

SRI AUROBINDO

Sri Aurobindo was an Indian philosopher, yogi, guru, poet, and nationalist. He joined the Indian movement for independence from British rule, for a while was.

Sri Aurobindo considered her his spiritual equal and collaborator. During a visit to Baroda in , Aurobindo took some private lessons from a Maharashtrian yogi, Bhaskar Lele. In , he decided to relocate to Pondicherry, which was at the time a French enclave in India, where he would be more safe from harassment by the British police. It would be absurd for her to do the same thing with everybody as if all were machines which had to be touched and handled in the same way. That is only possible if one meets her with the inner being and grows into her consciousness -- those who seek an outer relation only cannot do that. This left the task of filling the 64 pages of the monthly journal to Aurobindo, and he faithfully fulfilled this task for the next 6 years, by serialising, in parallel, several books. In he had the first of several fundamental spiritual realisations. Though the Record is written in the manner of laboratory notes -- in telegram style and with extensive use of technical terms and abbreviations which are often difficult to follow -- they leave one with the definite impression that he hardly ever, if at all, made any general statement about the possibilities of yoga which he had not first extensively verified in his own experience. Last updated: Dec 8, Sri Aurobindo: his vision made Auroville possible Sri Aurobindo Brilliant scholar, revolutionary, spiritual visionary -- Sri Aurobindo's world-view gives each individual a meaningful place in a progressive cosmic unfolding and casts our understanding of human endeavour in a new and purposeful perspective. His writings brought him in frequent conflict with the British authorities but he carefully chose his language and repeatedly managed to escape conviction. His father, Krishna Dhun Ghose, was then Assistant Surgeon of Rangpur in Bengal, and a former member of the Brahma Samaj religious reform movement who had become enamoured with the then-new idea of evolution while pursuing medical studies in Edinburgh. Paul Richard found it difficult to accept the by now obvious spiritual and intellectual superiority of Aurobindo and left soon after, but Mirra Alfassa stayed, and gradually took up an increasingly important role in the small community that began to form around Aurobindo. With its over lines and pages Savitri is in a class of its own. He could not explain this and continued to have various such experiences from time to time. He was the first political leader in India to openly put forward, in his newspaper Bande Mataram, the idea of complete independence for the country. She is that in the body, but in her whole consciousness she is also identified with all the other aspects of the Divine. Aurobindo often travelled between Baroda and Bengal, at first in a bid to re-establish links with his parent's families and other Bengali relatives, including his sister Sarojini and brother Barin, and later increased to establish resistance groups across the Presidency. A third, the Samana, regulates the interchange of these two forces at their meeting-place, equalises them and is the most important agent in maintaining the equilibrium of the vital forces and their functions. Aurobindo, , "35 In spite of his political involvement, Sri Aurobindo had a rather private disposition and rarely spoke or wrote directly about his own experiences, so most of what we know about them is derived somewhat indirectly from his other writings. What you can do. Openness means the removal of all that makes one unconscious of the inner relation -- nothing can make one more unconscious than the idea that it must be measured only by some outward manifestation instead of being felt within the being; it makes one blind or insensitive to the outer manifestations that are there. Though he became fairly fluent in what should have been his mother tongue, Bengali, he remained more at home in English, and it is in this language that he wrote all his major works. In her deep and great love for her children she has consented to put on herself the cloak of this obscurity, condescended to bear the attacks and torturing influences of the powers of the Darkness and the Falsehood, borne to pass through the portals of the birth that is a death, taken upon herself the pangs and sorrows and sufferings of the creation, since it seemed that thus alone could it be lifted to the Light and Joy and Truth and eternal Life. Returning to India in , he worked for the next thirteen years in the Princely State of Baroda in the service of the Maharaja and as a professor in Baroda College. It does not depend on physical nearness. It may be noted that in spite of his official retirement from politics, Sri Aurobindo was one of the very few major public figures in India who recognised how serious the consequences of a victory of Nazi Germany and Japan would have been for the future development of human civilization, and during the Second World War he gave his full support to the Allied war-effort. The Congress

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split after this session. On the contrary, I have seen with what a constant leniency, tolerant patience and kindness she has met the huge mass of indiscipline, disobedience, self-assertion, revolt that has surrounded her, even revolt to her very face and violent letters overwhelming her with the worst kind of vituperation. In his own words: [I]t was while I was walking that His strength again entered into me. The Ashram and the international township, Auroville, which she started in at the age of 90 , still exist and continue to develop as creative spiritual communities. This led to him being arrested on a charge of treason and being kept in solitary confinement for almost a year as an 'under trial' prisoner in Alipore jail. I looked at the bars of my cell, the very grating that did duty for a door and again I saw Vasudeva. Aurobindo was considered too young for enrolment and he continued his studies with the Drewetts, learning history, Latin, French , geography and arithmetic. To achieve this it was necessary that they study in England and so it was there that the entire family moved in The Mother does not believe in tradition -- she considers that Art should always develop new forms -- but still these must be according to a truth of Beauty which is universal and eternal -- something of the Divine. One specially termed Prana moves in the upper part of the body and is pre-eminently the breath of life, because it brings the universal life-force into the physical system and gives it there to be distributed. This was a prerequisite for admission to good English schools and, after two years, in , the elder two siblings were enrolled at Manchester Grammar School.