

LUCK

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If there are a few ideas that are of perennial interest to man, certainly Luck is one of them, maybe at the top of the list. Knowing that luck is unattainable by human effort, over the centuries man gave a hot chase to those things of life that brought luck to some. The gold-rush has become embedded in the pages of history. At the dawn of Indian freedom, men in pursuit of miniluck pursued the bus route, even as the dauntless American prospected for oil in the last century. Reader's Digest once carried a joke which described an American entrant to heaven. As the house was full, the gatekeeper denied him entry. The undaunted soul asked for a pencil and paper. Scribbling something on it, he requested the gatekeeper to drop it in the central hall of heaven. Soon heaven was empty. The intrigued gatekeeper asked the man what he had written on that paper. He replied, "Oil struck in hell". That is how man pursues symbols of Luck of which oil was the American token.

Some are born with luck, others are not. Man knows there is nothing he can do about it. But the TRUTH is

not so. In India we know of the inexorable karma. No one, not even the avatars, are exempt from it. The gods do not readily come forward to wipe karma off. Karma is a consequence in the field of time. The Overmental plane where the gods dwell does not have conclusive power over the movements of Time. Supermind, which lies between Overmind and Sachchidananda, lies in the plane where Eternity expresses itself as Timeless-eternity and Time-eternity. Forces of this plane can neutralise karma, as this plane transcends Time. Mother is an avatar of this plane. Her Force neutralises human karma, an effect in the mind-life plane of Time created by human causes. Luck is the obverse of the coin of which karma is the reverse. The Force that can neutralise karma can create Luck. If karma is the accumulation of bad past deeds, luck is the accumulation of good past deeds. Even the good deeds of this birth of ours will wait for future births to express as Luck. Mother's Force, which wipes off the effect of the past births, can make the results meant for future births express now. Her force has created luck in many persons whose horoscopes did not contain any indication of that kind, rather they contained indications to the contrary.

The Sanskrit word *adrishta* means something not in *drishti*, i.e., in sight. What man does not see is luck, not what does not exist. How does luck exist and where? If the good deeds of his past lives and the capacities accumulated in those lives could not bear fruit then, they come to fruition now. As this does not lie within

man's knowledge, he understands it to be something non-existent, sprouting all of a sudden. How then are we to create punya of the past births now?

Punya of the past births waits for appropriate circumstances to come to a consummation. One can offer those circumstances to the punya that lies in wait. Man exists in Time and awaits the issue in the appropriate time. Mother's Force is beyond Time. Working in Mother's Force, one can abridge several births of the future into the present one.

Let us go back to the basics, starting from what we know as Luck. When an incapable man accomplishes something contrary to his wont, everyone, including the man, says he is lucky. A good crop in the field, expected questions in the exam, a happy bride, a successful function, success in the election though it is marginal, a coveted job, an honest partner, a reliable capable manager, etc., fit the description of what man in life usually exclaims as luck. But that is a common usage of the word, not revealing its high significances, because the accomplishments here are of a minimum level. There are those at a higher level such as an undreamt of post, unbelievable good fortune or high reputation. All these do fit the description of the word luck. But by LUCK we mean a beggar boy becoming a millionaire, a volunteer becoming a Chief Minister, a bus cleaner turning into a fleet owner, a paper boy sitting in the White House as President. These are the maximum expressions of Luck.

Whether maximum or minimum or in between, the process of creation of Luck remains the same, its height being determined by the intensity of energy expressed and the width of the plane in which it finds expression.

The basis of luck is a successful complete act in a plane far higher than the one where the individual lives. The components of a complete act are physical industry, vital enthusiasm, mental knowledge that expresses the skill needed for the work and the accompanying external circumstances that make its accomplishment possible.

Man is capable of work, enthusiasm, and skill that are required for the work, but the external circumstances are simply not in his hands. Rain that spoils a function or harvest, power-cut that ruins your factory production, market demand that decides your commercial fate and a host of other extraneous things that hold the strings of power of accomplishment are just not in MAN's hands. It is too much for him to ask for it.

A complete act when completed gets accomplished in the plane where man exists and functions. It is not luck, but forms the foundation of luck. Hundreds of such acts do uphold our daily life and keep life from slipping into misery.

The soul of MAN is on a journey through several human births to collect various capacities at various

levels. Generally, the soul acquires only one endowment in one birth. When that is over, it leaves the body, choosing the appropriate human circumstance for the next birth. To accomplish a very great act like becoming world famous, one needs a great many human endowments of head, heart and body. For one to become a ruler of a nation, he needs leadership, presence of mind, resourcefulness of mind, expansive vital energies that endlessly keep him up at the desk, physical endurance, great patience with hostile circumstances, equality in the face of a chain of failures and betrayals, a health that is in fine fettle with a little rest, undimmed eloquence, steadfast courage, soaring idealism and a hundred other things all at once. One thing more is necessary. The appropriate external political and social circumstances must arise for his vast basket of endowments to find its consummation. Suppose such a soul is born in a royal family and ascends the throne, it will not qualify as Luck. Maybe it can be described as luck at birth. If the same soul born in the circumstances of a commoner finds his external circumstances changing in such a fashion as to put him onto the throne, this will be understood as luck. Either way, it is all personal endowments supported by external life situations coming to fruition as an act of great accomplishment at the apex of life.

There are several types of luck in several grades. For many, luck shows itself once in marriage or job or

education or in some field of life. Then it dries up, never to appear again on the surface.

Behind luck lies an endless effort of ages or even births, a painstaking meticulous effort by any standard. Eisenhower was elected President of the USA twice. But for the constitutional prohibition that no one can be President for more than two terms, it was said, Eisenhower would have easily won all the subsequent elections. While he was President, he was rarely in the office. Instead he was on the golf course. The nation admired the strength of the administration that functioned on its own without the President constantly guiding it and exclaimed that perhaps the nation did not need a President. The truth is to the contrary.

Ike, as Eisenhower was affectionately called, started life in the army. He fell in love with the daughter of an officer who consented to the marriage. The Air Force was being created and Ike applied for a job there. The army officer frowned on the idea of his son-in-law being an officer in the new-fangled air division. He gave the ultimatum to Ike which was either the Air Force or his daughter. It was a costly price and Ike paid it, giving up the idea of joining the Air Force. Life began with an unparalleled sacrifice for Ike. He was a hard worker which drained all his energy during the day. Knowing the vast significance of world history, he joined a course of world history during his off-hours. His walls were adorned with maps of all nations. For an army officer, a

world history of events is of intellectual interest. What he needs to know is the terrain, the lie of it, the access to it and even more, ideas of how new access can be created in an emergency. Imagine the scope of study and the depth. It is like doing anatomy and physiology of the medical course in after-hours at the end of a full day of sweating in the field under tyrant masters who are trained to be merciless.

Writing reports in the army is an important duty after an assignment. Ike wanted to excel in it. He wrote thorough reports of 50 or 70 pages. The officers read the reports carefully and spoke back to him their essential central idea in ten sentences. It struck Ike that to arrive at that central idea he had to write 70 pages and he understood it only when the officer extracted it from his report. He tried to arrive at the central idea before writing the report but the assignment successfully eluded it. He tried his hand at other reports and came to know that what gives the central idea is not the experience but the perspective. His was the perspective of work, the execution; the officer looked at his work as part of a whole, the whole at which he was working. To look at his own work from the perspective of his boss would give him the central idea. It was no exercise on the field or exercise in writing, but it was an effort of mind that expands to the horizons of the whole and looks down at this small part. He succeeded and his officers were pleased beyond measure. When he got the perspective of a higher officer, he moved into that post.

He vowed that any boss he left should feel the loss and lived up to it.

World War II came and the question of the European theatre was uppermost in the mind of the President. The President consulted Marshall who had the unofficial habit of maintaining a diary of promising army officers. Ike's name was on top of the list. He became the Commander-in-Chief of the European forces, and won the war; later he won the Presidency too.

The U.S. President daily receives several long reports which he has to read himself and cannot delegate. Presidents generally bury themselves in the reports. Ike refused to receive long reports and asked for ten sentences instead. The officers struggled hard to find the gist which would reveal itself to the President only from his wider national perspective. They were forced to learn to extract the gist of their reports and Ike played golf!

When Rajaji was chief minister in Madras for a second time, there were several I.C.S. officers whose reports of a page or two he would summarize in one or two sentences. The secretaries wrote their reports on one half of a page, leaving the other for the chief minister's comment. I.C.S. officers, in spite of their Oxford education, were administrators who were work-oriented, whereas Rajaji approached work from the nation's point

of view. Rajaji was no mere politician, but a statesman of high calibre.

Man lives in the consciousness of life and matter, governed by Time and Space. Mother's Consciousness is above Time and Space and therefore can abridge them into a speck. No meaningful analogies can ever be given to Mother's way of life, but I can make a feeble attempt. Two hundred years ago if one had to communicate with the USA or Canada, it was a breathtaking exercise. He may have accomplished it in a year or in a few years. Today the phone rings in a second across the earth. This is what technology does. Mother has come on earth to hasten the advent of Superman by 30,000 years. Without humanity participating, She can do it in 300 years. With the willing cooperation of humanity, She can achieve it in 30 years. Once, in explaining the emergence of the psychic, She said that one was lucky in tapasya if it emerged in 30 years when the tapas was at its peak. Simultaneously She assured that anyone living in Her aura, with Her help, could accomplish it in two or three months. That is the extent to which Her consciousness can abridge Time. To a tantric guru who meditated with Her She said that She gave the yogic accomplishment of several births. Stationing oneself in Her consciousness, one can abridge several births into the present one.

Let us consider what happens to us. Suppose after birth we have to grow on our own into manhood without

the fostering of the family, or the support of the society, what will the result be. We need not ask that supposed question. It happened to a child lost in a forest. After 15 years, someone came upon him and brought him into the town. He walked on all fours, howled for speech, behaved like animals behave. It is the family and the society that nourish us into manhood.

Suppose a boy refuses to go to school and wants to learn everything himself without looking into any printed material, he may require a hundred or a thousand years to learn. The society has collected all its wisdom into several departments of knowledge and devised a system of education which can impart to the boy in 20 years what was collected over 1000 years in one field. Not only that, he can go on to become an expert in that field. Today society does abridge 1000 years or thousands of years of civilised knowledge into a 20 year curriculum in the school.

If you want to know what your family has done to you, compare yourself with people of your own age who were brought up in families that do not have the culture of your family. The difference will be self-evident. When the Chola king wanted an honest minister and could not get one, he desired to find someone from a spotless family for three generations on both sides. That was how he stumbled upon Sekkizhar at Kunnrathur. Families can produce men of miraculous character and integrity.

A man over sixty years of toil accumulates wealth, power and status. His son inherits the father's talents through blood. After education while his friends are selected as clerks, he gets selected as an officer. It takes 60 years of accomplishment for one man and when he passes it on to posterity, the child has an advantage. One of his friends from an ordinary family, for some inexplicable reason, joins a public school and he too gets selected easily for the post of an officer. What 60 years of accomplishment did in one case, the school does in another case.

A boy lives in the United States or France for three years and when he returns has the ability of one who is about to retire. Advanced countries are like a university. Living there is an education. In any country, however backward it is, society is a great teacher.

As the family, school and society abridge centuries and decades into a capsule, Mother abridges several births into several years. For one living in Her consciousness, he can accomplish in several years what might take several births otherwise.

Why and how does Mother's consciousness help us to create luck? The constituents of luck are industry, energy, skill and the all-embracing support of the external circumstances. Industry is of the physical, energy is from the vital, skill comes out of knowledge and the external support is the sanction and endorse-

ment of the spirit in us. When man comes forward to offer industry, enthusiasm and skill, he finds the external circumstances elusive, often treacherous. At this point, if he consecrates his acts and every step of his acts to Mother, She takes charge of the circumstances. The work is fulfilled. Mother begins where man ends. In ordinary life ten persons who offer their best to the work produce one man who is successful. They call him lucky. If ten devotees of Mother undertake a similar effort, ALL of them, without fail, will meet with success. If one devotee embarks on ten projects, ALL the ten projects will be rewarded with success. That is the difference between life and Mother.

It is not given to man, however high-placed he is, to command the forces of nature, the unforeseen circumstances. Hence he is at the disposal of unknown forces. For the one who fulfills his part to perfection and consecrates each of his steps to Mother, putting his work in Her hands, She brings him the favourable circumstances as luck of the lowest type. But certainly this is luck. Not one project of devotees that answers to this description has met with failure. Rather, they have been successful at a higher level than anticipated. They have never been known to fail. Granting that there is a case of failure, it can be immediately restored to success by supplying the missing element that brought about the failure. Without such a missing element, success is the only issue.

Diverting from theory, let us come to a small practice. It is an experiment in the creation of Luck. As I said, the components of Luck are four, representing the four parts of our being. There are hundreds of people who are capable of untiring work, infectious enthusiasm and all the skill needed for the work on hand. Not all of them have met with success. Not all their projects have met with success. Let one such person come forward to experiment with luck. He has to secure a mastery over the circumstances. This is done by invoking Mother at every step. Let him start a project now and do it in the consciousness of Mother. He will meet not with success but with luck, because he has supplied all the constituents of luck to his work.

A boy who had never secured pass marks in English until he came to SSLC sought help for his March exam at the end of December. He was one who could give his all for the exam and having done it in Mother's consciousness, he not only passed the exam but came out first in the class in an examination in February. As he supplied all the ingredients of work fully and as the work was done in Mother's atmosphere, Luck came to him who had sought mere success. This is a token act, small in itself; but the principle and process of creation of luck is the same, irrespective of the size of the project.

Anyone can make an experiment in an area of his life where industry, energy and skill abound, but success is elusive. In any profession in a town there will

be one or two lucky people. A dozen others with capacity will find themselves unlucky. As capacity is already there, if they supply the missing element of spirit by now invoking Mother, they would find themselves landing in the zone of luck.

A day labourer in a factory who was unaware of any of these processes became a devotee of Mother, exhibited enthusiasm and eagerly learnt all the skills his job required. He ended up buying his company.

Occasionally talented people come to Mother. Mother's blessings on a single occasion pitchforks those people into luck for the rest of their lives. By dint of hard work, they possess all the ingredients of luck except the spiritual part. Mother's Blessings supply it.

A musician of talent came to the Ashram to learn bhajan songs. At the end of the course she sought Mother's blessings. From that day, her fame rose steadily and she not merely reached the top of the profession but set higher and higher standards of excellence. A colleague of hers with the same talents and similar reputation disappeared into oblivion. A sportsman visited the Ashram. His aim was to reach fame all over the state winning the state medal. Mother blessed him, and played with him. He attained all-India fame and extended it all over the globe. Not only that, the luck extended to the next generation at the same intensity.

A political volunteer rose to be the leader of her state and rose further too.

Luck comes to many in life by previous preparation. However, luck invariably comes to all Mother's devotees who possess the necessary human endowments. That is why several people were able to create luck in their lives. That is also why it is possible for anyone to usher himself into luck, if he is willing for the effort.

No man is without an area in his life where he is endowed with talents to saturation. That is a fit place for such an experiment. In addition, there are projects in the lives of people that failed in spite of capacity and skill. The experiment can also be made in that area to rectify a past failure. These experiments will enable one to learn the process of creation of luck.

Mother's Force is all-comprehensive. It can create not only luck but beauty too. In fact, one who prayed for beauty was granted it.

In life, we can say there is a line dividing the level of survival from the rest. The able are above the line. Those below the line struggle to survive. Some who are below the line undertake great efforts to cross it and reach the level of social, physical survival. This is an act of great importance which is rarely realised. Those who move from one meal a day to comfort; those who move from being an uneducated rural family of

lumpen workers to being an urban, middle class family and such others generally give up the effort after crossing the border of survival. Their effort is a comprehensive human effort in social survival and advancement. Hence it qualifies for creation of luck when Mother is added to it. It is equally true of all who successfully move from one social level to the next higher one, be it at the bottom or at the top. As the human effort is present here in its rich fullness, when Mother is evoked, SHE is able to act in such a fashion that it turns into luck.

Luck can be created by those who understand the process, not by those who merely receive the results. The process is an integral human endeavour where each part exercises itself to its rich fullness rising to levels of art.

Luck seeks a man in life. This is the only phenomenon we know of. I am trying to explain how man can seek luck or create it. Man has created education, a wonderful instrument that capsulises millennia into a couple of decades. He has created science which has abridged future centuries into present decades, apart from making earth a paradise in terms of human comforts. Physical drudgery, pain from disease, comfort in living or travel, ease of communication all bear testimony in their changed status to the achievements of science. Now man can create luck too, and if he succeeds, he is sure to find votaries to the cause of luck.

Tom Peters was a director of the world-famous consultancy company McKinsey in the U.S.A. He and Waterman studied 64 excellent companies and compiled a report for their company. The famous publishers Harper & Row, in their hunt for publishable material, landed on Tom's report and sought his permission to print and publish it. Tom liked the idea but he knew the report was full of unreadable dry facts and frankly told Harper & Row that it would not sell 10,000 copies. Nevertheless, the publishers had their way and sold three million copies. Today Tom is on top of the management world and is booked for the next six months at \$ 20,000 a day, which, in reality, reduces to a speech of one and a half or two hours. The whole world is seriously researching the cause for his fame.

Tom is a 'baby-boomer', a child of the post-war, US baby boom. During his college days he was a hippie, breaking all rules, ranting against the establishment. Today the hippies are in their forties, hence the ruling age group of the USA. His report advocates abolition of bureaucracy, breaking all rules, wiping off committees, removing the registers, rewarding those who commit mistakes, etc., etc. Whatever the merit or otherwise of his approach, it is the aspiration of the national leaders of thought. As Tom represents a national wave, his book caught the imagination of the nation and sold in millions. In India too, it happened in a different fashion. The Green Revolution came to meet a national need. All those associated with the Green Revolution

received a boost in their careers, two of whom won the World Food Prize.

Luck is consummation of a work at a high level through an individual's life for the benefit of the community at large or for the world. As such a work is being prepared by nature at every point of her action, it is possible for us to locate these points and hasten their expression. Man works by the body. It is the slowest member of his being. Compare a man who can only toil with his compeer who is able to utilize the occasion of his work and exercise his mind. At the fag end of their careers, the first will still be cleaning the lorry he started with, while the other may have become a driver or a lorry broker or even a lorry owner. The first man takes the fullest effort even as the second man does, but while one thinks with his body, the other toils with his mental faculties. Is it not common that the latter is described as lucky?

Let us consider white collar citizens. Life changes. New ideas come once in a way. Several citizens keep quiet, some disregard the new ideas, while a few pursue them. All of them are from the same level of life but with different attitudes of complacency, secure indifference and innovation. Regardless of man's response, Life does move ahead. The innovators become pioneers, the rest join the new stream of life in time. The innovators exercise their minds, risk their possessions, brave danger, challenge circumstances, try new ideas

and many succeed, while others fail. Now the new way of life gains respectability, sometimes becoming a symbol of luck too. Others move in for competition or for material gain. Some in their attitude of conservatism meet with failure and frustration, which push them ahead. The effort of the innovators is full, because all their faculties are fully involved. Their thought is new, release of energy is for an unknown ideal, and skill is new by its nature. As all the faculties are involved, the endeavour is TOTAL and therefore when they succeed with the endorsement of external life, it turns into Luck. When the camp followers imitate another, no new thought is involved in their project; they walk along a beaten track. Therefore, what the pioneer gains is luck while what all these people gain will be of a lesser order. Suppose these men, instead of resisting the idea and waiting for someone to succeed, come forward to think and accept the new idea, their effort will become a total effort, and with consecration at every step, the project will usher in Luck. The pioneers always move ahead while others gain very much. Luck stays with the forerunners.

Two beginners in a field had great welcome. An aged man who had the knowledge of the field but not the expertise of the youngsters joined them as a partner. In the course of their work, they wrote reports for their clients and charged \$15,000 with hesitation, fearing they were overshooting the mark. It went on for some time. One day the elderly man passed a comment on

the side. "These young people are throwing away their talents for \$15,000. For the same report, McKinsey would charge \$150,000." Talents remaining the same, the rewards vary according to the plane where you are working. Sometimes the talents to be the CEO of a 100 million dollar company or a 10 million dollar company are the same. This is not true always. One simple circumstance decides whether you are here or there.

The talents of C. Subramaniam were proverbial. He took over three portfolios as an entrant. Had he not caught the eye of Nehru in Avadi Congress, he would not have moved to the Centre at all. The oratory of Raghunatha Reddy in Parliament made Indira include him in the cabinet. Often whether you are a local luminary or a national star depends upon one event, one trait, one idea or one something. For many it comes, for others it comes but fails, for most it never comes. With that *something*, man rises to the top; without it, he brings up the rear. These are all cases where the human endowment is there to saturation and external chance is described as luck. When all such people with their part full take to Mother, the first thing they get is the coveted chance. She is able to act because the human part is complete.

The difference between Gandhiji and Rajaji is only a hair's breadth. So is the difference between Bharati and Tagore. Often we hear of a man winning the Nobel Prize or a high international prize. Later comes the

report that another man has simultaneously worked in the same field, producing the same result. Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone and patented it. Another man also invented the phone and went to the patent office ten minutes after Bell's registration. It was too late for him. Today we do not know of him. That ten minutes mattered. It made the difference between world fame and oblivion and the accompanying millions. The world calls it luck. Such a thing happens every day in hundreds of small things and decides whether you retire as a clerk or an IAS officer, whether you are a small farmer or a big zamindar, whether you revel in your petty wealth or become a fleet owner, whether your fame is restricted to the state or extends to all India etc., etc. All those people do miss the spiritual part, the endorsement of the external atmosphere. When they take to Mother, Mother gives it readily to them.

We see another phenomenon too in lucky people. Luck comes to them but they are not aware of their endowments that brought the results. Results repeat several times and in overwhelming measure too. Only then they wake up to the reality of their innate capacities and inherent talents. A strange thing happens. Luck comes to an end. In all lucky people, this is seen. The moment you are aware of your capacity, it dries up. Conversely, if one can become consciously and genuinely humble, luck will begin to come and stay forever. We can as well say this is a method of creation of luck. Humility is rare. The purpose of humility is not to create

luck even as the purpose of Akbar's musician is not to call the animals to his audience. For humility, luck is incidental. This is one way of understanding luck.

Mother has four powers, twelve aspects and hundreds of ways of functioning and expressing Her Force. Each man understands the point at which he receives Her Grace or relief for his problem. Of the many things She has — in fact everything is in Her — Luck is one. Trying to understand how luck is created and expresses and how MOTHER ACTS AS A BRINGER OF LUCK to you and then accepting Her as such will enable luck to find a permanent place in your life. With that in view, I am trying to explain as many things as have a bearing on luck from Mother's side.

When the income is low, people have a simple meal. Often it is crude, meeting the demands of quantity. Sometimes when their fortune changes for the better, not all people give themselves a better fare, for the simple reason that a crude filling meal is all they can make and no one at home has any objection to it. One man before his own employment was treated by his step-mother like that. He started life on sixty rupees a month and retired on 10,000/- a month. The meal is one of those aspects of his life that never changed. Not only meal, but dress too exists at many levels rising from outrageous crudeness to utter elegance. Work of any description like maintaining an office, ploughing a field, feeding the guests, delivering a speech, printing a book,

keeping house, rearing a family, etc., starts from a crude elementary stage and rises to the stage of being an art.

The next element that is required is energy. Some have less energy for the work than is needed; others have boisterous great energy; rarely we meet in a work expanding energy that is gently expressed in joy. The same is true in the knowledge and skill needed for a work. A bar council chairman and a state public prosecutor crossed legal swords over the distinction between daybook and ledger while the great sitting judge was ignorant of both. For a long time they went through clumsy, silly arguments which any client would laugh at. Knowledge of the work one has been doing for long, and the skill in it are rarely found in adequate measure even in experienced people. Sir S. Radhakrishnan was a student of the Teachers' college. At the end of the course, students requested their teachers to give a synopsis of the various lessons. Teachers assigned it to Radhakrishnan. In twelve able lectures he captured the essence of the year's lessons which his friends marvelled at. That is skill which is striking.

Work rising to the level of art, energy expanding in expressive joy, understanding that strikes everyone as a marvel, results in completing the project with miraculous benefits. Then work rises to Luck. Even that is only the first stage of Luck. Successive stages of Luck remain to follow.

I spoke about a token experiment in creating Luck

in an area where one's endowments are in saturation. That is the best and ideal. We can also think of a second best. It is in your profession. You may be a shop-keeper or auditor or petition writer. Maybe you are an M.L.A. or an advocate general or a surgeon or even a principal or a vice-chancellor. Presently your position may be unenviable or above the average. Whatever it is, the simple fact about all these professions, some of which are socially low and others highly respected is that, in fact, they are ordinary professions. Professional knowledge is not something that requires genius or even precociousness. That is an exception and it is not our topic. Professional knowledge requires hard work and consummate interest. Those who have it can acquire professional expertise. If you closely watch those who have earned that reputation and speak to them about the secret of their success, they always reply, "sweat". In writing a book on business management, our Society collected personal experiences from the CEOs of billion dollar companies to this effect. It supplemented them with Edison's testimony from literature.

Our theme here is how to create luck. Its first half is the human endowment. I am trying to argue that human endowment can be acquired by all those who are willing to sweat. This means:

- you must have a little more knowledge of your work than those around,

- you must have a little more enthusiasm than your compeers,
- your industry and skill should be better than everyone else in the locality.

If one acquires this much, which is open to all, success is not sure because the externals are not at your command. Also, there are several others in the profession who answer to this description. Then we say, "No luck", or "The time has not come". It is the spiritual element which is missing. Having the human endowments in saturation, one can make an experiment. He can embark on a project consecrating every step of it to Mother which means thinking of Her before the work commences. Now that all the four components of Luck — physical work, vital enthusiasm, mental knowledge and spiritual endorsement that bring the externals under control — are there, it is sure to succeed.

A man at the age of 45, having terminated six successive ventures, practised this method and was ushered into success. Another man whose astrologer wondered how the family ever existed and held together took one project of simple service for some time. He had a windfall, raising the eyebrows of his community. The household, which had not seen three full thousand rupees in one lump, received 300,000 by changed circumstances. One who was doing a million dollars of business a year found this suggestion acceptable and

he soon saw eight years of turnover coming his way as one year's income. One who became a byword of success in ten years, raising his work to over 100-fold, came forward to try this method. In two months and three days, he could accomplish twice as much as in his ten year success. ***Luck can be created.***

Creation of luck and abolition of karma are of the same process in the opposite direction, I argue. Everyone has some karma or other. One can try to wipe off karma by taking to Mother and invoking Her force. Should that succeed, the truism holds good for luck too.

A man was ill and in the beginning, doctors were tight-lipped. His family went to an astrologer who is sought by clients from all over India. Generally astrologers couch their predictions in enigmas, riddles, or less negative terms when they have a bad news to disclose. This man was blunt. His predictions were of greater importance to him than the sensitivity of the client. Bang came his reply, "A hundred days more and this man will die." The family became panicky. Added to that, the doctors who were tight-lipped before asked them to pray. One of the family took to prayer to Mother. She believed that even if it was cancer, Mother would cure it. The patient was cured, ushering the family into joy. Later the astrologer ran into one of the family on the road and was civilised enough to ask, "My predictions have never gone wrong. How is this man still alive!"

As karma that dogs us from several past births can be wiped out, Luck that awaits us in future births can be asked to reveal itself now. But as these are revolutionary concepts, not all people will come forward to believe them, much less practise them. It is not as if people, even if they knew the possibility, would go after it. Being a new idea, the mind puts up a hundred reservations. It is worthwhile answering them so that genuine doubts will be cleared.

All those who have lived up to thirty or forty years know that good things happening by themselves is rare. On the contrary, men, even youngsters, know that in life one has to chase results. Results have earned a reputation of being elusive, ever-receding goals. Mother's devotees can generally report another facet of life. What matters is the character of life response, life seeking man, not the quantity of result or its monetary value. Most devotees of Mother, perhaps all, have witnessed the fact that he whom we go in search of meets us halfway, a work expected to be over in ten stages completes itself in the 3rd or 4th stage, when you seek college admission for a prestigious course, you get it in your own town, when you go for a job your rival candidate helps you secure it, etc. Life that is known to be perverse, unresponsive, elusive, cruel, or unjust turns in its character and behaves as if it is reasonable, cooperative, seeking to fulfil your goals, compassionate and just. All those who have seen this change in their lives, after talking to Mother, have indirectly seen

the character of life that can bring them luck. This must be enough for them to be convinced that a token experiment in creation of luck can be started.

A hard working man may raise the question that he can offer work and enthusiasm, but knowledge is not at his disposal. By knowledge here, I mean knowledge of the work that is skill, not native intelligence or higher discrimination. Anyone in any profession, after 20 years will have considerable knowledge of his profession, or even all knowledge possible. That knowledge is acquired by experience. You can see a fresh engineer acquiring in the first few months all the knowledge a 30 year mechanic has accumulated, or a junior lawyer learning all the court procedures in the first few weeks which an uneducated vakil's clerk painstakingly gathered over the years. Training abridges years into weeks. Higher education abridges training. Full enthusiasm of a highly educated man helps him learn in the shortest possible time. What matters is the abiding interest. Is not knowledge mental interest? Take full interest and you will learn.

The rest is to remember Mother. A work has several parts like the first wish, its becoming an idea, first external move, initial attempt, etc., etc., till the final execution. Also there are details of all descriptions. Remembering Mother means remembering Her before every act connected with the project. Many times we remember, many times we forget. We have to teach

ourselves to remember every time. It is this remembrance that brings in the spiritual endorsement. Spiritual endorsement means external circumstances offering their cooperation and help. As long as this remembrance is there, external life will certainly offer cooperation. Not one external circumstance will go amiss. Often, it is the experience of devotees that they forget to remember Mother or remember Her after the commencement of work. Remembering Mother after the work is like preparing for the examination after the examination. Learning to remember Mother before every act is our part.

Luck is the grand finale in life as we know. Establishing a university, building a temple, founding a political party, earning vast wealth are not done in a day. Things do not flow as if by miracle. Ask the leaders of parties, they will tell you the value of each voter. In a huge temple, every stone was put there by a human hand, held in position and adjusted. Most work has to be done meticulously little by little, inch by inch. In a library we see thousands of books. Every book was conceived in a writer's head, the manuscript painstakingly prepared, the process of printing gone through with care and caution. As a result, we see them all in the library today. Nowhere in the world are things commissioned by a magic wand. Even the weatherman will tell you that the cyclone that descends on us unaware in terrible quantities of water, destroying power was gradually preparing over a period of time.

Luck is the final expression of sustained vast work over the years or over several births. Mother's Force can abridge the period, not eliminate the process, not even part of the process.

"Luck means it should come by itself. What is the idea of working for it?" may be one response. Another response is, "I am prepared to work. It is all right with me if Luck comes." We can help those of the second view. If you are prepared to work in the best part of your life, luck will emerge there. It is up to you to extend it to other areas. To those who are willing for this adventure, we have several related ideas, experiences, and examples to speak about.

Endowments decide the effectivity of the environment in a person. The degree taken by a talented boy and an average boy rewards them during their lives differently. The talented boy forges ahead while the average boy manages to survive with the help of a degree. Society, education, family, external opportunities are helpful to one and all. Each man receives the incoming benefit by the way he is organised inwardly; the more organised he is, the greater is the reward.

Let us consider a few levels of human organisation. Many people are on the surface, live for the moment and take care of the immediate requirement. At this level they may be well-organised to produce the desired effect. There are others who are also on the surface, but

the surface of feelings, not thoughts. The surface of feelings lies below the surface of ideas and they appear to be organised just below the surface. There are people who will speak and act with true feelings even though their sincerity may extend only to the moment.

Serious people learn manners; it means they speak to please others, even though it is not matched by deep true feelings. People of good manners take great pains not to offend others. Their whole life will be governed by their manners. Though they too live on the surface, they do not just live in the moment, but organise their whole surface life according to good manners. Compared with the above two categories of people, these are widely organised persons, though shallow. If they preside over an organisation of work, as a policy they will speak gently and inoffensively. Their entire organisation will take great efforts to speak that language with a view to please the customer with at least pleasant words.

There are more serious people. Their lives are organised behaviour, i.e. what they say, they mean; it is no mere pleasant speech. In their organisation the aim will be work, rather than pleasing customers, i.e. their work should please the customers. Such will be their aim.

The most serious people will be organised in their character, i.e. in their values. In their organisation an

effort will be made to uphold values, values like honesty, quality of product, integrity, etc., rather than accomplishing the work somehow or just pleasing the customer.

If these people try to create luck in their lives, luck remaining the same and the process of creation of luck remaining the same for all, the results will be different according to the level of their personality organisation.

The people on the surface who succeed in creating luck will find that it came quickly, but luck will reveal itself only in that area and that too only for that activity. As their organisation is for the moment, so the evidence of luck will also be for the moment.

When the second set of people organised in their feelings create luck, it will last for a decade or for the whole of the best period of their lives.

People of manners who have organised their work under a policy will create luck that will last one generation.

If those who have organised themselves around their behaviour and their company as a work organisation create luck, it will last a few generations.

When people of character who live by values and bring their organisations under values succeed in cre-

ating luck, they find that luck surviving forever. It is endless luck to their posterity.

Level of life and type of organisation of consciousness		Type of result
1.	Surface	- Immediate result in the work where luck is created
2.	Below the surface in the true feelings for a while	- Lasting result for a decade or the best part of career
3. Manners	- organisation as a policy	- one generation
4. Behaviour	- work organisation	- a few generations
5. Character	- organisation in values	- endlessly, forever

When devotees come to Mother, Luck comes to them by itself without their knowledge or seeking. Luck enters their lives at the earlier level to which they are really organised. Suppose the people in the above list who belong to the fifth category of character come to Mother, luck will enter their lives in the level of behaviour or work organisation, i.e. the 4th level. As Luck

brings in enormous results and the personality organisation must be strong enough to support it, its incidence is in one level less than their greatest depth. Conversely, if a man wants to create luck in his life at any level, he should organise himself at a level greater than that. In other words, he should come forward to receive Mother at one level deeper than the level where he wants to create luck.

Sri Aurobindo endorses the traditional idea that man touches Sachchidananda every day during sleep. In those few minutes of communion he replenishes the entire energy lost during the day. This is an unconscious act of his. God touching life is luck. When all men unconsciously reach Sachchidananda every day, it must be possible for the enlightened to let Sachchidananda touch their lives by an effort. This experiment will serve that purpose and incidentally explain that the nature of the effort is not monumental but involves only a higher organisation of energy focussed at a fixed point.

Families where luck has come to stay suffer not from want but from surplus, thus removing the inhibition imposed by poverty or scarcity. Presence of plenty creates security. Security creates faith which is confidence. At its height it turns into an enthusiastic confidence in everything they do.

Failure raises depression; success gives joy. With material plenty as the base, success yields a greater joy which becomes expansive joy.

When people are circumscribed or inhibited, they hesitate to venture. Venture requires a solid material base, prior habitual success and a sense of creativity. In families where LUCK has come to stay, the material base of plenty and the atmosphere of assured success are there. This enables the members to venture. We often see some little creativity adorning their lives.

The spectator squares his account of understanding as follows: As luck has come to stay, there is enthusiastic confidence, expansive joy and a little creativity. The fact is otherwise. Some research will always reveal it. As enthusiastic confidence, expansive joy and a little creativity were there originally, luck was able to come. After the advent of luck, these traits got more and more organised.

Those who come forward to create these three traits qualify to create luck.

Generally Luck is understood as wealth, status, property, jewels and other known versions of material excellence and material plenty. These are only outer expressions created by inner endowments. The inner accomplishments are psychological endowments like patience, understanding, perseverance, wider view of life. If we look at the life of any great genius like Leonardo da Vinci, it is informed of non-stop work, a work in pursuit of knowledge. The greatest scholars

have given years of perspiration before the world has come to applaud their inspiration.

Charles Darwin's research spanned 40 full years. Marx was glued to the desk at the British Museum. Dr. U.V. Swaminatha Iyer lost his sight poring over the pages of fading manuscripts. Shankara walked around India more than once. Whether one is a vibhuti like Shankara or a genius like Leonardo or a professor like Swaminatha Iyer, Luck and its results are preceded by inner psychological endowments of great value. Instead of enlisting the outer expressions of luck, we must learn to discern the inner embellishment. The outer is not in our control, but the inner is. There we are free to set to work. That work will bring its reward not only in the inner region but in the outer world too. It will be seen as luck.

Effort is physical, knowledge is mental, but faith is of the Soul; hence superior to both. Man's effort accumulates as knowledge and the essence of knowledge collects as faith. That is not the only way to create faith. The soul by itself can, by a tendency, try to exert to know and such knowing will generate faith. As faith is superior to effort, luck that can be created by effort can be more easily created by faith.

Sometimes people who exhaust their efforts in vain resort to faith. Instead, if one comes forward to resort to faith before exhausting his effort, it will retain the full

power of faith and will help create luck. Faith is not luck but sometimes enables one to create luck.

One advantage of luck brought in by faith is that it can be long lasting, since faith cancels doubt at the start. Being the enemy of everything, doubt gets banished from the horizon.

If a situation is half organised, anyone can torpedo the work; any small mishap can ruin the result. In a fully organised work, such a thing is inconceivable. Still, if anything goes wrong, generally it will be within the reach of the organisers to rectify.

If you examine the conduct of university examinations from 1900 to 1950, mishaps would have been rare because work was done according to a pre-set plan by a seasoned organisation that was under tight control, taking every possible precaution. The then Registrar of Madras University used to have the question papers for the March exams printed in Italy on his way to England several months before. In the pre-war days people used to set their clocks by the trains arriving in the stations. Should a train be late by 5 minutes, that would be news. This was possible for a hundred years by the railway administration because it was a fully organised set-up. A train that is bound to leave a junction at 8 o'clock was made ready earlier by half an hour. The driver was not permitted to arrive punctually at 8 AM but had to come one full hour earlier. An hour before

the driver was scheduled to arrive, a call boy went to the driver's house to remind him. This is one little aspect of the organisation. As the work is fully organised from every point of view, mishaps are rare.

In India, we rarely have a comparable situation to the white man's organisation; but in spirit we too equal him in certain areas. In the celebration of weddings, temple festivals, village functions, harvests, wherever the function and its organisations have matured over centuries of tradition, one can witness this FULLY ORGANISED character prevalent. Nothing will go wrong or, if anything goes wrong, things can be at once set right. No one will allow anything to go wrong.

As a contrast, you can witness many half-organised situations. Whether it is a new university conducting its first convocation, or a farmer resorting to modern cultivation for the first time, or a neo-rich man organising a party at home or the son of the family going abroad for the first time, no one will know all the requirements. Things will be thought of in the middle of work, procedures will be unknown, manners will be lacking, there will be a mix-up at every level. If anything is accomplished it is by God's Grace and by Herculean effort. Ten times the effort, twice the money would have to be spent. In such situations, any schemer can destroy the work; any important material can hold up the whole affair. Life is *a/ways* half-organised when you want to do something afresh.

If Luck is to be created, it cannot be created in the beaten track, in the old ways of life. It has to be created in something new. Anything new means the set-up of work will soon change into a half-organised circumstance. Not that luck cannot be created in old ways of life. If such an attempt is ever made, the dimensions of the work necessarily expand. With the expansion, half-organisation sets in. Half-organisation is a sure way to kill initiative and destroy the result.

The spiritual endorsement that commands the cooperation of the outer circumstance alone can handle this situation. For devotees it is consecration. Remembering Mother before the commencement of an act consecrates that act. That alone will ensure the cooperation of the external circumstances however half-organised they are.

Life, for purposes of creation of luck or for any grand achievement, presents itself as a half-organised theatre. That is why most efforts fail. Consecration ensures the constant cooperation of the half-organised life. The work done by consecration can be done to some extent by goodwill. Even if the situation is half-organised, if all the important work is entrusted to ONLY people of goodwill, their goodwill will act as god's messengers and very largely ensure success. If consecration is missing, general prayer and goodwill at many points will accomplish what consecration can accomplish.

Talented people often meet with continuous failures and frustrations. They are good cases to create luck in their lives, if one psychological amendment can be made. Talented people do not fail. If they fail, it will issue out of a wrong trait or wrong temper in them. Examining a list of their failures, it will clearly stand out. It will be lack of precaution or impertinence, or impatience or credulous behaviour, etc. Often stubbornness destroys many talented men. To spot it is easy. To root it out is his part. After that, creation of luck is easily possible for him.

One may come forward to root out an undesirable characteristic which is his grave-digger from one aspect, say his official work. In that case, luck can be created in office work. Rooting it out from his personality, luck can emerge in his whole life.

One can make two experiments: (1) Creation of luck in the most talented area of his life, and (2) creation of luck in the worst area of his life. Should he succeed in both, it is evident that by further effort he can cover his entire life with luck. To create luck in the best area, all that he has to do is to remember Mother. In the worst area, first he has to weed out the poisonous growth and then bring in Mother. Not all people will be enamoured of following this method, even when learnt, because it involves work. They can at least use this

knowledge to solve ALL their problems making their lives problem-free.

We know very well the corruption of values set into our lives. It is too true to be denied. But there is another side to it. Among the unsophisticated majority there is a considerable number of people, maybe not the majority, whose faith and devotion are touching. In most cases they may not know of it themselves. We generally call them pious. They function from the pure heart of goodness. Such people are eminently suited to create luck in their lives. Theirs will be mostly domestic life of duty. Should they come forward to create luck in their lives, Mother does not reward them with luck in life. SHE offers them Mother's luck which means SHE offers them Herself. The devotee is overwhelmed, forgets luck, forgets Mother, forgets his own blissful condition too.

Pure devotion, bhakti, faith, goodness are native to the hearts and souls of many a householder. To all of them, MOTHER'S LUCK is possible.

A tapasvin is a hero of the spirit whose adventure takes him into the realms of the unknown. He makes the supreme effort of giving up life and family and takes to the austere ways of accosting the spirit. Of all the members of the human community, he is the best. Mankind bows to him and adores his idealism. A householder sticks to the filth which the tapasvin gives up

and revels in it. His measure of success is decided by the measure of his accepting the norms of that filth as guiding principles of life. Hence our veneration of the tapasvin. There are some people, remaining in the household, who refuse to be tarnished by its filth but agree to lead that life in purity and devotion. We can say it is tapasya of life; or better still, we can describe it as one which is superior to the endeavour of the tapasvin. To them, yogic powers accrue. The wife is dear to such a householder not because she is a wife, but because she is an indwelling soul. If that is Yagnavalkya's attitude to household life, his species is still not extinct.

A guru sent his self-opinionated disciple to learn from two householders, one a chaste woman, and the other a butcher. The disciple was dismayed to know the end he had come to, but was further humiliated by their neglect of him in preference to their duties to the husband in one case and aged parents in the other. The brahmachari's discomfort was sensed by the lady who gently admonished him for his petulance, referring to an incident on his way. He was brought back to his spiritual senses by witnessing her yogic powers which accrued to her from her chastity. Domestic life is not without its spiritual splendours.

Often luck comes to a man as the patronage of one in power or wealth. A high-placed politician, a man of vast wealth, one in high governmental post are surely

sources of power enough to confer luck on a poor man. Many are such beneficiaries. If that is so, God's Grace is the source of great luck. It is sure that God's Grace can offer luck to anyone. It can offer very much more too. Unfortunately God does not function that way. His ways are often inscrutable. When he is enamoured of a soul, he takes him into his fold, delivering him from the cycles of birth and death, thus awarding him moksha. Instances of Krishna submerging Kuchela with abundant wealth are there, but it is not the rule, rather the exception.

Mother has chosen to function in human life as a creative force only and that too as a force of new creation. She creates new faculties, new capacities, new talents, new skills, new opportunities and new powers. When all these new powers operate in life, they invariably operate to produce luck. Her limitation is man's receptivity, his sticking to his old capacities, old powers, old talents etc, etc., which inhibit the creation of luck in him.

Luck is known to arrive unseen, unsought. A young man soon after his graduation was drafted into politics and won a seat as M.L.A. He did not set store by his new job but was dedicated to his traditional agriculture work. The day after winning the election, he went to the town himself to buy a crowbar. At the hardware shop, he received the crowbar but not the change from the counter. He heard his name shouted from the middle of

the road. Noticing the urgency in the voice, he came to the street without receiving the change at the counter. The door of a car opened and he was urged to enter. The man was torn between the remainder change at the counter and the several voices urging him to come along. On boarding the car, the news of his having been made a cabinet minister was broached to him. Luck has a way of presenting itself like this. It has other methods of arrival too.

Sometimes a man is beset with a danger or crisis or bankruptcy. He moves heaven and earth to salvage himself from it and succeeds sometimes. Close on the heels of his escape, luck dawns on him. This is not common but not unknown. The great efforts he made to save himself from a crisis become a total human effort. The total human effort at its point of exhaustion sometimes has the capacity to unleash the spiritual power in man. Hence the possibility of luck.

We have witnessed a small work sometimes producing great results while a great labour ends in a small result. A watchman's son came for a conduct certificate. The man who issued the certificate also offered an advice to his uncle who on the advice received, put the boy in a polytechnic. The boy not merely passed the course but during the course collected enough information and courage not to be employed but to seek self-employment. He found his idea rewarding and soon blossomed as a small-scale industrialist. It is obvious

that the boy had talents and resourcefulness but was not in a position to seek help of any description. One positive idea well-received changed the course of his career, producing great results for him.

A family strained every nerve to educate the eldest son up to the postgraduate level in the hope he would soon bear the brunt of the family of ten. He took his degree and was lost to the family. As a consolation they consulted the astrologer who said no help from that quarter would ever emanate. The family regretted they had not consulted him earlier. These things are common in life. But in some cases it is obvious why the result was so after the event. In other cases, even that will not be clear.

An analysis of the venture prior to the undertaking can at least help eliminate major blunders. The element of risk could be brought down to a minimum. Devotees can avoid even that little risk by calling Mother before arriving at a decision. The invocation of Mother will lead the devotee to the best of possibilities. The invocation enlightens, eliminates errors, cautions against pitfalls and if one waits for guidance, leads him to a situation where a little produces great results.

When an investment of one lakh was projected to multiply into 5,25,000 in a fixed project period, the above analysis and invocation led the investor away from the idea to another where the same investment was pro-

jected to yield 13,25,000 in the same period. In all situations, one can find out for himself how to avoid a project of low profile and how to seek one of a high profile. Once this is learnt, even the smallest project of the daily chores can receive this benefit. This is one aspect of turning all work into lucky work.

It is not as if we have to learn how to create luck. All methods of Mother are capable of dissolving karma and creating luck and several other things too. In practice the human circumstances act as a bar to Her effectivity and therefore what emerges is the minimum result. When devotees who are laden with problems receive some relief, they are not inclined to think further about the how and why. They rarely recover from the sense of relief. In this article I spotlight the aspect of LUCK inbuilt in Mother's Consciousness.

When Mother has dissolved the karma of insistent failures and then ushers a man into prosperity, the man understands it differently. He takes it as a change for the better and loses sight of the fact that a karmic consequence that dogged him for years is no longer there.

Man accepts many things as inevitable and therefore they come true in his life. Mother says it is not necessary even to accept death as inevitable. So also man always finds luck inexplicable. Therefore he does not venture into an analysis.

In the last few centuries science has enriched material life in thousands of ways, discovering hundreds of thousands of products. It has made life civilised, comfortable, better beyond imagination. Science is in the physical-material plane.

We have made considerable progress in our mental and psychological life but there is no comparison in extent with what science has made in the material life. Compared with that, there is a great distance to be covered.

As we have conquered physical ailments, we have not mastered our psychological deficiencies. The forces of our mind are not under such a control as the forces of nature are under the control of science. In the physical plane we have created wonders by the dozen, even by the hundreds. We cannot make the same claim in the field of our mental activities, especially where our impulses act.

As science is a creative, organised Force in the physical plane, Yoga is a Creative Organised Science of the plane of Mind. As science has innumerable products to its credit, Yoga too has innumerable products to its credit. If man comes forward to accept Yoga even as he has accepted science, all the known evils from which the mind of man is suffering today can be wiped out.

Man is yet to conquer depression, irritation, jealousy, doubt, opinion, assertion, inertia, violence, crime, cruelty, dissipation etc., etc. Yoga can be of paramount help in all these areas. Its remedies are also simple techniques of the mind or a certain mental attitude in most cases.

Among them, Luck stands out as the crown in the treasury of Yoga. Yoga can create Luck in human life. If luck is a desirable product of yoga in the field of mind, karma is a psychological disease. Yoga cures karma too. So far it has been scientific revolution in the material plane. Hereafter it must be psychological revolution in the mental plane.

Result wears the garb of miracle when the process is not known. Acceptance of yoga by mankind can reveal the process of Luck to one and all, making the miracle of today a commonplace event of tomorrow.

Luck is recognised only in Prosperity as PROPERTY. But we all know there is luck in every walk of life like happiness, health, education, society, family, human relationship and in every conceivable place of life.

Great accomplishments are needed for the creation of Luck. They can be acquired inwardly first before they express themselves in outer circumstances. Where we are working does not matter for one to acquire them in inner life. One may be a ruler or a day labourer, still

they are open to him. What matters is high inner standards, not the high work one does. The chaste wife and a dutiful son acquired great yogic powers working in the kitchen and a butcher's shop. The outer does not decide the inner, whereas the inner determines the outer. Values, standards, motives aiming at perfection are of importance, not the post of duty or the station in life.

In ordinary life we accept people for their values, not merely for their capacities. We do need capacity and are all appreciation for it. We often seek it and admire those who are endowed with it. We draw upon their capacities and pay for them when it warrants. When it comes to a question of employing a talented manager for your company, the first question you ask is, "What type of man is he? Is he reliable?" Greater emphasis is placed on reliability than on efficiency. Efficiency without reliability may cut on the wrong side. In choosing a partner or a son-in-law we exhibit greater care. Values come first; values last. As this is true in individual life, so is it in impersonal life too.

Life means or connotes effective collective organisation or organised effectivity. It is a primary value of life. Many are endowed with the capacity for collective organisation. Life seeks them out. What they do bears fruit and life grows by their service. Therefore Life values such people. When Life accepts a person, Life

awards its own riches to him which is material abundance. In our conception, it is understood as luck.

Two of Mother's primary values are purity and devotion. She seeks those who are endowed with those values of Hers. Having accepted a person, She awards Her Luck to him in overflowing abundance. Her Luck is one of inner felicity which includes material plenty.

Mother's values are of high importance. In the scale of values, down below are mental values of knowledge and skill, vital values of energy and enthusiasm and finally physical values of industry and physical organisation. In a token experiment we are considering, within the bounds of that little experiment, all values at all levels must be present without fail.

During the experiment our social attitudes will interfere several times. Mind will raise its usual meaningless questions a hundred times. Not once can they be tolerated. In a convocation on the dais, during the hours of university examination, in a function of public importance, during the days of office inspection or during any important event, we DO NOT let a single extraneous event interfere. No one dare suggest such a thing. A function is a function and must be honoured as such in toto. So also, the experiment of creating luck must enjoy that exclusive status. The dutiful wife did not deviate from her duty to attend on the saint. Her social scruples were shown the door. Nor did the butcher have

any compunction in making the saint wait; the call of duty and the post of duty claim your exclusive attention, not anything else, not even a saint. An experiment done in this spirit will yield LUCK as the result. An American youth had to disoblige the elderly admiral in preference to his visit to the Samadhi. A lady who went on foot to seek a 4000/- rupee income lost it and recovered it when she changed her attitude and action.

That American youth took up service in a project under a very elderly Indian. The old Indian invested a good bit of money but his mind was only on the success of the project which will usher him into popularity and fame. Being a public project dedicated to service, this young American was a part of it, a very important part. The project excelled in quality of work among those of its kind even before its completion. The leader was elated beyond measure to the point of being silly and childish, taking hoards of the most meaningless people at all hours — once at 11 PM in the moonlight too! — to exhibit his success. The old man was not so much interested in the material reward as in its psychological sequence.

A cyclone of intense velocity was shaping. It descended on the project. About 80 people were on the project and were seeking shelter from the rain. They sought shelter in a big shed that could hold all the people. Men inside had several questions and luckily, on one man's suggestion, they all began to pray and walked

home. Minutes after they safely reached their homes two miles away, the winds set in and this big shed and all the other sheds collapsed. Had the men remained there, one could imagine the consequences. The entire project was ruined beyond repair. Thanks to their luck, no human life was lost. For two days the project was inaccessible due to road blocks and at the end of the second day, the project leader and the American reached the site. The American's heart was rent by the plight of the men there while the leader was ruminating over the lost bouquet of fame.

Urgent relief measures needed 5000/- rupees because it was already too late. The leader was like a stone and would not listen to it. The youth had no resources, had never borrowed money in his life and in a new clime had no acquaintances whom he could approach. His heart was full and red with scars. What could he ever do? He could do anything that could be done by empty hands and a rich heart. He called the manager and asked him to immediately initiate relief measures and promised (!) to return soon with Rs. 5000/-.

He was not organisationally responsible, but felt a moral responsibility. He was humanistic. He had to overcome his traditional conservative attitude of not borrowing. He had to overcome too the situation of asking people who do not have money. Anyway, he was set in mind and fashioned a strategy to implement it. "I shall go to the Samadhi and unburden myself there. On my

coming out, let me ask the very first acquaintance for 5000/- rupees". Every nerve in him jarred. But he was determined. He began to consecrate every breath and every step. When he was about to enter the Ashram, an elderly retired admiral who knew him slightly called him. What a mission and what an interference. He excused himself and proceeded. The old man insisted. The young man politely explained he was on an urgent errand and would meet him later in his room. The old man insisted further and held the youth's hand in a tight grip affectionately. It was too much of affection for the occasion. On further insistence by the admiral, the young man emptied his mind to him instead of at the Samadhi and decided to ask the admiral himself for the Rs. 5000/-. The admiral offered it as a gift.

What the youth sought was immediate relief in the shape of a help. He got a gift. A year later, unsolicited, the project received four and a half lakhs of rupees as a further gift, which in the context of the project was luck.

God is born on earth as avatar. But while on earth he cannot function as God as he would do in his own world. He will have all his godly power only in the human context. The reigning power in the human plane will be the human rules, not the divine prowess. When Sachchidananda descends into the body, the dominating vibration is that of the body and not Sachchidananda. That realisation is known as Jadavat.

Mother may enter into human consciousness to create luck; but the ruling vibration will be of the MAN. In the measure of human receptivity alone, Mother can express herself. She cannot overrule Man in his own plane. To receive Mother's Luck, or Luck through Mother, Man has to accommodate Mother in his mind and life.

Doubts will continue to rise whether one can abridge time. An officer acquires through 30 weeks of training what a clerk gets in 30 years. What a poor man learns in very long years of experience, a rich man catches in one instance. Education abridges one generation. As society abridges millennia and education abridges a generation, training can abridge a whole career. Alertness can eliminate years of labour. So Mother's Consciousness can abridge a whole lifetime into a few years.

Existence is a horizontal movement. Evolution is a vertical movement. At the lowest point of existence, life functions through dualities. As you rise, the conflict between dualities lessens and disappears. When the conflict disappears, the horizontal movement changes into a vertical movement. Existence is transformed into Evolution.

As the vertical movement emerges, the individual life is increasingly supported by the wider universal life. The wider life which is full of material plenty unburdens itself on the individual, turning his life into Luck.

He who wants to make an experiment in Luck has a few other options. They are the point of life where he has —

- (1) the maximum enjoyment,
- (2) the maximum of effectivity,
- (3) the maximum of understanding, and
- (4) the best rasi.

The same experiment can also be done as follows:-

- (1) Choose the activity where you naturally expand most,
- (2) Repeat the activity, consecrating each movement,
- (3) Raise the quality of activity in subsequent experiments till you reach your highest duty, and
- (4) Seek the result through Mother. Luck will emerge.

If you want to go further and do not so much care about luck, seek the result of the same project through Mother. Mother will emerge.

— What is not in sight is luck, not in திருஷ்டி, பார்வை, hence அதிர்ஷ்டம்.

- Luck is poorvajanma punya now yielding results unseen.
- Not only poorvajanma punya, but poorvajanma capacities that could not yield results then, now bear fruit.
- Capacity by itself cannot yield results without appropriate circumstances attending.
- Not only right circumstances are necessary, but all the capacities necessary must be present to yield the result.
- All the capacities merely present may produce a result and that result will be a minimum result.
- For the maximum result to be produced on an occasion, all the capacities present must be saturated with full potentials.
- Maximum possible result in a situation may not be luck.
- An inconceivably high result that baffles even the extended imagination is considered luck.
- To produce that, apart from all the capacities saturated with full potentials, the external life should extend its ready support of its hitherto unexpressed possibilities.
- A dull boy, with all the capacities present, passing the exam is the minimum result.

- The same boy passing in I class or standing first in the class is the maximum result.
- The same boy standing first being selected for studies abroad in the best of universities on a reputed scholarship that ensures the rest of his career at a high level is considered luck.
- Man acquires one capacity in one birth. This is the general rule.
- Several capacities are acquired successively in several births.
- When all the capacities are present in him, for them to yield a result, the appropriate circumstances are needed. He usually acquires them in a further birth.
- When all the capacities are ripe and mature and the circumstance presents itself, he may rise very near to the top, but may not reach the top because still it is mostly because of his own effort.
- It turns into luck only when the external circumstances swing into action and are over-eager to bring his efforts to fruition. Then successive great results issue.
- Luck of any description may peter out after one expression.
- Behind what is luck now, lies an endless effort for ages, painstaking and meticulous.

- The life of Eisenhower is a great illustration of hard work permeated with high values finally after a very long probation resulting in Luck.
- In Mother's Consciousness, long centuries can be abridged into short years.
- Mother gave a tantric guru the benefits of several births.
- Education abridges the entire past history into one or two decades with respect to information.
- Family similarly abridges the entire past into one decade with respect to values.
- The society too teaches man in a short period what is learnt over the centuries.
- Education abridges the period of acquiring knowledge.
Family abridges the period of acquiring values.
Society abridges the period of skills of survival.
Mother abridges the period of evolving to a higher social status.
- As the original endowment of Mother's Consciousness is to abridge the millennia of evolution, abridging the period required for a higher social status is an easy task for it.
- Achieving results has two parts: one, the individual's capacity, energy and knowledge; the other, the nec-

- essary favourable external social and occult circumstances.
- Ordinary man over many births acquires capacities and awaits the appropriate moment in life.
- If such a soul is born in appropriate circumstances, luck is not so evident.
- If such a soul is born in unfavourable circumstances, the changing circumstances are considered lucky.
- With capacities, energy and knowledge the result is not assured. One in ten succeeds.
- In Mother's Consciousness, with the presence of capacities, energy and knowledge, the result is assured. Ten out of ten succeed.
- Mother readily supplies the external favourable circumstances for the man endowed with capacity, energy and knowledge.
- Anyone with all three can make a token experiment in luck. Such an experiment can even be undertaken to rectify a project which failed in spite of the capacity, energy and knowledge.
- Not the maximum result but an extraordinary result alone will be considered Luck.
- For luck to show it is not enough to have all the abilities, but they must be saturated too. Also there should

- be saturation of the abilities below the surface in the subconscious.
- Where talents are present to saturation, Mother grants luck at once. SHE did so to a musician, a sportsman, a politician.
- Mother is able to act so because the human instrument has completed its part. She begins where man ends.
- Most men will have one area of pronounced ability. It is best suited for an experiment in luck.
- Mother's Force has created not only luck but even beauty.
- There is a line of existence in life which represents survival. For those who are below the line, to cross the line an enormous energy is required. That energy is enough to create luck after crossing the line.
- He who has once crossed the line, if he maintains the effort, can reach any height.
- Luck can be created only when the process is understood, not by those who merely receive the results.
- Tom Peters thought his book would sell 10,000 copies, but it sold three million because he was in tune with the national aspiration.
- An individual who relates to any wider vibration like that can enjoy luck like Tom Peters. Green Revolution gave luck to a few.

- People who resist an idea change after seeing the result, or out of competition or later in life. Some change their attitude after failure or disappointment or even punishment.
Such people, if they come forward to change out of understanding, can easily prepare for luck.
- If one finer aspect is missing in the execution of a great project, a possibility of luck will come down to being merely a successful work. That would be the difference between a Gandhiji and Rajaji.
- Lucky people are often unaware of their capacities till the results overcome them in overwhelming measure and repeat a few times.
- To know Mother as LUCK and accept Her at that level brings luck.
- Work rising to the level of art, energy expanding in joy, understanding that strikes everyone as a marvel, results in completing the project with miraculous benefits. Then work rises to luck. That is the first stage. Several successive stages remain to follow.
- A token experiment to create luck is best attempted in an area where you are fully endowed with capacities, energies and knowledge but which has so far not borne fruit.
- As a second best choice of field, general permanent luck can be created in your own profession, no matter

how impossible it now looks, if only you are willing to saturate your capacities, energies and knowledge in the field of your work. It means in your work, you must have a knowledge no one around has, you must have an enthusiasm no one else possesses, and your industry and skill should surpass everyone else's.

- Purna yoga abridges several thousand years of work into several years. Luck is at the lowest plane of life, viz. the physical life, whereas life, mind, spirit are above. Mother's Force acts on a still higher plane in the Supermind. Therefore it must be possible to create luck with Mother's Force.
- Mother's Force wipes off karma. So, in the reverse, we create luck with Her Force.
- Karma that dogs us from past births is wiped out by Mother. Luck that waits in future births is brought now by the same Force.
- Wiping off karma and creation of Luck are the same process in opposite directions. One is negative but the other is positive.
- There are several points of our life mature with potentials.
- There an experiment can always be made.
- If creation of luck is doubtful, you can experiment with the abolition of karma which everyone has.

- The possibility of creation of luck or abolition of karma is indicated by your consecration evoking a response from outside, particularly to complete an incomplete work.
- Knowledge comes by interest. Extraordinary knowledge comes by extraordinary interest. There is no knowledge one cannot acquire if he is interested. In fact, knowledge is mental interest.
- Remembering Mother before work comes to mind accomplishes work.
- Remembering Mother after the thought of work comes is like reading after the examination.
- Those who are lucky are those who have acquired equipment and endowment earlier and possess it now unknown to them.
- Those who expect luck are those who expect results without acquiring equipments or endowments.
- If some of them are willing to acquire those endowments and equipments now, luck can be created in their lives.
- Life exists on the surface and below the surface. Further in the depths lie manners, behaviour and character. Luck can be created at any level and each will have its own version of success and results.

Level of life and type of consciousness		Type of result
Surface		- Immediate
Below the surface in the true feeling for a while		- Lasting result or the best part of career
Manners	- organisation as a policy	- one generation
Behaviour	- work organisation	- a few generations
Character	- organisation in values	- forever endlessly

- In practice devotees receive Mother's Grace at a level where their consciousness is organised. Luck comes at an earlier level, e.g. if one receives Mother below the surface, luck shows on the surface.
- For luck to be created at any level, Mother should be received at a level deeper by one grade.
- God is Sachchidananda. Every man reaches there daily in his sleep. The contact is unconscious. The subconscious is touched.
- To let Sachchidananda touch life is luck.

- If man, who unconsciously reaches Sachchidananda in sleep, tries the same journey consciously, life will be touched by luck.
- Where LUCK is finding constant expression, there will be expansive joy, enthusiastic confidence, and a little creativity.
- Conversely, where a little creativity, enthusiastic confidence and expansive joy are created, luck knocks on the door.
- Luck is seen as outer monetary accomplishment; the prior inner psychological accomplishments are unseen.
- The greatest scholars have shed decades of perspiration before the world applauds their inspiration.
- Faith is superior to effort. People who develop faith turn to it only after exhausting their effort in vain.
- Faith, before exhausting effort, ushers in luck.
- Faith is not luck. Faith rises above effort and therefore brings luck, since even effort can bring luck.
- Luck brought by faith can be long lasting since it cancels doubt in the very beginning.
- In half-organised situations, often the most important work depends upon small items of work or small people's cooperation. It enables the small man to torpedo the work or permits a mishap. (Devotees save those situations by prayer)

- In a fully organised company or work, it will never be the case.
- Reversely, luck means to ensure the result in a half-organised situation by bringing in a positive element. This lends itself to experimentation.
- Where you are really talented, there may be an item that is anathema to you. Be sure it is your grave digger.
- If you are aware of what you are allergic to and are willing to reverse your attitude exhibiting a willing readiness, you can create luck in that area.
- If you are fully talented and in your personality is the dark devil, you can similarly remove it and create luck in the whole of your life.
- Make two experiments in luck:-
 First in the best area of your life.
 Next in the worst area of your life.
- Process of creation of luck can solve ANY problem, as this is a smaller work.
- Man seeking ONLY Mother from a heart of pure goodness is rewarded with Mother's Luck which means MOTHER offers Herself to him.
- Pure devotion, bakthi, faith and goodness are native to the hearts and souls of many a householder. To all of them Mother's Luck is possible.

- A householder of pure faith and devotion is the tapasvin in life. In some ways he is superior to the tapasvin.
- Yagnavalkya has not ceased to exist.
- In practical terms, luck turns out to be the interest of a great man in power in a poor man.
- A high place, great wealth, exalted status sometimes confers luck on a common man.
- Surely then, God's Grace is a source of Luck for MAN.
- God, as we know him, does not function as Luck in human life, though that is true of HIM.
- Mother always functions only like that towards the devotees, only that the devotee should fulfil the conditions.
- Luck comes unseen. Occasionally luck also comes on the heels of a threat, to overcome which, MAN exerts himself fully.
- A great work may generate poor or no results.
- A small work may generate good or extraordinary results.
- In all work, both these above aspects are present.
- The knowledge of how to do a work by avoiding the first and ensuring the second can be acquired by all.
- Centering oneself in Mother's Consciousness, work

- is done in that way, but you will be unconscious of the process.
- Moving from Consciousness to Knowledge, one can possess it.
- All methods of Mother carry Her consciousness. Inherently they dissolve karma and create luck in the measure possible in the circumstances.
- Man accepts several things as inevitable. Therefore they are true to him.
- Just as death is accepted as inevitable, man accepts luck as inexplicable.
- Science has created a million new possibilities.
- Science has also created a million new products.
- They have changed the world, made life easy, making the impossible possible.
- Science is in the physical-material plane.
- Yoga is in the psychological-spiritual plane.
- Yoga has created a million new possibilities.
- Yoga has created a million new products.
- By accepting yoga as man has accepted Science, life can be made happier, making the impossible possible.
- Luck is the psychological product that can be created.

- Karma is a psychological disease that can be cured.
- So far there has been a scientific revolution in the material plane.
- Hereafter, there will be a psychological revolution in the mental plane.
- Result is a miracle when the process is not known.
- Luck generally means Prosperity. But LUCK is there in happiness, health, education, society and everywhere.
- A chaste wife and a dutiful son have acquired great yogic powers working at home in simple circumstances, but with high inner standards.
- Great accomplishment needed for LUCK can be acquired inwardly by working in simple domestic circumstances holding the inner standards high in consciousness.
- We accept people for their values, not merely for their capacities. Capacities without values are unacceptable.
- The values of life are organisation and effectivity or organised effectivity. Life accepts one who has that. Having accepted, Life grants luck of life to him which is material plenty.
- The values of Mother are purity and devotion. SHE accepts those who accept Her values. Having

- accepted them, SHE awards Her Luck which is overflowing inner felicity in addition to material plenty.
- For the experiment in LUCK to be a success, all values from the physical at the bottom to Mother's values at the top must be fully present.
 - Our psychological, social values will interfere in a small experiment a few hundred times. Not once can we allow it.
 - The saint had to wait for the butcher and the dutiful wife. Bob had to disoblige the admiral. You cannot go pursuing a 4000 rupee income on foot.
 - Bob sought Rs. 5000/- as loan. He got a Rs. 5000/- gift and in the next year the project got a gift of 4 lakhs of rupees.
 - God descending on earth as Avatar is subject to the rules of humanity. Even God, while on earth, has no superior power to overrule the laws of earth. While you are in a plane, that plane is supreme.
 - Body is ஜடம், Matter; Sachchidananda descending into the body succumbs to the rule of the body and the result is ஜடவாதம், jadavat.
 - Mother may come into man's life, but unless MAN raises himself to the level of Mother inwardly, his luck will be human luck and not Mother's luck.
 - What a low-placed officer acquires in 30 years, a high officer trainee acquires in 30 weeks.

- Very long experience teaches a poor man the same thing which a rich man understands on one occasion.
- In Mother's Consciousness the whole experience of a lifetime can be acquired in a few years.
- Existence is a horizontal movement. Evolution is a vertical movement.
- At the lowest point, existence moves in conflicting dualities opposing each other.
- At the highest point, existence moves from stage to stage without confronting the conflicts.
- As the movement at the highest point of existence is saturated, it begins to move vertically.
- As the vertical movement begins, the individual life begins to secure the full support of wider life. At this point it turns into luck because the wider life is full of material plenty.
- He who wants to make an experiment in Luck has a few other options. They are,
 - (1) The point of life where he has the maximum enjoyment.
 - (2) The point of life where he has the maximum effectivity.
 - (3) The point of life where he has the maximum understanding.

(4) The point of life where he has the best rasi,
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Do it after complete consecration, consecrating
every movement.

Raise the quality of the activity in subsequent
experiments till you reach your highest duty.

Seek the result through Mother — Luck will
emerge.

Finally seek the result as a medium to reach
Mother — Mother will emerge.