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### **Spiritual Experiences of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother**

1. Sri Aurobindo's first spiritual experience was a feeling of a descent of Peace when he arrived back at India. He had no special spiritual experience prior to that that he has disclosed in his writings.
2. He achieves Silence in the mind in a remarkably short period of time( 3 days) when He is asked by his Guru Vishnu Bhaskara Lele to try for Silence as part of yogic preparations.
3. During a visit to a kali temple sees the living presence of Kali in the idol there and thereby realizes that there is a truth in Idol worship.
4. When his horse carriage breaks down in an accident on the road sees a mysterious power rescuing him from harm.
5. On reading the Vedas sees the hidden spiritual meanings of the hymns ostensibly addressed to powers of nature deified as gods and writes an article explaining the true values of the Vedic hymns under the caption "Secret of the Vedas"
6. While walking on the Hills in Kashmir during a visit there experiences the Silent Brahman and sees for Himself the reality of Qualityless Brahman as described by Shankara.
7. Tries automatic handwriting and pranayama and fasting etc and suffers the unavoidable emaciation that comes as a result of the fasting.

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- 8. While being tried for sedition in a court room sees everybody and everything there as forms of Vasudeva which he understands as an expression of the Universal Divine.**
- 9. Hears an Inner Divine voice asking him to keep quiet during the court proceedings while the voice assures Him that it will take care of his legal defense and bring about his acquittal.**
- 10. While in his prison cell Swami Vivekananda appears before Him and asks him to read the Bhagavat Gita. Further he shows him the existence of Supermind and tells him to seek that as his goal.**
- 11. On getting his acquittal He again hears an Inner Voice directing him to go to Pondicherry and pursue a new yoga for the divinization of the earth and descent of supermind. He names his own unique type of yoga as Integral Yoga.**
- 12. While in his prison cell He is stung by red biting ants and manages to change the pain into delight using his spiritual powers.**
- 13. He receives Mother as a visitor and endows Her with Silence in the mind right away as She makes pranams to Him.**
- 14. He endows her husband Richard with the same Silence but later cancels it as he finds himself going insane because of the silence.**
- 15. He writes Life Divine from a state of total silence and the words, sentences and thoughts all come to him automatically without any mental straining or active thinking.**
- 16. He experiences the descent of the overmind when Sri Krishna descends in to Him in response to Mother's request that the gods collaborate with him in his efforts to bring down supermind.**
- 17. He discovers that the way to supramental transformation is through surrender.**
- 18. He uses Churchill as a medium for exerting his spiritual force on behalf of the Allies during world war II and helps them win the war.**
- 19. He places his full concentration on protecting the Mother from the Hostiles during the war period and the latter use that distraction to cause an accident and fracture his leg.**
- 20. He writes Savithri which turns out to be the verbal depiction of the Mother's spiritual experiences.**
- 21. Finding the earth unresponsive to his efforts he decides to leave His body and continue with His work from the subtle plane.**
- 22. When He attains Samadhi his body turns golden and stays that way for 5 full days.**

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- 23. Though the Mother's parents were non-believers She had good reasons for choosing them as Her parents. Her father had a tremendous physical equality which will prove very useful to Her later on.**
- 24. Even at the age of five She was conscious of a divine light guiding and shaping Her life.**
- 25. Between the ages of 10 and 13 every night She used to leave Her body and rise up in the sky and her dress would extend to many miles outward. Many people with problems will also leave their bodies and come up to Her and by touching her extended dress find their pain and suffering disappear and happily go back in to their bodies.**
- 26. During one of these night time experiences a kind-looking old man who had always been watching her subtle movements offers all his knowledge to Her and later dissolves himself. She understands that it was the Lord of Suffering who appeared as the old man.**
- 27. She finds many spiritual teachers coming and giving her training and lessons in spiritual sadhana. One of them she names Krishna as he appears dark in color and looks Asiatic.**
- 28. While in her twenties meets an Indian spiritual aspirant who tells Her to look for the divine within Herself and not outside. This comes as a revelation to Her as She had been looking for Him outside in a fruitless search. Taking that as the clue she commences a non-stop seeking for the Divine within and discovers Her Psychic Being within one year.**
- 29. She works on closing the gap between Her physical consciousness and the next plane of consciousness adjacent to it which she termed material physical. She succeeds in that effort after some time.**
- 30. Mother is able to see that in Her past births She was an Egyptian queen, Joan of Arc, and that Her emanations were present in an English queen and an Russian Empress.**
- 31. She learns occultism under the guidance of Max Theon and Alma Theon by visiting and staying with them at Tlemcen in Algeria. She learns how to go out of Her body and travel in the subtle planes.**
- 32. Alma Theon sees a crown studded with twelve pearls over Mother's head and understands that She comes from a region higher than the Overmind. She tells Mother this information and announces that She is invincible so long as this occult crown is there above Her head.**
- 33. While exploring the subtle worlds learns the mantra of life but refuses to give it to Theon who in anger cuts the subtle cord of life that binds Mother's life to Her body. Later he uses all his available spiritual power to undo what he has done and help Mother get back into Her body.**

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34. While travelling in a ship by the sea sees some mischievous beings creating a storm and enjoying the fright caused to the passengers. Theon instructs Her to go out of Her body and control them. She does so and the sea again becomes quiet.
35. She understands that Theon is an emanation of the Lord of Death and that Her future work is not with him. So She does not develop Her contacts with him beyond two visits to his place.
36. Meets Paul Richard and understands that he is an emanation of the Lord of Falsehood. She enters in to a marriage with him perhaps as that gives Her a chance to work on him.
37. She gives Richard the star of David symbol and asks him to get the meaning of it from some sage in India when he plans a trip to Pondicherry. Richard meets Sri Aurobindo who gives the correct explanation. Impressed with his explanation She decides to meet him herself.
38. Meets Sri Aurobindo at Pondicherry and at once learns that He is the Krishna of her dreams. Sri Aurobindo senses complete physical surrender when she prostrates before Him and at once confers on Her total mental silence.
39. During world war I German attack on Paris sees a black Kali boasting about the take-over of Paris. Uses Her occult power to tame the Kali and make the advancing Germans retreat by making them suspect an ambush.
40. When She has to return back to Paris leaves Her Psychic being in the safe custody of Sri Aurobindo.
41. While in Japan meets Rabindranath Tagore and realizes that he is in contact with sachchidananda.
42. When an epidemic flu spreads across Japan sees that it is the vital beings of dead Japanese soldiers that are entering people and causing the illness. Takes steps to destroy the Asuric being behind the flu attack.
43. While in Japan The Buddha appears before her in a vision and tells her that he sees a diamond in Her heart. He tells Her to radiate love and compassion to the world and to fear nothing.
44. After her permanent return to India during a meditation sees that India is given freedom without bloodshed or partition by the British.
45. She works out a overmental creation in all its details but is asked by Sri Aurobindo to give it up as it is not the supramental one which was their aim.
46. During navaratri festival Durga appears before Her. Mother tells her to surrender to the Supreme and not be satisfied with her own splendours and the worship of people.
47. She meets the god of the seas in a meditation and tells him not to erode the walls of an Ashram guest house with the waves of the Sea. He agrees and the walls are not disturbed from then on.

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- 48. She sees the God Ganesh come out of a statute and asks him for lots of money. He obliges and the Ashram receives a lot of money for a period.**
- 49. She meets Krishna in the subtle plane and asks him to descend into Sri Aurobindo to collaborate with him in his efforts to bring down the supermind. Krishna obliges but Shiva refuses to appear in the physical plane. Instead he grants Her a boon for dissolution of physical ego. Mother experiences a dissolution of Her body and Sri Aurobindo stops that experience saying it is too early to try all that now.**
- 50. Mother's true identity is revealed to Ashramites by Sri Aurobindo and the announcement is calmly accepted by Her also.**
- 51. She starts giving balcony darshans to Ashramites. She identifies with everyone of the onlookers present and lends Her body as a medium for the Supreme to pour all his love and light and force on the devotees present.**
- 52. Her personality of Divine Ananda descends into the physical plane. But withdraws later due to lack of receptivity among people.**
- 53. The Mother communes with flowers and senses their spiritual vibrations and names 800 flowers for their spiritual attributes.**
- 54. She sees the two world wars as the violent protest of the hostile forces to the intended descent of the supermind. She deceives Hitler into attacking Russia by putting on the appearance of Lord of Falsehood who was guiding him. That sets the Nazi war machine on a disastrous course ending with the surrender of Germany to the Allied Powers.**
- 55. When Mountbatten announces the partition of India Mother emphatically asserts that She sees the soul of India is one and indivisible and draws up the spiritual map of India which includes Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Nepal and even Burma as parts of the nation.**
- 56. When Sri Aurobindo passes away all the supramental force that had been accumulated in his body enters into her body and Mother has the experience of the descent of what He called Mind of light into Her.**
- 57. Mother is tormented by doubts raised by hostiles as to her capacity for successful transformation. She learns to instill certitude and peace in her mind by repeating the mantra "Om Namoh Bhagavathe".**
- 58. For 10 full years after His departure Sri Aurobindo remains inaccessible to Her in the subtle plane. When She finally succeeds in meeting Him in the subtle plane He discloses that He remained inaccessible on purpose so that She will pay proper attention to Her work of transformation.**
- 59. During playground meditation in the year 1956 on Feb.29<sup>th</sup> She sees the supermind descend into the physical plane after She breaks the golden lid separating the world of ignorance and the world of knowledge with a golden hammer. The descent of the golden light is opposed by waves of darkness rising up from the earth.**

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- 60. The Mother comes to realize that it is not sacrifice and renunciation that will deliver the world from the clutch of evil. She feels that only Delight which is a vibration of strength can conquer evil in its native domain of the physical plane.**
- 61. Through her play Ascent of Truth shows that at the peak of the ascent all personal effort comes to an end and that only grace alone can show the way beyond to the new world.**
- 62. The Mother builds an intermediate zone between the supramental and the physical planes using what She calls supramental substance. In her vision that intermediate zone appears as a special boat carrying people fit for the supramental transformation.**
- 63. She talks about the possibility of the emergence of a transitional form of humanity which will belong in consciousness to the supramental race and which can reproduce itself without resorting to the physical method.**
- 64. She describes an experience wherein She hits a spring in the depths of the Inconscient that is rigid and inflexible, only to be catapulted into a formless Vastness vibrating with the seeds of the new creation.**
- 65. She sees Sri Aurobindo's symbol on the forehead of a Sadhika who expires in the Ashram and hears Him tell that His unconditional protection is there for those who pass away after spending their life in the Ashram.**
- 66. She encounters an Asura who puts on the appearance of Sri Aurobindo. Though She recognizes that he is false, yet gives respect to his form and listens calmly to his criticisms of Her.**
- 67. She sees Kali's dance behind the violent attack on the Ashram during the anti-Hindi agitation and understands why Kali is giving those blows to the Ashramites. Later tames kali and brings the situation under control.**
- 68. She feels like a different person during each darshan and talks about the many different personalities and forces that manifest through Her body during darshans. During Nov.24<sup>th</sup> 1967 darshan a being from the plane of eternity manifests through Her and looks at the assembled audience with great benevolence.**
- 69. She inaugurates Auroville as a symbol of human unity and peace in Feb.28<sup>th</sup> 1968.**
- 70. She has an experience of the divine consciousness where the vibrations of divine love and peace and sweetness are so powerful that She feels energized enough to even crush a rock with Her bare hands**

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- 71. During the Indo Pakistani war of 1965 sees it as an opportunity to restore the physical unity of the nation and urges Shastri to do so. She sends her light to him to energise him. But the light proves too much for him to bear and leads to the end of his life.**
- 72. She has an experience of the supramental consciousness and feels an absolute freedom, power and loss of all sense of limits. All other bodies were part of Her body only and there was only a play of consciousness.**
- 73. She spends a year convincing her physical consciousness that it can receive and manifest the supramental light and finally succeeds in that effort.**
- 74. She sees the Psychic being of a Sadhika while she was making pranams and understands that it is the Psychic being which will receive the supramental force and acquire a solid form and emerge as the supramental being.**
- 75. She has an inner vision of a temple for the Universal Divine Mother and begins construction of Matramandir at Auroville.**
- 76. She has another experience of the supramental consciousness where it shows itself as the plane where contraries becomes harmonies. She feels it as a consciousness of tremendous activity while at the same time it gives the impression of a stable peace.**
- 77. She says that even when She is meeting people and acting She is still working inside purifying Her consciousness by removing all that obstructs and impedes the reception and manifestation of the divine consciousness.**
- 78. She has an experience that She has become one with the divine consciousness in spite of all the present obstructions.**
- 79. She declares that the only cure for falsehood is to cure in oneself all that is contrary to the divine consciousness.**
- 80. Towards the end of her physical journey on the earth finds her mental consciousness getting disturbed in the presence of the supramental consciousness. She tries to calm it down by repeating Om Namo Bhagavathe.**

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