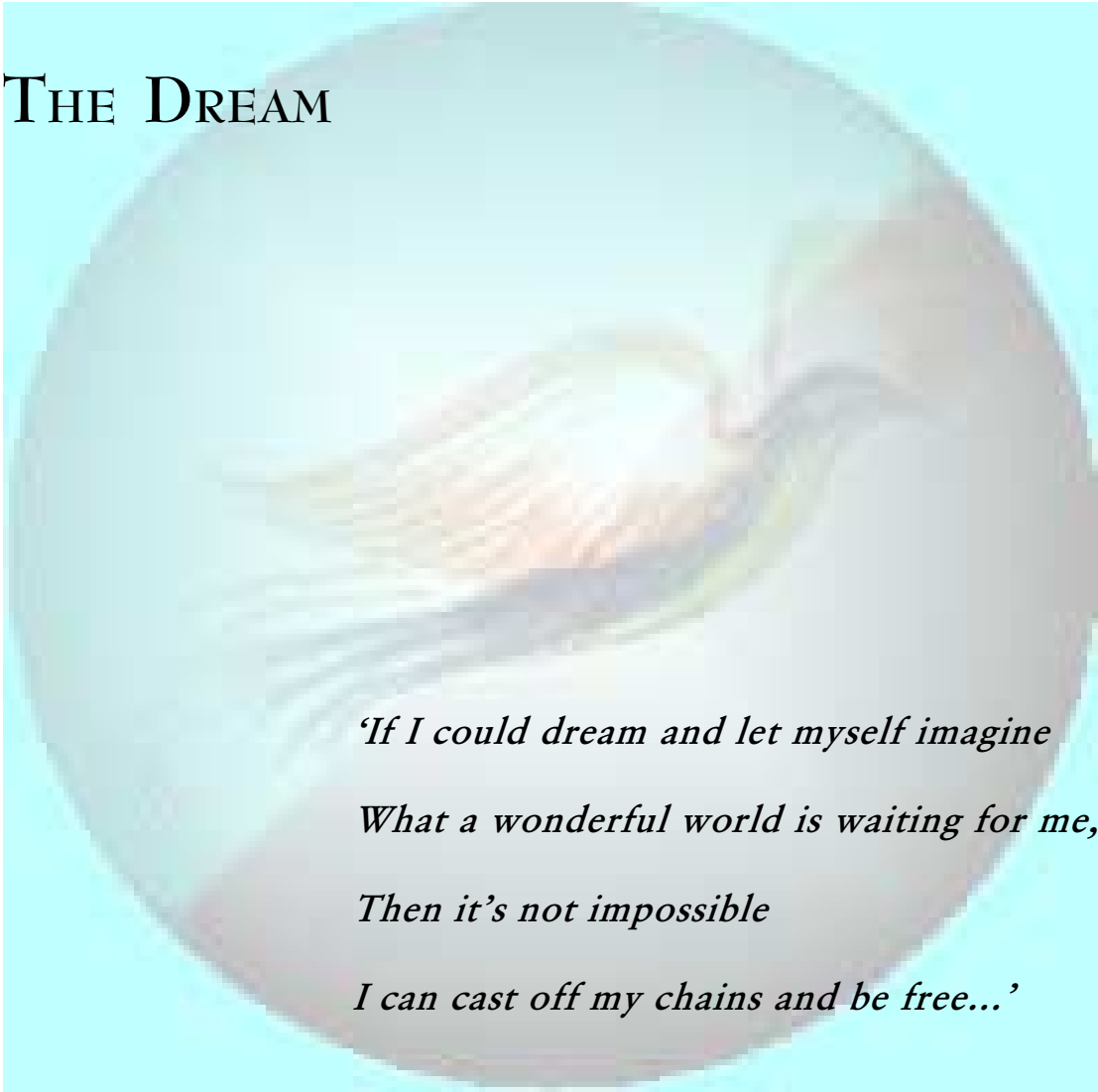




THE DREAM



*'If I could dream and let myself imagine
What a wonderful world is waiting for me,
Then it's not impossible
I can cast off my chains and be free...'*



One could say, that the seed for the Gnostic Centre was planted many years before it took fruition.

I remember the first time (sometime in August 1992) I walked onto the land that my father had given me to build my future house. I felt intuitively that I would perhaps begin upon it a learning centre. And so without much ado as to its future possibility, I planted 5 trees in a special formation, to form a circle for meditation. Ritika put blessing packets in the soil and the plant was placed above it. There were five trees repeated twice and each of these trees represented one of the elements of Fire, Air, Earth, Water and Ether.

But that was a dream then, in fact even to me an impracticable dream.....

Actually we all dreamt, I mean our entire study group of 4-5 people. We would meet every Sunday to read 'The Synthesis of Yoga', which we began to read from the year 1990 onwards, and after the session would often share our aspirations to begin something very special, a unique place..... Oh! we all had our own idiosyncracies,

★ *Anuradha always talking about the organic vegetable garden and community,*

★ *Ritika of a place that was not exclusive,
but could be sought by all those who aspired.*

Seema would listen wonderstruck wanting to participate, ★

★ *and I would go on about how a new kind of educational centre was needed.*

And yet we all felt that in the future we would work together.

We asked ourselves continuously, What is the Vision? Unable to compromise with the present, experiencing the future, we were as it were caught into two worlds, the stark present that we saw, and the other, what we experienced within ourselves and in our interactions with people and events. We knew that the Gnostic Centre already existed in its complete form in some subtle physical world, and all we were required to do was to contact that plane and materialise it here.

But it is a long flight between knowing the dream and manifesting it into action..... and quite frankly we are its small beginnings.

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