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viding electricity at Om Shree Dham farm in
Australia*

From Orion Transmissions

October 1, 2007

A True Yogi

A true Yogi is strong in the face of challenge, brave in the face of fear, resolute in the face of his goals, humble in the face of pride, patient in the face of chaos. He remains calm and true to himself. He carries himself assuredly but not with arrogance. He is gracious and he is truthful. He is all these things, but above all, he remains steadfastly devoted to the Divine, and this is what separates him from ordinary human beings. Many people embody these traits, at least some of the time.

A true Yogi, similar to a true warrior--in this case, a warrior of peace--always honours the Divine. He models his life after those who embody these attributes. And always he remains unaffected by what surrounds him. He is a part of the world, but he is separate from it.

Learn to walk with Grace. Learn to honour the presence of Divinity in every being whom you meet. Turning to the fire means turning inward to that well of inner strength which Almighty sees is always full. You will never do without.

No fear. Walk one step at a time. You may see the path as 10,000 steps, but no one can take more than one step at a time.

Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven and all will be added unto you. This is not theory. This is how to live your life. Turn to Almighty in use of Mantra, in attending the fires, in invoking Almighty whenever you find your mind running ahead of your feet. Let Divine slow you down. Walk in Light. And laugh often.

November 11, 2007

On environment

Yes, yes. We have seen great growth in those Light Workers who have sincere focus and intent to heal and restore Earth to its natural balance. We have seen the rise in compassion and in deliberate action to save the environment, as opposed to simply chatting about it. We have seen the springing up of ecological action groups and the spread of knowledge at a rapid pace. There are, however, still large segments of the population for whom 'Global Warming' or ecological balance mean very little. An approach which helps average everyday people face the changes in their ailing environment is necessary. Theory will net no response from this segment of the population.

The segment of the population which is most unaffected by climate change and the threat of environmental collapse are those who are gainfully employed, living in relative comfort and ease. The 'middle class', so to speak.

Those who live below the poverty level are most affected by the environmental decline, particularly those farmers and labourers for whom healthy land and water resources is a must. Those who are above the level of wealth which is considered the norm, are also often disinterested in such problems of common dissatisfaction with environmental issues, but they are also becoming more aware. Actually, across the board, there is still an apathy which exists, despite the warnings and revealing documentaries, which all have seen.

On teaching the children

How to awaken the public into action? Certainly, one idea would be to awaken the children. Nearly every segment of the population, at every level, care for the children. If the children were empowered with information and awareness of environmental issues, perhaps they could indeed awaken the masses. Begin at the ground level. Teach with enthusiasm and purpose, educate with inspiration and hope. 'The end is near' is not the way to begin. This will only instill apathetic reactions or fearful ones. Offer opportunities for projects to save the environment, on a local level and on a global level. Perhaps the creation of a small monthly magazine for children would be a possibility. Screening of movies such as the ones presently available would assist children in a more thorough

picture of the world today. We strongly suggest children be tapped also for their creative solutions for a world gone mad. Without fear, without worry, move forward with new plans and greater awareness so that the new generation has a chance to right the wrongs of the previous ones before it is too late.

On Agnihotra

Comparing this practice of Agnihotra to other healing practices the world over is an interesting venture, one which will certainly net fascinating results. In any case, the practice of Agnihotra, the basic tenet of Homa Therapy, is essential to the survival of this planet. This is what you will find if you dig deeper. Many of the miracles which have been experienced around the world-from the healing of dead soil to the re-growth of severely damaged skin, the healing of wounds which were unable to be healed by any other medical method to the tremendous effects Agnihotra has on plant life-many have been documented and still many have been passed on via word of mouth. Such is often the case with healing techniques.

We would say that this practice is essential for human life on this planet, not only for plant life and the animal kingdom. We commend those who are practicing this ancient technique as well as those who are pioneer-

ing the use of Homa Therapy in the modern world. It is an ancient technique with modern applications.

NOVEMBER 13, 2007 *(This is an excerpt from guidance, which came for a friend. Some of it really applied to all, so I include it here.)*

It is the goal of all spiritual practice and by the instructions "Intensify your Sadhana" would indicate more time and focus should be set aside for one's spiritual practice—one's fires, one's Mantras, one's chanting, one's prayers. Whatever one refers to as one's spiritual practice, one would thus intensify those efforts. One has always to take into consideration the needs and expectations of others in one's life, but despite the attention one needs to pay to others, one's spiritual focus can always intensify.

This is an intense time when all the forces on

the Earth are in combat and in a state of change and transformation. Therefore, one is likely to experience the pulls from one side to the next. And also the periods of exhaustion which know no physical source. Many of you, on spiritual paths, will experience times of weakness and tiredness, times of sadness. Let these periods come and go, as the tides of the ocean wash over the shore. Nothing will last. All these moments are but moments in time. Rejuvenate yourself with diet and movement, with prayer and with good company of ones of like minds and hearts.

One must extend one's reach to encompass those who cannot seem to find the peace within themselves.

News from Om Shree Dham

Resonance Point installation

September 23rd, 2006 was Spring equinox, a new moon and an eclipse, and it was on this day that we installed a power point in the new Agnihotra Shala(Agnihotra hut). A very palpable increase of Light was felt over the land, heralding a new phase of development for Om Shree Dham as teaching centre and Homa farm.

Massive increase in fruit production

Two months after installation of the resonance point, spring arrived and the orchard started fruiting. Along with resonance we had help on the land and so were able to consistently spray with Agnihotra ash solution. This fruiting season we have had three to four times more fruit than in any other years since 1994. The corn for the first time is completely free of the caterpillar that attacks the end of the corn and the potato crop is free of any disease and of beautiful quality. All of the above has taken place in drought conditions.

This winter we have had the benefit of eating canned Homa organic fruit from our own trees. We have been provided with breakfast fruit that has lasted us a whole year, i.e., up to the next harvest.

The Gift of Water

Homa attracted water and dramatically improved its quality

Perhaps the most miraculous demonstration of how Homa heals nature with Divine intelligence and Love, and how Nature in turn responds to the true needs of the people who are helping Her, is the story around our bore well.

When we purchased the land in 1994 it was in drought and the only source of water was harvested rainwater held in concrete tanks. With ongoing drought we had to resort to recycling our water. The bath water washed the clothes and the dish washing and clothes washing water watered the non- food trees and plants.

One day a water diviner turned up and after thoroughly dowsing the land he told us there were no underground streams to speak of. However, on a trip to India to visit Shree Vasant Paranjpe, (author of " Light Towards Divine Path" and "Homa Therapy our Last Chance"), we visited a sacred site where a large fresh water pool exists a few meters from the sea. Little did we know that a drama was about to unfold. A Brahmin was taking his bath. He slipped and fell off the immersed slippery steps into deep water. He started to flounder and it was clear he was drowning. We were witnessing this from a balcony up in a temple complex with no immediate access to the water. Frits ran around a block of streets to try and access

the water. By the time he reached the water's edge the man had been under for some minutes. Frits dove in, found a leg and pulled him ashore. The man was blue and not breathing. He appeared dead. However Frits, saying Mantra, experienced a movement of energy and the man then came to.

Later, through a Shastri in Mumbai, we were told that due to this act we would find water on the land. As a result, on returning to Australia we had a bore well drilled despite the prognosis of the diviner that there was no underground water.

Attracting Healthy Water Resources

Sub-artesian water was found at 33 meters (100 feet). It was laboratory tested and found to be highly saline and alkaline. So here was an opportunity to see what Homa Therapy could do. We did Agnihotra by the bore and regularly placed Agnihotra ash down into the bore well. The state department of Water Resources was conducting regular tests on the bores in our neighbourhood and we were all amazed to see the salinity and alkalinity drop with each lab report until we had potable drinking water.

The story does not stop there however. Another Diviner, highly renowned for his intuitive ability, recently turned up at Om Shree Dham to learn about Homa Therapy.

He was interested in divining the land. After walking the land he came to us saying that the underground water was acting very strangely. He said it travelled along a certain course then made a sharp 90 degrees turn, proceeded under the Fire hut and to the other side of the property then turned back on itself and continued back to the original course along the other side of the property. We asked him to show us where it turned back on itself. It had made a beeline for the borehole and then returned to its original course! We had not told this diviner that we had a bore and as a shed is built around it, there was no way he could have known it was there.



Flow forms energizing water.

Healings with Homa Therapy

Alma-Jean

Adelaide, Australia

**--Improvement in diabetes
and liver condition**

"My doctor did a series of blood tests last week and the results pleased her immensely (and me). My blood sugars are down to 7.3 instead of 21. And the liver isn't in such a critical mess - still the cholesterol is flying high and needs grounding so that and the inflammation and stiffness is what we're working on. I tell you this as the changes have come when I'm normally going down hill in the damp and cold.

"So something is working and the only change implemented is the Agnihotra and the Agnihotra ash you sent. All is well here and we hope that it continues to get better. Again, thanks for your time and your efforts."
(May 2006)

Paul Kennedy

Australia

Age: 57

**--Overweight
--Prostrate problems
--Skin Cancer**

"Having struggled with overweight problems and health issues for the last ten years, I am now almost effortlessly shedding unwanted

weight - 20 kilos so far. I find that being in the atmosphere here at Om Shree Dham has allowed my mind to get away from the fixation on food to compensate for the lifestyle I had before and feel that being here nourishes me and allows me to eat what my body needs rather than eating for the sake of eating.

"A severe prostrate problem waking me every hour with the urge to urinate, which was painful and leaving me exhausted in the morning, has now has completely cleared up. It healed to such an extent that I am no longer woken up at night and have undisturbed sleep, waking refreshed in the morning.

"I had a skin cancer on my face near the nose. The specialist recommended surgical removal followed by plastic surgery due to the position. Before subjecting myself to surgery, I decided to apply Agnihotra ash and ghee mixture. As soon as I applied the ash and ghee mixture, within few days the skin cancer became raised and discharged. Within 10 days the skin cancer had completely dried up and healed the skin without leaving a scar. The original size of the skin cancer was 5/8 inch and only the minutest indentation is left the size of a pinhead."

Experience From Om Shree Dham

*Jennifer Elmore
Canada*



(Jennifer Elmore, age 24, stayed at Om Shree Dham for 7 months.)

Upon arrival at Om Shree Dham in early November 2006, I really didn't expect any healings; I was just interested in learning about the Fires and how to help the environment.

The first thing I noticed was a strong aversion to the Om Tryambakam mantra, which really surprised me as I am an avid enjoyer of mantra, and am especially practised in many Buddhist mantras. However, this instant aversion caught my attention and made me want to try even harder to get through the aversion, as I knew that no positive mantra could be a bad thing. (I'm sure now that it was my ego trying to get me to leave.)

Now I really enjoy doing the Om Tryambakam mantra - I do at least an hour and a half each day. I find mentally it keeps me very balanced and emotionally it has helped me to deal with and to get through many past negative experiences that I would 'hang onto' and suffer from every time they came to mind. Those memories that caused such anguish are healed. They certainly aren't banished from my mind, but I feel peaceful when they come up. I don't feel upset or emotionally attached. That mental awareness and health in itself is quite a blessing to me.

As for the physical aspects of things, during this time at Om Shree Dham, as I became more familiar with Agnihotra ash and ghee, I started to use it on everything! When I arrived here I had a wart on my right leg, large and reddish in colour. I had tried everything to get that wart to go away. I had battled it for five years with no luck whatsoever., I would have it removed, but it would come back even bigger, I would put home remedies on it, herbal treatments, anything to get rid of it. Nothing worked. So it was to my great surprise that after only 3 weeks of treatment (and not even daily, just whenever I remembered) one day I noticed it had completely vanished!

Also when I came here I had a very bad scar from a recent burn (due to the exhaust pipe of a motor scooter) on the calf of my right leg. This was the worst burn I had ever had in my life. The burn was 3 inches across and 2 inches high (about the size of an egg). A huge blister formed instantly after the burn and I had to keep it out of the water for over a month so it wouldn't get infected. Every day I would administer bandages and a salty solution to sterilize it and then later I applied an antibiotic ointment to speed the healing. However, the redness and size of the burn failed to diminish. I had accepted the fact that it would remain as such for what I figured at least a few years for the scar tissue to be-

come 'normal' again. So as I had such great results with my wart I started administering Agnihotra ash and ghee to my scar. The redness disappeared within 2 days, the size of it diminished considerably. Within 5 days, and now after 3 weeks, it is not even noticeable! (Again I was not 100 % consistent with application. I'm sure if I had been, it would have healed even faster.)

Here at Om Shree Dham I am constantly getting scratched and bruised up from general yard work and my frequent hikes up the mountain. I use Agnihotra ash and ghee on all of them and they heal in record time. In fact just yesterday on my way down the mountain I stepped on a loose rock and slipped. My left leg was very much in pain, a portion of skin was scraped off, a bruise formed and it was extremely tender to the touch. As soon as I got back I put ash and ghee on it. Today it feels fantastic, the new skin is already healed and not sore at all, the redness diminished and I'm quite sure it will be gone tomorrow.

My next testimony is that of cystic acne, that is to say acne that is extremely painful, not to mention embarrassing. I've been dealing with it for years, and experimented with many things- topical ointments, cleansing herbs, change of diet, no sugar, salt or preservatives, no meat (I have been a vegetarian

now for well over 3 years- that in itself was a wonderful health benefit)... fasting on water, fasting on veggie juice--you name it, I've tried it. Nothing seemed to work, I would have to simply wait them out. Waiting them out would take at least 3 weeks just for them to surface before topical ointments would even work. During the 3 weeks there would be large red dots on my face, of course making it not very pleasant to deal with people as I would be a little self conscious of them, not to mention how extremely painful they are. (Also I was unfortunate enough to always get at least 2 at the same time, sometimes 3) The acne was something that has really bothered me because to me it shows weakness in my body and diet, even though I've done a lot of work to purify myself, when I was the most pure, after a time they still would surface. A few weeks ago I started cleansing my body and two cysts appeared. The first thing I did was put Agnihotra ash and ghee on, and this time I made sure that it was on all day. I reapplied if necessary, but the ash and ghee ointment was on at all times.

In five days they were gone. Five days! FIVE DAYS!!! To me it's a miracle. In the past, having had to face these for weeks at a time (just to surface!) then to wait another week or sometimes two just for them to heal completely I would literally have marks on my face for a month or more at a time. It was so

discouraging. Now I feel that not only will I never get a cyst again, but if for some reason I do, it will be GONE lickety-split.

It is important to mention that during a good portion of my time here I have also been taking Agnihotra ash internally, (again, not every day but most days). I will take anywhere from one teaspoon to three teaspoons a day. I find it really helps the digestive system to keep regular and I'm quite sure it helps purify the blood, body and mind. I would recommend Agnihotra ash for any ailment, as thus far I have not found anything that it does not work on, and am constantly surprised at the speed of healing and overall health benefits.

I came here with an open mind, but admittedly a slightly skeptical one. Today I'm surprised but very happy to say that I am a complete believer, in not only Agnihotra, all the mantras, Homa Therapy and Agnihotra ash, but I'm now a believer that there is hope. Hope for all.

This is completely inexpensive, the teachings are free and available to all and it matters not what background you have, what religion you are, or even if you believe it or not, because it will still work even if you don't believe. I have seen, felt and experienced the proof and would be more than happy to share my experiences with anyone who asks.



Yajnya Shala



Lee Ringma with Homa produce

Homa Therapy Agriculture

Sian Subramaniam,
Perth, Western Australia

--Clearing mosquitoes
--Fruiting all year round

Since moving to my house 14 years ago, there have always been lots of mosquitoes in the garden after dusk, as there are lots of trees and plants. When I started doing Agnihotra in March 2007, it was unbearable, with swarms of mosquitoes trying to make a meal out of me. Gradually, the number of mosquitoes decreased. A month after regular Agnihotra, all the mosquitoes disappeared. This continued for a few months. The mosquitoes re-appeared when I was away for 2 months, and no Agnihotra was done.

Every winter, my Tahitian lime tree bears a single crop of fruit.. This year, there was a crop in April-May, followed by a 2nd bumper harvest of 25 kg. in July. We had intended pruning the tree before spring, but could not do so, as a new flush of flowers appeared. Judging by the number of fruit that have set, it looks like a 3rd record harvest. We have lime curd and lime pickle coming out of our ears! Agnihotra ash applied around plants makes them grow lush and healthy, with shiny leaves.(August, 2007)

Maery and John, Morningswood farm,
Victoria, Australia

--Fungal diseases in Oak and Chestnut trees clearing up
--Greater fruit production and greenery all round.

We have been doing the fire now since April,2005. The most dramatic change is with some oak trees we planted about ten years ago. They developed a bad fungal disease, to the extent that the new leaves were quite deformed. Last year, after about 5 months of Agnihotra, the new leaves came out clean and were able to mature with just a slight trace of the disease.

Slight leaf deformities have gone in Chinese chestnuts.

We had no problems at all with 6 alpaca births last season, whereas we have had quite a few needing the vet prior to Agnihotra on the land.

Good tasting oranges (navel) for the first time this year.

Many trees have been fruiting more profusely than ever this spring.

We have done very little foliar spraying and scattering ash around, for lack of time, so all of this is due to just the morning and evening Agnihotra Fire.

We have used the Agnihotra ash and ghee ointment a lot, mainly for skin conditions, clearing up immediately a kind of dermatitis triggered by heat that I have had for many years. Also those splits in the corner of the fingers that come from too much gardening. Better than comfrey ointment.

Are we calmer, and more together, in among the storms?

We do love doing the fire, as a time for centering, and acknowledging the interaction of Earth and Sun.(February, 2007)

**Paul Drahos, Biodynamic Farmer
Mt. Gambier, South Australia**

**--Agnihotra ash water spray radically
increased production and quality of crops
--Aggressive birds stopped swooping**

"I have never experienced anything like the results I have had with Agnihotra ash water. I call it Happy Water."

Paul, a biodynamic farmer of walnut trees and vegetables did irregular Agnihotra on his farm and ash spray. He witnessed tremendous increase in growth on the farm, was amazed at the size and amount of vegetables and when he boom sprayed the walnut trees with ash water he would feel elated every time. He realized the ash water was also giving him energy and upliftment as he was spraying his crops!

He also noticed that the large Australian birds called magpies stopped swooping on the children and himself on the farm when he started up Agnihotra.

**Margaret Dryden
Farm utilising Agnihotra
Gloucester New South Wales, Australia**

--Noxious weeds disappearing .

"After several years of irregular Agnihotra I've noticed the noxious weeds that usually infest farmland in my area- Fireweed and Lantana- are dying back. This is a definite demonstration of balance returning to the land through Homa." (December. 2006)

Letters to Satsang

Grace Manifests

October 23, 2007

My home and Fire Temple sit in the middle of Newhall, California, thirty miles north of Los Angeles. We are literally surrounded on all four sides by four fires--three major ones and one was potentially so. A fireman told me a few hours ago, "You sure are lucky we had helicopters available for water drops in your neighborhood this afternoon!"

So by Grace we are safe, though others in California are not so lucky. Half a million have been evacuated in San Diego County. Nearly half of the one thousand homes in Fallbrook, California (our first home in Southern California) in San Diego County burned down today. Over 1,500 others have burned down in the state.

The home I was to purchase 1 1/2 yrs. ago (and didn't only because the owner was out of town for three days), was in the middle of the first major burn Sunday night (nine miles from my current residence).

All in all, my place and Donna Scott's place (five miles from mine) are safe. Shree's protection (and no doubt that incurred by the Shivalingams that were placed in my Fire Temple twenty-four hours before the fires began) is never-ending.

And when Patricia Norton mentioned to Irma recently that she needed to return to San Diego County to retrieve her belongings as she has moved to the East Coast, Irma said at the time, "Do it soon."

*Love,
Barry Rathner*

From Vasant's Correspondence

Just as you treat others with kindness and love, why not treat yourself with that same consideration? As you would comfort a child or offer understanding to a friend in need, why not treat yourself with the same respect?

Let us at least be full of love to our neighbour. Even if we disagree with his politics or her viewpoint let us love the person for what is within. This is that higher love for which we strain and seek after. No straining is required. It is always there. It has always been there, waiting for you. We must become simple as a child. Then we will see this "love" and become immersed in it.

If anyone says anything bad about you, to your face or behind your back, always respond with Love. Keep silent and be the strong one. Suppose someone says something bad about you. If you react with anger, then people have reason to believe what has been said is true. Anger reinforces the negative. If you respond with Love then people will say, "This bad thing cannot be true of such a nice person".

When we no longer find fault in others, then we are cleansed ourselves of the greatest of all faults. Then in accepting others where they are, this does not mean we "agree" with them; we do not find fault with them. We are most compassionate but we do not condemn anyone; neither do we interfere with another human being's karma. If someone is about to injure himself or others then we have a

karmic duty to alert him to any danger, but we never condemn anyone for any reason. Almighty does not condemn.

Everything is dependent on another thing. Even thoughts follow sequence. So every situation changes depending on other situations. One thing is certain. If there is devotion then all things are made available for this mission. Initial setback need not be regarded as indication of anything, positive or negative. When you are dealing with different people then, of course, they have their own thinking. So this has an effect. When you are dealing in the world it is like that always. If I want to go to San Francisco then I have to arrange a ride or whatever transportation. Now, something may happen. Perhaps I want to go in a car. Person who is to drive decided he doesn't want to go. Then car is not available at last minute. So each time I have to change timing, schedule, everything. So we must not become dependent on any special thing because it changes. You just make available possibilities and take trial. Then if the situation changes you get an opportunity. You have to remain stable with each change. Thus constant one-pointed attention is required. Otherwise you become subject to constant changes due to environment, people's individual choice affecting your own choices, atmosphere, pollution. Any number of things can change your perspective and you become "moody" and then consistency and efficiency is changed. Many things can deter these influences. Mantras, Pránáyāma, meditation.

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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.