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Q. Explain Sri Aurobindo's concept of ~~Intuition~~

Q. Discuss Sri Aurobindo's theory of evolution.

Ans: — According to Sri Aurobindo, evolution is the progressive unfolding of the Divine. Sri Aurobindo, presents, the spiritual evolution, according to which the spirit, which is the supreme reality is the source of creation and evolution, and the end of realisation. Evolution is the process of the manifestation of the spirit. It is a process of the perfect and complete revelation of the spirit. The purpose of the evolution is the absolute and complete manifestation of the involved principle of Sachchidananda. The origin, the content, the initial and the ultimate Reality of all that is in the Cosmos, is Sachchidananda which is a triune principle of transcendent and infinite Existence, Consciousness-force and Bliss. It is an integration of being and becoming. The whole Cosmos is the manifestation of the Divine.

Evolutionary growth, according to Sri Aurobindo is a tripple process. It

involves process of widening, heightening and integration. The process of widening means greater scope of operation of every new element or principle. The second process of heightening means ascent from one step to another higher grade. But the most important character of the evolutionary process is integration. Evolution is not growing from the lower grades to the higher ones. On the contrary, it implies that the lower ones are uplifted and transformed. The higher descends into the lower and transforms it completely, in that way the lower ascends to the higher. When matter evolved into mind, in fact, the nature of 'the material' was also changed. Matter no longer could be viewed in the manner in which it was viewed before.

creation, we know, is the descent of the spirit into ignorance and therefore, the starting point of evolution must be complete absence of knowledge and the goal must be complete knowledge. In between the two lies the realm of ignorance. Sri Anurobindo says that evolution in this realm has passed through matter, life, psyche and

mind and has reached so far re
of mind. Life evolves in matter
therefore, it is both matter-bound
evolves in life and therefore, it is
matter bound and life bound.