

Doors to Enter

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When The Mother's Work in Orissa started gaining momentum Prapatti had a vision of 4 doors- Education, Commerce, Agriculture and Politics. He had the clear indication to enter through Education. Infact the numerous Sri Aurobindo Study circles and the Sri Aurobindo Integral Education Centers are an infrastructure of these doors of 'Education' through which the Transforming Consciousness enters to touch the bedrock of society to bring about the change.

However other doors have to be explored in course of time. In his book 'Atimanasa O Dibyakarma' Babaji Maharaj clearly mentions that time will come when Her working will inevitably enter into other domains for the 'Total Change' to take place. In each of these Orissa is Graced by Her to avail the priviledged service.

We have doors to enter or rather 'avenues' of 'service' to choose (according to our temperament or call) for channelising the "New Thought and Force" into this topsy turvy messy world where the Great Master 'saw a falsehood planted in the very root of things' and we should not forget that **the Eye that saw the Falsehood has the Force and genius to remove it**. It alone knows how to take the leverage from life and clear out the mess; it is He who is taking us by the hand making us participate in His Work, in His Yoga. A unique and thrilling privilege given to all -a participation that brings with it joy, peace and contentment. Something that ought not to be there is strife, competetion and sectarianism. Yet strife, disharmony and a competitive atmosphere creeps in. Sectarianism and religiousness raise their heads threatening to mar the Work. Many detours betray a lurking ambition- a sense of self-importance, an assertion of ones own whim. This exactly is the route through which the adversary pounces in to create confusion as well as retard the Work.

The actual work is simply that of connecting the wire between Matter and The Supreme Consciousness. There is no other agenda. The rest is done by Her. In individual lives at every occasion this work of connection is to go on. But when it comes to a collective forum things are a little different as revealed to us by Babaji Maharaj . One has to make extra efforts at self-restraint and extra efforts at self-giving. Harmony has to be maintained at the highest cost. The difficulties, dangers and pitfalls are tenfold but the chances of progress both collective as well as individual are also tenfold. Babaji Maharaj was confident that what is happening in Orissa is inspired and directed by The Mother Herself. It was as if he concretely witnessed it and reminded this to the numerous devotees of Orissa. This remembrance alone can fill the heart with gratitude and clear out all strife, errors in understanding the process.

We stand at a new threshold in Her Work. The other avenues of the Work are unfolding. Agriculture and the Legal units are going to be crystallised. Everything is in a rudimentary state. This is a real organisational challenge. What is Dasakarmadhara ? It is a multidimensional response to Her Grace that is pouring and pressing upon the earth atmosphere, to take up all human activities and raise it to a Divine status. It is a vision - and when we start working it out becomes more and more unfolded with an ever increasing clarity. This is revealed more and more when with a simple heart and a strong aspiration we yearn to serve the cause of Her Embodiment upon this earth. All the more it is necessary to look straight to the Ideal, maintain clarity, keep up our faith and fortitude, be grateful that a chance is given for an unique experiment of translation of Purushottama's Own and direct Action

Each new or pre-existing avenue or aspect has three modes of working -

1. "Awareness Development" (Trough Camps and conferences)
2. "Platform for skill and expertise development" (Trough training programmes)
3. "Platform for Action" (A registered Sri Aurobindo Study Circle)

It is in the first forum of Awareness Development that there is feasibility of offering the ideas of every karmadhara on one platform. Infact it is probably the call of the day having two very concrete advantages. One of cost-effectiveness and the other- a sense of participating in One great many sided Action of The Divine. This is also the forum which is a window to the general people who may want to know what this movement is and probably be inducted into this unique process of change based on Truth and led by The Divine. This can be done in the All Orissa Conferences as well as in one day integrated camps whenever and wherever there are Sri Aurobindo Study Circle Camps. The role of convenors of each of the karmadharas comes up here. Each of the convenors should have clarity on what the objective of each of the karmadharas is.

In the next "Platform for skill and expertise development" there has to be obviously a compartmentalisation into the special groups. There has to be specific timing, specific interested groups who feel a call to render service in a particular avenue of the Work. This platform offers the scope of developing necessary knowledge, attitude and skills to the group for a particular 'Karmadhara'. The best example of this line of action is the annual " Sri Aurobindo Integral School Teacher's Refresher training Camp" which truly sets the trend to develop all other training forums for all the components of the rest of Karmadharas each having a very specific immediate objective although an integral part of the entire orchestra of the 'Divine Minstrelsy' being played by The Mother. The 'Sri Aurobindo Health Squad Training Programme' developed its format from the teachers' training course. The SATEG is developing its own modus operandi of taking technology and science to the doorstep of the community through the study circles. Modules have to be developed with full interaction and thorough repeated updating so that they can address to the real need at the place they are to be put to action.

Let us examine the specific objectives of each of the Karmadharas:

KARMADHARA; OBJECTIVE; & MODE OF ACTION

1 Sri Aurobindo Pathachakra and Mahila Pathachakra : Make people aware of Sri Aurobindo's Ideology To organise seminars, conferences, to hold regular study groups

2 Sri Aurobindo Medical Association : Inculcate the consciousness of 'Total Health' of the human phenomenon so as to prepare it for its ultimate Divine transformation. Integral Health Topics in Study Circle camps . Sri Aurobindo Health Squad training Programmes, and establishment of Integral Health Centres.

3 Army of Light : Prepare the students and youth for Mother's Work Prepare them from school career to have the clarity of the ideal and organise study circles, take responsibility of organisation activities.

4 Commerce Under Sri Aurobindo's Guidance (CUSAG-Orissa) : To take up commerce as an instrument for The Mother's work, based on Truth. Organising sales Centers of Sri Aurobindo

Study Circles with proper management and skill training and manufacturing products of daily use.

5 Sri Aurobindo Legal Unit : Legal consultancy to Sri Aurobindo Study Circle Centres To have legal cells in every district constituting of advocates having admiration and concern for Sri Aurobindo's Work.

6 Sri Aurobindo Engineering and Technical Group : Need based Technology to Sri Aurobindo Study Circles Awareness through camps conferences. Training of Study circle members in technical skills

7 Sri Aurobindo Kalaparishada : Expression of the Highest form of Beauty through performing and visual arts . The training and awareness from school level with regular activities in camps and seminars.

8 Sri Aurobindo Sahitya parishada : Literary capability in the service of the Truth To start literary groups from school level, to hold quarterly and annual sessions for this purpose.

9 Sri Aurobindo Unit of Agriculture : Agriculture consultancy with guidance from The Mother to Sri Aurobindo Study Circles having cultivable land. Training camps, workshops and personal interactions.

10 Sri Aurobindo Unit of Educational Research : Research activities on Integral Education with guidance from The Mother and Sri Aurobindo. To establish Research Cells on Integral Education in every district

Finally the place of execution of the Karmadharas - the "Platform for Action". This is none other than a registered Sri Aurobindo Study Circle Centre (preferably a trust) with its own building and land and Trust Board. There may or may not be installed Relics of Sri Aurobindo but each centre should operate like an 'Ashram', a sacred place which very concretely becomes the channels of the Action of The Mother and Sri Aurobindo. Sadhaks of this centre should be at the top of the hierarchy and till things are not ready paid workers may be employed to run some of the units. Sponsors and well-wishers who are also the Study Circle Members but not depending on the Ashram financially should participate with full vigour. All the present 10 Karmadharas ought to be activated or rather find a place for its putting into action in this platform. In this way each of these centres becomes a dynamic Divine Centre for an Integral Change. We pray at Her Feet and aspire from the depth of our hearts to make use of us in the way She wants. Let us stand strongly by each other with solidarity, trust and love as comrades and children of The Great Mother and Master. May Their Mighty Will Be Done!

