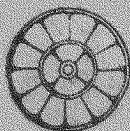


# The Mother's Talk on 'Savitri'.



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Mother : Do you read "Savitri" ?

Disciple : Yes

Mother : You have read the whole poem ?

Disciple : Yes, Mother, I have read it twice

Mother : Have you understood all that you have read.

Disciple : Not much But I like poetry. It is because of that I read it.

MOTHER :

It does not matter if you do not understand it, but read it always. You will see that every time you read it there will be something new revealed to you. Each time you will find something new, each time a new experience. Things which were not there, things you did not understand, arise and suddenly become clear. Always something unexpected comes through the words and lines. Every time you try to read and understand you will see that something is added, something which was hidden before is revealed clearly and vividly. I tell you that even the verses you have read before will appear to you in a different light each time you re-read them. This kind of thing happens invariably. Always something enriches your experience, there is always a revelation at each step. But you must not read it as you read other books or newspapers. You must read it with an empty head, a blank and vacant mind, without there being any other thought there. You must concentrate much, remain empty, calm and open. Then the words, rhythms, and vibrations will penetrate directly through the printed page, will put their stamp upon the mind, will explain themselves without your making any effort.

"SAVITRI" alone is sufficient to make you cling to the highest rung of the ladder. If you can truly meditate upon it, all the help one needs will be found in it. For he who wishes to follow the path it is a concrete help, as though the Lord Himself were taking you by the hand and leading you to the destined goal. Every question, however personal it be, has its answer here. For every difficulty there has been traced the means of surmounting it. Indeed there is everything necessary to perform the Yoda.

He has crammed the whole universe into a single book. It is a marvellous work, magnificent and of an incomparable perfection. Before writing "SAVITRI" Sri Aurobindo said to me: "I am impelled to launch out on a new adventure. I was hesitant in the beginning, but now I am decided. Still I do not know how far I shall succeed. I pray for help." And you know what it was? It was His way of speaking, so full of humility and divine modesty. He never asserted himself. The day he actually began it he told me: "I have launched myself in a rudderless boat upon the vastness of the Infinite."

Once having started he wrote page after page without intermission as though it was already completed up there and he had only to transcribe it down here in these pages. In truth, the whole of "SAVITRI" descended *en masse* from the highest region and Sri Aurobindo with genius arranged the lines in superb and magnificent style. Sometimes entire lines were revealed and he has left them intact. He worked hard and untiringly and received inspiration from the highest possible source. And what a work he has created! Yes, it is true creation in itself, an unequalled work. Everything is in it and it is put in such a simple and such a clear form. The verses are perfectly harmonious, limpid and contain the eternal Truth. My child, I have read so many things, but I have never come across anything which could be compared with "SAVITRI". I have studied masterpieces in Greek, Latin,

English and of course, French Literature, also in German. All the great writings of the West and East I have read, including the great epics. But, I repeat, I have not found anywhere anything like "SAVITRI". All these literary work seems to me empty, flat, hollow, without any deep reality-apart from a few rare exceptions, and these too would represent only a small section of what "SAVITRI" is. What grandeur, what amplitude, what reality "SAVITRI" which he has created, is something Immortal and eternal. I tell you once again, there is nothing like it in the whole world. Even if one puts aside the vision of the reality, that is the essential substance which is the heart of inspiration, and considers only the verses in themselves, one will find them unique, of the highest classical kind. What he has created is something man cannot imagine, for everything is there, everything.

It may be said, then, that "SAVITRI" is a revelation. It is a meditation, it is a quest of the Infinite, the Eternal. If it is read with this aspiration to immortality, the reading itself will serve as a guide to immortality. To read "SAVITRI" is indeed to practice Yoga, spiritual concentration. One can find there all that is needed to realise the Divine. Each step of Yoga is found there, including the secret of all other yogas also. If one sincerely follows what is revealed here in each verse, one will surely reach the transformation of the Supramental Yoga. It is truly the infallible guide, which never abandons its support and is always there for him who wishes to follow the Path. Each verse of "SAVITRI" is like a revealed **MANTRA** and I repeat this. The words are expressed and arranged in such a way that the sonority of the rhythm leads to the original of sound which is **OM**.

My child, everything is there: mysticism, occultism, philosophy, the history of evolution, the history of man, of the Gods, of creation, of Nature; how the universe was created. Why, for what purpose, what destiny. All is there, you can find all the answers to all your questions in it.

Everything is explained, even the future of man and of evolution - all that nobody yet knows. He has described all this in these beautiful and clear words so that spiritual "adventurers" who wish to solve the mysteries of the world may understand more easily. But this mystery is well hidden behind the lines and one must achieve the required state of true consciousness to discover it. All prophecies, all that is going to come, is presented with a precise and wonderful clarity. Sri Aurobindo gives you here the key to find the truth, to discover the consciousness, so that the light may penetrate there and transform it. He has shown the path whereby one can liberate one self from the ignorance and climb right up to the superconscious state, each state, each plane of consciousness. how they can be scaled, how one can cross even the barrier of death and achieve immortality. You will find the whole journey in detail, and as you go forward you can discover things altogether unknown to man. That is "SAVITRI" and much more. It is a real experience to read "SAVITRI". All the secrets that man possess he has revealed, as well as all that awaits him in the future; and this is found in the depths of "SAVITRI". But one must have knowledge to discover it all. The experience of the planes of consciousness, the experience of the supermind, even the experience of the conquest of death; he has noted all the stages, marked each step in order to advance integrally in the Integral Yoga.

All this is his own experience., and what is more surprising, it is my own experience also. It is my sadhana which he has worked out. Each object, each event, each realisation, all the descriptions, even the colours, are exactly what I saw and the words, phrases are also exactly, what I heard. And all this before having read the book. I read "SAVITRI" many times afterwards, but earlier, when he was writing he used to read it to me. Every morning I used to hear him read "SAVITRI". During the night he

would write and in the morning read it to me. I observed something curious. For day after day the experiences he read out to me in the morning were those I had had the previous night, word by word; yes - all the descriptions, the colours and the pictures I had seen, the words I had heard - all, I heard it all, put by him into poetry, into miraculous poetry. Yes, they were exactly my experiences of the previous night which he read out to me the following morning, and it was not just one day, but days and days together. Every time I used to compare what he said with my experience and always they were the same. It was not that I had told him of my experiences and that he noted them down - no, he knew without my telling him. These are experiences lived by him, realities, supracosmic truths. He experienced all these as one experience of joy or sorrow, physically. He walked in the darkness of unconscience, even in the neighbourhood of death, endured the sufferings of perdition and emerged from the mud, the earth's misery, to breathe sovereign plenitude and entered the supreme Ananda.

He crossed all these realms, went through the consequences, suffered and endured physically what one cannot imagine. Nobody before has suffered like him. He accepted suffering to transform suffering into the joy of union with the Supreme. It is something unique and incomparable in the history of the world. It is something that never happened before; he is the first to trace the path in the unknown, so that we may be able to walk with certitude towards the Super-mind. He has made the work easy for us. "SAVITRI" is his whole Yoga of transformation, and this yoga now comes for the first time to the earth consciousness. I think that man is not yet ready to receive it.

It is too high and too vast for him. He cannot understand it, grasp it for it is not by the mind that one can understand "SAVITRI". It needs spiritual experiences to understand and assimilate it. The more one advances on the path of Yoga the more one assimilates. It is something which will be appreciated only in the future, it is the poetry of tomorrow of which he has spoken in the "Future Poetry". It is too subtle, too refined, it is not in the mind or through the mind, it is in the meditation that "SAVITRI" is revealed. And men have the audacity to compare it with the work of Virgil or Homer and to find it inferior. They do not understand, they cannot understand. What do they know? Nothing at all. And it is useless to try to make them understand. Man will know what it is, but only in the distant future. It is only the new race with a new consciousness which will be able to understand. I can assure you that there is nothing under the sun to compare with "SAVITRI". It is the mystery of mysteries- It is the Super-epic-it is super-literature, super-poetry, super-vision. It is a super-work, even if one considers the number of lines he has written. One needs superlatives, hyperboles to describe it. It is of immense spiritual value, it is eternal in its subject and infinite in its appeal, miraculous in its mode and power of execution. It is a unique work and the more you come in contact with the higher will you be uplifted. Ah! truly it is something. It is the most beautiful thing he has left for man, the highest possible.

My child, every day you are going to read "SAVITRI", read properly with the right attitude, concentrating a little before opening the pages and trying to keep the mind as empty as possible, absolutely without a thought. The direct road is by the "heart". I tell you that if you try to



concentrate with this aspiration you can light a flame, the psychic flame, the flame of purification in a very short time, perhaps in a few days. What you cannot do normally, you can do with the help of "SAVITRI". Try and you will see how different it is, how new. Read with this attitude, with this something at the back of your consciousness, as though it were an offering to Sri Aurobindo. You know it is charged, fully charged, with the consciousness, as though "SAVITRI" were a real guide. I tell you, who ever wishing to practice Yoga, tries sincerely and feels the necessity for it, will be able to climb, with the help of "SAVITRI", to the highest rung of the ladder of Yoga. will be able to find the secret that "SAVITRI" represents and this without the help of a guru. And he will be able to practice it anywhere. For him "SAVITRI" alone will be the guide, for he will find all that he needs in "SAVITRI". If he remains quiet and calm when confronted by a difficulty, or when he does not know how to overcome obstacles for all these hesitation and uncertainties which overwhelm us at every turn, he will have the necessary indication and concrete help. If he remains very quiet and open, if he has faith and the will to give himself and the essential sincerity, he will reach his goal.

Indeed "SAVITRI" is the supreme knowledge, above all philosophy, all religions of man. It is a spiritual way, it is yoga, tapasya, sadhana everything in its single self. "SAVITRI" has extraordinary power, it gives out vibrations to him who can receive them the true vibrations of each stage of consciousness. It is incomparable, it is truth in its plenitude, the truth Sri Aurobindo brought down to earth. My child, one must try to find the secret that



"SAVITRI" represents the prophetic message Sri Aurobindo reveals for us there. This is the work before you. It is hard, but it is worth the trouble. If you are depressed, if you feel miserable, if you do not succeed in anything that you undertake, or else it is always the contrary that happens, however hard you try, if it comes to such a pass that you lose your temper, if life is becoming impossible and you are utterly miserable then take up "SAVITRI" or "Prayers and Meditations" and open it at any page and read. You will see that all adversities disappear like smoke and you will have the strength to overcome the deepest gloom. You will no more feel that which tormented you, instead you will feel a wonderful happiness, a reversal of consciousness along with an energy and force that conquers everything as though it did not exist. You will feel, too, an in-exhaustible joy that purifies all. Read just a few lines and that is sufficient to establish contact with your inmost being - there is such an extraordinary power. You try it and tell me, Yes - you have only to open "SAVITRI" like that, haphazard and without thinking, and you will have the answer. Concentrate deeply and you will find the answer to that which was tormenting you. I tell you, I am 99% sure that you will have the answer. Just try.