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## Auroville

...The World in Process



**The Mother**  
(1878 - 1973)



**Sri Aurobindo**  
(1872 - 1950)

At present mankind is undergoing an evolutionary crisis in which is concealed a choice of its destiny; for a stage has been reached in which the human mind has achieved in certain directions an enormous development while in others it stands arrested and bewildered and can no longer find its way. . .

. . . A structure of the external life has been raised up by man's ever-active mind and life-will, a structure of an unmanageable hugeness and complexity...

. . . Man has created a system of civilization which has become too big for his limited mental capacity and understanding and his still more limited spiritual and moral capacity to utilize and manage. . .

...A greater whole-being, whole-knowledge, whole-power is needed to weld all into a greater unity of whole-life.

- Sri Aurobindo



Man is a transitional being; he is not final. For in man and high beyond him ascend the radiant degrees that climb to a divine supermanhood. There lies our destiny and the liberating key to our aspiring but troubled and limited mundane existence.

- Sri Aurobindo

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For millennia, we have developed outer means, outer instruments, outer techniques of life - and eventually these means and these techniques are crushing us. The sign of the new humanity is a reversal of perspective and the understanding that the inner means, the inner knowledge and the inner technique can change the world and master it without crushing it.

- The Mother

Auroville is the place where this new way of life is being worked out; it is a center of accelerated evolution where Man has to start changing his world by the inner spirit.

- The Mother



*A Dream*

There should be somewhere upon earth a place that no  
nation could claim as its sole property,



*A Dream*

... a place where all human beings of goodwill, sincere in their aspiration, could live freely as citizens of the world, obeying one single authority, that of the supreme Truth;

*A Dream*

... a place of peace, concord, harmony, where all the fighting instincts of man would be used exclusively to conquer the causes of his suffering and misery, to surmount his weakness and ignorance, to triumph over his limitations and incapacities;

*A Dream*

. . . a place where the needs of the spirit and the care for progress would get precedence over the satisfaction of desires and passions, the seeking for pleasures and material enjoyments.

- The Mother, 1954



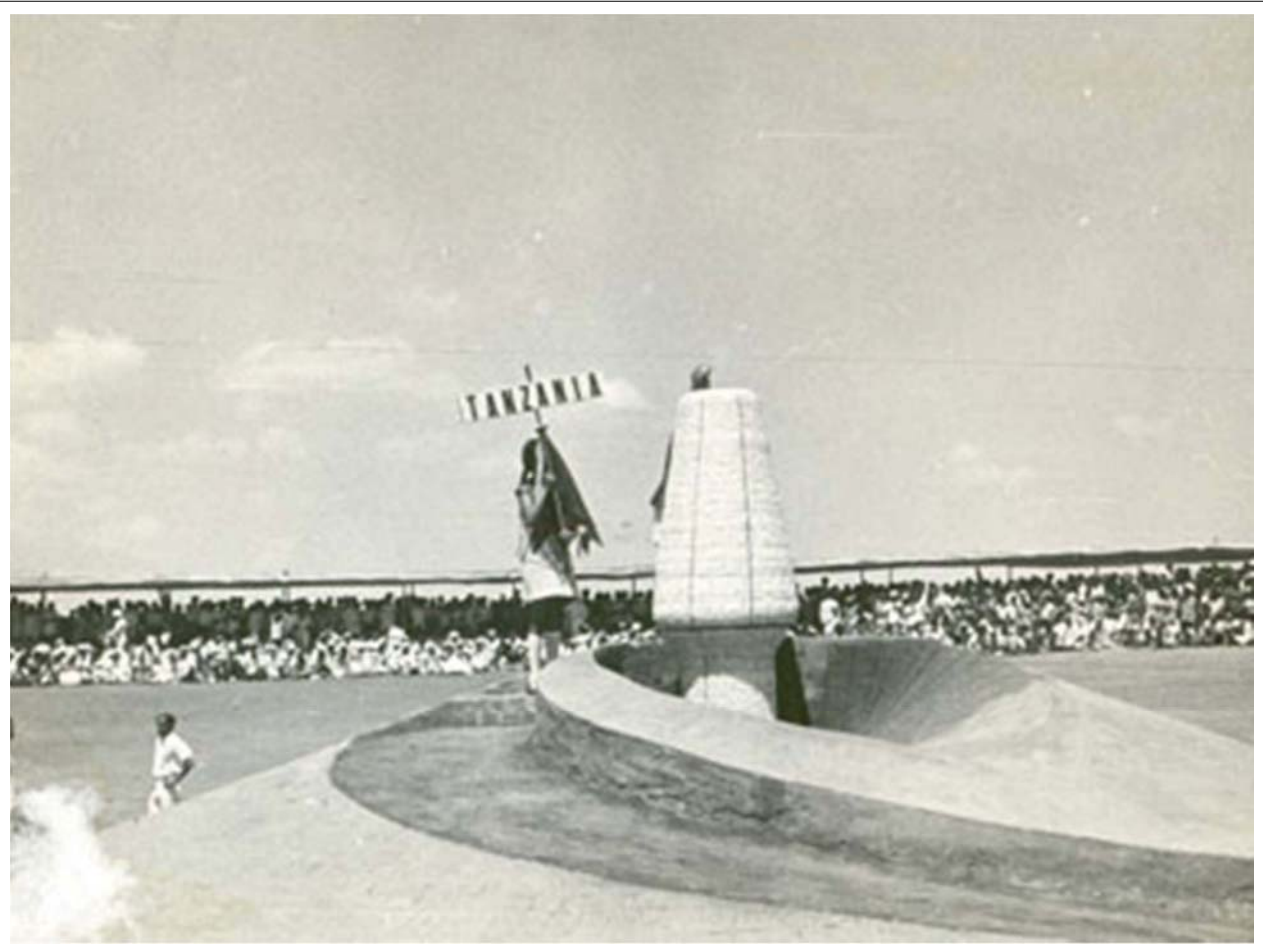
# *Greetings from Auroville*

..a universal city in the making in south-India

"Auroville wants to be a universal town where men and women of all countries are able to live in peace and progressive harmony above all creeds, all politics and all nationalities. The purpose of Auroville is to realise human unity."

- The Mother





*Auroville Charter*

- Auroville belongs to nobody in particular. Auroville belongs to humanity as a whole. But to live in Auroville, one must be a willing servitor of the Divine Consciousness.

*Auroville Charter*

- Auroville will be the place of an unending education, of constant progress, and a youth that never ages.

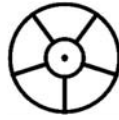
*Auroville Charter*

- Auroville wants to be the bridge between the past and the future. Taking advantage of all discoveries from without and from within, Auroville will boldly spring towards future realisations.

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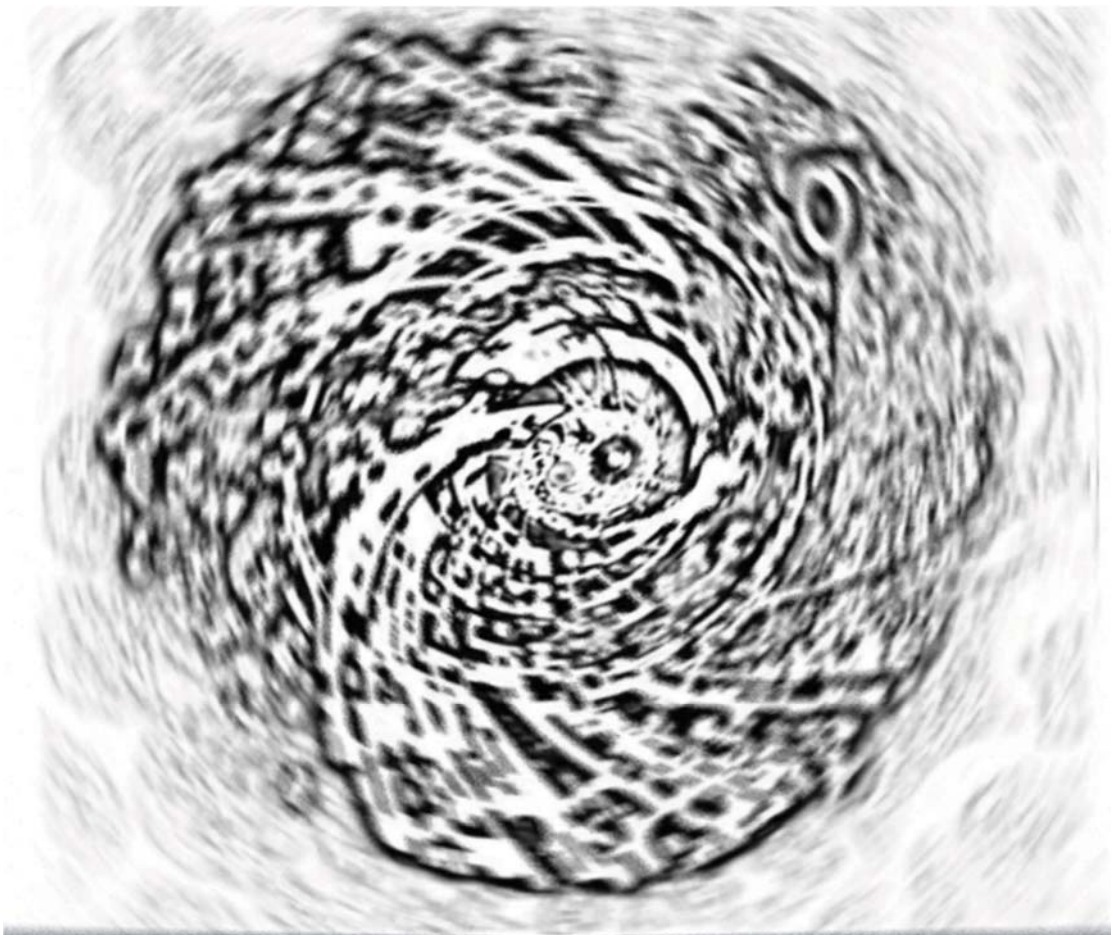
- Auroville will be a site of material and spiritual researches for a living embodiment of an actual Human Unity.

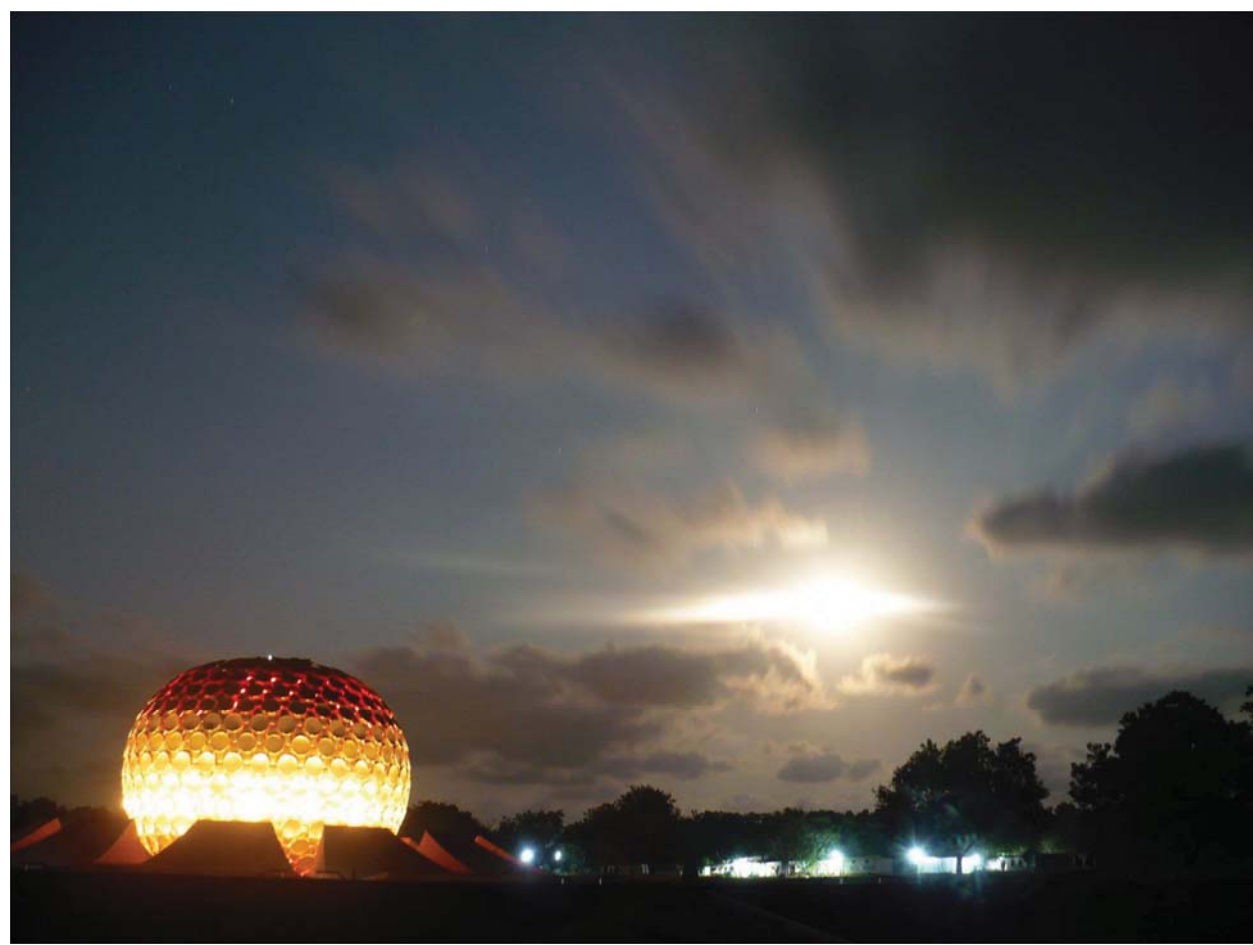
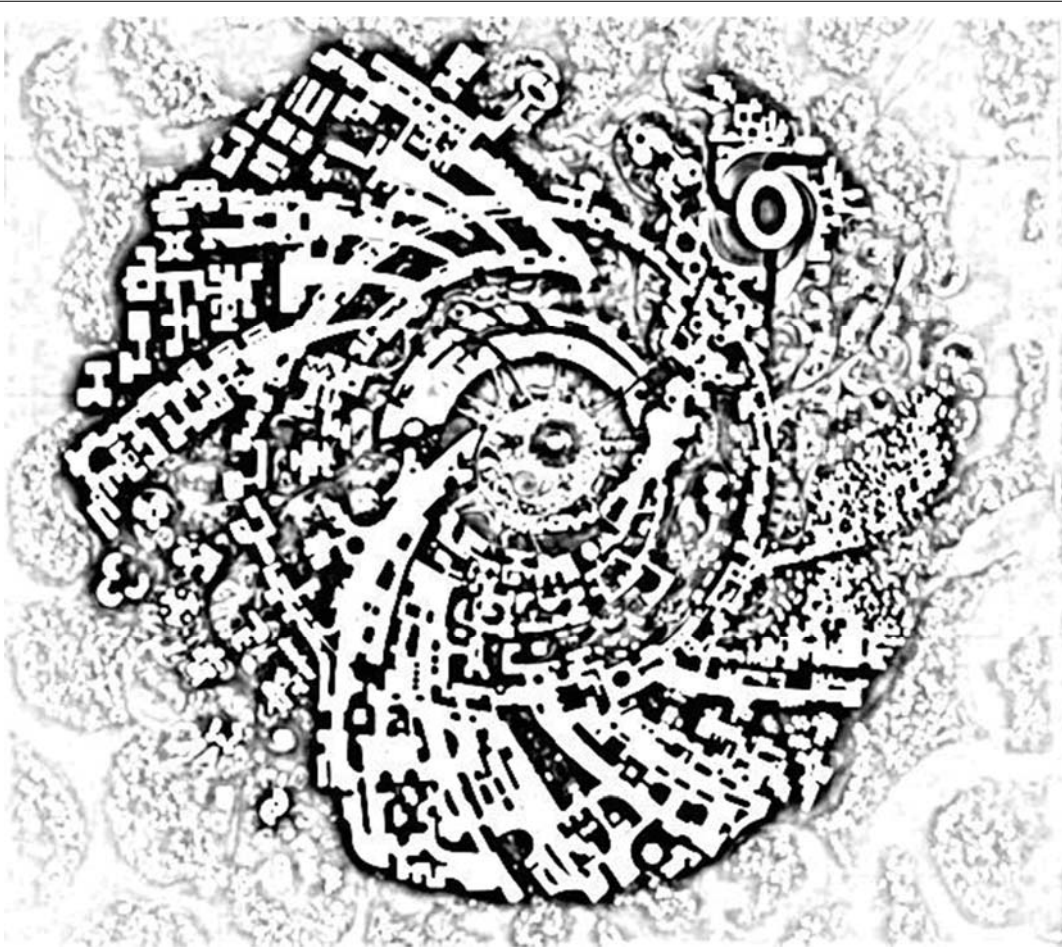
*Auroville Symbol*



The dot at the centre represents Unity, the Supreme; the inner circle represents the creation, the conception of the City; the petals represent the power of expression, realisation.

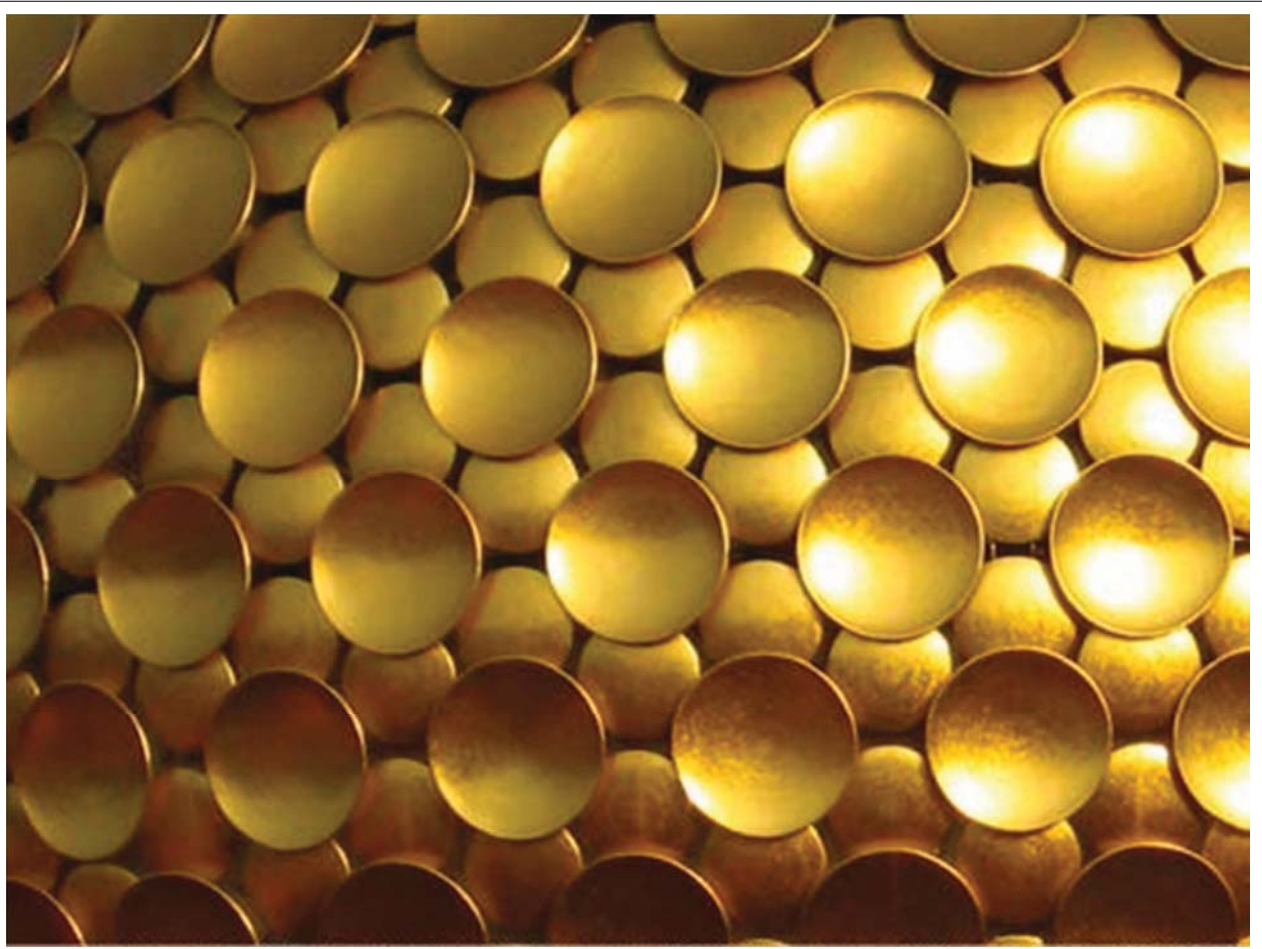
- The Mother, 24 August 1971













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