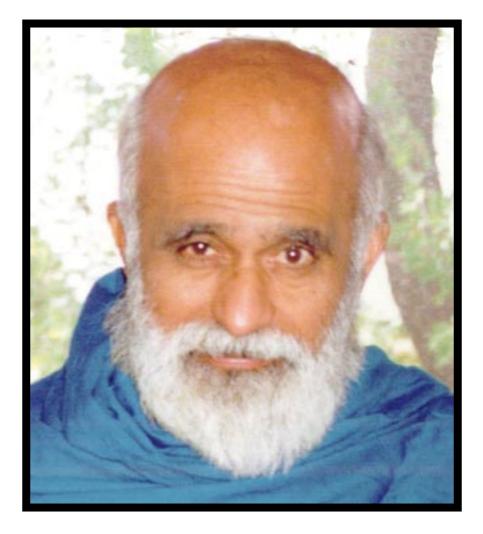
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Total Surrender: Shree Vasant V. Paranjpe

On December 30, 2008, Shree Vasant Paranjpe left the body at Maheshwar, India. Words could never convey the impact of His life on countless people around the world. As an instrument to spread the Fivefold Path, He served with unwavering devotion, utmost humility, astonishing energy and boundless love, transforming the lives of people from all walks of life as He circled the globe year after year.

To write anything about Shree Vasant presents a certain irony, as He so scrupulously avoided personal attention throughout His life of service. He never sought to collect followers. For years, He declined to have His photo in this newsletter, which He Himself founded. Humbly he guided people to focus on the message of Yajnya, Daan, Tapa, Karma, Swadhyaya--not the messenger. Still, it would be impossible to let this moment pass without highlighting a few things from His life.

In 1970, Parama Sadguru Shree Gajanan Maharaj of Akalkot, India, who resuscitated Agnihotra and the Fivefold Path of Vedas in modern times, commanded Shree Vasant: *"Our words which lead to BLISS, convey them to all the people."* Thus began Shree Vasant's thirty-eight years of travel and teaching, of Grace and total surrender to the Divine.

In 1972 He began teaching in the U.S. In 1973 He became the founder president of Fivefold Path, Inc., a nonprofit organization established in Madison, Virginia. In that same year, Shree Gajanan Maharaj commanded Shree Vasant to start this *Satsang* newsletter.

On September 22, 1973, Shree Vasant inaugurated the Parama Dham Fire Temple in Madison, Virginia, the first Fire Temple in the world established under Shree Gajanan Maharaj's dispensation of ancient science of atmospheric purification for the New Age.

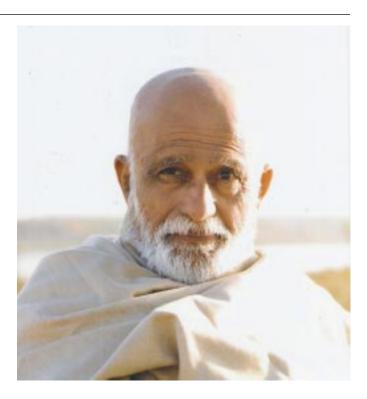
In 1974 Shree Vasant carried the message to Europe. Over the years, His mission also took Him to South America, Australia, Africa and Asia. He was instrumental in bringing Agnihotra and Fivefold Path to thousands of people all over the planet. In today's world, He pioneered the use of Homa Therapy in agriculture, psychotherapy, alternative medicine, self-development and healing the environment. Under His guidance, Homa farms and centers such as Bhrugu Aranya in Poland, Om Shree Dham farm in Australia, and Tapovan in India, came forth.

He is the author of *Grace Alone, Light Towards Divine Path, Ten Commandments of Parama Sadguru* and *Homa Therapy, Our Last Chance.*

Glimpses of His life can be found in *Messenger of the Sacred Fire, the Extraordinary Life and Works of Shree Vasant Paranjpe* by Parvati Rosen-Bizberg. In it, a number of people from various countries have shared their experiences with Shree Vasant and the spread of Agnihotra around the planet. But perhaps the greater story of His life is just beginning to unfold, as the seeds He planted in the hearts of people the world over continue to grow.

To the reader who may not have met Shree Vasant while He was in the mortal frame, I invite you to meet Him through the Yajnya fires and His words and teachings. He left behind a wealth of guidance on virtually every aspect of everyday life--practical insight on how to apply the Fivefold Path principles to daily life, to truly "Love thy neighbor as thyself". *Satsang* will continue to include excerpts from His writings.

To the reader who was fortunate enough to meet Shree Vasant on the mortal plane, let us take this occasion to reflect upon His ex-

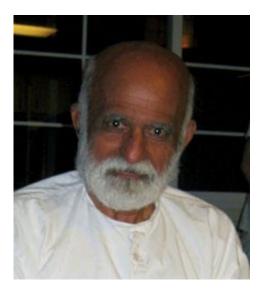


ample of humility, compassion, wisdom, unconditional love and total surrender to the Divine. In His footsteps, may we resolve to follow the Fivefold Path with greater intensity in our lives. To live and spread the simple, powerful message of Agnihotra and the Fivefold Path--the message of TOTAL LOVE-may be the best tribute we can pay Him.

Messages from Shree Received by Parvati Rosen-Bizberg

Parvati Rosen-Bizberg writes: "Someone sent a lovely photo of Shree and when I opened it, I heard Him speak. This is the message received. It is for all of us.

"We have been so blessed to have been guided, hand in hand, with such love and amazing tenderness by our beloved Shree."



December 30, 2008 SHREE 7:20 P.M. We are ever with all of you.

There is truly no separation. No distance between us.

Those in whom Our Feet rest will always bear Our Presence.

We have given guidance all these years and this will continue.

The sadness you may feel will dissipate in time.

Do not hold onto sadness at Our passing.

We are nearer to you now. Always near, near at hand.

With every breath, see how you can SERVE humanity.

Carry the FIRE with you wherever you move.

All of you have been granted protection, solace and guidance. That will not change.

We are ever present with you.

We are present. You can feel Our Presence.

Our Voice can be heard via Parvati

Wherever you go, We will be with you all.

Read the words left behind; the teachings carry every answer.

We have brought forth the blessings of Shree Gajanan Maharaj to all of you.

We have completed Our Mission. We have been summoned and therefore, We have returned.

Let there be UNITY amongst you.

Only harmony and Light.

Seek to rebuild relationships which have fallen apart due to negligence or fear.

5 Seek to build bridges of understanding between all of you. We will be Present at this Somayag. Therefore, let it continue as planned.

Let the work increase. Let your focus intensify and become more one-pointed. At no time, allow fear to control your mind.

When all assurances have been given-have complete, total faith in it.

More FIRE. More FIRE. MORE FIRE.

More song and chanting of Holy Name.

All love and blessings be with all of you now.

OM TAT SAT.

January 1, 2008

Eastern Europe time 1:52 P.M. while flying to U.K. (SHREE as heard by Parvati in meditation)

The ceremony was for you (all). It is symbolic. Those gathered in Our Name

across oceans, on various continents, know that the power of Parama Sadguru Shree Gajanan Maharaj is with all of you.

Those who keep the fires burning are always receiving Grace of Almighty Father.

Dreams and visions will continue. You will feel Our Presence always with you. Never fear. Never feel alone.

We have come for this Mission. We have completed Our Mission on this planet.

Our Words will continue to guide you. This is the beginning of the New World to come.

All love and Blessings to all. OM TAT SAT.

When in the physical form, the pain was symbolic.

At no point did We suffer.

Oh, let Us see your smiling faces, and sing all together.

In times to come, there will be many who suffer.

Prepare yourselves to receive them, to shelter, feed and comfort them.

All places of Fire become places of refuge.

From Our Maheshwar, the SOUND CURRENT will be emitted into the atmosphere.

Light, everywhere LIGHT.

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From Shree Vasant's Teachings: The Great Return to the One

Verily these are the last days. Soon the whole planet undergoes terrific change. Much destruction comes soon to Eastern Europe by earth caving in. Large areas of Asia may have to be quarantined due to disease similar to AIDS. West coast of U.S. is sinking. East coast gets heavy storms. Midwest drought. Texas becomes wasteland. Such terrific things are happening.

Under such conditions of the planet we have been blessed with knowledge to reset the energy cycle by healing fires and Mantras. It is all Grace. What a privilege it is to be able to serve others in distress and do good Karma without expectation of name, fame or reward.

Only by doing intense good Karma one can negate the load of past Karma and be free. If we lose this opportunity to work out our karma with so little effort we have no one to blame but ourselves.

This is the time when all of us who have been blessed with this knowledge should come together in the spirit of service.

We will all experience joy in doing this TAPA and in service to others on this Divine Path.

Let us not think of our own needs. They are and will be fulfilled.

If we want peace it must begin inside ourselves. One must search inside for the answers, for the directions, for guidance. All the professionals in the world will not be able to do our Swadhyaya. We must learn that personal desires only bring pain and more pain in an endless cycle. Let us never complain. Let us serve the fellow man. Service will set us free.

We should keep our mind only on Mantra, meditation and prayer. This is the only way to rise higher. This is a small price to pay for peace and bliss. Our whole way of life must change. Our attitudes will have to be altered. We will have to break ourselves as gently as possible but still it is going to be painful. Yet this is the only way. Service to others lightens all the burden.

What greater blessing then to bring another out of darkness and into light? Let us demonstrate that Love with all compassion and no attachment.

Terrific forces of destruction are let loose on the planet. To all of us who are committed to HEALING let us never forget that in healing others we become healed.

So let us make sure that among the people there is no gossip, no backbiting, no harsh criticism, no antagonism. Let there be only love, forgiveness, patience and service. There needs to be more effort towards harmony, more effort towards understanding, more effort towards caring and kindness towards others. It is not a pretty world and we must begin to HEAL in a big way now. It is time to unleash the Power and great healings begin. These are the times of the great return to the ONE.

Shree Vasant's Epitaph

Barry Rathner, Ph.D.

Jan. 5, 2009 *Tapovan*

Yesterday Sarvajit Paranjpe collected his grandfather's ashes and kept them ready for future transport to Gujjrat, India and Madison, Virginia, U.S.A.

A week ago Sarvajit was tending his grandfather, his Guru, as he had done round-theclock for years. Now he was collecting His ashes.

Sarvajit was the microcosm for us all. Doing his duty. Stoic but intent. Sad but bolstered by the knowledge that his grandfather, Shree Vasant, had completed His work on this plane and left all of us well-armed for the coming days.

The funeral was for us, Shree's words as heard in meditation by His vehicle Parvati told us. And He never suffered, the words continued. The alleged suffering was a symbol. Again something for us.

The funeral pyre is near the road here at Tapovan, this prototype for Homa Therapy Farming, in Maharashtra State, India, site of the nearly nine-year, twenty-four hour roundthe-clock Om Tryambakam Homa. We sit for Agnihotra and hear various cacophonies of trucks, scooters, cars and bullock carts. Asked why this spot was chosen by Shree, we 8 are told it was so that when people come to pay respects, they will not disturb the Tapovan ashram residents.

But we know in these days of symbols, that the travels that began with a trip to Washington, D.C. from India in 1972 and did not cease until His traveling stopped in May of 2007 were symbolized by this resting place being by the side of the road, a medium of travel.

Thirty-five years of virtual non-stop worldwide traveling ended one and a half years ago. And the worldly life of Shree expired on December 30, 2008.

I traveled with and cared for Shree from July, 1977 until June, 1994. "Familiarity breeds contempt," so the saying goes. No, that is reserved for spouses and other forms of roommates. My time with Shree was one constant lesson of humility, efficiency and devotion. Whether I was setting up a kitchen to prepare His dinner in Kurukshetra, where the Bhagavad Gita was given, at 1 a.m. after traveling 7 hours by car, cutting His hair, massaging His Feet or hearing His superb sense of humor, it was one constant, joyous Sewa.

When I saw Him in November, 2007 for the first time in thirteen years, I received the message that I had returned, "in the nick of

time." I interpreted this as some sort of cautionary message meaning something along the lines of, "good I had come" and if I had "delayed" longer, it would not have been good for me.

Now I am told that what "nick of time" meant was that I had come only one year before He was to leave the Body, thus nearly missing the opportunity to be with Him again while in the Body.

Was serving Him difficult at times? Of course. That's part of the game. Were there times that serving Him conflicted with a Super Bowl game? Yep. Did a visit from my son sometimes overlap with a visit from Shree? Yep. And did I thus have to make what at the time felt like a difficult choice? Yep. Am I a better person perhaps and less attached to the Washington Redskins football team, and my son than I would have otherwise been? No doubt about it. Do I experience more and more moments of the serenity asked for in the Serenity Prayer? You better believe it.

Higher Power has given us this existence which is "simple, but not easy," as the 12-Step Program of Alcoholics Anonymous describes its program. Adam, Eve, the apple and the snake teach us that temptation similarly is part of the game. It hones us, shapes us and slowly and inexorably, if we cooperate, turns us eventually into mini-Shrees.

Thus we become capable in our own ways of serving those in need as did He.

His thirty-five years of travel, writing, lecturing and teaching came about simply because His Master, Parama Sadguru Shree Gajanan Maharaj of Akalkot, India--the Kalki Avatar-told Him one day He should spread the knowledge of Agnihotra and the Fivefold Path around the globe.

That's all it took. No further exhortation, instruction, questioning or imploring were required. The die had been cast. When God tells Jesus to act, no further energy need be expended. Talk about the right place and time.... This was done according to Plan and it has progressed thusly.

What's next? Well, the blacksmith has forged his tools. The human tools have been readied and they have been given the material tools to do their jobs.

Having a bad day? Five choices-Yajnya, Daan, Tapa, Karma, Swadhyaya. Not enough? Consider going to a 12-Step meeting. Why? Because in those rooms you'll find other searchers seeking the answers through rather intense, at times, Tapa, Karma and Swadhyaya. And Shree said we are all addicts, in fact.

And then of course there is the Satsang of fellow Lightworkers on the Fivefold Path. Perhaps this is why the importance of unity amongst ourselves is being stressed by messages from Shree being given as we write this.

Search out the similarities, not the differences in others, 12-Step suggests to us. We might

do well to remember this. Our Band of Brothers and Sisters is diverse. We speak different languages; some of us express joy in song and dance, some in art, some in intellect.

The Westerners lean more to psychology, the Easterners to devotion and tradition. This is all surface stuff.

At the core we are the lucky ones. We are the ones who have been given what we have been told is an unparalleled opportunity to work out our own Karmic obligations through service to others by spreading Fivefold Path.

We are the ones who, though tested, find our daily lives now filled with a joy and childlike visage of life that confuses some, one of whom thought we compared favorably to the average four- year old. Though he may have been a bit disparaging here (as in, "Grow up") personally I'd take the existence of a fouryear old over many other possibilities. So I interpret the comment as a compliment.

We feel protection; we epitomize Grace under fire, with Fire; we symbolize--when we behave--the Master Whose Body we have just lost.

And so we do sunrise Agnihotra and begin the next day of our journey-- a continuation of His.

From The Orion Transmissions

received by Parvati Rosen-Bizberg

December 14, 2008 On Shree Vasant Our salutations always to the Master. His period of silence is nearing its end and He will likely speak to the assembled devotees from a different point of view than ever before. The time is now to reveal His lineage, though it is quite unexpected and is not from this earthly realm. He will be silent in this regard, but we know He is sent here and does not originate here. We are aware of the specific Light emanating from His body and that it has not originated on this planet. Our vehicle has seen that Light emanating from the Master's Body and thus is better able to explain it than she thinks. Indeed, it is simple to understand should one's awareness permit it. Some will not embrace this new realization. This is not 'cosmic', but simply reality as it exists in actuality and not in assumptive reality. Indeed, there is the difference.

November 23, 2008 on environment and priorities

Yes. Yes. As the planet spirals toward destruction, human beings hold onto what they feel will give them hope. They become more protective and possessive of their property, guarding their assets even with use of firearms-to ensure their security.

Others hold onto religious tenets which have been widely misunderstood, in an effort to gain a foothold at least in the next world should this one crumble beneath their feet. Others find solace in meditation and prayer, consistently more positive than the alternatives.

In this time, what is required are practical methods with which to move forward into the future. Simple prayer and meditation will certainly have a positive effect. Sending Light and healing to regions of the planet most in a state of emergency shall have a huge effect on the heart of humanity.

However, one need employ practical methods daily to combat stress, establish a healing atmosphere, reduce toxins and radioactive elements in the atmosphere, purify air and water resources, and be able to grow one's own food even in the worst soil.

The practical method made available through Divine Will is a scientific process based on biorhythm of nature-sunrise and sunset. This tool is AGNIHOTRA. The simple practice of this ancient science is guaranteed to produce healing effects on the atmosphere, body, and mind. The resultant ash is the healing substance required by every being in order to heal and purify the organism and neutralize radioactivity.

It is not enough to pray for change. One must be a part of the change. Pray but take action as well. We find it interesting that it is the economy that creates the greatest concern for human beings, when the environment does not concern the masses. It should! It is your planet's environmental crisis which most concerns us. Without land and healthy oceans, sufficient oxygen and air to breathe, your money will not be worth a thing! We would say that, with the newly elected U.S. president's imminent inauguration, begin to lobby for urgent changes in the global warming debate. What is required now is immediate action and more stringent laws and stronger fines for those companies and countries that do not obey. Without more stringent control, there will no longer be a window of opportunity to avoid the resultant destruction of planet Earth.

Yes. Yes. Every moment is another opportunity. Still, still there is time to reverse the trend of destruction. However, the Earth shifts and changes to come will occur. There will be safe zones.

For more information, please write to parvati@oriontransmissions.com.

Tuberculosis--New Threat from an Old Disease

The May 19th, 1977 issue of Satsang, Volume 5 #1 stated the following in "Revelations":

"Soon epidemics of laryngitis, asthma and tuberculosis will break out. Not actually tuberculosis but symptoms of which it is impossible to detect difference. Severe lung and throat problems will arise. Not one of our people can get it. There is a blanket of protection surrounding Fivefold Path family. "

On December 7th, 2008, the following article appeared in The New York Times: **TUBERCULOSIS: A Killer Without Borders** By NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF

YEREVAN, Armenia: As if you didn't have enough to worry about ... consider the deadly, infectious and highly portable disease sitting in the lungs of a charming young man here, Garik Hakobyan. In effect, he's a time bomb. Mr. Hakobyan, 34, an artist, carries an ailment that stars in the nightmares of public health experts — XDR-TB, the scariest form of tuberculosis. It doesn't respond to conventional treatments and is often incurable. **XDR-TB could spread to your neighbor-**

hood because it isn't being aggressively addressed now, before it rages out of control. It's being nurtured by global complacency.

When doctors here in Armenia said they would introduce me to XDR patients, I figured we would all be swathed in protective clothing and chat in muffled voices in a secure ward of a hospital. Instead, they simply led me outside to a public park, where Mr. Hakobyan sat on a bench with me. "It's pretty safe outside, because his coughs are dispersed," one doctor explained, "but you wouldn't want to be in a room or vehicle with him." Then I asked Mr. Hakobyan how he had gotten to the park. "A public bus," he said. He saw my look and added, "I have to take buses. I don't have my own Lincoln Continental." To his great credit, Mr. Hakobyan is trying to minimize his contact with others and doesn't date, but he inevitably ends up mixing with people.

Afterward, I asked one of his doctors if Mr. Hakobyan could have spread his lethal infection to other bus passengers. "Yes," she said thoughtfully. "There was one study that found that a single TB patient can infect 14 other people in the course of a single bus ride."

Americans don't think much about TB, just as we didn't think much of AIDS in the 1980s. But drug-resistant TB is spreading — half a million cases a year already — and in a world connected by jet planes and constant flows of migrants and tourists, the risk is that our myopia will catch up with us.

Barack Obama's administration should ensure it isn't complacent about TB in the way that Ronald Reagan was about AIDS. Reagan didn't let the word AIDS pass his lips publicly until he was into his second term, and this inattention allowed the disease to spread far more than necessary. That's not a mistake the Obama administration should make with tuberculosis.

One-third of the world's population is infected with TB, and some 1.5 million people die annually of it. That's more than die of malaria or any infectious disease save AIDS.

"TB is a huge problem," said Tadataka Yamada, president of global health programs for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. "It's a problem that in some ways has been suppressed. We often don't talk about it."

Ineffective treatment has led to multi-drug resistant forms, or MDR-TB. Scarier still is <u>XDR-TB</u>, which stands for extensively drug resistant TB. That is what Mr. Hakobyan has. There were only 83 cases of XDR-TB reported in the United States from 1993 to 2007, but it could strike with a vengeance.

"We always think we live in a protected world because of modern medicines and the like," Dr. Yamada said. "But if we get a big problem with XDR, we could be in a situation like we had in the 19th century when we didn't have good treatments."

If we were facing an equivalent military threat capable of killing untold numbers of Americans, there might be presidential commissions and tens of billions of dollars in appropriations, not to mention magazine cover stories. But with public health threats, we all drop the ball.

Because of this complacency about TB, there

hasn't been enough investment in treatments and diagnostics, although some new medication is on the horizon.

"Amazingly, the most widely used TB diagnostic is a 19th-century one, and it's as lousy as you might imagine," said Dr. Paul Farmer, the Harvard public health expert whose Partners in Health organization was among the first to call attention to the dangers of drug-resistant TB. In Armenia, the only program for drug-resistant TB, overseen by Doctors Without Borders, can accept only 15 percent of the patients who need it. And the drugs often are unable to help them.

"After two years of treatment with toxic drugs, less than half of such chronic TB patients are cured, and that's very demoralizing," noted Stobdan Kalon, the medical coordinator for Doctors Without Borders here. And anyone who thinks that drugresistant TB will stay in places like Armenia is in denial. If it isn't defused, Mr. Hakobyan's XDR time bomb could send shrapnel flying into your neighborhood.



Sanskrit and Artificial Intelligence

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NASA Knowledge Representation in Sanskrit and Artificial Intelligence

Abstract

In the past twenty years, much time, effort, and money has been expended on designing an unambiguous representation of natural languages to make them accessible to computer processing. These efforts have centered around creating schemata designed to parallel logical relations with relations expressed by the syntax and semantics of natural languages, which are clearly cumbersome and ambiguous in their function as vehicles for the transmission of logical data. Understandably, there is a widespread belief that natural languages are unsuitable for the transmission of many ideas that artificial languages can render with great precision and mathematical rigor.

But this dichotomy, which has served as a premise underlying much work in the areas of linguistics and artificial intelligence, is a false one. There is at least one language, Sanskrit, which for the duration of almost 1000 years was a living spoken language with a considerable literature of its own. Besides works of literary value, there was a long philosophical and grammatical tradition that has continued to exist with undiminished vigor until the present century. Among the accomplishments of the grammarians can be reckoned a method for paraphrasing Sanskrit in a manner that is identical not only in essence but in form with current work in Artificial Intelligence. This article demonstrates that a natural language can serve as an artificial language also, and that much work in AI has been reinventing a wheel millenia old.

First, a typical Knowledge Representation Scheme (using Semantic Nets) will be laid out, followed by an outline of the method used by the ancient Indian Grammarians to analyze sentences unambiguously. Finally, the clear parallelism between the two will be demonstrated, and the theoretical implications of this equivalence will be given.

For more information, visit: http:// www.gosai.com/science/sanskrit-nasa.html

HOMA Farming Work-Come and Help Build an Organic Homa Farm

My name is Jay Kuzminsky. I have been blessed to acquire a small farm called the "**PATH OF LIGHT**" in Harrisonville, Pennsylvania in the United States. The 14 acre farm is about 120 miles northwest of Washington, D.C .and about 125 miles west of Baltimore. With the help and support of the Baltimore Homa Community and the blessings of Shree, we would like to develop a Homa farm.

We are looking for someone--an individual or family, a couple or someone who has experience with Homa Farming--to come stay at the farm and help develop it into a Homa Farm. Ideally, we would like someone to stay at least 6 -12 months.

Of course, Homa Farms are operated under the following guidelines:

--Daily performance of Agnihotra at sunrise and sunset
--Daily performance four Hours of Homa (Om Tryambakam)
--Establishment of a resonance point
--No drugs, alcohol, cigarettes or meat on the property.
We welcome and are open to discussing anyone's interest in this project.

Please email me at pathoflight@comcast.net or mail to: Jay Kuzminsky 225 Laidig Road Harrisonville, Pennsylvania 17228

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FIVEFOLD PATH for Happy Living

1. Perform **AGNIHOTRA** for purification of the atmosphere which leads to automatic purification of mind.

2. Practice **DAAN** (sharing of assets in a spirit of humility to reduce attachment to worldly possessions).

3. Practice **TAPA** (becoming better managers of our energy expenditure by training the body and mind to react to all circumstances in life with Total Love).

4. Perform **KARMA** (every action for self purification only and thus no expectations which bind us to the material world).

5. Practice **SWADHYAYA** (Self-study) for liberation. Who am I? Why am I here? My work on this planet is to learn to react with total LOVE with each opportunity given to me.

This is the Fivefold Path for happy living on the planet. By practicing the Fivefold Path you become better members of your society, group, religion, community, etc.