

VASANT'S TALKS WITH SCIENTISTS IN EUROPE—1980

Due to pollution chemical reactions begin to develop in a peculiar way giving results in a different way than they ever have like a new ingredient is added. Some reactions do not give the same results twice.

Elements of nature are changing. Barium and Cadmium are fusing becoming a new element. In large quantities this new element becomes very hazardous to health. It will be found in several places in the world in large concentrations.

Where industrial wastes have been carelessly disposed of, Barium and Cadmium become catalysts and cause a change in the geneological structure of man. There will be many new mutations found in newborns.

AGNIHOTRA AND GRAPES

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Grapes are a difficult crop to grow under Maharashtra's climatic conditions and also equally difficult to study. I have been associated with research work on grapes while studying for my M.Sc. degree at the University of Poona, India since 1967. Various problems faced by the workers since then were finally put before the research workers at the Agricultural College, Poona.

Hybridization work with grapes had already commenced before my association with this work. I have been observing the results of that work. It was reported that the germination of hybrid grape seeds had been very late and low. When I conducted hundreds of crosses at the Ganeshkhind Fruit Experimental Station, Poona-7 and sowed the seeds after treatment by advanced techniques which included hormones, scarification, stratification etc., the results were discouraging. The germination percentage was very low, i.e. below 20% and some of the seeds even took 300 days for germination.

Meanwhile I came to learn of AGNIHOTRA and HOMA THERAPY FARMING and thought why not have a trial of this therapy in grape research. There was a solar

eclipse on 16th of February 1980. I had also read previously that the no-moon day was the best day for seed treatment and sowing. With this background and not to miss the opportunity I collected seeds of the Anab-e-shahi, Pandhari Sahebi and Kali Sahebi varieties, local vinifera varieties, as well as some crossed seeds which were collected using the Thompson seedless variety as a male parent to make the cross. In order to conduct the experiment properly, I applied for leave on 20th of February 1980 in time for the treatment to commence on 16th of February, 1980. Some unrooted cuttings of local grape varieties were also collected for additional treatments.

Experimental Plot

All the seeds and the unrooted cuttings were kept in an environment open to Agnihotra fumes. As far as mantras were concerned, I began with the "Tryambakam" Mantra and Homa continued for 2 hours, after which the samples were treated with Agnihotra ash and then put into pots ready for planting. An untreated lot of samples served as a control.

Observations

It was indeed a surprise not only to me and my wife but also to friends who had been laughing at my experiments to observe the first seedlings sprouting on the 21st day of sowing. Some of the recorded observations are given in a table below.

The second experiment concerned making raisins. At present, raisin-making is not carried out in Maharashtra except on an experimental basis using the dehydration and sun-drying methods. I collected a few bunches of grapes from growers and hung them in the environment where I was performing Agnihotra. Similar clusters were kept with the growers for making raisins using their own method of sun-drying. After 21 days the drying was almost complete, and after 35 days I collected the clusters and tested them. The raisins were very good in appearance and taste. Special interest rallied around the evidence that the raisins prepared from the Anabe-shahi variety and having low TSS content were also good. Equally good results were obtained by the Thompson seedless variety growing in the Agnihotra environment as compared to those varieties generally available in the market.

Another experiment was performed in a grower's field. Mr. Pundlik Khode, a small farmer from the village of Pimpalgaon-Baswant, Nasik District had been much worried about his crop and was doubtful regarding repayment of his bank loan obtained for the vineyard. Agnihotra was done regularly and Agnihotra ash was applied to his vines. The observations which were recorded at harvest time proved very good. The grower, Mr. Khode, had never believed in such a possibility until he saw the actual

results. The individual berry as well as the cluster was superior in colour, taste, sweetness and weight. About 150 observers said that the crop was the best in that locality.

Effect of Agnihotra on Grapes

Effects	Regular fertilising Practice	Only Agnihotra	Regular Practice + Agnihotra
1) Seed germination	1. More than 6 months were required for germination	1. 21 to 28 days required	***
2) Rooting of cutting	1: 80% rooting	1: 100% rooting	1: 100% rooting
3) Bunch development	1. Av. bunch wt. 0.45 Kg	1: Av. bunch wt. 0.45 Kg	1. Av. bunch wt. 0.525 Kg
4) Quality	1. TSS 22%	1. TSS 24%	1. TSS 23%
5) Disease	1. More disease	1. No disease	1. Less disease
6) Colour	1. Green yellow	1. Golden yellow	1. Pale yellow
7) Loss of harvest	1. About 30% loss	1. No loss	1. 10% loss

The above experiment was conducted in the vineyard of Mr. Pundlik Khode on Thompson seedless grapes at Pimpalgaon Baswant, Nasik, during the year 1979-80.

1. Agnihotra was performed by Dr. B. G. Bhujbal, Asst. Horticulturist, M. Phule Agricultural University.
2. Other Homas were performed by Mr. Ranade, Manager, State Bank of India.
3. Regular operations were carried out by Mr. Pundlik Khode, owner of the vineyard. Mr. Khode was very happy with the Agnihotra results.

Agnihotra was also performed for raisin-making.

This was done in March 1980. Clusters were hung from the roof and under the clusters Agnihotra was performed regularly, twice daily. In 21 days the grapes dried under room conditions and the quality of the grape raisins was excellent. The variety used was Thompson seedless.

HOMA THERAPY FARMING

Vasant

The whole of ecological system is benefited by Yajnya. For example, earthworms are able to generate more moisture to the soil due to performance of Yajnya. The Yajnya makes them happy and their hormone secretions increase thereby benefiting the soil and therefore the plants that live in that soil.

If a Yajnya is going on all the 24 hours in proximity to a garden, that in itself is an

effective aid to insect control. The atmosphere becomes saturated with ghee and the plants are able to manufacture a protective coating due to a special chemical combination in their chemical makeup interacting with the ghee absorbed by the plant by breathing. The Yajnya atmosphere also creates something intangible that permits this situation to occur which is based on the vibrational content of the atmosphere due to the Mantras going on all the time.

All of nature is in turmoil, so much destruction comes now. We must saturate the atmosphere with nutrients. Ghee is the vehicle. Mantras are the power. So much of Yajnya must be done now on a large scale.

The dung balls become like little balls of energy when they are ablaze with ghee in an Agnihotra pot.

There is such a turbulence of energies that come exactly at Agnihotra time that nothing should be done to disturb the movement of these energies. This is why one should not blow on to the fire. Also some things with the breath may disturb the purity of the energy that is created at that time. If there is bacteria in the mouth for instance, and one blows it into the fire it spreads. So this sort of thing should be avoided.

Actually there is some subtle substance which enters the body when one sits near a Homa fire. It is amazing what can be done with Yajnya.

A subtle stream of energy from the sun strikes the Yajnya fire during daylight hours that creates a healing radiation in the area surrounding the pot.

Subtle energies begin to have more obvious effect on plants now. It can be easily recorded if some scientists want to put their mind in it.

Lettuce, the vegetable, grown in Homa atmosphere possesses great healing and revitalizing property.

When growing plants in Agnihotra atmosphere do not necessarily expect the plants themselves to become larger; instead observe the size, quality and appearance of the vegetable, fruit or flower. All the energy of the plant goes towards yield as by performance of Yajnya we make the plants happy.

The whole earth has been robbed of its elements by pollution. How to replace these things which are vital to all life? Yajnya is the only way. Perform Yajnya for fruition of thy affirmation.

Elements begin to change. Somehow due to a magnetic-like pull setup where Yajnya is performed, the elements required to make certain life sustaining essentials are again attracted to the planet by manifestation of some other mode of transference. Even some may come from other planets.

LONDON—SUMMER, 1980

Don Weatherby

In July Vasant made his second trip to Europe during 1980. Each visit has been for only a few days but we have met many people. This time most of the people we spoke with in London had recently been introduced to Homa Therapy at the Festival for Mind-Body-Spirit in London in June.

In a talk with a small group of people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith in Milton-Keynes (a new town 55 miles northwest of London) Vasant said,

“Technology has now played its innings. Now it is time for Super-technology. The purification and harmonization through the agency of fire (Yajnya is the Sanskrit word for this ancient science) is the key to this Super-technology. There is more disease now than at any time. Now more than ever the mind is troubled by its enormous share of problems. Anything which takes the mind away from a condition of total love is a disease. The difficult task is to train the mind to react with love to each and every circumstance in life. Yajnya makes this task seem possible. The ego and intellect need to be brought under control and made humble before the dawning of higher knowledge. In fact the highest work of the intellect is to sign its own death warrant.”

Vasant emphasized the connection of mind and atmosphere. “Polluted atmosphere accounts for so much mental disease. Agnihotra, the simplest Yajnya, must be performed every sunrise and sunset to act as an antidote to polluted conditions.”

Later in the talk one of the listeners asked if the good effects of Agnihotra lasted only so long as one stayed in the room where it was performed. Did not one fall prey to pollution once again as soon as he stepped out into the street? Vasant explained,

“By doing Agnihotra we attune ourselves to rhythms of nature that affect our biological functioning and simultaneously shield ourselves from the ravages of pollution. This biorhythmic switch of Agnihotra is similar to winding a clock. Just a couple minutes to wind it yet it is kept going

smoothly all day. So we are kept running smoothly if we do Agnihotra every sunrise and sunset. It is not good enough to do a few minutes of Yoga and a few minutes of macrobiotics and then act like the same old monkey the rest of the day. We must be full of love every moment of the day. YAJNYA IS THE CATALYST THAT TRANSFORMS 'GOOD INTENTIONS' INTO EVERYDAY PRACTICE."

At this point we had to stop talking and light the fire as the sun was setting on another long (16½ hours between sunrise and sunset) summer day in England. To experience the peace and tranquility that comes with Agnihotra is always a welcome way to end the day. After some more questions we were given a ride to the station to catch the last train into London. Our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Smith for providing the opportunity to share this ancient knowledge.

While Vasant was in London I took him to see the large, old house Gilly and I have bought in South London. It needs complete renovation but once it is ready we will be able to devote the ground floor to a Homa Therapy Healing Centre. It may well be the first in England. Time will tell. Hopefully it will be operational by next summer. Anyone wishing to spend some time in England and help with the renovation work should contact me (address: 5 County Grove, London S.E. 5 England). Also there will be a need for Homa Therapy teachers to help run the centre once the building work is completed.

Many thanks to Karen Jeffreys and Pat Mullen from the U.S. and Edgar and Krista from Austria for coming to England to help with the Homa Therapy booth at the Festival for Mind-Body-Spirit June 21-29.

Ronnie Gochrach, Homa Therapy teacher from Seattle, Washington U.S.A. also spent a few weeks in London introducing new people to the Fivefold Path before setting off to Europe to travel with Vasant.

***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 possessions.

***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 biopsychological 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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