

AGNIHOTRA AND THE HONEY BEE

(Extracts from paper submitted by Cárola Waterman and Barry Rathner at the International Bee Keeping Conference held in India.)

1. The whole of ecological system is changing. This affects the bees and thereby their ability to perform the role of pollination is inhibited. This affects adversely the ability of plants, especially certain vegetables, to yield and propagate.

2. According to the Guru tradition of Vedic knowledge, it is revealed thus:

“Drone bees begin to change their sex within the hive. When this takes place they excrete a hormone which is extremely medicinal and helps cure many diseases. Bees of long time back produced this same substance which is described in the Vedas but insects became extinct due to pollution and nonperformance of Yajnya.”

“This mutation in the genealogical structure of bees will take place only in Yajnya atmosphere and will thrive only in Yajnya atmosphere.”

3. Bees are migrating to Fire Temples. In other warm areas they are hibernating. All of life cycle is changed. Everything points to destruction. Only way is Agnihotra.

We are now in the last quarter of 20th century. The sun has risen on a new era. This new era is the era of science where religious dogmas, superstitions and so-called half-baked scientific truths based merely on sense data tumble down to the ground. Unless we take recourse to science, we are going to be destroyed. Hence it is necessary that we look to the beekeeping aspect not in compartments but take a wholistic view which gives a better picture. Bees have a very special role to play in the cosmic game of reproduction of plant kingdom and in maintaining the oxygen-carbon recycling system of planet earth.

There is extreme pollution now in air, water and soil besides thought pollution which affects the bees as well as the plants. Against this deteriorating condition of the cosmos where several species of birds and fish are disappearing, we have to understand how the honeybee is affected and whether humans can help to alleviate their suffering and enable the bees to function in a harmonious manner.

The answer to the above is, “Yes!” If we care to examine the science of Yajnya given

through the Vedas, we will be able to do a lot of good to the bees and ultimately to our own smooth functioning. The honeybee is an important agent in nature to help man live happily by helping to produce his food devoid of negative subtle energies.

Beekeeping scientists do not seem to lay so much stress on the atmosphere and the need to keep bees in a happy state of mind for keeping the cycle of nature in harmony. The science of Yajnya given through the Vedas totally takes care of this aspect which helps the bees, the plants, the animals and man. It is time that we consider the feedback effect of love from a happy and contented bee colony to the plants and humans in the area. This is exactly what Yajnya does to nature. Yajnya is a science given through the Vedas to purify the atmosphere through the agency of fire. It is based on several factors of which the following are some of the important ones.

- A. The Vedas state that the movements of the planets in a solar system rise to rhythms of nature which effect the biological functioning on the planet.
- B. Vedas further state that you can manipulate streams of subtle energy through the agency of fire by burning specific organic substances to the accompaniment of a vibrational content which is also known as Mantras.
- C. Vedas further state that by doing the above you can generate an energy field which helps the plants to absorb higher nutrition due to the turbulence of electricities in post-Yajnya atmosphere and makes bees happy. These are the basic aspects of science of Yajnya given through the Vedas.

Agnihotra is the smallest form of Yajnya based on one circadian rhythm corresponding to sunrise and sunset which makes the air medicinal and helps the bees. This we state based on the observations made by several thousand American and European Agnihotra families. We have also noticed that bees start migrating to the Fire Temples because they feel happy there.

What is a Fire Temple? Fire Temple is a place where only Agnihotra is performed at sunrise and sunset and silence is maintained all the time. This builds up healing vibrations which helps man, plants and bees in the area. This is the wholistic healing aspect wherein you consider the bees along with the plants as part of biosphere.

The time is not far off when like the fish and birds, bees also will start to disappear unless people all over the planet practice this simple Agnihotra to protect the bees. By making this important agent of nature happy, i.e., the bee, through the instrument of Yajnya fire, we will be able to increase the medicinal qualities of herbs and the healing potencies of the sap of the plant. In Yajnya atmosphere through the agency of bees, some pollens from flowers of certain herbs will become extremely curative even in the treatment of cancer. This is how it is stated in the ancient Vedic Guru tradition.

AGNIHOTRA IN VIENNA

Klaus and Monika Weiz

In August, the Alternative Lifestyle Festival was held on the outskirts of Vienna, the capital of Austria. On the green meadows under blue sky various groups had gathered to introduce their programs. On the information board we had put up a notice about Agnihotra and the sunrise/sunset timings. A short explanation about Homa Therapy and Agnihotra ash medicines was also exhibited for anyone to see. On three evenings we performed Agnihotra with many people who sat together around the Agnihotra pot (copper pyramid) on a wooden platform. Everyone remarked that he could feel powerful vibrations after the Mantras were chanted. Some said that it was the most interesting experience of the festival. Homa Therapy literature was distributed and some people purchased copper pyramids. Several gave us their addresses for contacting them later.

We continued contact with the people who had given their names. One of them was a psychotherapist who gave classes on bioenergetic treatments. He purchased a copper pyramid and started Agnihotra.

We visited Vienna several times later on and did many long Yajnyas. People were so impressed that some of them joined us at the next full moon for 24 hour Yajnya in Graz. We have several invitations to teach Agnihotra and to lecture on the Five-fold Path.

A group of people from a nature cure center who use chromotherapy, hydrotherapy and meditation on different colors and auras for healing also started Agnihotra. They were much interested when they learned about the medicinal effects of the purified Agnihotra atmosphere and the effect of Agnihotra ash on diseased skin. They said that they were thinking of using Agnihotra with their patients.

We are so happy to see how Grace is unfolding and Agnihotra is taking a firm root in the capital city of our country.

SATSANG NEWS

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On the train to Stockholm on October 30 I met a chemical engineer from Paraguay. She accepted printed material on Homa Therapy and "Light Towards Divine Path." She may start a Homa farming experiment in her garden when she returns. I also met a boy from Brazil. He wants to do a Homa experiment when he returns to his country next month.

After my first talk in Stockholm was given on Yajnya and Mantra, I was told by one man, "You are right, it's truth you are telling."

All is guided, looked after. It is amazing. I never felt so quiet and sure about going somewhere and getting it together. You know it all works as long as you follow all that is told with all love and devotion. So much love is surrounding us all the time. It feels like a warm, soft curtain being around you.

I visited a school and did sunset Agnihotra and gave explanation. The teacher is Danish and informed me they had six such schools in Scandinavia.

FROM VASANT'S CORRESPONDENCE

All your schedules from previous months have been thrown off but it is nothing to worry about now. After the baby comes and you become accustomed to caring for the baby and adhering to baby's timings, you will be better able to utilize disciplines. Right now everything is not clear but it will become clear. If you are unable yourself to stick to disciplines this should not affect your husband. He should stick to the disciplines as much as possible.

Continue telling people about Agnihotra. Your husband can explain it to new people.

At time of birth just concentrate on breathing, on Shree. Nothing else. Have no fears. Just think of Shree. Everything will be alright.

OUR CHANGING AIR

Ernest

Scientists say the air that we breathe is being seriously altered on a daily basis. While the public at large may or may not be sufficiently concerned top U.S. scientists insist earth's atmosphere is being affected daily by both manmade and natural causes to such an extent that a change in climate is expected. In other words their observations confirm what revealed knowledge given through Vasant has been forewarning us about all along in *Satsang*.

In fact not only has *Satsang* detailed the grave, ecocidal effects of pollution — e.g. from the destruction of the ozone layer, the protective shield of the earth (*Satsang*, June, 1977) to sheer exhaustion due to lack of proper air (*Satsang*, July, 1979) but *Satsang* also has freely offered the most effective scientific remedy to purify the atmosphere and reduce incidence of disease caused by pollution.

A recent study done for the White House by a panel of experts convened by the National Academy of Sciences concluded that within 50 years the burning of fossil fuels could double the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and thereby warm it an average of 6 degrees Fahrenheit. This is enough to cause major changes in the climate that could conceivable turn farmland to deserts or make deserts fertile.

Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) enters our atmosphere as a natural byproduct of respiration and decay. Combustion of fossil fuels adds a great deal more. Like the glass in a greenhouse carbon dioxide allows visible sunlight to pass through, heating the earth but absorbs infrared energy radiated from the earth as a consequence of the heating. It thus traps energy that normally would escape into space.

Some scientists however maintain that the process would lead to global cooling instead of warming as a result of doubling the Carbon Dioxide. Whichever where we look at it it is observed that a climatic change on global level has set in.

So where does all this lead to? People simply know that it is getting more difficult to breathe every day. Will pollution destroy life on the planet? Can the atmosphere be healed?

The answer is "Do Agnihotra". This alone is enough.

"Agnihotra heals the Atmosphere. Agnihotra injects nutrients into the atmosphere. Agnihotra makes plant life happy, birds happy. Agnihotra helps maintain in harmony the oxygen-recycling system of nature. Agnihotra helps better absorption of

sun's rays by water resources on the planet. You can make medicine from Agnihotra ash. You grow better crops with Agnihotra."

(*Satsang*, April, 1978)

AGNIHOTRA NEEDED URGENTLY

Joni Flitt

Several weeks ago there was a programme on television about the disposal of chemical wastes. The information that was given was appalling. It spoke of the indiscriminate dumping of thousands of barrels of highly toxic chemicals in and around residential areas. In the state of New Jersey alone there are over 200 places where the water supply is unusable because of chemical contamination. The area called Love Canal located right on Niagara Falls is another example. Here the land, air, and water resources are so contaminated that the U.S. government was forced to buy all of the houses and relocate the occupants of one community. The reason for this was that the rate of miscarriages, liver disease, respiratory ailments, incidence of mental breakdown, and even suicide was alarmingly greater than the national average. When confronted with these facts the administrators of the companies responsible for dumping the chemicals said that there were no dangerous chemicals contained in the dumping site. Upon further investigation it was found that 10's of thousands of barrels of highly toxic chemicals were in fact buried in the site. A significant quantity of these barrels contained a substance known as dioxine, one of the most deadly chemicals ever produced by man.

Another report told of a man whose family has owned 100 acres of farmland in the Louisiana Bijou for over 70 years. Chemical leakage from the nearby Dow Chemical Company has killed everything on and around his land. He told reporters that pollution was so bad that the alligators in the bijou were crawling out on to the banks to die. When the land was tested it was found that the chemicals had seeped 40 feet below the surface and that the land could never be used again.

No one seems to know how to deal with these chemical companies. The Government has just begun putting controls on their dumping activities. The problem is not so much what they are getting rid of now but the vast quantity of chemicals that have already been buried in leaky drums over the past decade.

Law of Karma says we are responsible for our actions—past and present—and sooner or later we reap as we sow. Doing Agnihotra not only is extremely good Karma; it resets the energy cycle of the planet that has been disturbed by man. It creates a medicinal atmosphere beneficial to man, animals and plants. Agnihotra

ash put into water has been shown to have purifying effects. Sometimes we learn too late how bad things really are. Enough hints of the things are now are coming to light. Let us not wait any longer. Vasant said, "Several people I have talked to recently have expressed concern with the chemicals and pesticides used in farming and also with the drugs used by modern medicine. Now with the threat of wind currents carrying radioactive material from nuclear plants Agnihotra is needed more and more urgently."

LOVE AND SMILE

Victor Clark

In the daily activities of modern living sometimes the pace can be so hectic that many of us either don't take the time or can't find the time to develop and expand love for our fellow human beings.

Some of us get so caught up in the daily trials and tribulations of material survival that we overlook the beauty and simplicity of who we are, what we are, and why we are here.

Some of us seek happiness in temporary pleasures that yield pseudo happiness which fades into emptiness and despair. What is really unfortunate is that we do not have to live that way, if we don't want to.

"It is easier to smile than to frown". The power of love is infinite. To develop that power within us is very simple, if we want it.

Agnihotra and the Fivefold Path is the way.

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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 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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