

## **THERAPY HUT AT AGNIHOTRA PRESS**

Vasant

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

The Therapy Hut (Yajnya Hut) atmosphere is medicinal. Hence Agnihotra Press is one of the few places on the planet where the atmosphere has become medicinal and perhaps the only place where there is medicinal atmosphere due to performance of Yajnya.

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

## **THE KABALA OF FIRE**

A Sample of Quotations from Bible cited by Monsieur A. D. Grad in "La Kabbale Du Feu," ("The Kabala of Fire").

"For the Lord thy God *is* a consuming fire."

(Deuteronomy, IV:24)

"And call ye on the name of your gods and I will call on the name of the Lord: And the God that answereth by fire, let Him be God."

(Kings I, XVIII:24)

Monsieur Grad writes: "Do we know where FIRE is at the heart of creation? The two middle letters of the Hebrew word Bereshit, Aleph and Shin, form the word **שֵׁן** (Esh) "Fire." (Note: Bereshit which means 'In the beginning,' is the first word in Genesis, first book of the Old Testament) "When removing the two middle letters of Bereshit, the word Brit (alliance) remains and we read therefore ALLIANCE OF FIRE."

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## **THE PORTABLE 24 HOUR YAJNYA**

Barry

On May 2 Cárola and I left Bilthoven, Holland to start a tour of France and Spain with a view to encourage people to do 24-hour Yajnyas. We had an idea to do the 24-hour Yajnyas at random anywhere on the way.

As considerable travel time is involved in this journey by car, there was barely enough time to get there and meet some as yet unknown persons who would be interested in Agnihotra and still return to Holland in time to meet some fixed obligations. To also get enough help to do a 24-hour Yajnya seemed to be hoping for too much. Our efforts were aided by an outpouring of Grace and according to plan, it was done. And this is how it happened.

We arrived in Nice on the southern coast of France about 8:30 the evening of May 6. We called the home of Madame Camille Vitrac who we were told was a teacher who might be interested in Agnihotra. After we were told Madame was at a lecture and wouldn't return until quite late, we decided to go to her residence and try to find out the location of the lecture.

Just as we walked through the door of the entrance to her apartment building a young man entered. We asked if he knew where Madame's apartment was since we couldn't find it. He told us where it was, that she was not there and that she was at a lecture. We were surprised to be getting such detailed information. Henri then told us he was a houseguest of Camille's. We told him quickly about Agnihotra and how important it was for us to meet Camille. He gave us directions to the lecture hall.

On arrival we found the hall locked so we knocked loudly and the watchman let us in. He directed us to a large auditorium where 200 people were engrossed in a lecture by Monsieur A.D. Grad on "Kabala and Feminism."

Remembering that a Rabbi in Israel had told a Homa Therapy teacher that Vedas and Kabala say the same truths, we began to think of more opportunities to teach Homa at this lecture. We saw in Monsieur Grad's biographical sketch that one of his books is entitled "The Kabala of Fire."

Our first priority remained doing a 24-hour Yajnya however, so we had to first find Camille. As soon as intermission began, I got up from my seat and very loudly asked in my best high school French, "Is Madame Camille Vitrac here?" A woman sitting nearby pointed to another woman who stood up and said she was Camille.

What then ensued was a 20 minute talk telling her who we were and why we had come. She was most gracious and by Grace she was ready to hear everything we told. We continued our talk until the lecture resumed.

After the lecture Carola made arrangements for us to do morning Agnihotra at Camille's. I went to speak with Monsieur Grad. That was interesting also as I spoke with him first in Hebrew, then French and finally in English. He then translated

into French what I was saying about Homa Therapy to 20 people who had gathered around him after his lecture. He told the people that it was true—Kabala and Vedas say the same truths and that fire holds many secrets.

Following morning Agnihotra at Camille's (directly across the street from the Mediterranean Sea) we told her and Henri of 24-hour Yajnyas. We then suggested we start one as soon as possible since our deadline would force us to leave Nice so quickly. She immediately agreed. We began at 8 a.m. (Materials were not a problem as we had brought many pounds of ghee and cowdung and wood with us.) A beautiful view on the sunlit Mediterranean was the background of our Yajnya.

Things went smoothly until about 12 noon when Camille's mother, an elderly woman, said she didn't want us to continue. Camille had a discussion with her but mother was determined. I asked Camille if she knew of an alternative place where the Yajnya could continue. She made some phone calls while I continued OM TRYAMBAKAM Mantra and the fire. After ten minutes she said another teacher friend of hers on the other side of town would allow us to use her house for awhile until we could make more permanent arrangements. Thus the portable 24-hour Yajnya was born.

I carried the burning fire down the elevator to the car stopping to offer ghee at the proper times. We then drove to location No. 2. I drove and Carola continued Mantra and fire. We drove carefully so the copper pot wouldn't turn over which wasn't easy as we had to keep up with town traffic.

We continued at the second house while Camille made arrangements for a place for us to continue Yajnya overnight. Henri, Camille, Carola and I alternated one hour shifts. At 5 p.m. the portable Yajnya took its second ride through the streets of Nice to location No. 3.

Yajnya ended at 8 a.m., May 8. We left one hour later for the drive to Spain.

Camille wrote us later requesting a shipment of copper Agnihotra pots and books for the many people there who wanted to follow her example of Agnihotra performance. She wrote again shortly thereafter asking for instructions on how to start a Homa Therapy room of silence.

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## **SATSANG NEWS**

### **Australia**

Jarek informs *Satsang* that the first Fire Temple in Australia was inaugurated on November 4 at Sydney. Mr. Jarek is popularly known as Mr. Poland among

some of his friends. Our congratulations to him and his associates for making a place of healing available to the people of Australia in these troubled times. A 24-hour Yajnya was done at the time of inauguration of this Temple of Healing. The first 24-hour Yajnya in Australia was performed under the guidance of John Brown of Agnihotra Press in the beginning of 1979.

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**Brooklyn, New York**

Victor Bennett

“Much work is being done with Dr. D. I am taking care of several of his patients using Homa Therapy and wholistic healing techniques wherever and whenever possible. Much Agnihotra ash medicine is being given in all its forms, i.e. ointment, eye drops, suppositories, cream, etc., with positive results in all cases, particularly with two stroke victims. It is interesting that books about allopathic medicine describe the use of ash as an effective treatment for removing toxins from the body. How special that Agnihotra ash seems to do that and more.

Many ill people are coming to the store for Agnihotra ash medicine and treatment for themselves and for their plants. We are getting ready to change the store to a Nutrition and Health Center.

One room at the store and possibly a room at Dr. D's office are to be used for continuous Yajnya from morning Agnihotra to evening Agnihotra. Patients will sit and wait to see doctor or therapist in this room instead of a regular waiting room.

We are in the planning stage of developing a device that will measure contaminants in water which is in effect a water filtration system in which AGNIHOTRA ASH WILL BE THE PURIFYING AGENT.

We are also doing a lot of work with children who participate in the Yajnyas when we perform them in Central Park, at home and in the Fire Temple.

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**FROM SATSANG CORRESPONDENCE**

**Jackson, Mississippi**

Richard

“Sometimes it is very hard to realize the value and necessity of right thought and action. The ego is constantly vigilant for the least opportunity to play havoc on the mind. Its taxation has often been perturbing. However, I feel within me a renewed vigor and strength to submit and subject myself to intense, rigid discipline to eradicate its pranks. I am very grateful for the elimination of the Karmic cycle of wrong actions and will strive to realize my potential and implement humility in

all actions. Shree revealed many truths to me about understanding the attitudes and desires that constantly plague the mental world.

“I must admit that the vision gifted to me has been perfectly accurate in my daily experiences and I must strive to gain more self confidence and obey the intuitive guidance that is provided by the Godhead. I have experienced previously in Philadelphia House of Homa Therapy the tremendous energies that are readily available to the perceiving, patient student of knowledge. Thus the experience has enlightened my sight to gain understanding of these mystic experiences. By Grace the necessary disciplines will afford me the opportunity to continue along the Fivefold Path and reach the spiritual heights intended for all humankind.

“I am also working as a musician that will serve as an avenue of propagating the message of Homa Therapy on a mass scale very fast. The young population today identifies with music that inculcates a serious message of revelation about the times we live in. From my experience and study of musical experiment, I am positive that it will go over in a big way by Grace of Shree. Thy will be done. I most sincerely hope that I continue to tread this Path toward self-realization.

“I know that my weaknesses and lack of discipline have caused me at times to neglect and forget certain duties but I realize that I must Karmically account for my actions and strive to make total effort and surrender to the guidance that is provided.

### **Bristol, Vermont**

Helen

“The plants I started according to Vedic methods (Agnihotra ash, planting on cycles of moon, etc.) are doing well. I was able to transplant them into the garden here. Before I transplanted them they were at my parents home and my mother was watering them. She went away for a few days and left her untreated plants and my plants in the garage near a window. All of hers died because they were not watered but the plants treated by Vedic methods did not even wilt.

“Last week I attended a Baptism of some young people from my parents church. I respect these sincere people and their worship of the Almighty but I wish they could put away their prejudices and try Agnihotra and see how much more meaningful it would make everything else.

“The path has been cleared for me in so many ways. Everything I’ve needed has always been there and so much more. Such time I’ve wasted in worry, fear and selfishness and all the time His love, protection and guidance have been with me.”

## **JOURNEY'S END**

James Blake

Overindulgence in the pursuit of pleasure is one of the most efficient traps of the **NEGATIVE POWER**, whose duty it is to slyly lure us in various directions away from the "Kingdom of Bliss" into the dungeon of the Hell Worlds. The words from a song express this very nicely, "I thought **HAPPINESS** was mine sitting in a silk dress sippin' wine."

Our aim is the state of **HAPPINESS** which is not followed by unhappiness. Each one of us (believe it or not) is qualified and bona fide to reach the Journey's end. Our past record of sins should not hold us back. The only thing that counts is that we put forth the effort to improve ourselves from this day forward.

Look back at Moses who foiled Pharaoh's sorcerers and Black Magicians and Pharaoh too. He was quite militant in his early life. But blessed as he was, he rose to be a great spiritual leader leading his people to the Land of Milk and Honey.

Look back at Jetsun (HOLY) Milrepa who spent the earlier part of his life practicing evil deeds. He repented and devoted his life to Almighty and rose to be Tibet's greatest Yogi and spiritual leader.

Look back at Paul who spent his time persecuting the followers of Jesus. After losing sight, his better judgment persuaded him to switch over to the winning side. He then became one of Jesus' most diligent disciples.

In fact (believe it or not) sometimes the more messed up of a state we are in only indicates how high we may rise. It is merely a matter of channeling that same energy into a positive direction.

The practice of the Fivefold Path of Vedas is the easiest way to rechannel this energy into the directions that will benefit us and our brothers and sisters rather than destroy each other.

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## **FESTIVAL FOR MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT**

Lisa

It was a wonderful privilege to share the message of Homa Therapy at the Festival for Mind, Body and Spirit at the New York City Coliseum September 26-30. It was a large exhibit in which nearly every imaginable aspect of New Age living was represented. Agnihotra Press obtained the booth.

David Powers, Bonnie and I explained Homa Therapy and distributed related literature. Basically we said that polluted atmosphere is known to have a bad effect on both body and mind. By using Homa Therapy techniques to purify the atmos-

phere thousands of people in different parts of the world have experienced improved health and relief from tension on the mind. We also gave examples of how Homa Therapy can be used in gardening, farming, medicine and psychotherapy.

Meanwhile New York Agnihotris Victor, Ernest, Pete and Susan performed Tryambakam Yajnya just opposite the booth. The Yajnya went on continuously from about noon to nearly closing time in the evening every day of the festival. From time to time people came and sat around the Yajnya fire. One man remarked that he was unimpressed by all the other booths but he was “just drawn” to the Yajnya fire as soon as he saw it. Children never failed to run over to the fire sometimes taking turns putting ghee into the fire while sitting on a performer’s lap.

Victor obtained permission to perform evening Agnihotra in a large teepee that was on display. Every night a group attended and enjoyed the experience. People sat in silence for a long time afterwards relaxing in Yajnya atmosphere.

The Yajnya created much interest and sparked many inquiries that often had to be answered in rapid-fire succession. Most people were already acquainted with subjects relating to Homa Therapy such as biorhythms, Mantra, Prana, ecology, etc. so little explanation was needed. Several people were aware of the use of cowdung as a healing agent. **PEOPLE WERE PLEASED TO HEAR THAT NO ONE IS ASKED TO JOIN ANYTHING IN ORDER TO PRACTICE HOMA THERAPY; ANYONE CAN JUST MAKE IT PART OF HIS DAILY ROUTINE FOR HIS OWN BENEFIT. PEOPLE WERE ALSO SURPRISED THAT WE WERE NOT ASKING PEOPLE TO FOLLOW ANY INDIVIDUAL AND THEY WERE DOWN-RIGHT SHOCKED TO HEAR THAT HOMA THERAPY IS ALWAYS TAUGHT FREE.** Listeners were notably receptive and appreciative and many wanted more information. Thousands of copies of *Satsang* were distributed along with other Homa Therapy literature.

It was a wonderful experience to introduce the science of Homa Therapy to so many people in such a short time.

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**\*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 fruitition 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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