



DID YOU KNOW?



**On 15 August 1925,
more than seventy years ago,
Sri Aurobindo...gave a few
indications by which to recognise
the dawning of the New Era.¹**

The first indication was that the knowledge of the physical world would increase to a degree that it would break its own bounds. ... The present moment is especially interesting, as physical science now says it has discovered the sixth quark and its system of the composition of matter therefore should be complete. ...

'Secondly,' Sri Aurobindo said, 'there is an attempt all over the world towards breaking the veil between the outer and the inner mental, the outer and the inner vital and even the outer and the inner physical.' People are becoming more 'psychic' he said, using the word in the ordinary sense.... A visit to any bookshop can only confirm Sri Aurobindo's assertion.

Sri Aurobindo's **third indication:** 'The vital is trying to lay hold on the physical as it never did before. It is always the sign that whenever the higher Truth is coming down, it throws up the hostile vital world on the surface, and you see all sorts of abnormal vital manifestations, such as an increase in the number of persons who go mad, earthquakes, etc.' ...

Fourthly: 'The world is becoming more united on account of the discoveries of modern science ... Such a union is the condition for the highest Truth coming down.' ... If technology in this world would fall away, the realisation of the necessary human unity would become a practical impossibility, for the different parts of the planet would lose their intense exchange with one another and be enclosed in their separate existences again. [For eg., the internet and satellite systems.] ...

Sri Aurobindo's **fifth indication** was 'the rise of persons who wield tremendous vital influence over large numbers of people,' the emissaries, directly or indirectly of the *Asura* of Falsehood. When Sri Aurobindo said this, the world had not yet seen the hordes of khaki-shirts and black-shirts parading before their Leader (Fuhrer, Duce, Caudillo, Netaji), with symbols of death as their emblems.²

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¹ Refer to *Evening Talks with Sri Aurobindo*, recorded by AB Purani, p.503

² Georges Van Vrekhem (1997) *Beyond Man* (pp.526-27)