

Savitri weekend 2015

The weather was unusually hot when we threw ourselves into another Savitri weekend last Friday.

Again, it was a wonderful weekend. Seeing each other again, being together, sharing and exploring Savitri, well, the words “very special”, “beautiful”, etc. are not at all sufficient and after all, they are just words.

It was a very uplifting experience for our Savitri group, and I am very happy and grateful to be part of it.

Sonia very gracefully guided us through the canto's we had chosen. She put into words what could be understood with our hearts and intuition, inviting us to open ourselves to Savitri through the lines of the canto.

The “big question” of this weekend was:
What is the relationship between the Yoga of Aswapathy and Savitri's Yoga?
What is the connection, what the difference?

Looking for answers, we first read canto III of Book I: “The Yoga of the Soul's Release”, followed by canto XIV of Book II: “The World Soul”, and after that canto V of Book VII: “The Finding of the Soul”.

Sonia's preparation was remarkable again.

Through poems, little stories, quotations, images and symbols she led us towards deeper insights, making us see the bigger picture.

We glanced at the human condition in this world under the influence of all kinds of forces.

Also, gradually, we may have got an idea how Sri Aurobindo helps us through Savitri to break out of the limitations of our human mind (yes, we are all going to think “out of the box” now).

But especially, Sonia explained the paths of Yoga of Aswapathy (who stands for Sri Aurobindo himself), being born as an ordinary human being and becoming a great yogi and an Avatar – and of Savitri (the Mother), being born an Avatar. She came into this world in answer to Aswapathy's



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deep call (as he could not go on alone) to save this world and mankind.

Sonia described their total surrender to each other and to the Work, and the moment when they knew: "the Victory is certain".

She also explained a deeper meaning of Sri Aurobindo's symbol; the upright triangle representing the call from below (Aswapathy/Sri Aurobindo), the reversed triangle is the Grace, answering from above (Savitri/the Mother). This is also one of the keypoints in Sri Aurobindo's yoga.

During the concluding session, on Sunday afternoon, Sonia asked us to answer the question that we had put before her and before ourselves for this weekend.

After some silence, I tried to say something meaningful but kept stuck in chaotic words. Others followed (less chaotic, as I remember), and after a while we concluded that a complete answer might not be possible.

Sonia once again told us about Sri Aurobindo's symbol and about the importance of Savitri for the world. She feels it is very important to have Savitri-readinggroups all over the planet, to form a starry network (she told us Mia had this vision).

Well, I think we are such a little star in Mia's vision, and we are going to keep on shining!

It is very encouraging to hear from Atie, that she will start another Savitri-readinggroup in September. Also, in England, Sonia and Vikas will start a group.

I would like to conclude this little report expressing my gratitude to all participants. We were together in harmony (the flowers helped also) and everyone of us contributed to that.

Without diminishing the importance of just being there, "only" listening in and reading and communicating and taking care of each other, I would like to put some special thanks to:

- First of all Sonia, who made such a journey to be with us again. She inspired us, helped us



understand, encouraged us.

- Jettie: for taking care of Sonia and Vikas for transport from and to the airport, and for the beautiful embroidered pictures of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother.

- Hans, who was with us only on Saturday (we missed you on Sunday!) and sang some beautiful songs: thank you for your uplifting presence.

- Till: thank you for your beautiful and very creative book-markers for everyone. Very lovely!

- Atie: thank you for your beautifully made movie on Saturday night; I understand how it can help your lessons.

- Vikas: thank you for sharing with us your (little?) bedtime story.

- Evelien: you were with us for the very first time and I am happy you enjoyed the weekend.

Thank you for your presence and I hope we will see you again.

Also worth mentioning: the beautiful environment, the excellent food and outstanding service, the comfortable rooms (although rather hot the first night).



There was much to enjoy. May we hold to it as long as possible.

In the “calendar of quotations” I saw for today, July 6:

.....not by Reason was creation made

And not by Reason can the Truth be seen..... (Sri Aurobindo)

Another “out of the box” statement. Let us hold to the Truth, accompanied by Savitri.

In October we will gather again in Amersfoort. I will send you information about that day in the first week of September.

With love, Hannah