

TREES NEED AGNIHOTRA BADLY NOW

Vasant

Trees will yield fruits double the size and with twice the meat if Agnihotra and Yajnya are performed regularly in the orchards. Orange would be a good fruit to begin with as it will give quickly, almost immediate results.

More people should begin to perform Agnihotra under a tree. This makes the tree happy and the tree dances and sings. Also the birds are much attracted to Agnihotra and this heals them.

TROUBLE DOWN ON THE FARM New York

Ernest Collier

SCIENCE magazine recently published a comment by Luther J. Carter that may be a big step towards taking the farmer on a mass scale to Homa Therapy Farming. The comment entitled "Organic Farming Becomes 'Legitimate'" is about a U.S. Department Of Agriculture (USDA) forthcoming report on organic farming practices that is seen "as a much-needed boost to a promising mode of agriculture."

"The report," says the magazine, "which represents the USDA's first systematic look at organic farming since chemical farming become dominant in the 1940's . . . is on the whole quite upbeat in its conclusions." It fails, however, to note that the solution to today's trouble down on the farm lies in Homa Therapy Farming practices.

The purpose of the present article is not so much to emphasize the virtues of organic farming (the report does that) nor take umbrage at the omission in the published comment (there was an apparent lack of familiarity) but rather to stress the need for the Homa Therapy Farming practices outlined in Agnihotra University's Homa Therapy Farming Bulletins #1 thru #6. Together, they're the single most important piece of agricultural literature published in the last half of the 20th century.

For the sake of clarity, it is necessary to cite the report as well as the comment in showing that the way is now clear for the farmer to benefit without end by instituting these Homa practices on his farm.

To begin with, prior to the report, most of the agricultural establishment appears to

have had little regard for the organic farmer. Now, he may be taken seriously as a practitioner of a mode of farming that offers at least partial relief to what some experts believe is a deepening crisis in American agriculture. With the heat wave and subsequent drought over much of American farmland in the summer of 1980, relief, which is spelled H-O-M-A T-H-E-R-A-P-Y, is needed now more than ever.

According to SCIENCE magazine's comment, the report cites the following:

(1) The sharply increasing costs of energy and chemical fertilizer (2) declines in soil productivity and tilth from excessive erosion and loss of organic matter (3) water pollution from erosion, sedimentation, and runoff of farm chemicals (4) hazards to food safety and human and animal health from heavy use of pesticides; and (5) loss of localized farm marketing systems and demise of the family farm.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland reportedly told SCIENCE magazine: "... We now depend on imported oil and exported wheat, and farmers are worried about these forces over which they have no control. People are looking for ways to reduce their fuel-related inputs."

Homa Therapy Farming techniques address themselves to the source in each of these five instances. They also speak to the heart of the dilemma posed by the Secretary as shall be seen after considering some of the conclusions of the report. A brief look at how the information contained in the Bulletins relates to these five "adverse effects of our Agriculture production system" shows that:

Costs are obviously reduced in the first instance when chemical fertilizer is entirely eliminated. There are savings from both the cost of fertilizer and fuel used in its distribution. Also, it is shown below how to put into the soil what was hoped to be gained by using chemical fertilizer. In the second instance, where there are losses from erosion, etc., Homa Therapy Farming Bulletin #1 teaches that, "SOIL IN YAJNYA ATMOSPHERE HOLDS MOISTURE BETTER THAN ANY SOIL. IT IS DUE TO THE GHEE AND THE EFFECT OF THE YAJNYA ON THE ATMOSPHERE. WHEN THE NUTRITIONAL RAIN COMES, THE NUTRIENTS AND MOISTURE ARE HELD AS A UNIT IN THE SOIL. THIS MAKES FOR BETTER QUALITY VEGETATION."

As for the third instance of water pollution, where there's no further use of chemicals, AGNIHOTRA, the smallest form of YAJNYA, purifies the atmosphere, gives nutrition to plant life and helps better absorption of solar energy by water resources of the planet. AGNIHOTRA is a material aid to purify the air, land and water.

The use of pesticides, posing risks to health regarding the fourth instance, can simply be stopped. Bulletin #4 states: "STOP THE INSECTS. THEY START TROUBLING NOW. THEY ARE IMMUNE TO INSECTICIDES, PESTICIDES, COLD... ONLY WAY TO CONTROL THEM" (is through the use of AGNIHOTRA ash.)

The demise of the family farm and hence localized farm marketing systems in the fifth instance can be traced largely to the high cost of farming. Homa Therapy Farming, however, is thoroughly economical, and as use of these Homa practices becomes more widespread the reemergence of the family farm would naturally follow.

Organic farming is definitely on the increase in the U.S. Previously it was thought that organic farmers numbered about 20,000 compared to 1.7 million conventional farmers, but from a recent survey taken among subscribers to *Organic Gardening and New Farm* magazine, 44 percent, or 35,000 out of 80,000 subscribers relied in whole or in part on organic practices. This figure may be large for the national average but it conveys a general idea of the growing number.

Homa Therapy Farming is organic farming at its zenith. It takes into consideration both the first and second most essential factors which effect vegetation—the soil and the atmosphere. Bulletin #5 states: "A PLANT'S STRENGTH DEPENDS UPON THE NUTRIENTS OF THE SOIL AND ATMOSPHERE THAT SURROUNDS IT. SCIENCE PERHAPS DOES NOT LAY SO MUCH STRESS ON ATMOSPHERE BUT IT IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST FACTORS DUE TO THE OXYGEN RECYCLING SYSTEM." It is interesting to note that there are *soil scientists*, but it remains for Homa Therapy to develop *atmosphere scientists*.

It's been some farmers' experience that the soil reacts to chemicals not too unlike any other organic entity; that is, an addiction or dependency sets in and an ever-increasing, quantity is required while the results become less and less effective. Some conventional farmers have noticed their crop yield was not increasing, and in some cases even going down a bit and over the past decade there has been a progressive hardening of the soil. "The life and tilth of the soil were just not there anymore," observes one farmer.

Bulletin #5 also points out: "AERATION OF SOIL OF COURSE IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF SOIL. IF HOMA ASH IS PLACED ON TOP OF SOIL BEFORE IT IS TILLED OR CULTIVATED, IT DOES A LOT TO NOURISH THE PLANT AND MAKE THE PLANT HAPPY."

The scientific study team who prepared the report arrived "at a number of significant... conclusions." Here are two of them:

Nutrients Budget. “Enough nitrogen for moderate to high crop yields can be obtained through crop rotation and return of animal manures and harvest residues to the soil. But plant needs for phosphorus and potassium must also be met . . . The potential for making up nutrient deficits by drawing on off-farm sources of organic wastes is limited because most animal manure and crop residues are being returned to the soil already.”

Here is where Homa Therapy Farming has, perhaps, one of its most practical applications. Bulletin #1 reveals that: “WHEN NUTRIENTS ARE ABSENT, CULTIVATING THE GROWTH OF NUTRIENTS NECESSARY FOR HEALTHY PLANT LIFE IS ACHIEVED BY THE HOMA PROCESS.” Instead of simply spreading the cowdung—which is especially rich in nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium—over the soil with a manure spreader, its use in the Homa process requires such small amounts of dried cowdung that one cow, it’s conservatively estimated, would fill the nutritional needs of hundreds of acres.

Crop Yields. “Comparing yields of organic and conventional farmers is difficult and controversial . . . Whether the organic farmers’ yields are superior or inferior to the conventional farmers’ appears to vary by crop and by region.”

Again, it is learned from Bulletin #1 that when growing “CROPS IN AGNIHOTRA ATMOSPHERE PLEASE BE SURE THAT MAXIMUM YIELD IS REALIZED WHEN YOU PERFORM AGNIHOTRA IN THE CENTER OF THE FARM AND THEN ON THE FOUR EXTREME CORNERS OF THE FARM, NORTH, SOUTH, EAST AND WEST. IF THE FARM EXCEEDS 200 ACRES AND IF THE PERSONNEL IS THERE YOU CAN PERFORM YAJNYA IN THE INTERIOR. IT WILL SPEED THE NUTRITIONAL PROCESS. WHEN FINISHED DO NOT PUT THE ASH IN ONE PLACE; SPREAD THE ASH.”

SCIENCE magazine’s comment concludes, “Interest in the report is high, as indicated by the hundreds of inquiries about it already received. Farmers tend to be set in their ways, but . . . they can be amenable to change . . .”

These changes include the installation of the Homa Therapy Farming Method. This results in net energy savings from fuel and fuel-related inputs, inorganic as well as organic fertilizer, insecticides, pesticides, herbicides, while getting maximum yield of nutritional, quality product. It is seen that no matter how thin the tomato is sliced, there’s trouble down on the farm and YAJNYA, as in Homa Therapy Farming, is the only way out.

HOMA HEALING AND ALTERNATIVE HEALING MEETING IN JERUSALEM

Sam Kaplan

Sixteen people from USA came to a meeting in Jerusalem on July 18 and learned about the effects of Agnihotra on the atmosphere and its purifying effects on the mind. They had come from the Center for Synthesis in New York City to share in their different techniques of spiritual healing.

The meeting was at Noga's house in Ein Kerem, a beautiful section of Jerusalem where there are many churches and monasteries. At sunset before the meeting began Agnihotra was done on the porch overlooking Ein Kerem. There were about 10 people in the beginning and in the end about 10 more joined. A short talk on Agnihotra followed.

The workshops began on Saturday morning with Diane Gardner talking on "Meditation and Music" as a form of healing. Then Louise Hay gave a talk on "Metaphysical Causations for Physical Illness" saying that for every disease there are probably wrong mental thought patterns that are at the root.

Later Donna Sessler gave a talk on the effects of stones and gems for healing. She said that different stones and gems have their own vibrations and each has different healing properties. After this Allen Szeptler who has a weekly television show on cable TV gave a talk on all the different kinds of esoteric sciences. Then Beverly gave a talk and demonstration in Hatha Yoga and which postures to use to help open up different chakras in the body. After this David gave a demonstration in Akido, a nonviolent martial art.

By this time there were about 50 people on the lawn and it was just about time for evening AGNIHOTRA. A talk was given on Homa Therapy and its effects on healing and **ESPECIALLY HOMA THERAPY'S EFFECTS ON THE HEALER**. It was stated that the healer could be more effective and help other people more if he or she is in a more relaxed state i.e. when mind tension is reduced. **HEALING IS MORE EFFECTIVE WHEN IT IS DONE IN A HEALING ATMOSPHERE WHICH HOMA BRINGS ABOUT BY ATTRACTING HEALING ENERGIES.**

Agnihotra was performed at sunset and a quiet stillness fell over the 50 people sitting for meditation. After about 20 minutes people started opening their eyes with big smiles on their faces. The people were so thankful for this wonderful chance to experience Agnihotra. Later two people from the group of Americans wanted to purchase copper Agnihotra pyramids right away even though I told them they could purchase them in New York.

Ella Eton, an opera singer and codirector of the New York center later told me that during the Body, Mind and Spirit Festival in New York in 1979 she and a friend were wandering around looking for something that was not so commercial looking. They saw a tent and were immediately drawn to it. They saw a sign "Agnihotra will be performed at sunset." They sat and felt so good that she bought a copper pyramid which sits in their center. After this new experience in Israel she said she wants to start Agnihotra when she gets back. We gave them the addresses and telephone numbers of some New York Agnihotris to all those who wanted to begin Agnihotra.

This is certainly all His Grace how He brings people together from all over the world.

THE TRUE BAPTISM IS BY FIRE . . .

Barry

The following passage from a text entitled "The Light of the Kabala: The Physio-Astro-Mystic" from the secret writings of Abbott Le Compt may be of interest.

"He who can collect of three separate principles of Fire may form a solar power when while purified by the sun and separated from the mixture of other elements becomes in a very little time sovereignly proper to exalt the fire which is in us. He can command the principle of fire for he has dominion over fire . . . We must purify and exalt the element of Fire within us. He who has gained power over fire can very easily gain power over all other elements. You need only to enclose in a glass vessel and seal up either air, water or earth, expose it to the sun for a month and to the light of two different moons. Afterwards you may have a great sovereign healing authority over the most incurable diseases. IF YOU ARE BLESSED TO HAVE A LOVING SAGE WHO WOULD SHOW THEE THE HIDDEN PATHWAYS OF FIRE, THOU CANST COMMAND THE SPIRITS OF HEAVEN. THE TRUE BAPTISM IS BY FIRE WHICH GIVES MAN THE HOLY GHOST."

Not only do we see here insights into some principles of chromotherapy (or color therapy) but we see the vast importance given to fire with respect to HEALING.

Agnihotra i.e. Homa Therapy which has been called WHOLISTIC HEALING, makes use of fire prepared under certain simple disciplines including biorhythmic timings of nature to create the basic healing cycle for humankind. Without this basic healing cycle all other attempts at healing may be doomed to failure if not in the short run surely in long term results. Why? Because pollution continues to devastate

the atmosphere we breathe so thoroughly and unceasingly that cures of existing diseases are hampered and any notion of Preventive Healing or Preventive Medicine is made unrealistic.

The reference "to the light of two different moons" is interesting. We have been taught of the importance of doing 24 hour Tryambakam Yajnyas especially on No Moon and Full Moon days. We have also read of the increased value of planting seeds on No Moon and Full Moon days. Actually we learned recently that doing Yajnyas on those two days has particularly good effects as it is on those two days that the planet is in the best position to right itself of certain disturbances.

Of course the highlight of this quotation for many of us is the portion, "IF YOU ARE BLESSED TO HAVE A LOVING SAGE WHO WOULD SHOW THEE THE HIDDEN PATHWAYS OF FIRE..." The Fivefold Path of which Agnihotra Fire is the core has been resuscitated after millenia by Parama Sadguru Shree Gajanan Maharaj of Akkalkot, India. No greater blessing could have come upon us than that of the small fire which has cured us of disease, prevented others from occurring and, perhaps best of all, given us the training of mind necessary to be grateful for all that is given.

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