SRI AUROBINDO SESSIONS

At the very beginning and still more and increasingly afterwards this modern movement, in literature, as in thought and science, takes the form of an ever widening and deepening intellectual and imaginative curiosity, an insatiable passion for knowledge, an eager lust of finding, a seeking eye of intelligence awakened to all the multiform possibilities of an endless new truth and discovery. Poetry in the modern age has followed intellectually and imaginatively the curve of this great impulse.

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