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In view of the enthusiastic response received to the message of the Fivefold Path in Germany, it was felt necessary to make available literature in German language on the subject. Vasant has been in Germany only for the last ten days, but the whole of Deutschland has been ploughed by Divine will and the people are ready for the Divine message. Arrangements to print the first issue of SATSANG in German materialized quickly. Copies of the first July issue were distributed at a largely attended meeting in Donaueschingen in SW Germany. The meeting was arranged by Lozynski at the Volksschule. Carola acted as interpreter for Vasant and Rogers showed Agnihotra. It is proposed to publish SATSANG periodically in German.

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FIVEFOLD PATH IN DEUTSCHLAND

Vasant left Vught for Utrecht (Nederland). Satya Dharma (Fivefold Path) discourse was held at the residence of Mrs. Vethoever-Becker. William Becker from Massluis surprised all by producing the Dutch translation of two articles written by Vasant in SATSANG. Carola from Utrecht and Rogers from London joined Vasant at the place to be with him for 20 days during his tour of Germany. Agnihotra tape was made and the cassette was presented to Bill for teaching others.

First destination in Germany was Konstanz in the South near the Swiss border. On their way, the party camped at a pension at Lorsch for evening Agnihotra and a night halt. (Pension means a private hotel.)

Next day, on the way, copies of SATSANG were left at a college on the outskirts of Stuttgart. Rooms were reserved for a party of three at a pension in Konstanz. Konstanz is a busy tourist town and it is difficult to find accommodation during the tourist season. Frau Gerda Schwarz had invited the group for dinner and a small discourse on the Fivefold Path was given by Vasant. This meeting resulted in further group meetings in nearby places. Gerda worked fast and after a dozen phone calls, further meetings with a few individuals were arranged. Discussions were held with individuals at Meersberg. For the second time, a largely attended meeting was arranged by Herr Friedrich Landwehr at his residence at Baitenhausen. Carola acted as interpreter at all these meetings and Rogers showed Agnihotra at sunset.

Carola and Rogers remained at Konstanz while Vasant left for Winterthur in Switzerland. Swami Omkaranand of the Divine Light Zendrum had invited Vasant to be his guest for four days. Fivefold Path discourses were held at the Forschungsinstitut. It was explained how Jesus, Moses, Krishna, Buddha, and the other Divine incarnations come to set right things when principles of Eternal Religion are trampled down on a large scale. Principles behind the processes of purification of the atmosphere were explained.

Vasant left Switzerland for the small German town of Stuhlingen. Fivefold Path was explained and Agnihotra tapes were left at the place. At the residence of the host, a small room has been kept which will serve as a private Fire Temple. Here Agnihotra will be performed regularly and silence will be observed on all occasions. In the adjoining room, it is proposed to take Kriya Yoga classes. The place will be open to anyone for meditation. At Stuhlingen there was not one who could understand English well. However, Vasant explained in simple English about Agnihotra and Johanna did the translation. Language is no barrier to spread the message of Purity and Love. The Divine has willed and His will be done.

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SATYA DHARMA IN DEUTSCHLAND ...by Carola Waterman

May 29th: a telephone call from a young dutch boy named Jan Willem at the instance of Charlotte. It changed my whole life. I was living near Utrecht in the Netherlands and an appointment with Vasant was fixed. Vasant explained the Fivefold Path and I made a tape of his talk on Agnihotra, the process of purification of the atmosphere. A few days later, a group meditation for my pupils under the guidance of Vasant was fixed at my residence at De Bilt on the outskirts of Utrecht. My students felt that an opportunity to have a group meditation in the style presented by Vasant was a gift from God. Vasant also gave a beautiful discourse on Yoga, mind, desires, life patterns, and the Fivefold Path. John Brown from Baltimore who was then with Vasant showed the actual methods of Agnihotra and asked us to repeat the Mantras. I have been doing Agnihotra regularly since then and I am surprised at the peaceful atmosphere that prevails, even by a little practice of this first aspect of the Fivefold Path.

At the above discourse at my residence, I had the first opportunity to act as interpreter for Vasant, as I knew both Dutch and English. The last thing at this meeting was a group vibration technique which Vasant had asked John to present. Our students liked it immensely.

I knew that Vasant was to go to Germany on June 17th and I had asked him whether I might be allowed to act as his interpreter, as I knew German. A friend of mine from England, Rogers, also wanted to join. It was decided that we could travel with Vasant for about 20 days. During this travel, the atmosphere is so full of love, peace, and contentment that I begin to feel that I have no problems in life. Vasant once stated that as our intellect gets clarified, the whole outlook on the world changes and what we thought were problems before, cease to trouble us any more.

On the first day of our journey, we drove through a beautiful changing landscape. Our destination was Konstanz near the German-Swiss border. At the end of our first driving day, we stayed at a small hotel (pension) in a small German town. Next morning at about four-thirty (sunrise) Rogers was taught how to perform Agnihotra. A little later at about six-thirty we had breakfast and the journey continued. In the car, Vasant made both Rogers and myself to repeat Agnihotra Mantras. He also taught us the Vyahruti Mantras for purification when it was not Agnihotra time.

The weather was fine and we were passing through one of the most exquisite sceneries. At Ludwigsberg, near Stuttgart, we distributed English SATSANG copies which Vasant had brought with him from the United States. It seemed that by Divine inspiration, Vasant insisted on spending some time in Stuttgart. I asked him whether he knew anyone in Stuttgart and he replied in the negative. He only stated that I would come to know things in due course of time and I did not ask him further.

At Konstanz on the Bondensee in Southern Germany, we rented rooms at a small pension for our stay. Our first meeting was with Frau Gerda Schwarz. She was extremely kind and hospitable. Our first talk with her about Agnihotra and the Fivefold Path resulted in her arranging several appointments for Vasant. Within forty-eight hours of our arrival in Germany, things started moving very fast. I was amazed at how people just started coming to Vasant to listen to him. Vasant said to me, "The whole of Deutschland has been ploughed by the AVATAR and the message has already been given to the atmosphere by the AVATAR for the current age." I did not really understand how the message could be given to the atmosphere. However, as our journey progresses, I realize that Vasant is guided by the Divine and no longer I ask him any questions.

From the third day of our arrival in this country there has been a continuous stream of appointments for Vasant. I act as his interpreter and Rogers looks after all the other arrangements. At every group meeting, Rogers shows Agnihotra at sunset. The last few days have been terribly busy; group meetings, individual interviews, and the rest. We are now the guests of Reinhold and Frau Heidi Ungar at Liggingen. This young couple whom we met last week through Horst Lozynski of Meersberg and Grandma Oma have been extremely hospitable to us. They have put themselves to much inconvenience as the telephone rings at all odd hours for our work and our schedule of arrival and departure from the hours is always changing depending on the meetings we hold. They have made every effort to make us comfortable at all times. We live in this small town in the surrounding of nature. The landscape shows beautiful hills, woods, meadows and wheatfields. The atmosphere is so serene that I felt I could sit here in meditation all the time. However, the work must go on and so we move from place to place. In this house we experience the hospitality of the bygone days. When I think of this I remember one statement which Vasant made in one of his meetings. He said, "Today all of us move in crowds and move at great speed, but everyone is lonely. There appears to be no security in life. Practice of Agnihotra and the Fivefold Path will change all this."

Herr Lozynski was instrumental in arranging many meetings for us. In the last twelve days that we have been in Deutschland and part of Switzerland, the message of the Fivefold Path has been conveyed to people in three figures. This is Divine Grace.

During this period two fire temples have been inaugurated by Vasant; one in Switzerland and one in Deutschland. More work was done at the following places:

Donaueschingen	Three meetings at the Volksschule
Radolfzell	Three meetings at the Sportshalle
Baitenhausen	Three meetings at the residence of Herr Landwehr
Meersburg	Three meetings at Lozynski's residence
Konstanz	Two meetings at a local school and the residence of Frau Gerda Schwarz
Liggeringen	Two meetings at the residence of Ungars
Stuhlingen	One meeting of Agnihotra teaching class

We have yet to attend three meetings at Memmingen and three at Uberlingen and Stockach. Vasant also has to visit Stuhlingen once more.

We leave for Stuttgart in two days. Vasant did not know a single person in Germany when we entered and now we carry the sweet memories of so many Divine faces that we met. This is Grace Alone.

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SHARE THE GIFT

...By David Powers

After practicing Agnihotra, even for just a short time, we begin to feel a great sense of relief from anxiety and tension. The feeling of emptiness and lack of self-identity leaves us just as though it had never been there. We are given the wherewithal now to deal with the problems yet to come and we begin to rebuild our lives on a firm foundation, which is happiness and peace of mind. This is truly the spiritual path, based on the Eternal Principles of Religion as set down at the time of Creation through the Vedas.

As our minds become purified through the practice of Agnihotra and we intensify our search within through Swadhyaya, we come in contact with hidden powers and feelings that appear new to us. We wonder to ourselves how we have progressed on the Path and perhaps we are gaining in power and are able to attract people because of it. We begin to daydream about how it will be to be in Nirvana or Samadhi, and perhaps what realizations will come to us. We may even feel superior to those who we feel are not on as high a spiritual plane as we are.

Then, we have missed the point of this new-found gift, the Fivefold Path. Let's look back again to the time when we were down and out, going from this place to that, looking for relief through almost any way that our clouded intellect deemed "alright". It was like running about with our heads cut off, even though we didn't realize it at the time. Then along comes a friend or even a total stranger and offers your SATSANG and shows

you Agnihotra. At this point the tide changes. You begin to get into the Divine Stream, like a fish coming out of a stagnant pool and going into the swift current of the river. He is just carried along, and just by keeping his head straight and swimming in the right direction, he has a one way ticket to the sea. The Fivefold Path is this cosmic stream into which we have been thrust and the end is the Kingdom of Heaven. This is the message for here and now.

Inherent in this message is the command "Love thy neighbour as thyself". Look around and see our neighbour who is in the same place as we once were. Let's forget about our spiritual progress and ask how we may better serve our neighbour. Whatever we have been blessed with in the form of insights let us use it towards this end of service. When we take this step the Divine takes us by the hand and we become His humble instrument.

Introducing someone to Agnihotra is the greatest gift we can give to anyone. It is the greatest Karma that we may perform. If we are sincere in our practice of the Fivefold Path, then we just need to open our mouths and out will come the right words. Let's expand our vision and see all the millions of people that need the Fivefold Path. Let's begin to care about our true Self which lies in all of us instead of our ego and personal gains. Then we should feel it our duty to help other people by introducing them to the Fivefold Path. Just start talking to friends or strangers and share this wonderful gift that has been given to us solely through His Grace.

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From Agnihotra literature distributed in Germany.

AGNIHOTRA MANTRA

Sonnenaufgang:

Tempo: $\frac{1}{4}$ Note = andante



soor-ya'-ya swa'-ha soor-ya'-ya id-am na ma-ma
(brings das erste Opfer)



pra-ja'-pa-ta-ye swa'-ha pra-ja'-pa-ta-ya id-am na ma-ma
(brings das zweite Opfer)

Sonnenuntergang:



ag-na-ye swa-ha ag-na-ya id-am na ma-ma
(brings das erste Opfer)



pra-ja-pa-ta-ye swa-ha pra-ja-pa-ta-ya id-am na ma-ma
(brings das zweite Opfer)

Merke: á wird ausgesprochen wie "a" in Vater.

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From SATSANG correspondence

FROM: Hyderabad, India

TO: Agnihotra House
Washington, D. C.

Sir,

We take pleasure in reading your magazine Satsang. It has inspired us to the apex. We do not have words to express its value and the unique features of its kind. We have seen a few copies and it has taken us to the purification of heart and many a times we feel ourselves in the midst of heavenly dreams and if the continuity of the same will be there constantly we are sure and have full confidence that instead of heavenly dreams we shall be in real Heaven. In short, the magazine has a noteworthy value and it vanishes all bad evils even from the worst man on the earth.

SRI. S.B. GUPTA of Shinde Enterprises 5, Rastrapati Road, Secunderabad (India) was very kind enough in placing in our hands your magazine Satsang and many a times he himself spared no pains in taking us to important passages and elaborated the meaning and inculcated the real spirit and he has been trying to penetrate the same in our minds and then he is asking us to repeat the same in our language and now and then he is correcting to us and trying to bring us to the form. He is making his best endeavors very ceaselessly in giving the correct explanations and interpretations and for doing so, he is taking the assistance of and consulting standard books and elaborating the meaning and creating a happy atmosphere in our minds. He is making

sincere efforts and struggling hard in taking us to the saturation point of maturity of mind so that we can in a true sense appreciate the subject and implement it in our daily walk of life and render services to the humanity at large. Due to your valuable magazine and his valuable services, we who are in the midst of chaos and confusion is in the world of peace and we feel really in the globe of peace and tranquility.

The qualities and the virtues of the magazine are so very great that we do not like to miss a single copy as unread and we have gathered so much of information and gained knowledge that we are very much anxious to write much about it. Our mind had become open and the views have been clear and our pen is also assisting us equally and flowing quickly in doing so.

Before we part from this letter, we express our immense gratitude to you for the springing of new and novel and permanent ideas and that will help to this world and also to the new birth to which we very vehemently and to the root believes.

We now request you to have the privilege of having your magazine Satsang copy of every time and also have a special request to have the old copies from the beginning if possible, as much inspiration has imbibed in our mind and saved a lot from the handles and mishap in which we were involved and actually we were on the crossroad. It has saved us from the bad results and put us to the correct path of peace and prosperity.

Thank you very much.

Wish you all success of this grand mission and feel like assuring you to contribute our humble mite to this noble cause.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Ponda & Pitti

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Thy Grace

...by Tom Dorfman

Master, take this life
And may the thought of You
Always be permeating
Everything I do.

Scholars and intellectuals
Read "the mouldy books on the shelf"
But only true experience
Brings knowledge of the Self.

So may Thy Teachings be applied
And not just understood
For anyone can memorize
But that won't do much good.

Master, may the day come
When the "I" shall disappear
And when the ever present Truth
Will by Thy Grace be clear.

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May 14, 1974

Dear Mr. Ameenuddin,

We were very happy to receive your letter dated April 23, 1974. We are sending, under separate cover, several of the back issues of Satsang and have put you on our mailing list for the future issues.

Almighty is one and His Message comes to mankind through chain of Messengers (Paigambers). The same message is given in different words by different prophets to suit the times when they manifest. Religious tradition always has an aspect of spiritual practice to be followed in our day to day life. However, the object of all such practice is purification of the mind. Purified mind manifests the Grace of Allah. Any intelligent person knows that he should be kind, merciful, and should "love thy neighbour". However, this judgement given by our intellect is many times trampled upon due to the pull of physical appetites, hence, the importance of the material aids like AGNIHOTRA and DAAN, and mental aids like TAPA.

There has been only one religion from the beginning. "According to Mohammed, men were originally of one religion (which he named Islam), and when differences arose amongst them, God raised up prophets in their midst to guide them with truth, and people only differed among themselves out of mere jealousy." (The Faith of Islam, A Synopsis)

The time has now come when science and religion meet. Things are really simple, but people make them complicated due to vested interest, bigotry, and prejudice.

Kindly let us know when you receive the Satsang issues.

Yours sincerely,

In His Service,

Ingrid Howard

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Practice Agnihotra for purification of the atmosphere.
Practice DAAN (Sharing of assets in a spirit of humility) for generating non-attachment.
Perform TAPA (Self-discipline, austerities, purification) for fruition of thy affirmations.
Perform KARMA (Meritorious deeds) for self-purification.
Perform SWADHYAYA (Self-study) 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 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.

A link will be given to you by the Divine Will when you start practicing the above. You will be a more righteous Christian, Jew, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, whatever be your formal religious label.

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