddenly, in the vast desert land there appeared a small pomegranate bush. The saviour crept in under the low branches, to leave its body in peace; and immediately the bush spread out miraculously, it grew higher, larger, became deep and thick, so that when the pursuers passed by, they did not even suspect that the One whom they were chasing was hidden there, and they went their way. While drop by drop the sacred blood fell, fertilising the soil, the bush was covered with marvellous flowers, scarlet, large, crowded with petals... innumerable drops of blood.

These are the flowers which express and contain for us the Divine's Love.

14 November 1955

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Durga Puja 1957 Mahashtami

To express our gratitude to Sri Aurobindo we can do nothing better than to be a living demonstration of his teaching.

30 September 1957

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Durga Puja 1957 Vijaya Dashami: Victory Day

For those who use their physical eyes alone, the victory will be apparent only when it is total, that is to say, physical.

2 October 1957

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COMMENTS ON PUJA DAYS

(Durga Puja 1953, Victory Day)

Today was truly a day of victory, victory over all that yet remained human in the physical consciousness.

O Nature, I bring to thee force and light, truth and power; it is for thee to receive and utilise them. It is thou who wilt be receptive in the fruit of thy creation, man, and open the doors of his understanding; it is thou who wilt give him the energy

of progress and the will of transformation; and, above all, it is thou who wilt make him accept the Presence and aspire for Realisation.

18 October 1953

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(Durga Puja l954, Victory Day)

It is victory day; let it be a true victory of the Spirit over ignorance and falsehood.

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6 October 1954

(Durga Puja 1955, Victory Day)

A verbal notation of the experience I transmitted during meditation.

The annual battle and victory of Durga symbolise the rhythmic intervention of the Supreme Divine Consciousness that periodically gives a new impetus to the universal progress.

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26 October 1955

(About the "victory" referred to in the message for Durga Puja 1957, Victory Day)

But this does not mean that it is not already won in principle. 2 October 1957

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(Kali Puja 1959)

We who have a common uplifting ideal, shall unite; and in this union and by this union we will face and overcome the attacks of all opposing forces of darkness and devastation. In union is the strength, in union is the power, in union the certitude of Victory.

Mother Kali will be with you on this day.

31 October 1959

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGES⁵

1959

Noël.

Blessings.

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1960

Bon Noël. Blessings.

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1961

Bon Noël to all. With the blessings of the Grace for all.

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1962

May the New Light illumine your thoughts and your lives, govern your hearts and guide your action.

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Blessings.

 $^{^{5}}$ Christmas was designated by the Mother as the festival of the return of the Light.

Joyeux Noël. Let us celebrate the Light by letting it enter into us.

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1964

If you want peace upon earth, first establish peace in your heart. If you want union in the world, first unify the different parts of your being.

Blessings.

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1965

Bon Noël to all.

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1966

Bon Noël to all, in Peace and Joy.

May this new Christmas be for you the advent of a new light, higher and purer.

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1967

Union and goodwill upon earth.

Behind the rigidity of the outward celebrations there is a living symbol; it is this that we must remember.

Peace and goodwill to all.

Unless a break is made with the habits and the beliefs of the past, there is little hope of advancing rapidly towards the future.

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1968

Love the Truth.

Let the light dawn in your consciousness. Blessings to all.

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1969

Hail the new light. That it may grow in all hearts. Blessings.

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1970

Bon Noël.

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1971

The time has come for the rule of falsehood to end. In the Truth alone is salvation.

We want to show to the world that man can become a true servitor of the Divine.

Who will collaborate in *all sincerity*?

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Father Christmas,

I evoke you today!

Answer our call. Come bearing all your marvellous gifts. You are the great dispenser of worldly possessions; you are the untiring friend who hears every request and grants it generously. Give each one the material object he desires, and as for me, give me enough, give me much so that I may give largely to all.

(Significances of the gifts offered by the three Magi to Jesus at the time of his birth)

Gold: wealth of the world and supramental knowledge. Frankincense: purification of the vital. Myrrh: immortalisation of the body.

BIRTHDAY MESSAGES⁶

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My dear child, my love and blessings are and will be with you throughout the year. Let them help you to make one more progress on the way towards the divine goal.

 $^{^{6}}$ These are a few examples of the numerous short messages which the Mother wrote to people on their birthdays. She called this occasion "Bonne Fête".

Let this year be a year of progress and transformation — one more step on the way leading to the Divine Realisation.

2 February 1930

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Let this year be for you the year of a complete opening and of the breaking of all limitations.

2 February 1943

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Let this year bring you the true faith — a faith that no darkness can obscure.

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2 February 1944

Let this day of your birth be for you an occasion to give yourself a little more, a little better to the Divine. Let your consecration be more total, your devotion more ardent, your aspiration more intense.

Open yourself to the New Light and walk with a joyful step on the path.

Resolve on this day that it may be thus and the day will not have passed in vain.

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A grain of practice is worth a mountain of theories.

"Lord, on this anniversary day of my birth, grant that the power to know changes in me into a power to transform myself integrally."

A bonne fête!

A new birth also, the birth into a new consciousness in which you will be above all little personal reactions because you will constantly feel in your heart the presence of the Divine; may it give you the force to surmount all obstacles, all pettiness and all difficulties.

With my love and my blessings.

8 January 1963

On this day, we take the decision to make a decisive step towards the victory of truth.

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Each year that passes should be — and necessarily is — a new conquest.

Let a decisive step be taken this year towards His Victory.

13 January 1963

With this new year that starts for you, you must start a new life, with a renewed resolution to drive away from your consciousness and action all that deforms, diminishes, obscures and finally stops your progress and impairs your health.

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In your effort for inner growth and purification, you can be sure of being sustained and helped by my force and my blessings. 27 January 1963

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Bonne Fête!

May this new year be for you a year of progress in the perfection of work and of consecration, in sincerity, energy and peace.

With my blessings.

16 January 1964

Bonne Fête!

With my blessings for a year of perfect consecration and integral progress in love and peace.

16 January 1965

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Bonne Fête

In silent endurance, one step forward towards the victory, with the help of eternal love.

13 January 1966

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Bonne Fête

To mark one more step on the luminous road leading to the Divine Realisation in Peace, Love and Joy.

13 January 1967

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Bonne Fête

With my love for a life of collaboration and my blessings for the prolonged continuation of this happy collaboration in peace and love.

13 January 1971

Bonne Fête

With my love, my trust and my blessings for transformation. Forward to the Realisation.

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13 January 1973

MESSAGES FOR CENTRES AND ORGANISATIONS

(Suggested programme for a study group)

1. Prayer

(Sri Aurobindo, Mother — grant us your help in our endeavour to understand your teaching.)

2. Reading of Sri Aurobindo's book.

3. A moment of silence.

4. One question can be put by whoever wants to put a question on *what has been read*.

5. Answer to the question.

6. No general discussion.

This is *not* the meeting of a *group* but simply a class for studying Sri Aurobindo's books.

31 October 1942

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I have read X's letters and would like you to tell him that:

1) I think it would be better to begin the circle without a too expensive basis to start with, so that the question of money will not be at the forefront and troublesome. Later on when the circle will have proved a success it can move to more expensive quarters.

2) The yearly subscription for the members can be fixed at Rs.10, but I propose that all those who wish to come to read and study Sri Aurobindo's books can do so without being *members* of the circle and on a small subscription of Rs. 2 for instance.

3) It is better not to *lend* books and let them go out of the circle premises.

4) I wish that apart from the yearly subscription, no money should be asked from those who send money here regularly because it would be so much taken from their contribution here. 5) He must not form a committee except with people with whom he can fully agree and also who are accepted by Sri Aurobindo and myself here.

6) He must not do anything without our written consent and to save time it is better if he writes directly to me in English, stating in a short and precise way the steps he intends to take.

Finally you can send him my blessings and my recommendation to avoid all quarrels, bad feelings and misunderstandings.

A word to finish:

It is only egoism that is shocked to find egoism in others. 5 October 1943

(Message for the inauguration of the Sri Aurobindo Philosophical Circle, Hong Kong)

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Let the eternal Light dawn on the eastern horizon.

26 June 1954

(Message for the inauguration of the Delhi Branch of Sri Aurobindo Ashram)

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Let this place be worthy of its name and manifest the true spirit of Sri Aurobindo's teaching and message to the world.

With my blessings.

12 February 1956

In Delhi at the Sri Aurobindo Ashram branch they need very badly somebody qualified who could give lectures on Sri Aurobindo's teaching and organise the higher studies in the Ashram School.

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I am quite convinced that you are the best man to do that work. You have a very clear and deep understanding of Sri

Aurobindo's writings and at the same time your explanations are very attractive and comprehensible.

Kindly let me know if you agree to this proposal, so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

I feel quite sure that you have fully benefited by this time of rest you had with your family and that you are quite fit now.

Blessings to all and for you with my love.

13 June 1958

To all those who work and learn in the Delhi Branch of the Ashram, I send my blessings.

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Let each one do his very best and, peacefully, leave to the Supreme the care of the results.

21 August 1960

(Message for the inauguration of Sri Aurobindo Nilaya, Santiniketan)

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To open a centre is not sufficient in itself. It must be the pure hearth of a perfect sincerity in a total consecration to the Divine.

Let the flame of this sincerity rise high above the falsities and deceptions of the world.

With blessings.

21 December 1962

Sri Aurobindo's Action and Sri Aurobindo Society

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are equally working for the manifestation of the truth in the immediate future; and to help both equally is to work for this realisation.

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And my blessings are with all help and good will.

2 May 1971

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MESSAGES FOR DEPARTMENTS AND BUSINESSES

(Message for Sri Aurobindo Ashram Atelier)

Obligeance, rectitude, régularité. Obliging, correct, regular. Blessings.

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(Message for Harpagon Workshop)

Let peace and good will always prevail here. With my blessings.

17 September 1952

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(Message for New Horizon Sugar Mills)

A happy beginning A good continuation and no end an endless progression.

14 May 1957

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(Message inscribed on the foundation-stone of New Horizon Sugar Mills)

Faithfulness is the sure basis of success.

12 April 1959

MISCELLANEOUS MESSAGES

(Message for the installation of Sri Aurobindo's relics at Jeypore, Orissa, on 8 December 1970)

In each and every one, the highest consciousness must be the ruler of the life.

Blessings.

(Message for the inauguration of a youth camp organised by Sri Aurobindo's Action)

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Our life ought to be governed by the Love for Truth and the thirst for Light.

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Blessings.

26 September 1971

(Message for the inauguration of a house)

Let this new house be filled with an ardent aspiration for the Divine Realisation and, in answer to the call, the Divine Presence will be there.

7 October 1951