Dear friends & well-wishers of Auroville,

Many of you may have heard about the heightened times in Auroville. Sincere, varied, and even extreme concerns are being expressed about the future of Auroville. These range from safeguarding the autonomy and freedom of the community to overcoming the status quo and accelerating the emergence of a unique universal town that The Mother envisioned. What sort of attitude should we adopt in these turbulent times?

We have faith that the ultimate outcome of the turmoil will be good because we have faith that Auroville is not merely a human project, that a “secret Will” is at work behind Auroville through the human instruments.

“Whether it seem good or evil to men's eyes,  
Only for good the secret Will can work.”  
Sri Aurobindo, “Savitri”

This of course does not mean that we should leave aside our discernment and choice for what seems good and right and beautiful to us. We can keep our position and our standpoint according to what "God gives us to see the right" (as Lincoln said in his Gettysburg address) while never losing faith and hope for the ultimate victory of the good, right and beautiful.

We know that most of you have this faith. We are convinced of your sincere goodwill for Auroville, and your commitment to Auroville. You may be feeling concerned, even worried about the current state of affairs in Auroville but we also know that your collaboration has deeper roots than philanthropy or even idealism. Your collaboration with Auroville is rooted in the soul.

In fact, this is the secret of Auroville: it is the deeper soul connection which has brought most Aurovilians to Auroville and it is the same thing with most of the friends and donors to Auroville. We are together - united at a deeper level - and sharing a common hope, a common vision, and a common adventure.

With trust in Auroville’s bright future,

Aryadeep  Mandakini

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