

Mother was told of an instance of collaboration, she was particularly happy.

And now when so many problems arise, as they are bound to arise, I still feel Mother is there, Mother is in Auroville, and we have great hope. When she entrusted me with the work of Auroville she said that it was a very difficult task with many problems, but I should put each matter before her, and in all her humility she said she would try to help me.

Well, when she was in her physical body, she guided, protected and carried us through. And now when she is no more physically with us, those who carry her emanation with them, and all who are open to her, do get her protection.

That is all for today.

On a height he stood that looked towards greater heights.

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“She Always Brought Us Back to Unity”

Bhagawandas (Jean Pierre)

It is a great privilege to meet the Mother at personal level. Three of us from Aspiration—Alain, myself and Cristof—used to meet Mother every week and ask her guidance on many questions at individual, social and spiritual levels. To meet her as a member of our collective life is something exhilarating. That experience is very difficult to put into words, but I will try.

It was so incredible to observe how Mother tackled many things in a simple way. She keenly understood the problems we were explaining to her, and was teaching us how to face and overcome the difficulties—the difficulties were complex, both at material and spiritual levels.

She made us feel completely relaxed and good and comfortable. She always brought us back to unity by telling us how to face the problems and live and work together. She influenced us with her deep knowledge and love! Our conversation touched many things including animals like dogs and cats. She spent more than 15 minutes to explain to us, on how we should relate ourselves with these creatures, how we should be conscious and good in such a way that the animal too feels good to be with us. This still holds relevance to me even though so many years have passed since. When we asked her questions—we were putting so many questions to her—in her reply, She was going from one level of consciousness to another with such a facility, that the whole communication was integral (at all levels: emotional, psychic and other levels).

One day after some conversation, she said that we should take up, “What is it to be a true Aurovilian?” For us it was a big topic, it was a great mystery—how to be a true Aurovilian and

who a true Aurovilian is. We said, "To be one with the Divine—at the service of the Divine." That was our first answer. She was happy and said "Good, good, good." Then she said, "We should take up the other conditions in the next interview. Before we met her the next time, she had already worked out something.

It was incredible how she used to tackle Auroville Life without rejecting anything that is essential in Life; how to live and rise from the lowest level to the highest level. She even spoke on how manual work is important. Nothing needs to be barred by force; you should rise in your consciousness so that it falls off by itself: that is what I understood.

Though we were three, we were also representing the collectivity. So I wanted to tape the conversation. When I first put the tape record before her, she was not so inclined. I explained to her that it is for the community listening—then she said O.K. After the interview we used to go directly to Aspiration Cafeteria where people used to assemble. We used to play the tape and then have a collective meditation. To me, the Auroville life started from that time.

About the present: I feel that the people who come now,—though they had no physical touch of Mother—have inner maturity. With the spiritual labour of Mother and Sri Aurobindo in the Earth consciousness, the younger generation is able to do more quickly and easily what was hard for us.

We have many differences in our outlook on things and life etc., but we should not have division. We are all complementary. So many people are coming here with a full hope for its realisation. We have to welcome them as our brothers and sisters and share our experience. This is a beautiful possibility for Auroville, a real fraternity.

His consciousness is a babe upon her knees.

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Aspiration

Cristof

When we came to live in Aspiration, we were babies, and we still are babies.

But like babies, we had such faith in our Mother, in Her new creation: everything was going to change, today, or may be tomorrow... From the red earth a new world would arise, because "All's miracle here and can by miracle change."

After some time, we felt the need to come closer to Her, I mean physically, and to put before Her the problems, day to day problems that we had. I wrote to Her and She agreed to see the three of us, Alain, Jean Pierre (Bhagawan Das) and myself, once a week on Tuesdays at three o' clock in the afternoon.

Most of the time we were rather lightly dressed, working in the garden planting trees, as it was just the beginning of Aspiration in the desert. But for that wonderful meeting, we put on our best dress—like today I have put on my beautiful white shirt. On that day, we were really trying to be at our best—not only outwardly! We were making effort to be in touch with something deeper within us.

The first time when we went to see Mother, it was difficult to speak. We had prepared some questions and so we put the questions before Her. I think the main problem we had in the beginning was how to do practical work and at the same time do the inner discovery—do the inner work. That was the problem for us, it was not easy. We asked Her this question and She answered. She said: "Actually the ideal would have been if the inner discovery had been made before coming here." But of course She didn't stop at that. She didn't send us back home, because our home was here.