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**Cover**

Shannadosi (pictured) and Wabun, two leaders of the  
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# Vasant Visits Bear Tribe, Spokane, Washington

"Sun Bear, Chippewa medicine man, along with the majority of the Indian people, believes that 'Man's responsibility to the Earth Mother has been so lacking that we have reached a dangerous point.'

"His worldwide travels have been motivated to spread word of the need to return to the old ways of being self-reliant and accept once again our responsibility to the planet. A vision of seeing the cities emptied because of lack of work, pollution and wastefulness has prompted concern for our destructive and blind disregard for the natural environment and resources. This, coupled with the realization of our lack of survival skills, has caused the medicine man to expand the work of the Bear Tribe Society into teaching others how to live in the traditional ways."<sup>1</sup>

The Bear Tribe has about 90 acres of land outside of Spokane, Washington and is committed to giving workshops all over the world for the purpose of teaching people self-reliance and "living in harmony with the Earth." The tribe also sponsors conferences periodically and have published a practical manual on basic survival techniques called, "The Bear Tribe's Self-Reliance Book" (Sun Publishing Company).

Vasant and John Parulis paid a visit to the Bear Tribe Medicine Society on November 23, 1984 to give further



*Main house of the Bear Tribe.*

information about the science of Homa Therapy. Homa Therapy methods are a simple, effective way to grow large nutritious crops, reduce pollution and reduce tension on the mind. Agnihotra copper pyramid fire done at sunrise/sunset is the basic Homa (Yajnya) for purifying the atmosphere.

Barbara Meier of the Bear Tribe wrote, "We at the Bear Tribe know that Agnihotra will be a way for us to stay together as a group, because due to the pollution of our Mother Earth we become angry and ill and misunderstandings happen that would not otherwise. We know that Agnihotra harmonizes the atoms and molecules in the environment. We know that this harmonization

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affects our breath. We know that our breath which contains our life energy (Prana) and the pulsation of life harmonizes our minds. We experience the grace and want the maintenance of that grace of harmonization of our environment, our life energies and of our minds."

She also wrote that Agnihotra ash powder helped her get over her flu and fever, and that she experienced a rare sense of calmness. She experienced further success with ash therapy with her dog, who suffered from a neurological disorder. She gave her dog Agnihotra ash and the dog's twitching and other symptoms of the disorder were relieved.

During Vasant's visits, Wabun and Shannadosi, two leaders of the Bear Tribe, were very helpful in taking care of arrangements. Vasant has been asked to return to do further workshops in the future.

Vasant had taught Agnihotra at the Medicine Wheel Gathering in New York State organized by the Bear Tribe two years ago. From this point more people connected with and influenced by the Bear Tribe started taking more interest in Agnihotra and Homa Therapy. Sun Bear, the founder and leader of Bear Tribe Medicine Society expressed to Vasant his happiness about the pyramid fire 'medicine' to get rid of the effects of atmospheric pollution and had invited him to visit Spokane.

Vasant and Barbara Meir of the Bear Tribe Medicine Society were invited by Dr. Kenneth Piller and his wife to visit their home at Hayden Lake, Idaho and give a talk on Homa Therapy for healing and gardening before a group of friends which included many professionals. This talk was given on November 25, 1984. Vasant visited the Stress Clinic run by Raymond Worrying at the Holistic Naturopathic Center in Hayden Lake and talked with the management about *Homa* copper pyramid method to reduce stress based on rhythms of nature.

He was again invited when he could find time to visit the group and give a workshop on the Fivefold Path of Vedas for happy living.



Dr. Kenneth Piller (extreme right).

# Agnihotra At Acres U.S.A. Conference

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At the invitation of the Advanced Sciences Research and Development Corporation, Inc., this writer assisted in maintaining an exhibition at the annual Acres U.S.A. Conference held November 26, 27 and 28, 1984. The exhibit presented the latest technology as invented by Dr. Galen T. Hieronymous, a device called the Cosmic Pipe to gather cosmic energy which is concentrated and projected to the soil and plant life. All Hieronymous inventions including eloptic analyzers, beam projectors, and scanners were displayed. Additionally, copies of articles published in Satsang magazine about experiments conducted with Agnihotra were made available for conference attendees. Explanations were given to all inquiries.

Approximately 550 conference attendees heard guest speakers such as Dr. Sam Walters, an internationally recognized practitioner in bio-nutrition and Christopher Byrd, author of 'Secret Life of Plants' and 'The Divining Hand.' Jerry Fridenstine spoke on pollution from everything from microwaves to high tension wires and the effects these have on the health of plants and man. Dr. Phil Callahan described the magnetic life of agriculture and other renowned speakers spoke on diverse subjects that affect farmers.

On reflection, there was a very profound feeling of desperation from many of these farmers. Yet, on the

positive side there was an overall sense of openness to higher consciousness. The desperation is due to a combination of factors to include not only their financial plight as a result of the failure of crops to produce after money had been borrowed from financial institutions to purchase chemical applications to make crops grow, but also the resulting conditions from the many years of use of these chemicals. Farmers told this writer of conditions that exist as a result of other forms of pollution.

For example, a farmer from Salem, Illinois told of his dying pigs, the cause apparently being polluted well water. No one had any solution for him as the pollutants may have their origin many miles from his location. It was suggested that he might try an experiment using Agnihotra ash as a reagent to purify the water. Further contacts are planned in the near future to assist.

Demonstrations of Agnihotra were performed in a suite at the hotel where the conference was being held outside of Kansas City, Missouri. From these demonstrations, invitations were extended to conduct lecture series on Agnihotra in two parts of Michigan in January, 1985.

Everywhere now we see indications of the awareness of the increase in pollution-caused illnesses. From the Acres U.S.A. newspaper, 'A Voice For

Eco-Agriculture,' is the following article on microwave cancers. "Glandular changes and a higher rate of cancer were found among laboratory rats chronically exposed to low-intensity microwaves, according to a study by University of Washington researchers.

"Results from the study sponsored by the Air Force have prompted concern among researchers investigating the biological and health effects of nonionizing radiation, according to *Microwave News*, a specialized scientific newsletter. 'In addition to a general increase in cancer incidents, the experimental results suggest that microwave exposure is responsible for wide ranging effects related to the adrenal gland, the entire endocrine system,' the publication reported. The adrenal glands, which lie immediately above the kidneys, and other glands of the endocrine system produce chemical hormones vital to the regulations of many bodily functions.

"Microwave radiation is emitted by a wide variety of sources, including thousands of military and civilian radar installations, satellite ground stations, relay towers for long distance telephone links, telephone transmitters, microwave ovens and citizens band radios.

Government microwave oven regulations mandate that at the time of sale radiation emitted from the devices must not exceed 1000 microwatts per square centimeter from the ovens' outside

surface. For older ovens, the limit rises to a maximum of 5,000 microwatts per square centimeter." Another article that appeared indicating the snowballing effect of pollution was entitled "Drowned in their Blood," 'just some dead cows and horses,' was the way Thurston County, Washington officials viewed the problem. They didn't make the connection between a transformer oil spill on Tilley Road near Miller-sylvanis State Park.

"The dioxin-laden oil moved into streams, and the streams meandered through a pasture of a South Country beef cattle farm. The cows started dying mysteriously, literally drowning in their own blood. The rancher and his wife ate their beef and in short order they developed an undiagnosed skin condition that had all the earmarks of chloracne. At the farm of Jackie Strasburger, 154 head of horses died of chemical poisoning."

"The dead cattle were taken to Wolf Haven near Tenino. Carcasses were to be fed to the wild animals sheltered there. But when the connection between the animal deaths and PCV/dioxin contamination was made on News 52, the people at Wolf Haven decided on a necropsy of one dead cow. What they discovered convinced them that the meat was unfit for wolf feed."

*The signs seem to be clear. We have created conditions on our mother planet that makes it more difficult each day for*

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*our physical bodies to survive.* Dr. Sam Walters told the conference that the number one killer today is hardening of the arteries. The number two killer, he said, is colon cancer, which one in four or 25 percent of all the people in the United States at this point in time will contract. We know the law of cause and effect is inviolable. But there is hope in that we know this law and may use the knowledge to change conditions in the future.

Experiments with Agnihotra ash as a reagent have begun at the Advanced Sciences Research and Development Corporation.

"O Mitak oyasín," "All my relations," sacred Sioux words said after passing the sacred medicine pipe and water in Sioux medicine ceremony, went through my mind as Vasant and I drove through Seminole territory on the way from Sarasota to West Palm Beach in Florida. We traveled there for the purpose of giving information about the science of Homa Therapy, about Agnihotra pyramid fire and other Yajnyas (Homās). Many of the trees that flanked the highways were dead or dying, reminding me that our relatives, the trees and plants, are being hurt. Now it is critical that we purify the atmosphere with Agnihotra fire and give crops the benefit of Homa Farming techniques. The signs of orange blight and canker were evident in articles in the local newspapers as well as signs at the airport prohibiting transportation of oranges.

The American Indian spiritual tradition that I had the fortune of apprenticing for a number of years reiterated the same message as the Fivefold Path, i.e., the "Earth is Sacred" and that all things are interconnected and affect one another. "All my relations," means more than that all things are interconnected and affect one another. It also means that the trees, plants, rocks, birds, animals, sun, moon, the earth and the stars are all related and are our relatives. This is all part of the Great Spirit, God Almighty. Subtle realization dawned on

me that one's liberation and serving to redeem and care for our earth are one and the same thing. The Vedas, and later ancient traditions, never lost sight of this, the original instruction from God the Almighty.

Vasant, myself and Kim Wade from Sarasota, who made all our arrangements, met groups in Sarasota in the second week of November 1984. These groups were interested in learning about Homa Therapy.

Many faceted benefits of Agnihotra pyramid fire were shown. A Kriya Yoga group in Sarasota observed that the purified atmosphere of Agnihotra is conducive to meditation, which is difficult in these times of mental and electronic pollution. Literature on Agnihotra and Homa Farming techniques was given to a group of people who are setting up an organic farm in Sarasota.

At the Association for Aquarian Education meeting held at the Unitarian Church of Sarasota Vasant spoke about the universality of Agnihotra and Yajnya. Another group at a Kriya Yoga class was interested in Agnihotra and Om Tryambakam Homa, daily four hours and also on full and no moon days. The importance of setting oneself on a solar cycle through Agnihotra to harmonize with and understand nature and oneself were discussed. The American Indian called it becoming a "natural man," rising in



time for the dawn and honoring the sun with a pipe. Information was given on setting up a healing center and also on Homa farming. One group decided to start making their own dried cow dung and hold classes on how to make ghee (a very simple process), both materials used in the process of Agnihotra pyramid fire.

In West Palm Beach, the people at the Aquarian Research Center greeted us with a meeting beginning with Agnihotra. Dr. Thomas Sandell, President of the Center, and Rosemary Cathcart had invited Vasant to give a talk on *Homa Therapy* at the research center. The people were concerned with the conditions of the trees, not just the orange trees, but also the palm trees. They expressed concern about the coming times, and Vasant included the role of Agnihotra in his talks. For people



interested in healing, the benefits of Agnihotra ash as developed in West Germany were discussed. People from the center contacted local tree nurseries in hopes of starting experiments on the effects of Agnihotra and other Homas (Yajnyas) on diseased orange trees. Bob Savittieri and Patricia Dennis drove us to different places to meet people.

In many of these talks, I met people who were involved in or interested in nature religions such as the American Indian medicine practice. It was apparent that many people were starting to equate the need to understand nature, the disturbed condition of the planet, and helping to harmonize the earth as part of their personal growth. The beauty of Agnihotra and other Yajnyas is that they fulfill this need in a universal way. The information about Agnihotra is given free to anyone interested. Agnihotra connects man to his environment, purifying the atmosphere as well as the mind.

I also had the good fortune of working as a research assistant in geophysics for a number of years. I have had access to the most recent information in this field, and pollution – especially acid rain, water contamination from chemical waste, changing weather and resource shortage – presented a picture of a very disturbed planet.

In those years of running geophysical experiments I saw the spiritual law

of interconnectedness reflected. The same equations were used to describe the motions of fluid in the oceans, the flow of air in the atmosphere, magma under the mantle of the earth and stars whirling in the galaxy. Because the forms or media are different, certain weights and constants are added to the equations for the respective medium. If one scrutinizes the various fields of science, the same law can be seen operating only disguised because the media or forms seem to be so varied. Equations that measure the flow of water through a pipe can be used to describe the flow of traffic in a city. Problems arise when we get caught up in things and do not recognize the common fiber or laws that may be operating. We forget the old esoteric axiom, "As above, so below" and "All my relations." Instead we end up producing specialists blind to one another, sometimes even fighting instead of understanding things from the wholistic perspective. This happens also on one's spiritual growth and system, identifying with forms, whether it be a specific dharma, scripture or other method, calcifying oneself instead of understanding the essence of universal truth and sharing with others whatever color of robe they may wear.

There is evidence, from various scientific fields, of a possible universal law of nature that changes come suddenly and in discreet steps. Elementary

particle and nuclear physics describes changes in subatomic, atomic and molecular levels as energy jumping in steps or quantized energy. The newest theory in evolution points toward species differentiation and evolution as less gradual and more sudden than expected. Geophysicists, from geological evidence, are remarking that earth changes may be more catastrophic in nature than ever imagined and may occur in a much shorter time span. In developmental psychology, human development and learning reflect the step like progress. At the sociological level, the emergence as well as the disappearance of culture and society are more sudden than expected. In other words, changes are less linear and more quantized.

Corollary to this is another possible universal law that systems can absorb outside forces and influence before they reach a critical point where the great changes, or steps, occur. For example, chemistry, physiology, ecology and psychology all show instances of how outside factors are absorbed by the system until it reaches a critical point when the equilibrium shifts. Thus nature seems to give a paradox of being resilient and fragile at the same time.

In conjunction to this is an old esoteric teaching, "To understand man, study nature, and to know nature, study man." Thus the universal laws mentioned are reflected in our mind

and our spiritual discipline. It takes a certain amount of time of maintaining particular *Tapa* (self-discipline) before we break our bad habits and replace them with good habits. Insights achieved in *Swadhyaya* (self-study) come in steps. Spiritual realization seems to come when a critical level of balance is achieved in us. Grace, often times, is felt as the extra push needed to make the shift.

Thus comes the need to purify the atmosphere through *Agnihotra* and other *Yajnyas*. This earth we live on cannot take much more pollution before it reaches a critical stage that could be catastrophic. The same goes with the mind.

The American Indian says, the "Great Purification is Coming," and the same message is said in many ways by others. In Florida, many people we met told us that groups of people were drawn together because they felt this in their own way. Science of Homa Therapy given in the Vedas, reiteration of the original instruction manual for living a happy life, is what is required now. "All my relations."