A Deep, Intense, Constant and Total Gratitude (Editorial)

BY BELOO MEHRA
As we continue with our year-long-theme of the Twelve Attributes of the Mother, we dedicate the present issue to Gratitude.

“To Thee Our Infinite Gratitude...” The Mother's words dated December 9th, 1950, which are engraved on the Samadhi at Sri Aurobindo Ashram are the most sublime, most perfect words to express our deepest Gratitude to Sri Aurobindo. We could not think of any other way to open this issue but with a sincere contemplation on these words.

In this age of instant gratification and instant nirvana, we have gratitude journals and gratitude jars — practices which could be perhaps helpful for some in initially cultivating a habit of remembering all that one must be grateful for, — but often in this zeal to come up with and engage in outward practices, one may miss out on the deeper meaning and essence of gratitude, which like compassion, the Mother reminds us, is a quality of the soul or the psychic entity within, not a mental formula.

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The slaying of the demon does not finish the consciousness that stands behind it. By its very nature consciousness, like energy, cannot be destroyed. It can take new forms or it can undergo a change or it can be reabsorbed back into its Source. This is where we see Sri Aurobindo's Integral Yoga taking a giant leap over tradition wherein he is not content with the slaying of a demon or many demons but by their conversion or dissolution for good.

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We pray to the Divine to accept the ardent flame of our gratitude and of our joyous and fully confident adherence.
The Mother, CWM, 15, 209

Be good for the joy of being good and not for the gratefulness of others.
- The Mother, CWM, 15: 225