

“Opening from below”¹ means this — that the supramental force descending awakes a response from below in the earth-consciousness so that it is possible for a supramental activity to be formed in the material itself. All is involved as potentiality in the earth-consciousness, life, mind, supermind — but it is only when life force descended from the life plane into the material that active and conscious organised life was possible — so it was only when mind descended that the latent mind in Matter awoke and could be organised. The supramental descent must create the same kind of opening from below so that a supramental consciousness can be organised in the material.

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It [the earth] contains all the potentialities which come out in the beings of earth and also much that is unexpressed.

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Yes. The earth is the place of evolution in which all these forces meet and try to manifest and out of their working something has to develop. On the other planes (the mental, vital etc.) there is not the evolution — there each acts separately according to its own law.

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[The earth-consciousness:] The consciousness of this Earth alone. There is a separate global consciousness of the earth (as of other worlds) which evolves with the evolution of life on the planet.

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Yes all that is the earth-consciousness — mineral=matter, vegetable=the vital-physical creation, animal=the vital creation, man = the mental creation. Into the earth-consciousness so limi-

¹ “... it is only the very highest supramental Force descending from above and opening from below that can victoriously handle the physical Nature and annihilate its difficulties.” Sri Aurobindo, *The Mother*, p. 2.