

BIRTH OF A NEW ERA

With this issue 'SATSANG' enters the seventh year of publication. Agnihotra has spread to all the continents of the globe. Performance of 24 hour Yajnyas to make the air medicinal is becoming more and more common in U.S. and several countries of Europe.

Eternal fire with Mantras and ghee round the clock seven days of the week has been going on for over seven months now at Agnihotra Press in United States to generate the healing atmosphere. In such an atmosphere the refraction of the sun's rays becomes more healing. This place is called Therapy Hut and is open to anyone who wishes to share in this Homa Therapy method of healing the body and the mind based on weather engineering techniques given through the Vedas.

We quote below from Vasant's writings in "Satsang Volume I" (1973-4).

"THE SUN HAS RISEN ON A NEW ERA. WHAT YOGIS FAIL TO ACHIEVE BY INCARNATIONS OF EFFORTS, THE COMMON MAN WILL GET WITH A LITTLE EFFORT. THE PLANET APPEARS TO BE INFUSED WITH AN INFLUX OF ENERGY WHICH MAKES THE ASCENT TO DIVINE CONSCIOUSNESS FACILE. LOVE, THE POWERFUL ENERGY THAT PURIFIES THE MIND, SEEMS TO SPROUT ALL AROUND US. AMIDST INTENSE GREED, HATRED, JEALOUSY, PRIDE AND PASSION THAT HAVE ENGULFED THE HUMAN RACE THIS POWERFUL ENERGY APPEARS TO MANIFEST IN THE LEAST EXPECTED QUARTERS. YOU CAN NOT BLAME A SAPLING FOR NOT BEING A TREE BUT THIS IS A SAPLING WHICH GROWS FAST AND PROLIFERATES PROFUSELY. IT SEEMS THAT THERE IS A BIG CONSPIRACY BY THE DIVINE HIERARCHY TO UPLIFT ALL OF US AND HOWSOEVER BAD WE MAY TRY TO BECOME WE ARE NOT GOING TO SUCCEED. THE SEALS ON ANCIENT WISDOM HAVE BEEN BROKEN OPEN AND THE GAMUT OF KNOWLEDGE IS BROUGHT WITHIN THE REACH OF THE COMMON MAN.

Vasant received a Divine command to go all over the planet starting with the United States and teach total KRIYA YOGA which is the Fivefold Path. He was told that from the United States the message would spread all over the planet. For the first

time in known history simple AGNIHOTRA, the process to remove tension on the mind which comes due to polluted atmosphere, was made available to the common man. This comes from the ancient Vedic science of bioenergy based on biorhythms.

It is better to rely on a scientist than a priest who talks about the Kingdom of God but knows nothing about it. The scientist at least knows what he is talking about and recognizes the limitations of human reason. When the principle of indeterminacy was recognized by the physicist, he started talking about 'observer dependent universe'. This is the biggest breakthrough which will lead the scientist to the heart of Vedic knowledge, the ancientmost storehouse of knowledge known to man.

The first issue of 'SATSANG' saw the light of day on May 17th, 1973. May 17th is the day on which Jesus gave his famous Sermon on the Mount. May 17th is the day on which Parama Sadguru Shri Gajanan Maharaj of Akalkot, India, was born. Resuscitation of the Fivefold Path of the Vedas is the allotted task of this Avatar (Divine Messenger). The energy cycle of the planet is upset. It has to be reset and His will be done.

The Fivefold Path is the basis of the teachings of all Prophets, Divine Messengers, Paigambar, Saints and Gurus.

"Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2) is the method of the Fivefold Path. Happiness dawns when the reactions of the mind to outside circumstances change. Destiny is going to bring about various events in the life of each one of us. What is then left to us? How to view these events, how to react to these events is the training given through the Fivefold Path.

'SATSANG' is merely the instrument. Knowledge spreads by Divine will. Anyone who cares to study this volume of 'SATSANG' will find herein simple methods for attaining happiness and contentment in life, methods which are within the reach of the average person. A little practice of the Fivefold Path will bring a rich dividend in terms of peace and bliss.

We wish to make it explicitly clear that the Fivefold Path is not a sect. We do not wish to open a new shop. We wish to tell you that you can look to the depth of the waters through your own window. Once you get a glimpse of the depth you will come to know that the depth view is the same whichever way you look at it. "We might have been born in any religion but let us not die in it." Let us outgrow religion

and dive deep into spirituality. Hence, we make bold to say that from now on it is the scientist who will show us the way.

By practice of the Fivefold Path you become a better Christian, Jew, Buddhist, Muslim, Hindu, Zoroastrian, Sikh, Jain, whatever be your formal religious label or whosoever be your Guru. You may be an atheist or an agnostic; it does not matter. You believe only what you experience. If you dare to take the attitude of a scientist you will derive much benefit from this book."

YAJNYA NEWS

Sydney (Australia)

On March 31st, 1979 a 24 hour Yajnya was performed for the first time in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. Jarek Bizberg, Joy, Ann, Dorothy, Maya, Delia, and John Brown all pitched in and participated in the Yajnya. Most of the hours were spent by Jarek, Joy, Ann and John. Everyone remarked how nice the atmosphere was during and after the Yajnya and all looked forward to the next time it is to be performed. Jarek mentioned that he would like to do a 24 hour Yajnya at an upcoming Body, Mind Healing Festival.

Copenhagen (Denmark)

A Spring Equinox 24 hour Yajnya was performed at the Wholistic Healing Center in Copenhagen. Evan, Mrs. Miskow and Karen arranged the Yajnya in which several others participated by taking turns. During March three Homa Therapy classes were taught in a high school where 50 teenagers attended. Another class was given for university undergraduates in the same week.

Evan

Graz (Austria)

Edgar has rented an apartment in Graz where a Fire Temple was established. On full moon day in March the first 24 hour Yajnya in Austria was performed. About 20 people took part in the Yajnya and did the Mantras. Many more came to enjoy the atmosphere. Everyone agreed that it was a wonderful experience that should be repeated.

Alternate Living Seminar

About 100 people participated in this seminar organized to spread the message of the Fivefold Path.

Weiz (Austria)

In our small town 35 families practice Agnihotra. Most of them also know how to perform Vyahruti Homa. We have a Fire Temple on the farm. As environmental conditions become worse we are sure more and more people will realize the benefits of Yajnya and start to experiment with it.

Satya Dharma Band

Satya Dharma means the Eternal Principles on which the creation operates. Man's lifestyle has to be in harmony with these principles of nature. We gave a concert in a youth communication center as Satya Dharma Band. First we talked about Yajnya and did Mantras. Then we performed Vyahruti Homa which filled the place with peace and fragrance. After meditation we started to chant Veda Mantras accompanied by string instruments, drums and cymbals. We also played some Sanskrit songs besides German and English. The people appreciated much this concert and all were smiling.

We are grateful that 'SATSANG' is reminding us of our task again and again. Illusion is strong but the light is bright and much knowledge dawns. We get the experience and we begin to take more active part in this Divine Plan for the New Age.

Monika

Panama (Central America)

In the town of Santa Rita Agnihotra was shown during February and Agnihotra Ash Medicines were shared with those who were interested.

A lady with swollen hands and fingers that were hurting and limited in movement requested help. Agnihotra Ash ointment was mixed as directed and applied with love over both her hands in the evening. The following day much improvement was noted and in three days the hands were back to normal with no swelling or pain. Another person had an ulcerated sore on his ankle. He was given ash medicine. In two days the ulcer was considerably healed and the pain and itching were gone.

I went to Panama City which is the capital. People requested literature in Spanish language and Agnihotra pots. They were told that arrangements would be made soon.

In Panama one is able to do Agnihotra near the Atlantic at sunrise and the Pacific Ocean at sunset or vice versa.

Victor

Israel

Sam Kaplan informs 'SATSANG' that he has opened a Homa Therapy Institute Yoga Center in Arad, Israel. He is at present working with several groups of children.

Virgin Islands

What a joy to see the message of love through practice of fire spread so quickly in the Virgin Islands. The visit of Deborah and George, Homa Therapy teachers from U.S. mainland gave a big impetus to our work.

On the new moon day of March we performed the first 24 hour Yajnya in St. Thomas. Several families who practice Agnihotra regularly took part in this 24 hour Yajnya. We feel thankful for the love and guidance given through 'SATSANG'. It is all Shree's Grace.

Renan Donastorg

Holland

A 48 hour Yajnya was performed commencing 4 a.m. on March 31, 1979. We normally perform 24 hour Yajnya on weekends and also on full moon and new moon days.

Agnihotra ash medicines are prepared on 'do it yourself' basis and people get healed quickly at no cost. Such Yajnyas act as healing agents and people seem to get a lot of energy. The mind is affected in a very positive way by practice of such Yajnyas which make the atmosphere extremely medicinal.

New York

Boat ride to Statue of Liberty

An international group performed Yajnya on a boat ride to the Statue of Liberty. The whole experience was filled with love from beginning to end.

Tukura, Abdul and myself boarded the boat at Pier #42 west of Manhattan at 8 a.m. on Sunday March 11, 1979. We requested permission to do a Yajnya aboard. Normally such permission is not granted because of the fear of fire aboard a vessel and Coast Guard regulations prohibit open fires. However we were granted permission and the pyramid shaped copper pot was set up in the starboard part of the boat. The boat sailed around 9 a.m. It was snowing as we sailed. Several people came over to the fire and participated by singing the Mantra and pouring ghee into fire. We headed for Statue of Liberty arriving at about 12 noon. We asked the U.S. ranger if we could light the pot on the island and he said we could in the area of the flagpole. It was windy and we were unable to light the fire at the base

of the flagpole. So we moved the pot over to an area protected by concrete wall on two sides and there we did Vyahruti Homa.

There were many inquiries about Agnihotra and the Fivefold Path (Homa Therapy) at the end of Vasant's talk before the international gathering in New York four days prior to the boat ride.

Victor Bennett

Philadelphia

On February 18, 1979 in the densely populated inner city area of north Philadelphia another milestone in community service was reached by presenting to Philadelphia residents the first opportunity to participate in an actual 24 hour Yajnya. This special Yajnya coincided with the full moon day in February. Several practitioners of Homa Therapy took turns to do the Yajnya. We propose to present soon a comprehensive program in cooperative Homa healing, Homa farming, vegetarian food preparation and anti-drug addiction. A children's day care program is currently being developed to help working communities save money and properly educate their children.

Henry Haney

Tuskegee, Alabama

We have been regularly doing 24 hour Yajnya since February. It is working quite well. We do not know how the hours fly past while we are in Yajnya. We do the 24 hour Yajnya every weekend and also on full moon and new moon days.

We have a display of Agnihotra Ash Medicines near the front entrance of the center complete with reading material from 'SATSANG'. We plan to do what has been suggested as far as the ash medicines go: expose people to Agnihotra atmosphere, encourage them to do Agnihotra in order to get their own ashes and inform them about what is stated in ancient science of medicine.

The children's class meets regularly in a public housing community. These are children from poor families. They are roudy, undisciplined and do not trust outsiders. However, they have been on the whole full of love to us except for a few bad experiences. We do Agnihotra in the children's class and they seem to like it. The biggest problem is getting the children to relax. They are so hyperactive. We are learning a lot and it is good to be working with poor people.

We are slowly getting involved in strict observance of the disciplines given to us and we really feel the positive results.

We have prepared material on "How Agnihotra Benefits The Family" and use it as a basis for introducing Agnihotra to families.

Ruby

YOU LOSE AWARENESS OF TIME

Carola

Twelve people shared the twenty-four hour Yajnya in our fire temple during the second week of February 1979. Friends and neighbors from all ages and walks of life were present. Everybody was happy and peaceful and no one wanted to talk. One just observes how the mind becomes tranquil and the person's channel of happiness opens.

Following are some of the comments by the participants after the Yajnya was over.

A young girl wrote a note "I found it necessary to say something about the 24 hour fire. I thought it impressive but you were cool about it. I think you could be proud of it. If it happens again I would like to participate."

Another lady phoned and asked if she could do a one hour Yajnya at her home with the Mantra "Om Tryambakam". She was happy when the answer was in the affirmative and immediately started to prepare ghee.

One person shared late in the evening and in early morning. Afterwards when he came he said "you were all so peaceful together."

Another friend said "Saying the Mantra together is so nice. No more awareness of time. You just feel fine."

To become happy and healthy yourself and at the same time to heal the atmosphere and make the plants happy is the best thing one can spend his time on.

More and more people start to realize that they have to help relieve the effects of polluted atmosphere. What better can we do than practice Yajnya fire which is the basic link in all creation meant to be maintained by all mankind?

FROM NEW YORK WITH LOVE

Miriam

A healing service was held during the second week of March at Trinity Church in Wall Street, New York, a few blocks from the World Trade Center. Since Agnihotra was at 5:30 (the same time as the service in the church) we did Agnihotra on the sidewalk outside the Church. When the fire was lit a patrol car drove up and the

policemen were told that it was a ceremony done at the precise moment of sunset. A police call was being transmitted on the radio and one of the officers raised his hand in the same manner as Shree does and they drove off.

A sunrise meditation walk was scheduled for 6 each morning for one week while an international conference was being held in New York. Since we wished to share Agnihotra with all the participants who had gathered from different countries we had arranged that Agnihotra be done during the walk. To get any place like a park or the river in time for Agnihotra would have been impossible in a city like New York so Agnihotra was performed on the sidewalk on the corner of Park Avenue and 48th Street for 2 days, on the veranda of the Morgan Guaranty Trust Company for 2 days and at Barclay Hotel for 2 days.

In the United Nations Delegates Dining Room Vasant was introduced as teacher of Homa Therapy, the ancient science of Yajnya given through the Vedas. On the same day in the afternoon Vasant gave a talk on Homa Therapy followed by a long question and answer period. The talk resulted in several invitations to Vasant to visit different centers in the United States and Europe.

The same evening we witnessed a fire ceremony by the American Indians where Vasant was also present. For many people who had gathered it was the first experience of fire as a purification ceremony.

The week was filled with happenings and Agnihotra was shared as much as possible.

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