



In April 2006, Patrizia Norelli-Bachelet (Thea), Matrimandir Action Committee's international convenor, understood that the time had come to begin a campaign with a specific purpose. Her intention was to ferret out the source(s) of the malicious slander in her regard that has been polluting the atmosphere of Sri Aurobindo's work for over three decades.

The efforts of Thea and her students bore almost immediate results. One source of the malice was exposed; but there are certainly others. These may be individuals, or forums, like the group cited below, which serve to perpetuate the falsehoods.

Some readers of MAC communications may find these disclosures too controversial and therefore unworthy of or unrelated to 'spiritual' matters. This would certainly be a valid critique in that one should not find lies, slander campaigns, unbridled ambitions in ashrams where disciples are expected to be striving for the loftiest spiritual attainments. However, in our experience, impulses from a human being's lower nature are the same throughout the world. They are found even in the holiest of places.

In the effort to rid the Mother's work of pollution, we invite our readers to assist by informing us, at this address, matacom@msn.com, or else through a blog created expressly for the purpose, (pnb-controversies.blogspot.com) of any rumours that may have caused doubt regarding the Knowledge MAC has been presenting through this forum, or about the credentials of our convenor. Kindly bear in mind that these individuals have stooped so low as to use the Mother's own name to lend credence to their slander. This, of course, is the most reprehensible and sinister aspect of the smear campaigns designed only to further unbridled ambitions; or else to halt the victorious progress of the work described in MAC's 'Chronicles of the Inner Chamber'.

Just as MAC set about exposing the deception surrounding the Matrimandir in that what has been built in Auroville is falsely proclaimed to be ‘the Mother’s original’, so too the time has come to reveal other instances of similar deceptions using the Mother’s name.

The first volume of her autobiographical study, ‘The Tenth Day of Victory’, ends in 1973 with the Mother’s passing. Thea brought it to a close with these prescient words:

‘...It seemed that the Knowledge alone now had to be the sole “authority”. Everyone now had to stand on the firm ground of one’s own realisation. The Mother’s passing thrust us into this new dimension. The reign of the secretaries was over. None could now sustain their power and position on fictitious alibis, such as ‘the Mother has said’. There was now no physical Mother unwittingly to shield or support such falsehood. The only sanction and authority was now one’s own realisation, the fruit of one’s yoga...’ (*The Tenth Day of Victory*, p.323, Aeon Books)

MAC firmly believes that the reign of the Lord of Falsehood has come to an end. The most effective weapon for this purpose is exposure, drawing the lies out from their hiding places into the light of the supramental Sun. Here we present the first example:

L’s communication to Auroconference on 25 April 2006:

Prem Sobel wrote to auroconf on April 23, 2006:

‘Simply said a good deal of what Patrizia says is either not hers [?], not verifiable [?], or just plain wrong. For example, PNB has said her son (who I also met when he was 8) is the reincarnation of Sri Aurobindo....; } and P’s claims for herself are just as ridiculous. P told me (on the same day [What day?]) that Mother asked her not to publish her claims (about Matrimandir, her family, about....) until She gave permission. P disobeyed.’

This statement was so shocking, since I myself know much of it to be untrue, that all further exchange with auroconf seemed meaningless until I could present this to PNB herself for comments. This was her reply:

‘What “claims” is he referring to? I never shared anything of this nature with him, ever. Nor did I ever write to the Mother about anything of the sort. And as for the Matrimandir, how could she have prohibited me from publishing my discoveries when I only came to know an original plan of hers existed in May of 1974 when Piero Cicionesi brought me the original blueprint from which all my work on the chamber started. By that time she had been gone for over six months!

‘My discoveries of course proved inconvenient to a number of people, Sobel and his mentor included. But now to present this alleged “prohibition” as coming directly from the Mother goes to show the desperation of these people. It is shocking and outrageous, another exposé of how they abused their positions and misused the name of the Mother for their own ends.

‘Everything I state here is proven by the dates and contents of my published works, a good deal of which was done *while the Mother was embodied!* Verifiable? I can provide facts upon facts to expose that everything he has stated is a total fabrication. To begin, I never had any conversation with him as he claims (he would have been the last person to whom I would have confided anything).

‘And as for Sri Aurobindo’s return, this is the grossest of all his lies. Here is the proof: the unveiling of a fourth principle/power in the equation, and the precise reasons and cosmic credentials thereof, all contained in the Mother’s original plan of her chamber (see: www.matacom.com, Chronicles of the Inner Chamber, 10th Chronicle) came only in March of

1976, long after the Mother had left; and certainly years after any contact with Sobel. He attended my classes in 1972. I never trusted him, one reason being what I recorded in my 2004 publication, *The Tenth Day of Victory*, (p. 243-248). The slanderous statements made to you now are proof that my distrust was entirely justified. Everything he states as fact, from the horse's mouth so to speak, are plain and simple lies.

'But you see, there is a method to the madness. After spreading these 'facts', and particularly dragging the Mother into the manoeuvre (see *The Tenth Day of Victory* cited above), all attempts to have her original plan adopted at a time when this could have been done, were stifled. And of course this was all done clandestinely. It is a time-tested tactic. From the fourth century history records how the Church Fathers used this same technique – discrediting – to further their own ambitious designs. Finally, it is so successful that they can even claim infallibility! Thereafter anything from that discredited person, or about that person, is unquestioningly disparaged. After all, these are the "authorities", so close to the Mother, her trusted secretaries, and so on. No one dares to test their claims of course, because those who continue to spread the lies are of the same ilk. They WANT TO HEAR Sobel's version and certainly not the Mother's or PNB's. Anything presented that could disprove the lies is dismissed as further proof of her "delusions", schizophrenic at that! Well, if you had to choose, would you prefer to be a *delusional schizophrenic* or a deliberate, calculating liar?

'What this should prove to everyone sincerely striving for perfection is that through these tactics it is so easy to manipulate a person's 'psychic feelings' and 'certainties'. Auroconf is the proof.

'Finally, the only way to Truth is through Objective Knowledge. With that as one's only tool, truth does indeed prevail in the end. Sobel has done a great service to my work by pouring out his poison so willingly. Things will never be the same for him again and those of his ilk.' (April 25, 2006)



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