PREFACE

In the contemporary Indian philosophical scene, the ideas of no other thinker are so seriously worked upon, interpreted and critically considered as those of Sri Aurobindo. Referring to Sri Aurobindo, Prof. Kalidasa Bhattacharya characterises him as "Ekamevādvitiyam" - 'one without the other' in the contemporary Indian philosophical world. His representation of the traditional doctrines is refreshingly original.

No other philosopher in the contemporary Indian philosophical tradition has bestowed so much attention on 'Man and Spirituality' than Sri Aurobindo. His magnum opus 'Life Divine' and other works dealt at length with problems related to these concepts. Further they always constituted fundamental questions for philosophical debate and discussion. I thought I should concentrate on these seminal issues and expound and examine the views of Sri Aurobindo in this regard.

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