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REVELATION Vasant

Tornados hit Midwest and South in March and April.

Hurricanes hit Florida early this year.

Spain and France should beware of tidal waves. Also England.

There is going to be a terrible disaster in Nebraska this month.

NEW YORK GOOD WORK FESTIVAL

Ernest

Homa Therapy was presented at a second major festival in New York City in less than one month. The Homa Therapy Exhibit at the Good Work Festival '79 was located in Booth 9 among the 71 booths representing "Lifestyles For Self-Reliance."

The exhibit at the all day October 21 ceremony consisted mainly of Homa Therapy literature—including the available books which were for sale as well as free literature—and Agnihotra copper Pyramids. An 8½ hour continuous Yajnya was also performed as part of the exhibit.

Signs were displayed that conveyed some idea of the exhibit's purpose: "HOMA THERAPY—A PROCESS WHICH HEALS THE ATMOSPHERE" AND "PERFORM AGNIHOTRA FOR CLEAN AIR."

The emphasis of the festival was on children and Homa Therapy lent itself to this function. Children came over to watch the Yajnya. They clearly enjoyed it. One 22-month old boy under supervision added ghee to the fire.

People in general were attracted to the exhibit and many of the several thousand visitors wanted to know more about Agnihotra and Homa Therapy. As soon as one explanation was completed, another was started. Often there were classes going on in effect. Those who still asked for more information gave their names and addresses for follow up contact.

Finally those who wanted to experience Agnihotra for themselves were told to wait until sunset. Signs were posted stating location and the sunset Agnihotra Timing.

About 30 people showed up to do Agnihotra. Those responsible for the exhibit said no more for this opportunity to serve than, "I am grateful."

Agnihotra was performed and the festival was over.

A YEAR OF YAJNYAS IN AUSTRIA

Klaus and Monica

A series of long Yajnyas in Austria was begun at the Fire Temple in Graz. We all could feel the peace and calmness emanating from the fire and the Mantras.

On May 17 a hut from wood was built in the center of the garden in Henndorf. In the evening 24 hour Yajnya was started. Six people were present, Roland, Melitta, Lu, Klaus, Monika and Robert. At the same time a 24 hour Yajnya was done in Graz. From now on we have decided to do 24 hour Yajnyas on each new and full moon.

On June 20 we started a 108 hour Yajnya in Graz, Hofgasse. All the people who joined the Yajnya got extremely high. All the people were so happy singing and laughing all the time. Tremendous energy was felt by everyone as soon as they entered the Fire Temple. Shree's Grace manifested among us. The smell of ghee filled the lane in front of the Fire Temple.

When the Yajnya was finished we decided right away to do another 108 hour Yajnya in July at the Homa Therapy farm in Henndorf. We started the Yajnya four days before full moon. Again tremendous energy was felt by everyone. People who went for a walk about 15-20 minutes away from the Yajnya place could still hear the Mantra OM TRYAMBAKAM. All the vegetables and plants were growing so fast after the Yajnya. The people who live here do Homa Therapy Farming according to Farming Bulletins 1-6. All the vegetables got so big and their taste was wonderful; also no insects attacked the plants.

EDUCATION FOR NEW AGE

Deborrah

When we speak about education in a new age we presume that a new age has come. DO WE HAVE THE COURAGE TO FIND OUT WHAT IS NEW ABOUT THIS AGE? If we do we will notice the following among several other things.

Due to fast modes of communication the world has become like a multi-storied building and people realize that any action, good or bad, done anywhere on the planet is bound to have repercussions even materially all over the planet and even beyond. Technology has reached its limitations and we have to be extremely careful to pursue our dangerous game of modern technology in the ecologically highly abused atmosphere. This means even if all the fossil fuel is available the atmosphere will not be able to bear the addition of a single automobile, a single supersonic jet.

People realize and even the scientific priesthood has realized that the terrific increase in the incidence of disease on the planet today is directly the result of polluted atmosphere. It is realized that the terrific increase in psychiatry all over the world, in hypertension in all age groups is directly related to the polluted conditions of the air, soil, and water. Hence, new age people are trying to find alternate lifestyles. Their search in America, in the beginning led them to hipyism which was a type of revolution of non-conformism in a decadent society perpetrated by the so-called manmade morals. Later this non-conformism, however, took the turn of hippy conformism and had to go away. Then by Divine will the Light of Satya Dharma, the Light of Eternal Principles of Religion, first given through the Vedas and later by all the Avatars and Prophets and Saints started seeing the light of the day. IT IS THIS NEW LIGHT WHICH USHERS IN THE NEW AGE.

To survive in this new age we must trim our ideas in the light of knowledge given through the Vedas so that the transfer of the body and mind into this new age comes about with the least birth pangs. It is stated in Bhagavadgita that "There is nothing so sacred as knowledge." Knowledge is the guiding spirit of new age. This reminds me of one sentence of the great Vivekenanda who said, "We might have been born in a religion but let us not die in it." He meant let us leave the body in the light of spirituality which does not recognize any religious barriers.

Thus, determination to abide by search for truth recognizing that beliefs and superstitions have to be exploded and recognizing that faith is an aspect of knowledge even as Grace is an aspect of the law of Karma is the sign of the New Age. The New Age may or may not mean a renewal of the elements in stone, vegetable or insect but it certainly means reappraisal and a renewal of our mind, our understanding, our way of life. I would like to add, however, that according to the Vedic science of bioenergy and weatherengineering as it is taught by Homa Therapy teachers in U.S. and Europe even the nuclear and molecular composition undergoes change if the atmosphere is polluted. A healthy mind in a healthy body is desirable for making life's journey smooth. This means you have first to tackle the bad effects of atmospheric pollution on human mind if you want to culture the mind which is the beginning and end of all education. We are living in such a world today that push-button conflagration is only a finger-tip away. If we continue this

practice of modern day technology the powers that be will have taken recourse to dictatorial system of education which may be aptly described as education for death.

To be able to choose the right thing and to be able to guide our action in the light of the judgement pronounced by enlightened intellect we must first hit at the enemy which is atmospheric pollution. Vedas state that atmospheric pollution leads to thought pollution which is the worst type of pollution.

Are there any material means to remove thought pollution? Yes. The Vedas say it is Yajnya. We have to grow our food with love in the in the atmosphere of Yajnya. We have to cook our food in the atmosphere of Mantra and Yajnya and we have to eat our food in all gratitude in the spirit of "idam na mama," which is "Not my will but Thy will be done." What we eat, what we think so becomes the mind. Hence, education for the functioning of Prana which culminates into the removal of the mind from the clutches of the six crocodiles. In short this education of Homa Therapy is based on five words, Yajnya, Daan, Tapa, Karma, Swadhyaya.

I have heard it said in India that the new Avatar will be Kalki Avatar. Kalka in Sanskrit means "pollution" and Kalki Avatar means Avatar for the destruction of pollution. Such an Avatar has already come on this planet and he is reiterating the Truths of Vedic education. The light of Vedic knowledge is spreading fast in U.S. and Europe and it will remove all the cobwebs of ignorance. It will destroy the vested interest in all formal religions and bring the people of the new age to live the life in the light of teachings given by Lord Jesus, Moses, Prophet Mohammed, Buddha the Blessed One and Khrishna of Bhagavadgita. We have to reorientate our educational system in the light of these eternal Truths restated by the Kalki Avatar, Avatar for the New Age.

This Vedic system of education already has started catching the imagination of parents in U.S. and Germany. Soon this light will envelop the whole world and benefit humanity. I only request you to study this system of education which is the Fivefold Path and try to adopt it if you think it is beneficial.

In the beginning you may take some trials with groups of children and if you see the results you may widen the application. We in America are ready, willing and able to send people to all countries represented at this conference to give short courses free on Homa Therapy education.

(Extracts from paper submitted to conference in India)

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THE MEEK SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH

Barry

If a movie is ever made of some of the happenings associated with Agnihotra and the Fivefold Path surely it would include the experience Carola and I had on Febuary 12 in India.

As EVERYTHING unfolds through His Grace, beyond our wildest thoughts and intellectual meanderings, we were on our way to Dhayari, a small village on the edge of Pune City. For sunset Agnihotra we wanted to be at the home of Maruthi Lonare a Harijan whom we had met two days earlier. After leaving the bus we began walking the last two miles and unfortunately, I thought at first, we could not make it to Maruthi's. Instead we had to stop in "downtown" Dhayari and perform Agnihotra at the common sitting place there. This was the place Roland Heschl, an Agnihotri from Austria, and I had first done Agnihotra in Dhayari three days before on our first visit to the villiage. On that day we also had been surprised since this common sitting place is constructed in the form of an Agni Shala i.e., it has an opening in the center which allows smoke from Yajnya to escape.

My first surprise on February 12 came as I was hurriedly setting up Agnihotra fire. I began singing Agnihotra Mantras with the group that had assembled around and much to my pleasant surprise, the forty mostly children were repeating them almost perfectly. Three days before they were quite shy and hesitant. This night it was as if Shree had so arranged things.

Following Agnihotra Carola and I began the seven minute walk to Maruthi's. She carried the Agnihotra pot and we walked through the narrow streets of Dhayari with fifty kids following behind repeating Agnihotra Mantras. As we continued we saw people coming out of their homes and looking. And the kids came running from all corners to join the group. The Pied Piper had been reborn! Grace of Shree had taken hold and the attraction was irresistable. I mentioned to Carola that all we needed was some background music and our movie would be complete.

We reached Maruthi's where he had just done Agnihotra also and for 45 minutes the group of fifty listened to an explanation of Homa which Maruthi translated from English into Marathi.

Maruthi had embraced Agnihotra quickly and began it faithfully.

To work with such humble, blessed people as these Harijans is a joy beyond words. They are truly the "meek who shall inherit the earth."

Shree has placed some of them in their positions, we have been told, for very specific purposes related to our work. And though still discriminated against especially by higher caste Hindus, their love and simplicity shines through. It is no wonder that our teaching of Agnihotra in India was confined almost exclusively to Harijans for the first two years here.

So it goes. Grace of Almighty shall be showered upon the deserving. Persons full of love shall have His Grace manifested from within and without. It is said that Agnihotra fire is in fact the manifestation of the Avatar. All over the world we have experienced the serenity, purposefulness and respectfulness that overcomes those who sit around this small fire whether they know its significance or not. Experience speaks louder than words. Truth cannot be gagged.

SATSANG NEWS

India

A Fire Temple in pristine forest surroundings was inaugurated in January at Fort Songad, Gujarat State, India. In a Fire Temple there is no priest and nothing is worshipped. Only Agnihotra is performed daily to purify the atmosphere and silence is maintained all the time to heal the atmosphere. On the walls are depicted several scenes about fire in ancient cultures including Moses and the Burning Bush.

Family Parkhe constructed the place for public and when a few more huts would be added it would be a total setting for and Ashram like the ancient times.

LETTERS TO SATSANG

Helen Turner, Mass.

"I have started preparing for a small garden according to Vedic methods. My mother took me to get the cow dung and cow's urine for the seeds.

"The farmer we got the dung from was interested when I told him what I wanted it for. He said he was sure it would give the seeds a healthy start but how could a farmer do it on a large farm? Maybe, someone has already developed these methods.

"One of my neighbors remembers that her father worked for a farmer who saved the cow's urine in pits for use on his crops. This was 60 years ago. She was not sure just how he used it."

"I do not care to go far outside of my inner self because my belief is that our guidance comes from within. However, that curiousity, that seeking part of me has made me go outside of me to find what there might be to develop a stronger, deeper, more aware inner mind."

New York

"We are doing well here in New York. We are instituting the disciplines and getting much more work done. Contrary to what may have been thought at first we have become more concious of time with the practice of the disciplines you gave us and therefore we are using each minute more wisely."

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FROM VASANT'S CORRESPONDENCE

Whatever you give to your child, give it with love. Your child should never suffer for your own shortcomings. If you feel anger do Mantra. This will help to offset the effects of anger. All your emotions effect your child particularly when it is young and helpless. So if you are feeling upset try not to carry this over to your child.

Naturally all mothers are going to feel frustrated at one time or another. You need not try to find out such things as "Do all mothers feel this way?" "Is this a normal reaction?" It does not matter whether ten people, twenty people or no other people feel the way you do. You feel it so you have to do something about it. How this frustration manifests varies in each person. All feelings such as these emerge for different reasons.

See that you reduce the possibilities for frustration or anxiety, anger etc. See that you get proper rest and nutrition. See that you have some kind of physical exercise at least once daily. Yoga is ideal for this although some days you may not feel up to it. A walk would suffice. When you get stronger try to incorporate fifteen minutes Yoga exercises daily. Until then do as best you can. The body requires certain amount of exercise for proper balance and digestion.

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- * Practice AGNIHOTRA for purification of the atmosphere which leads to unburdening the mind.
- *Practice DAAN

(Sharing of assets in a spirit of humility) for reducing attachment to worldly possesions.

*Practice TAPA (self- discipline) for fruition of thy affirmations.

*Practice KARMA

(good actions without attachment to the fruit thereof) for self-purification.

*Practice SWADHYAYA

(Self study, Who am I?) for liberation.

This is the Fivefold Path. Start the spiritual discipline today. The span of life will not be extended. What is given unto you is to utilize wisely every moment of your existence. Let us engage ourselves in meritorious deeds without expectation of reward in the form of name or fame. We can live only in the present moment. The past is no more. The future is yet to be. Do not waste the precious moments in trivia.

Practice the Fivefold Path and you become a better member of your family or community. You will become a more righteous Christian, Jew, Buddhist, Muslim, Hindu, Zoroastrian, Sikh, Jain, whatever be your formal religious label. You may be an atheist or an agnostic, you will benefit by practicing the Fivefold Path. The Fivefold Path sets up life patterns based on bipsychological techniques given through Vedic knowledge. You need not carry the hypothesis of God to practice the Fivefold Path. You start the practice and knowledge will be unfolded to you from within. Believe only what you experience. This is the approach of a true scientist.

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