

*Sri Aurobindo came to tell the world of the beauty of the future that must be realised.*

*He came to give not a hope but a certitude of the splendour towards which the world moves. The world is not an unfortunate accident, it is a marvel which moves towards its expression.*

*The world needs the certitude of the beauty of the future and Sri Aurobindo has given that assurance.*

*The Mother*

I came across a booklet, *Auroville: The Cradle of a New Man*, in which the Mother has stated as follows:

*Last year, when I announced to you the manifestation of the Supramental Consciousness and Light and Force, I should have added that it was an event forerunner of the birth of a new world. But at that time, the new world was so much engulfed in the ancient that even now there are very few people who are aware of its birth and of the difference it brings into the world. Yet the action of the new forces has continued in a very regular, very persistent, very obstinate and, to a certain extent, very effective way. The result of all that has been noted at every step in almost day-to-day experiences.*

*First of all, it is not merely a new conception of the spiritual life and the divine reality. The old spirituality was an escape from life towards the divine Reality, leaving the world where it was, as it was. Our new vision, on the contrary, is the divinisation of life, the transformation of the material into a divine world. But this work could have been a simple continuation, an amelioration, an enlargement of the old world as it was. What has happened is truly a new thing:*

*A New World has been born. It is not the old that is being transformed, it is quite a new world that has been really concretely born.*

*At the present hour we are in the very heart of a period of transition, where the two are intertwined; the old persists, still all-powerful, continues to dominate the ordinary consciousness, while the new glides in, still modest, unnoticed to the extent that for the moment it disturbs nothing much externally, and even in the consciousness of most people it is quite imperceptible. And yet it works, it grows till the moment when it will be strong enough to impose itself visibly.*

*In any case, to simplify one can say that the old world, the creation which Sri Aurobindo calls the overmental, was in a characteristic way the age of the gods and therefore the age of religions. The flower of man's effort towards that*