

## Instruction to Sadhâkas

We wish you to prepare a written statement of all you know on the subject of Chelas, Gurus and the relationship between them. For the preparation of this you may draw upon any material Sri Aurobindo has written, the "Mahatma Letters, Assembly Teachings and, particularly, your own understanding. Give all of your study during the coming week to this subject. The following subjects or questions are for your guidance, but anything in addition which lies in your understanding should be given.

1. The office and function of the Guru.
2. The attitude of the Chela.
3. What is it that is to be achieved in the Chela?
4. Who is the Guru?
5. How far should the Chela obey the Guru in the Guruvada?
6. What is the difference between the Guru in the Guruvada and the Guru in the sense understood in Buddhism?
7. Should the Chela focus upon the human side or nature of the Guru?
8. What should he see in the Guru?
9. What is the office of the Mother?
10. What attitude should the Chela have toward the Mother?
11. Should the Chela use his knowledge to dispute the statements of the Guru?
12. What is meant by the "baby-cat" attitude?
13. Should the Chela leave his accepted Guru and seek another without permission?
14. What is meant by provisional Chelaship?
15. What is meant by full personal Chelaship?
16. How close is the relationship of personal Chelaship to the Guru?
17. What is meant by the Guru's taking the Chela's karma and sins?
18. How long does the Guru-Chela relationship last?
19. What should the Chela do if the Guru asked him to drink a cup of poison?
20. Anything else you may know or think.