



WHAT THE SEA SAID

THE FILM

The film is about a marriage. Deepak and Anasuya are an estranged couple who have come back to the little fishing village where they had spent their honeymoon seventeen years ago, in an attempt to put their marriage together again. Deepak is an advertising man, the Managing Director of an important advertising agency in Bombay. Anasuya is a classical dancer of some repute who has her own dance academy in Bhubaneswar.

The film develops in a series of fluid movements between the past and the present, examining the nature of a man-woman relationship against the backdrop of a civilisation threatened by ecological disasters, changing moral values and disintegrating relationships.



YUGANT

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DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

The name YUGANT which, incidentally means *end of an epoch* and not *what the sea said*, was inspired by an ancient Hindu myth. According to this myth, creation is part of the *kalpa* or dream of *Visbnu*, the creator. The four ages— *Satya*, *Treta*, *Dwapara* and *Kali*—make up each *kalpa* at the end of which comes *pralay* or chaos. And so the cycle goes on... The times we live in could be said to correspond to the outer limit of *Kali*, the last of the four ages and, hence, very close to the end of this *kalpa*.

The poetic truth behind this ancient myth, has always haunted me and, while exploring the nature of an intrapersonal relationship in the light of the chaotic conditions that seem more and more to prevail, the name YUGANT struck me as strangely appropriate. While I was writing the screenplay in 1990-91, the war in the Gulf started. It only added to the sense of chaos prevailing...

What the Sea Said had been the tentative title of the very first draft of the screenplay. The name still fits, so I have retained it.

We have abused the sea so much with our chemical wastes and our nuclear tests. I wonder what it would have to say to us humans if it could speak!

CAST

Deepak	: Anjan Dutta
Anasuya	: Rupa Ganguly
Joyeeta	: Pallavi Chatterjee
Bhaiya	: Kunal Mitra
Raghu	: Anil Lenka
Young Fisherwoman	: Neema Rahman
Young Fisherman	: Asrumochan Mohanty
Old Fisherman	: Subrata Nandy
Babuli	: Akaash Gupta

CREDITS

Story, Script

Direction	: Aparna Sen
Cinematography	: A Shashikanth

Music	: Jyotiska Dasgupta
Editing	: Moloy Banerjee
	: Ratan Sarkar

Dance Direction	: Illeana Citaristi
Art Direction	: Nikhilbaran Sengupta
	: Bibi Ray
Producer	: NFDC

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Year of Production : 1995
Language : Bengali
Guage/Format : 35mm/1:1.85
Running time : 2hrs, 9 min

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