

**THE
VISION
OF
SRI AUROBINDO**

PREFACE

The essays in this collection seek to present the vision and the message of Sri Aurobindo in their various facets. It is a cooperative effort some of the teachers in the Marathwada University, Aurangabad. Though each essay concentrates on a particular aspect of Sri Aurobindo's thought and teaching, it will be seen that the single underlying theme is the dominating instrument in the reconstruction of thought on the different problems of life. The larger space in this collection taken up by politics indicates the urgency of the political problems for the modern man but is not meant to suggest that Sri Aurobindo was concerned more with political problems than with others. In Sri Aurobindo's view even those problems which we regard as secular and mundane can be effectively reconstructed only when they are placed in the context of the ultimate goal of human endeavour, the Supreme good of human life :

"Politics, society, economy are in the first form of human life simply an arrangement by which men collectively can live, produce, satisfy their desires, enjoy, progress in bodily, vital and mental efficiency; the spiritual aim makes them much more than this, first, a framework of life within which man can seek for and grow into his real self and divinity, secondly, an increasing embodiment of the divine law of being in life, thirdly, a collective advance towards the light, power, peace, unity, harmony of the diviner nature of humanity which the race is trying to evolve. This and nothing more but nothing less, this in all its potentialities, is what we mean by a spiritual culture and the application of spirituality to life". (*The Renaissance in India*)

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