Africans in Auroville

Krishna from Morocco


He met the Divine Mother, who named him Krishna. He was one of the earliest Africans to become an Aurovilian, and he served the ideal of Auroville with great conviction for more than 31 years, representing the whole of Africa and working in afforestation until he passed away from this world on 10/2/2000. In his lifetime Ahmed M’Zali managed to attract his people. Representatives from the Ministry of Information of Morocco came to Auroville, examined the life there and showed it to the Moroccan people through the mass media.

When the Mother called him Krishna this was not just a name: it had a deeper spiritual significant meaning which could be noticed even by ordinary people very tangibly in his lifetime.

He was a huge presence in the early days of Auroville, as if the Mother had sent him to physically protect the surroundings. Before all the trees were planted you could see for long distances his silhouette far off coming towards you, filled with reassuring strength and grace and the mystery of the Divine Presence. He worked like a king, emanating gentle force; you felt you could go to him if you were threatened or in trouble. He was a concentrated, serious man, but he understood humour and he had a smile like an angel. It seems he was silent most of the time. Sometimes he did not talk at all, as if he was in some private quiet communication with nature, and human words just got in the way. He was apparently closer to the elements of nature, such as the earth, the stones, the sands by the sea, more than ordinary men. And to the sea itself, without uttering a word he could invite you for a ride in the simple boat which he could make himself. He was strong and fearless. Of course he spoke at times, to get his work done - setting up his homesteads and farms. His vital force was tremendous, but his air of mysticism and Karma spirit is what set him apart. He was a great karma-yogi entirely surrendered to the Divine by devotion in work. He knew secrets that we ordinary people do not know, but they were always connected to the Divine.

He was a man of extraordinary power and beauty, while his material life was always united with the Divine. He knew clearly what the yoga of the Divine Mother was about, always deeply aware of himself in the process of evolution. He had a great vision for Africa and believed that if the new generation of Africa would turn towards the concepts of Auroville, all that the founding Fathers of the Organisation of African Unity, all that those African leaders wished and dreamed of to build up a peaceful united and prosperous new Africa, would become true within a short time.