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Matter shall reveal the Spirit's face. — Sri Aurobindo

Editorial Note: The Sri Aurobindo Ashram has a history of celebrating the New Year in a solemn way. As with many other things the Mother had the art of converting a collective convention into something beautiful and sublime. In Her infinite Wisdom She would reshape and remould whatever was ready to undergo a change and be uplifted and integrated with the New Creation. One such event is the New Year of the Western calendar which nevertheless is celebrated everywhere as a moment of transition and change from the old to the new. In the Ashram it was ushered by the Mother with Her organ music and a message was distributed which was a prophetic indication of the times ahead or the attitude we must take towards the future that was approaching us. Thus taken the new year convention becomes a means for hastening our progress. In this issue we bring together all the New year messages from the early years right upto 1973.



*Bonne Année
blessings*
J.

1940

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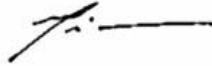
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December 1939

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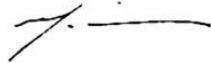
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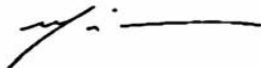
1942

Glory to Thee, O Lord, conqueror of every foe!
Give us the power to endure and share in Thy
victory.

December 1941

1942

*Glory to Thee, O Lord,
conqueror of every foe!
Give us the power
to endure and share in
Thy victory*



1943


The hour has come when a choice has to be made,
radical and definitive.

Lord, give us the strength to reject falsehood
and emerge in Thy truth, pure and worthy of Thy
victory.

December 1942

1943

*The hour has come when a choice
has to be made radical and definitive.
Lord, give us the strength to reject
falsehood and emerge in Thy truth,
pure and worthy of Thy victory.*





*Descend, O happiness, with thy moon-gold feet
Enrich earth's floors upon whose sleep we lie.
O my bright beauty's princess Savitri,
By my delight and thy own joy compelled
Enter my life, thy chamber and thy shrine.*

Savitri, p. 408

1944

O Lord, the world implores Thee to prevent it from falling back always into the same stupidities.

Grant that the mistakes recognised may never be renewed.

Grant lastly that its actions may be the exact and sincere expression of its proclaimed ideals.

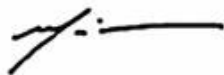
December 1943

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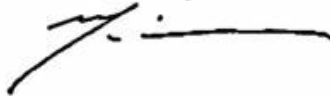
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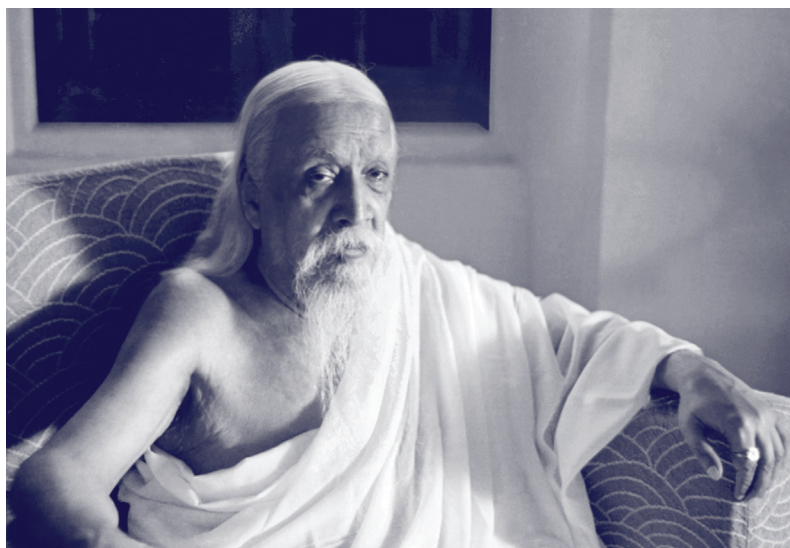
December 1944

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To the lives sundered can Time bring rejoining,
Love that was slain be reborn with the body?
In the mind null, from the heart's chords rejected,
Lost to the sense, but the spirit remembers!

CWSA 2; 580

Sri Aurobindo

1946

Lord, it is Thy Peace we would have and not a vain semblance of peace, Thy Freedom and not a semblance of freedom, Thy Unity and not a semblance of unity. For it is only Thy Peace, Thy Freedom and Thy Unity that can triumph over the blind violence and the hypocrisy and falsehood that still reign upon earth.

Grant that those who so valiantly struggled and suffered for Thy Victory, may see the true and genuine results of that victory realised in the world.

December 1945

1946

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and not a vain simulacrum of peace, Thy
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Thy Unity and not a simulacrum of unity.
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Unity that can triumph over the blind
violence and the hypocrisy and falsehood
that still reign upon earth.*

*Grant that those who so valiantly
struggled and suffered for Thy Victory, may
see the true and genuine results of that
victory realised in the world.* *Y.*

1947

At the very moment when everything seems to go from bad to worse, it is then that we must make a supreme act of faith and know that the Grace will never fail us.

December 1946

1947

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1948

Forward, for ever forward!
At the end of the tunnel is the light...
At the end of the fight is the victory!

December 1947

1948

*Forward, for ever forward!
at the end of the tunnel
is the light...
at the end of the fight
is the victory!*



1949

Lord, on the eve of the new year I asked Thee what I must say. Thou hast made me see two extreme possibilities and given me the command to keep silent.

December 1948

1949

Lord, on the eve of the new year I asked Thee what I must say. Thou hast made me see two extreme and opposite possibilities and given me the command to keep silent.



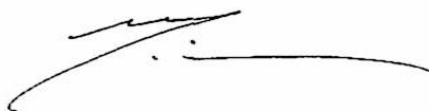
1950

Don't speak. Act.
Don't announce. Realise.

December 1949

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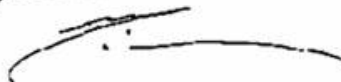
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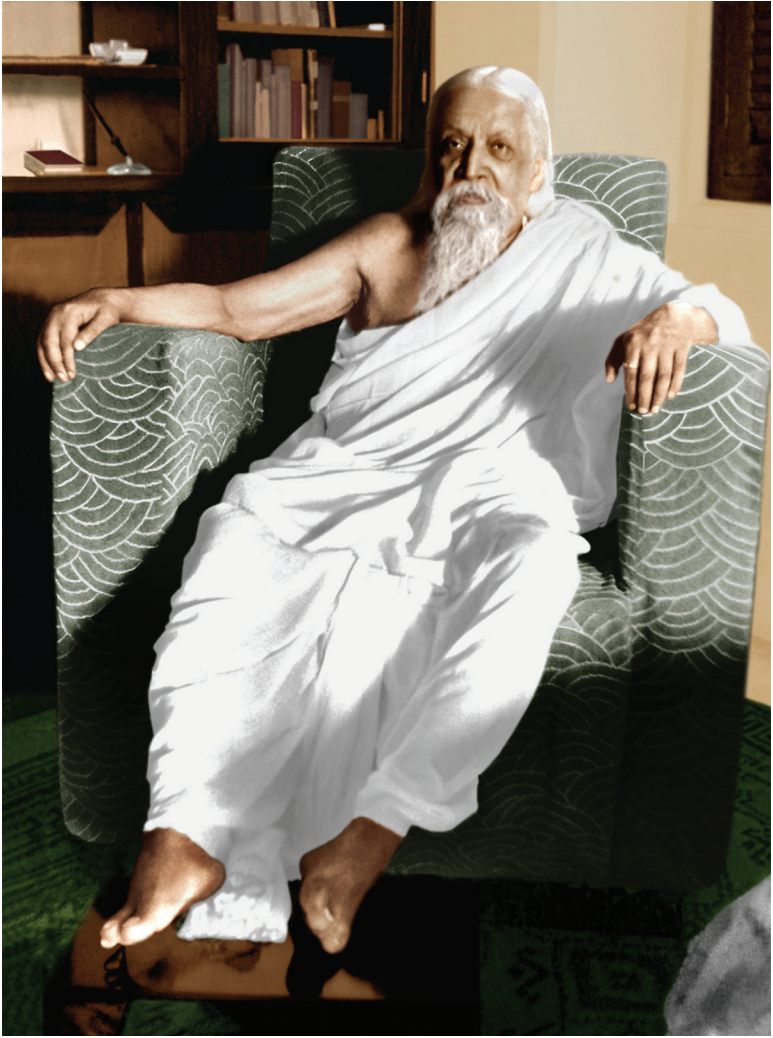
Lord, we are upon earth to accomplish Thy work of transformation. It is our sole will, our sole preoccupation. Grant that it may be also our sole occupation and that all our actions may help us towards this single goal.

December 1950

1957

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Thy work of transformation. It is our
sole will, our sole preoccupation. Grant
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and that all our actions may help us
towards this single goal.*





Awakened to the meaning of my heart
That to feel love and oneness is to live
And this the magic of our golden change,
Is all the truth I know or seek, O sage.

Savitri, p. 724

Sri Aurobindo

1952

O Lord, Thou hast decided to test the quality of our faith and to pass our sincerity on Thy touchstone. Grant that we come out greater and purer from the ordeal.

December 1951

1952

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the quality of our faith and to pass
our sincerity on Thy touch stone.
Grant that we come out greater
and purer from the ordeal.*



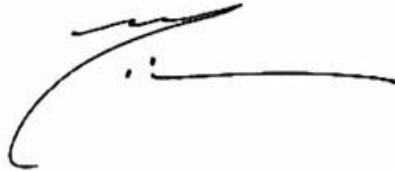
1953

Lord, Thou hast told us: Do not give way, hold tight. It is when everything seems lost that all is saved.

December 1952

1953

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It is when everything seems lost
that all is saved.*

A handwritten signature in cursive script, consisting of a large, sweeping initial letter followed by a horizontal line.

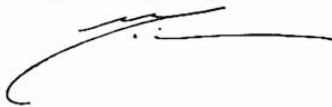
1954

My Lord, here is Thy advice to all, for this year: "Never boast about anything, let your acts speak for you."

December 1953

1954.

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all, for this year:
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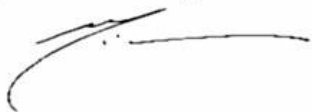
1955

No human will can finally prevail against the Divine's Will. Let us put ourselves deliberately and exclusively on the side of the Divine, and the Victory is ultimately certain.

December 1954

1955

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1956

The greatest victories are the least noisy.

The manifestation of a new world is not proclaimed by beat of drum.

December 1955

1956

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the least noisy.
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beat of drum.*



1957

A Power greater than that of Evil can alone win the victory.

It is not a crucified but a glorified body that will save the world.

December 1956

1957

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can alone win the victory. It is not
a crucified but a glorified body
that will save the world*

1958

O Nature, Material Mother, thou hast said that thou wilt collaborate and there can be no limit to the splendour of this collaboration.

December 1957

1958

*O Nature, Material Mother,
thou hast said that thou
wilt collaborate and there
is no limit to the splendour
of this collaboration*

1959

At the very bottom of the inconscience most hard and rigid and narrow and stifling I struck upon an almighty spring that cast me up forthwith into a formless limitless Vast vibrating with the seeds of a new world.

December 1958

1959

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inconscience most hard and rigid
and narrow and stifling I struck
upon an almighty spring that cast
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seeds of a new world.*

1960

To know is good,
to live is better,
to be, that is perfect.

December 1959

1960

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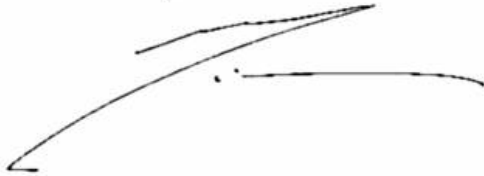
1961

This wonderful world of delight waiting at our gates for our call, to come down upon earth.

December 1960

1961

*This wonderful world of delight
waiting at our gates for our call,
to come down upon earth...*



1962

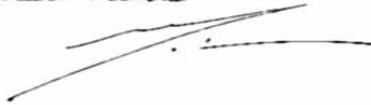
We thirst for perfection. Not this human perfection which is a perfection of the ego and bars the way to the divine perfection. But that one perfection which has the power to manifest upon earth the Eternal Truth.

December 1961

1962

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way to the divine perfection.*

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1963

Let us prepare for the Hour of God.

December 1962

1963

*Let us prepare for
the Hour of God*




1964 — New Year Message: handwriting

Are you ready?

December 1963

1964

are you ready?



1965

Salute to the advent of Truth.

December 1964

1965

*Salute to the
advent of the Truth*



1966

Let us serve the Truth.

December 1965

1966

Let us serve the Truth

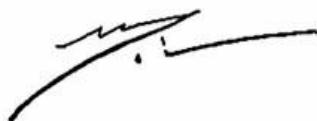


1967

Men, countries, continents!
The choice is imperative:
Truth or the abyss.

December 1966

1.1.67
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1968

Remain young, never stop striving towards perfection.

December 1967

1.1.68
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never stop striving towards
perfection



1969

No words — acts.

December 1968

1969

No words - acts 

1970

The world is preparing for a big change.
Will you help?

December 1969

1970

The world is preparing
for a big change.

Will you help?



1971

Blessed are those who take a leap towards the Future.

December 1970

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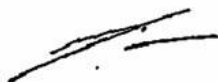
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December 1971

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December 1940

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*Let us all try to be worthy
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