SAVITRI IMMERSION WORKSHOPS 2014

Evolutionary Spirituality and Savitri: the Mantric Poetry of Sri Aurobindo

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What is being transmitted by *Savitri* is fundamentally not information for the mind. **Sri Aurobindo's intention** is to transmit the force of truth from the highest planes of consciousness. At some point in our development and our ability to hear, we are no longer gathering information or interpreting anything, but we are in the presence of the **Goddess of Illumined Speech**. She is invoked, becomes present, and fills one with the divine force.

The focus on the teaching of Sri Aurobindo in this workshop emphasizes the doctrines of faith and sacrifice in **Hinduism**, **Buddhism**, **and Christianity**, and the importance of the creative Word, the *Sruti*, the Logos, in each of these traditions, present especially in the symbolism of **The Divine Trinity**. The Upanishads and the Gita in particular were the subject of many commentaries written by Sri Aurobindo, which clarify these doctrines and transmit their essential truth and force. Through Yoga we learn to draw back from preoccupations with the forms of things to their essences, and through their universal essences we can perceive their divine origin. When we do that we are on the path of spiritual transformation. The mantric transmissions of *Savitri* create the bridge above mind to the Overmind illuminations that bring the path to its goal.



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SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA MAY 30 – JUNE 1

Friday check-in 1:30-3pm. Workshop introduction 3-5pm.
Saturday: 8-9am Yoga, Tea 9-10am.
Savitri Immersion from 10-12. Lunch Break 1-3pm.
Savitri Immersion from 3-5pm. and 7:30-9:30
Sunday Savitri Immersion 2-5pm Closing at 5:30
For information contact Savitri Joy at 8054033550@txt.att.net

THE SRI AUROBINDO CENTER OF LOS ANGELES

For information: Contact tel: 310-390-9083

CRESTONE, COLORADO AUGUST 11-16

Monday check-in 9-11am. Workshop introduction 3-5pm. Daily pranayama and chi gong 8-9am, breakfast 9-10am, Savitri Immersion 10-12am, Lunch break 12-3pm 3-4pm Art, Music, Nature Explorations Savitri Immersion 4-7pm Evenings dinner, performances, discussions, therapies

UNIVERSITY OF HUMAN UNITY LECTURE SERIES

THE KENA UPANISHAD AND SAVITRI – PLACING SRI AUROBINDO'S SAVITRI IN THE CONTEXT OF VEDANTA, YOGA, AND TANTRA

Savitri belongs to the tradition of Vedanta - Veda and Upanishad - as Sri Aurobindo explains in *The Secret of the Veda*. And his commentaries on the Upanishads, which form the basis of *The Life Divine*, dwell upon the creative power of divine speech. The truthvision is brought vividly to the hearer in that language of the ancient Rishis which is so essential to the process of transformation, the language of *mantra*, by *Savitri*. This is the movement of the *tantric* synthesis: the Force of the Divine Mother, the Creative Word of Brahma, the *Mahashakti*. (8 lectures, 2013)

THE PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION – HINDUISM, BUDDHISM, CHRISTIANITY

is a complementary study which discovers the principle of divine revelatory speech at the foundation of each of the world's major religions. The essential movements of spiritual transformation as described in these lectures, which form the basis of the present series of workshops, - faith, devotion, and sacrifice - are conveyed directly to the hearer by Sri Aurobindo in the vivid and illuminating language of *Savitri*. (10 lectures, 2014)

Recommended contribution \$75 (3 day workshop), \$250 (6 day workshop, includes food)

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