The Absolute Man of Sri Aurobindo`s Philosophy

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Abstract: Sri Aurobindo's philosophy, known as conscious evolution, holds that humans are active participants in their own transformation rather than passive beneficiaries of external circumstances. The Absolute Man, according to Aurobindo, is the culmination of this developmental journey: a being who has transcended the constraints of ego-centric consciousness and realised his connection with the Divine. Aurobindo believes that the Absolute Man is distinguished by a harmonious blending of the spiritual and material, the individual and the general. Unlike traditional spiritual paradigms that preach renunciation and isolation from the world, Aurobindo promotes holistic yoga, which embraces life in its fullness. The Absolute Man is not an ascetic recluse, but an engaged participant in global affairs, guided by a higher spiritual consciousness. Aurobindo emphasises the necessity of collective progress, picturing a future in which humanity as a whole strives to realise its divine potential. As a result, the Absolute Man is not a singular phenomenon, but rather the precursor to a new paradigm of collective awakening and transformation. In today's world, Aurobindo's concept of the Absolute Man provides profound insights into humanity's most serious concerns, including environmental degradation, social injustice, and existential crisis. By nurturing a greater awareness of our interconnectivity and inherent divinity, we can strive to realise the Absolute Man within ourselves and contribute to the creation of a more enlightened and harmonious world.

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