

Some Answers from the Mother

condition at present? When will she emerge from this pitiful condition and reaffirm her greatness?

When she renounces falsehood and lives in the Truth.

28 April 1965

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Sweet Mother,

*Why did Sri Aurobindo advise India's leaders to accept the Cripps Proposal in 1942, when He knew fully well that they would not?*²¹

The Divine often advises or tries to guide man, knowing very well that His help will be refused. Why then does He do it?

The Divine *always* informs, but it is rare indeed for men to listen to Him. Either they do not hear Him or do not believe Him.

Men always complain of not being helped, but the truth is that they refuse the help which is *always* with them.

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Sweet Mother,

You say that to hope to partake of the new realisation, "you must feel that this world is ugly, stupid, brutal and full of intolerable suffering".²² But what would be the state of one who feels that everything here is the play

²¹ Sri Aurobindo sent a special messenger to Delhi advising Indian leaders to accept, as a first step towards independence, Sir Stafford Cripps' proposal of Dominion status for India. Sri Aurobindo held that this proposal conferred essential independence on India by putting her on a par with the various Dominions already associated with the United Kingdom. Had his advice been heeded, the partition of India might have been avoided.

²² *Questions and Answers 1929–1931*, CWM, Vol. 3, p. 128.