



A Critical Analysis Of Aurobindo's Integral Concept Of Existence In His Work

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Abstract

Most of the poets have acknowledged that poetry evolve when feelings are carefully shown using words that match them. It's like when important ideas go along with amazing writing, creating strong feelings or when pretty ideas are matched with lovely words, making gentle feelings. This is what makes real poetry. Sri Aurobindo, at different times in his life, gave different explanations of what poetry is. In his first definition written around 1898-1901, he talked about how poetry is like when strong emotions flow out naturally. This idea is similar to what Wordsworth said about powerful emotions overflowing with tranquility. But for Sri Aurobindo, it's not just a flood of feelings; it's a careful way of expressing those feelings, kind of like how Plato thought about it. In both cases, emotions are really important to these poets. In his second definition (created around 1898-1910), things get a bit more complex. He says that the title of "poet" should be given to people who were once powerful leaders. This makes the words "poet" and "poetry" bigger in sense of meaning. These leaders, even though they ruled the world, understood the world well and had the ability to rule. In poetry, a poet shapes their own world with their feelings and thoughts. These leaders did something similar by creating their own world and characters on the big stage of the world. The third explanation (given sometime between 1917 and 1920) is a bit hard to understand. It's like if poetry changes over time, then its meaning also changes depending on the situation. The earlier explanations show how Sri Aurobindo's ideas about "poet" and "poetry" can change based on the situation and can even mean more things. This also shows that it's not easy to give a clear definition of these words. It is noteworthy to find that Aurobindo's integral concept of existence is spiritual in nature.

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Sri Aurobindo talks a lot about poetry and its different aspects like how it's seen, its style, what it's made of, and how it moves. His descriptions give many explanations of what poetry and poets are. He keeps building on his ideas. He doesn't limit the meaning of a word to just one thing, as we can see from the explanations above. The way he understands these words and his approach to them change as time goes on and as he writes about different things. Each of the definitions mentioned above is valid in the specific situation it talks about. There is a co-relation between Aurobindo's understanding of poetry and his integral concept of existence.

Sri Aurobindo, a philosopher and spiritual thinker, introduced the concept of "integral existence" in his work. This idea focuses on a holistic and all-encompassing approach to life and existence. In his writings, Sri Aurobindo emphasized that true fulfillment and progress come not from isolating different aspects of life, but from integrating them into a harmonious whole. Integral existence, as proposed by Sri Aurobindo, encourages individuals to develop themselves on multiple levels: physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual. It's about recognizing that each dimension of our being is interconnected and should be nurtured to achieve a balanced and purposeful life. This concept goes beyond just individual growth; it extends to the collective well-being of humanity and the world. Sri Aurobindo believed that humanity is evolving towards a higher consciousness, and this evolution involves the integration of material and spiritual aspects. He envisioned a future where people would transcend their limitations and realize their inner potential, leading to a more harmonious and enlightened society. In practical terms, Sri Aurobindo's integral concept of existence encourages self-awareness, self-mastery, and the pursuit of higher truths. It promotes a lifestyle that values personal growth, mindfulness, and compassion. By recognizing the interconnectedness of all life and embracing a holistic approach, individuals can contribute to their own well-being and the betterment of the world around them. Thus, it can be said that Sri Aurobindo's integral concept of existence emphasizes the importance of integrating all aspects of life—physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual—to achieve a meaningful and fulfilling existence for oneself and for humanity as a whole.

Sri Aurobindo was a very talented person who wrote about many different things. He wrote about art, how to write poetry, and he explained ancient texts like the Vedas and Upanishads. He was also a critic who judged and talked about these things. He wrote a lot throughout his life on many subjects like philosophy, how the mind works, language, society, politics, culture, and translating. His writings were a mix of ideas from both the East and the West because he studied and experienced both cultures deeply. He was able to bring these two different traditions together not only because he learned about them, but also because of his strong spiritual abilities, which he discovered when he was quite young. He was a special person who combined being a yogi (someone who practices spiritual exercises) and a "seer-poet" (a poet who can see things clearly). He could see things beyond what normal people could see and he could use his spiritual abilities to make things happen. To understand deeply his integral concept of existence we need to understand his visions.

Usually, when we talk about "vision," we mean the ability to see things with our eyes. But why does Sri Aurobindo say it's an important quality for poets? Is there something special about how poets see things? What's the difference between how regular people see things and how poets see things? Vision is the power to see things using our eyes, to see objects that are in front of us in a certain place and time. This ability comes from our senses and is something that all humans have if their eyes work. But this definition is kind of limited, because there are people who can't see with their eyes but still have a way of seeing, like the poet Surdas. People like politicians, economists, and sociologists also talk about their visions for India and humanity in detail. This shows that eyes aren't the only way to have vision; there are other ways too. One of those ways is through the mind. The mind can imagine things, and imagination is a kind of seeing. It's not the eyes that do the seeing when we imagine, but the mind. This kind of vision, however, is not limited by time like the vision through our eyes. It's not about seeing things in a specific place. There are even more ways that people can imagine things. Some people have what we call "intuition" and "revelation." These are special ways of seeing that only a few people experience. In these special visions, people can see things that will happen in the future. Saints, mystics, and spiritual people also have their own kinds of visions. Joan of Arc, who became a saint long after she passed away, was guided by angels that she saw in her visions. She called these experiences her visions. Saint Teresa also had visions of Christ, and she could tell the difference between these visions and images she had seen before. Her visions were very real to her, and she said that her soul saw them. Evelyn Underhill studied the special visions and experiences that many saints had. She shares a story from Saint Teresa, where she had a vision. She describes it like a quick flash of lightning, but the picture in her mind was incredibly beautiful. She believes this picture will stay with her forever until she finally gets to see Christ and be with Him forever. Even though she calls it a "picture," don't think of it like a painting. In her vision, Christ appeared like a real person, alive. Sometimes, He even talked to her and shared important secrets (Underhill 289). The abilities to intuitively understand things and have revealing experiences can be developed by practicing consciously and following specific methods. These levels of seeing things are different in how strong and clear they are. Our normal eyesight only works when there's light, and it can't change what happens just by seeing. Imagination, though, isn't limited by time and space. It can help set a direction for things to happen by giving them a push towards an imagined goal. But it's not always guaranteed that the goal will be reached. Intuition and revelation, on the other hand, can actually change the way things happen. They can guide events and make them happen the way they're envisioned. These abilities are strong and full of energy. It's the strength of the vision that has the power to make a real impact that seems true. Just like hallucinations and dreams, visions might not always be about regular life. This means that someone who doesn't believe in visions might think they're just hallucinations. Hallucinations are like when you see or hear things that aren't actually there. They happen in your mind and don't come from things outside your body. After a hallucination ends, the person might realize that what they saw or heard was made up by their own mind. Hallucinations are a kind of mental state, and if someone experiences them, they might need help from doctors to get better. Dreams are also about images, thoughts, and pictures that happen when you're sleeping. They're not like conscious visions you have when you're awake. The images in dreams can be reflections of things that happened during the day, or they might be

mixed-up memories from the past. Dreams can be messy and not make much sense. Modern psychology has shown that dreams can be connected to things a person wants but can't have while they're awake. These desires might find a way to come out in dreams, especially when the person's conscious mind is sleeping. The visions that mystics, poets, and saints experience are very clear and real. They happen when the person is in a state where they can explain what they saw using words. Unlike hallucinations and dreams, these visions don't always happen when the person's mind is in a different state. To them, these visions are just as real as seeing things with their own eyes. Vision is a strong way to show things. In a book called *The Future Poetry*, Sri Aurobindo talks about how poetry, along with arts like painting, sculpture, and architecture, talks to our inner selves using important pictures. It doesn't really matter if the picture is made with words and thoughts instead of real material. The most important thing about poetic words is that they help us see things. They don't just make us think or feel. Thinking and feeling might come from what we see, but the main point of poetic words is to help us see clearly (Aurobindo 39).

The word "Kavi" is translated as "seer-poet," someone who can see things and put them into words. The poets that Sri Aurobindo talks about in his writings are wise people and have special abilities to see and hear things beyond the usual senses (Bharati 29). These abilities are not just normal senses that everyone has; they need to be developed to understand the visions and inspirations that come from higher levels of awareness. To have these special abilities, a person needs to have an inner sense of seeing and hearing. It's not just about the outer eyes and ears, but something inside. This ability to see and hear in a special way is what sets apart regular vision from the kind of vision poets have. Poets aren't just interested in pictures; they also need to have a sense of rhythm when they write. This sense of hearing comes into play, and at a certain level of awareness, the ability to see and hear meet and create something called a "mantra." This idea is a bit more complicated and will be explained later. However, the main skill of a poet is to imagine things and put them into words. These imaginative visions can be different, ranging from very clear to more abstract forms.

Even today, people still recognize Plato and Aristotle as important voices when it comes to imitation. These ideas about imitation can help with the process of making poems or stories. Imitation is one of the ways to create poetry, a method of putting things together, a very important part of creating, and a way of seeing things. A poet needs to watch and imitate the core of what's around them. They take this core and use it in their poems. Aristotle talked about different types of storytelling like tragedy, comedy, epic, and history. He explained what and how to imitate. He said that poets copy people doing things, but those actions come from the character's thoughts, not just copying physical actions. Imitation, according to Aristotle, needs the poet's creative understanding of the thing, person, or event they're portraying. Let us not dive deep into this and try to understand the poetic world of Sri Aurobindo.

Examining the writings and ideas of Sri Aurobindo Ghose, also known as Sri Aurobindo, reveals an interesting intersection between Eastern and Western philosophy in the arena of spiritual and philosophical research. Aurobindo's comprehensive perspective of existence offers a fascinating patchwork of concepts that are worth looking into in greater detail, especially in light of the extensive literary and philosophical advances that occurred in Britain during his time. An Indian mystic, Sri Aurobindo was more than that. He

had a strong foundation in Western philosophy because of his Cambridge education, which he flawlessly combined with Eastern spiritual practises. His thought was based on the idea that as human consciousness develops, people might transcend their current reality and come into union with the divine—a process he called "Integral Yoga." His fundamental principle, the "Supramental Transformation," transcends the purview of conventional spiritual awakening. It talks of a fundamental shift in which people are not only becoming more aware of their spiritual nature but also progressing towards a higher state of consciousness and overcoming their limits. In parallel with Aurobindo's teachings, a literary and philosophical renaissance was taking place in Britain. Respected authors like T.S. Eliot, W.B. Yeats, and Virginia Woolf were creating works that were intensely engaged with existentialism, reality, and the spiritual core of human existence. Their stories frequently raised issues related to the meaning of life and the development of the human soul. Let us T.S. Eliot's "The Waste Land" as an example. It is a profound critique on spiritual aridity as well as a reflection on post-World War I disenchantment. The poem's disjointed composition and variety of voices provide the impression of a chaotic universe in search of coherence and significance. The existential and spiritual difficulties of society were reflected in the British literature of the age. British authors set out on quests to understand humanity through their stories and characters, frequently yielding deep insights about life and the universe. There is an amazing parallel between Aurobindo's philosophical views and issues present in British literature in his time, despite the seeming disparities in their approaches. Both were interested in change and evolution, but from different perspectives. W.B. Yeats frequently probed the spiritual realm, the essence of beauty, and the complexity of human existence in his poetry because of his intense interest in mysticism. Aurobindo's emphasis on higher consciousness and the transcendental character of existence are concepts that are in tune with each other quite nicely. Despite depicting a gloomy future, Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World* poses important concerns about humanity's yearning for purpose, happiness, and spiritual depth. Such questions are in line with Aurobindo's teachings, which emphasise the need for a deeper comprehension of life and the self. The issues brought up by Aurobindo and British authors are still pertinent today. The pursuit of meaning and a better comprehension of existence continue in the face of rapid technical advancement and a constantly shifting social environment. Aurobindo's call for a shift in consciousness serves as a reminder that realising each person's natural potential and progressing human understanding may be the keys to resolving today's problems. Both Aurobindo and the British writers of his period were tackling some of life's most important issues in the broad fabric of philosophical and creative ideas. Regardless of how differently they express themselves, the human condition, metamorphosis, and the search for greater meaning are common themes in their works. Exploring Aurobindo's ideas in contrast to British literature is not just a study of similar ideas, but also evidence of the universality of some existential issues that have troubled people throughout history. There is a common desire to understand the purpose of life, the universe, and everything in between, despite geographic, cultural, and historical differences. For instance, the British Modernist movement, which was characterised by a clear departure from conventional forms and an excursion into the abstract, might be considered as a reflection of the turbulent times. Writings that attempted to capture the essence of the changing world, in the face of fast industrialization, the horrors of war, and societal changes, frequently strayed into the spiritual and metaphysical. This might be understood as

a reflection of Aurobindo's own exploration of the unconscious, as he looked for a deeper reality that lay beyond the present, material world. It's also important to consider how these authors, especially Aurobindo, reacted to the socioeconomic changes occurring at the period. While British writers gave a more fractured picture of reality, a mirror of the divided society they were part of, Integral Yoga was Aurobindo's attempt to offer a blueprint for a new world where mankind progressed to its maximum potential (Chattopadhyay 48). However, there was a secret search for harmony, coherence, and a deeper comprehension beneath the surface of what appeared to be chaos and disillusionment. The transforming journeys taken by characters in British literature and Aurobindo's concept of the "Supramental Transformation" are similarly comparable. Many works of literature from that time period included characters who were going through deep internal change. It seems that those characters are looking for a way or a revelation that would help them escape their ordinary lives, just as Aurobindo had imagined a leap in consciousness as a way to transcend human constraints. Even more subtle similarities could be found with further investigation, possibly in the narrative devices or symbols used. Rich symbols, analogies, and allegories abound in both Aurobindo's writings and that period's British literature, each of which offers a window into the deeper segments of reality. This comparative study has a lot of current relevance. There is a revived interest in comprehending the most fundamental facets of human existence and potential as the world community struggles to overcome unprecedented challenges, including environmental problems, socio-political instability, and existential threats posed by technological breakthroughs. The writings of intellectuals and authors like Aurobindo and his British contemporaries act as a guiding star, illuminating possible routes for society to choose in these challenging times. The focus on the development of the human spirit that Aurobindo placed is echoed in British literature's depiction of personal development and self-realization. British authors frequently depicted protagonists rising above their surroundings, facing internal and external demons, and emerging transformed while they spoke of an ascent to a higher consciousness. The cultural exchanges that took place during this time should not be overlooked. A significant part of the world, including India, had been colonised by the British Empire. This resulted in the blending of various ideologies, philosophies, and literary traditions. British intellectuals were becoming more familiar with Eastern ideologies, notably Indian mysticism and spirituality, whereas Aurobindo had first-hand knowledge of British education and philosophy (Das 66). The underlying themes of their works reveal this interchange. Even though he was frequently criticised for his views on imperialism, Rudyard Kipling did discuss the clash of East and West cultures in his writings. His famous idea, "East is east, and west is west, and never the twain shall meet," suggests an insurmountable gap, but the fusion of ideas found in Aurobindo's philosophy and modern British literature humorously refutes this claim. Additionally, Aurobindo's emphasis on going beyond the physical to realise the metaphysical is intriguingly in line with the metaphysical overtones in the writings of authors like James Joyce and D.H. Lawrence. Their characters seem to seek a relationship with something bigger, a force or insight beyond the immediate and concrete, much like Aurobindo's philosophy. Aurobindo's promotion of reflection and inner cultivation corresponds with the investigation of inner landscapes, a recurrent theme in British literature. Although the approaches and environments vary, the fundamental idea—looking inward to comprehend the outside world—remains the same. The synthesis of ideas represented by Aurobindo and his British contemporaries serves as a prelude

to the global melting pot of thought that is witnessed today, as the barriers between cultures, nations, and philosophies grow more permeable as a result of globalisation and internet connectedness. Their writings serve as a timely reminder to modern society of the benefits of accepting diversity of thought and the potentially significant revelations that can result from it. One may question that why it is important to compare the thoughts of Sri Aurobindo to contemporary British authors or poets. Individuals' development, beliefs, and ensuing philosophies are greatly influenced by the interaction of their environment and heredity. One of the best examples of this idea is Sri Aurobindo Ghose, often known as Sri Aurobindo. Comparing Aurobindo's ideas with those of the British writers and poets of his time is essential to understand more about his theory of existence. The fact that his Cambridge education had a permanent impact on his way of thinking and it makes this analogy all the more appealing. There is no denying that Aurobindo was influenced by Cambridge, a centre of study and intellectual inquiry. He would have been steeped in the rich history of Western thought, philosophy, literature, and the passionate disputes that characterised the era during his time at this prestigious university. His rich Eastern spiritual ancestry and Western intellectual background combined to create an original philosophical synthesis that is both fascinating and illuminating. During Aurobindo's formative years, British literary traditions were in a state of flux and transformation. A deep contemplation about identity, existence, and the complexities of the human mind was sparked by the wide stretches of the British Empire and the emerging winds of modernism. These authors struggled with difficult subjects while attempting to understand the meaning of life in a changing world. Aurobindo's contact to British intellectual authors becomes crucial in this situation. He would have had access to the philosophical underpinnings of the period's literature through Cambridge. Aurobindo would have found resonance with the dominant Western concepts of existence, identity, purpose, and consciousness, providing him with a wide variety of ideas to synthesise and reframe through his particular viewpoint. Although strongly rooted in Indian spiritual traditions, Aurobindo's conception of existence also exhibits elements of Western existential thought. His emphasis on the development of human awareness and its culmination in divine realisation can be seen as a harmonious fusion of Western ideas of progress and on-going Eastern spiritual paradigms. 'Integral Yoga' and 'Supramental Transformation' are two concepts that might be seen as sophisticated solutions to the existential problems raised by both Eastern and Western traditions. Why, therefore, is this comparative methodology so important? One might understand the interconnectedness of global thinking streams by comparing Aurobindo's philosophical discoveries with British literary and philosophical traditions. It becomes obvious how the East and West's mutual exchange of ideas works. This situation highlights the universality of existential questions by using Aurobindo's Cambridge education as a link between two different universes. Thus, it can be said that understanding Aurobindo's theory of existence requires an understanding of the intellectual environment that shaped his development. Even if they are significant, his philosophical discoveries are the result of many different inspirations. His intrinsic Indian spiritualism served as the foundation, but the Western philosophical subtleties he discovered at Cambridge enhanced and deepened it.

Sri Aurobindo Ghose, popularly known as Sri Aurobindo was not only a philosopher but also a political activist, a poet, and a spiritual reformer. He was at a crossroads of Eastern and Western traditions because he was born in India and later received his education in England. As a result of his special situation, he was able to formulate a comprehensive philosophy that he called the "integral concept of existence." The foundation of Aurobindo's integral philosophy is the conviction that everything in existence, whether it be a person, the universe, or the Divine, is interdependent and interrelated. Aurobindo argued that true knowledge and realisation required a holistic comprehension of existence rather than a series of fragmented viewpoints. The notion that human evolution is not constrained to its present stage lies at the heart of Aurobindo's philosophy. He asserts that humans are constantly evolving, progressing from ignorance to self-awareness and, finally, to divine consciousness. This process of transformation includes not only the spiritual domain but also the mental and physiological spheres of life. Aurobindo discusses the possibility for human progress in "The Life Divine," drawing on his prodigious body of work. He held the opinion that people may progress from their current level of consciousness, which he referred to as the "mental being," to a higher level of consciousness known as the "supramental" or the "Gnostic being." He insisted that this change represented the next stage in human evolution and marked the transition from a species that was ruled by the mind to one that lived in harmony with its divine essence. Aurobindo employs poetic narrative to look into the depths of human existence and potential in "Savitri," another important work. The poem describes Savitri's struggle to save her beloved from the Lord of Death. It appears to be a retelling of an old Indian myth. However, "Savitri" is really a testimonial to Aurobindo's faith in the capacity of the human spirit to overcome even the most fearsome foes, including death, via divine intervention. The poem serves as an analogy for the human journey from darkness to light and from mortality to immortality because of its complex symbolism. The fusion of the person, the universe, and the Divine is one of Aurobindo's integral philosophy's most fundamental ideas. He proposed that these three things are interconnected while appearing to be distinct. The road that each person takes to reach self-realization also entails discovering their place in the universe and their connection to God. In his works on "The Synthesis of Yoga," where he discusses the harmony between the paths of knowledge (Jnana Yoga), devotion (Bhakti Yoga), and action (Karma Yoga), he elaborates on this connection. These are not independent routes in Aurobindo's view; rather, they are linked elements of a single, all-encompassing journey towards divine realisation. "Integral Yoga" is a concept central to Aurobindo's understanding of existence. Aurobindo's Integral Yoga strives for a full realisation, in contrast to traditional forms of yoga, which frequently concentrate on the particular parts of existence. It strives to transform all area of human life, not simply personal liberty or enlightenment. This extends to one's thoughts, feelings, deeds, and even physical self. In "The Synthesis of Yoga," Aurobindo stresses that this transformation is not the goal but rather a means to bring about a more significant, global transformation that would eventually lead humanity to a divine life on earth. Aurobindo was fully aware of the obstacles to this transition, but he also recognised them. He frequently explores the difficulties of the human condition in his writings, including ignorance, misery, and the constraints of the physical world. He remained optimistic about people's ability to challenge these obstacles. Aurobindo believed that through the practise of Integral Yoga, people may adapt themselves to the divine consciousness, releasing them from the bonds of ignorance

and realising their actual essence. Thus, Sri Aurobindo's integral theory of existence can be considered to provide a thorough comprehension of life. It acknowledges the interconnectedness of all aspects of existence. It also suggests a route for humans to evolve towards more advanced levels of consciousness, and offers Integral Yoga as a means of realising this potential. Aurobindo's philosophy, which draws on both Eastern spirituality and Western intellectual thought, serves as an inspiration and a road map for people looking for a more comprehensive knowledge of life.

While having its roots in old spiritual traditions, Sri Aurobindo's thought is unquestionably forward-thinking and expansive. His writings, which cover many volumes, offer plenty of room for in-depth investigation and comprehension. The way in which Aurobindo infused the idea of evolution into his integral philosophy is one of the most intriguing aspects of his ideas (Dowsett 54). During his lifetime, Darwin's theory of evolution—which advocated a materialistic progression of species—was highly influential in the Western scientific community. Aurobindo expanded the evolutionary paradigm to include the spiritual sphere even though he did not contest the biological grounds of evolution. Aurobindo believed that evolution involved more than just the transfer of one biological form to another. It was an ascent of consciousness instead. He proposed that life began in a condition of "Inconscience" or a dense material state, drawing on Vedic notions. Life then developed from this state, passing through many periods of plant, animal, and human existence. Aurobindo asserted that this journey does not end with humanity. This kind of human evolution is only a stepping stone, a link to more advanced consciousness's. The narrative of human existence is fundamentally altered by this viewpoint. If humans are transitional beings, this suggests that they have the capacity to evolve farther and reach realms of consciousness that are currently inexplicable. This subsequent level was given the name the "Supramental" condition by Aurobindo. The Supramental awareness would be distinguished by truth, harmony, and oneness, in contrast to the mental consciousness that currently rules humanity. If one reads Aurobindo's writings in depth, such as "The Human Cycle," they reveal his great understanding of the evolution of society. Aurobindo had the view that societies undergo evolutionary change in the same way as individuals do. "Physical societies" refer to prehistoric cultures that were based on physical necessities. The power of mind and ideas propelled societies as they evolved over time as human intelligence increased. However, Aurobindo anticipated a time when societies will transcend the mental and develop into spiritual ones. Unity, compassion, and a common effort to reach a higher truth would characterise these communities. The understanding of the cosmos that Aurobindo had is equally noteworthy. Many people believe that the cosmos is a vast, unfathomable place that functions according to laws that frequently appear random or chaotic. Aurobindo believed that the universe is more than just a collection of stars, galaxies, and emptiness. It is a conscious living thing that is pulsating continuously. Each and every heavenly body, wave, and particle is a manifestation of the Divine. The way that people interact with the cosmos is altered by this awareness. Humans aren't insignificant objects in a vast universe; rather, they are essential components of a conscious, living universe that is interconnected with everything else by the divine mind. Aurobindo also did a fantastic job of examining the relationship between the self, the group, and the Divine. Aurobindo stressed that while the individual's path to self-realization is of utmost importance, it is not a solitary one. The advancement of every person affects the collective, and the collective's evolution

affects the individual. The path to higher consciousness is a common endeavour and it is like a symbiotic partnership. Aurobindo's integral education paradigm, as advocated in his writings and implemented at the Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education in Pondicherry we find that India is noteworthy in terms of practical implementation. He held that real education was about developing a person's inner capacities and potentials rather than simply accumulating material (Hees 103). This all-encompassing approach to education aimed to foster the growth of the body, the spirit, and not just the mind. It becomes clear that Aurobindo's integral philosophy isn't merely a theoretical idea but it can be implemented practically. It needs a kind of analysis that can go through the immense ocean of his writings, from his in-depth analyses of classical texts like the Rig Veda and the Upanishads to his poetry masterpieces and philosophical treatises. It is a carefully thought-out road map pointing humanity in the direction of its subsequent developmental step. It is obviously difficult to convey the breadth of Aurobindo's thought in a few thousand lines. He infused complexity and depth into every sentence he wrote and every idea he put forth. The core of his teachings, though, is unmistakable: mankind is poised for greatness, and with deliberate effort, it has the power to usher in a time of truth, light, and divine realisation (Gandhi 78).

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