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## Aspire Intensely but Without Impatience

There are two powers that alone can effect in their conjunction the great and difficult thing which is the aim of our endeavour, a fixed and unflinching aspiration that calls from below and a supreme Grace from above that answers.



- Sri Aurobindo, CWSA, 32: 3

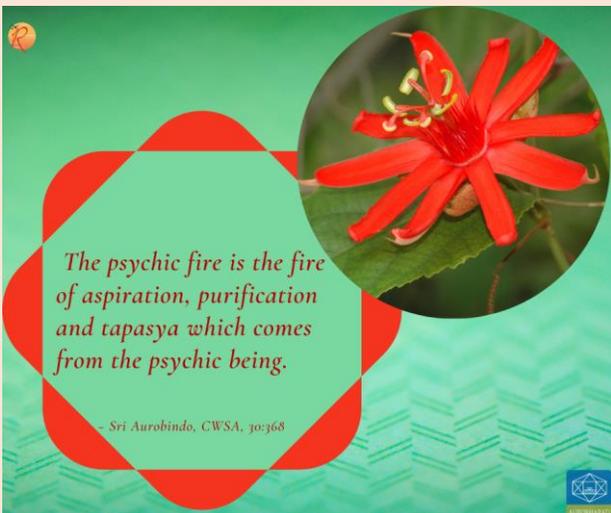


The present issue is dedicated to exploring Aspiration. Sri Aurobindo once said that “the power of aspiration of the heart, the force of the will, the concentration of the mind, the perseverance and determination of the applied energy” are the measure of the intensity of the turning, the force which directs the soul inward (CWSA, Vol. 23, p. 58).

This inward turning of the human soul, away from the egoistic state of consciousness which is constantly absorbed in the outward appearances and attractions toward a higher state of consciousness, to a seeking of *that* which is beyond and behind the outer appearances, *that* which can connect one to the Truth and to one’s true Self is the starting point of all Yoga.

The fierier and clearer the aspiration, the greater is the force and power of this inward turn.

Aspiration is like an arrow, or like a flame rising upward. But it has to be tended, constantly rekindled. Its direction also needs to be reset when it tends to go here and there. It has to be purified so that no desire or demand gets mixed up with it. Its goal has to be kept in front, always. And what happens when it goes into hiding somewhere? How to light the fire again? And what about the Grace? Will Divine Grace help me rekindle my aspiration? These and many other questions have been explored in a rich variety of selections featured in this issue. [READ MORE HERE](#).



*The psychic fire is the fire of aspiration, purification and tapasya which comes from the psychic being.*

- Sri Aurobindo, CWSA, 30:368



[Be Conscious of Your Inner Flame](#)



*The earliest formula of Wisdom promises to be its last,—God, Light, Freedom, Immortality.*

Sri Aurobindo  
(CWSA, 21: 4)

[The Human Aspiration - Deliberations on  
The Life Divine \(in two parts\)](#)

## Theme: 'Aspiration'

(Click on the titles to read)

- Aspiration is to be Developed, Tended, Kept Awake and Living
- Aspiration and the Psychic Being
- Be Conscious of Your Inner Flame
- Agni, the Divine Will-Force, the Priest of the Sacrifice
- Nature Aspires Too - Words of the Mother
- Where is Agni? - The Colloquy of Agni and the Gods
- The Triple Agni in the Upanishads and the Triple Aspiration
- Parijat, the Kalpavriksha

## Poetry

- A Vedic Hymn to Agni, in Hindi Poetry
- I Dream of a Better World
- Only Thou Art (*in Urdu*)

## Ongoing features

- Sādhanā: "That Flame is Indispensable"
- Sri Aurobindo on Isha Upanishad – 6
- सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः – May All be Free from Illness – 7

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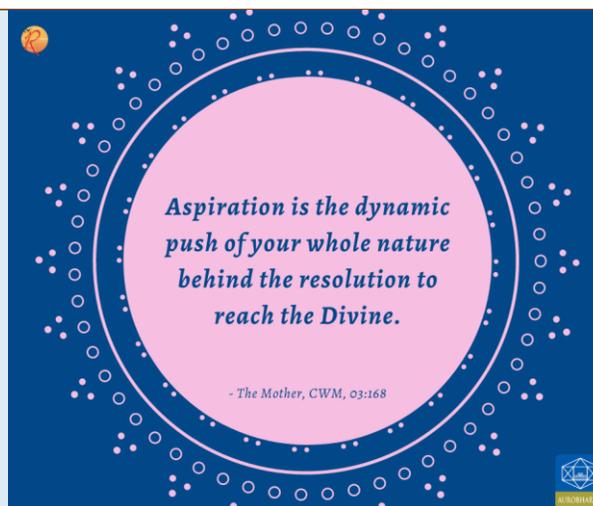
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## Insightful Conversations

### Indian Approach to Psychology: An Educator's Experience and Insights

For this month's insightful conversation, we focus on an educator's experience of working with college students on Indian approach to psychology, or what she calls as Psychology of the Self. Dr. Aditi Kaul works at Auro University, Surat, which is inspired by the ideals and teachings of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. She shares with us some keen insights on several aspects, including self-preparation and influence of the teacher, constant conscious deconditioning on the part of the teacher and the student, and self-exploration as a valid pedagogical approach. [CLICK HERE](#) FOR THE VIDEO OF OUR CONVERSATION.



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