

“A Very Powerful Being Came Down and Tied Auroville to the Ground”

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I was in contact with the Deputy Director General of UNESCO and Mother wanted me to work for Auroville through UNESCO in which he was very helpful; he was about to retire in 1970. He had come to Delhi and I felt that I should go and see him though I didn't know what particular work I was supposed to do. So, I wrote to the Mother—Mother, I have a feeling that I should go and see him, but I don't know what I would do—Mother wrote, “This is quite all right.”

I went to Delhi with a completely blank mind. Nanda, one of the devotees of Mother and Sri Aurobindo who was working with Doordarshan TV came to see me. He said, “Do you know that Mrs. Satpathi”—who was at that time the Minister of Information and Broadcasting—“has arranged an interview with Dr Adiseshiah on Auroville by Melvin de Mello?” I told him: “No, but I would like to write questions for him for this interview.” He laughed: “He is such an efficient well known interviewer and has interviewed so many diplomats and dignitaries.” I said: “Yes, I know all that.” He said, “Well, I would be taken as a fool.” I said: “You are not asking, I am asking; if anybody is to be taken as a fool, I would be. Will you do it for The Mother?”

You wouldn't believe but it was a very silent mind and the questions came pouring down. I wrote about ten questions, got them typed, and gave them to him next morning. Then I said: “Would you do me another favour? I would like to be present when he is interviewing.” “Well, with all your impossible demands, I will attend to that too.”

I was sitting with de Mello and there was a glass barrier

between us and Dr. Adiseshiah,—All the ten questions without any change of words were asked. And the answers that came from him, gave me a touch of the Mother's Presence. I asked de Mello if I could have a tape of this? He laughed: “You know, we never give a tape before it is broadcast.” I told him, “I wouldn't play the tape for anybody except the Mother. Would you give me?” So he asked: “When are you leaving?” I said, “The day after tomorrow.” “We have to edit the tape also,” he said and asked me: “Are you coming to the party that Mrs. Satpathi is giving?” I said, “Yes.” He said, “I'll see...”

You wouldn't believe, he brought the tape and gave it to me; when I came back, I asked the Mother's permission to play the tape before her and she asked me to see her on Saraswathi Pooja day. I went to her with Richard with a tape recorder in the afternoon and I played the tape. Mother listened to it very intently and then at the end, she said: “Kailas, do you know what I felt?” I was holding her hands and anxiously waiting for what she had to say. She said, “A very powerful being came down and tied Auroville to the ground; it was needed and he did it. Now, Auroville will be a reality. And the world will see.” When Dr Adiseshiah had come here for some meeting on education she told André, “He is very open to my force and many good things will come out of his contact with Kailas.” And he was instrumental in helping Auroville to be known to the world outside to promote its realisation.