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O Nature, material Mother,
Thou hast said that thou wilt collaborate
and there is no limit
to the splendour of this collaboration.

New Year Message, 1 January 1958

Sweet Mother, will you explain the message for this year?

It is already written! The explanation has already been written, it is ready for the Bulletin of February 21.¹

There is nothing to explain. It is an experience, something that happened, and when it happened I noted it down, and as it turned out, it occurred just at the moment when I remembered that I had to write something for the year—which was next year at that time, that is, the year which begins today. When I remembered that I had to write something—not because of that, but simultaneously—this experience came, and when I noted it down, I realised that it was... it was the message for this year!

(Silence)

I will tell you only one thing: you should not misinterpret the meaning of this experience and imagine that from now on everything is going to take place without any difficulties and always in a manner that favours our personal desires. It is not on this plane. It does not mean that when we do not want it to rain, it will not rain! that when we want something to happen in the world, it will happen immediately; that all difficulties will be

¹ The text of this explanation is given in an appendix to this talk.
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done away with and everything will be as it is in fairy-tales. It
is not that. It is something much deeper: Nature, in her play of
forces, has accepted the new Force which has manifested and
included it in her movements. And as always, the movements of
Nature are on a scale which is infinitely beyond the human scale
and not visible to an ordinary human consciousness. It is an
inner, psychological possibility which has come into the world
rather than a spectacular change in earthly events.

I am saying this because you might be tempted to believe
that fairy-tales were going to be realised on earth. It is not yet
time for that.

(Silence)

One must have much patience and a very wide and very complex
vision to understand how things happen.

(Silence)

The miracles which take place are not what could be called
story-book miracles, in the sense that they don’t happen as in
stories. They are visible only to a very deep vision of things —
very deep, very comprehensive, very vast.

(Silence)

One must already be capable of following the methods and ways
of the Grace in order to recognise its action. One must already
be capable of not being blinded by appearances in order to see
the deeper truth of things.

We could usefully, this evening, just take this resolution: to
try throughout the year to do our best, so that the time may not
pass in vain.