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Cover:

Dr. Ulrich Berk (center) congratulates the participants who have maintained the continuous Yajnya fire for 13 years. Please see the article on p. 3.

13th Anniversary of Continuous Fire at Tapovan

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On March 25th, 2001 we commenced our continuous 24-hours round-the-clock Om Tryambakam Homa Fire. This year we celebrated the thirteenth anniversary with a small ceremony at 11 A.M. here in Tapovan.

As far as we know this is the only Fire of its type on the planet at the moment where people from any caste, any religion and any nationality can participate.

Dr. Ulrich Berk from Germany was our special guest. He performed Vyahruti Homa, after which

he gave a short talk about the importance of the Fire and congratulated us on our achievement of thirteen years.

Pictured are some of the Agnihotris who have contributed over the years, including Prabhakar and Tryambak, the two anchormen who have each maintained the Fire for at least six hours per night, fifteen nights per month, since the commencement of the Fire in 2001. Without their devotion we could not have reached this milestone.

Mr. Tryambak Patil



Mr. Prabhakar Patil





Above: Some of the ladies who work at Tapovan. Below, children from Tapovan School also participated in the event.





Above, from right: Anne Godfrey and Bruce Johnson, caretakers of Tapovan. Below, Shreekant Paranjpe, grandson of Shree Vasant Paranjpe.



Homa Protection from Climatic Disasters

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From left: Mr. Dilip Patil, Mr. Sanjay Patil (manager of Tapovan), and Dr. Ulrich Berk performing Vyahruti Homa.

In February and March 2014 the Indian state of Maharashtra experienced a series of extremely destructive and unseasonal hailstorms. At least 12 people have died during the storms. Up to 100 farmers have committed suicide across the state due to crop losses from these storms.

Experts have assessed the area of loss at more than 2 million hectares, more than 50 billion rupees. Crops of soybean, chickpea, wheat, maize and sorghum, fruits such as pomegranates, grapes, mangoes (all varieties except Alphonso from Konkan), sweet lime, watermelon, papaya and bananas have been damaged heavily.

Total damage to the crops is being assessed at 120%. This breaks down to a total loss of crop, plus 20% expenses to clear the damaged crop and prepare again for replantation.

More about the storms can be found at <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Unseasonal-rain-hailstorms-trigger-farmers-suicides-in-Maharashtra-18-dead/articleshow/32277222.cms>

Here in Tapovan we have again been blessed with only minimal damage from the storms. Hail stones as big as marbles fell just as our crops of chickpea and wheat were reaching maturity. Near Tapovan several trees fell, blocking the highway. Our crop losses were limited to only about 10% in wheat, negligible losses in chickpea and peanut, and small losses only to our vegetables. However, we did lose all our mangoes which were just at the flowering stage. Our other fruit trees were not much affected, except for our very prolific lime tree in our courtyard which lost about 300 fruit in a matter of minutes at the height of the storm. One month later it has bounced back and again is full of fruit.

It seems that Agnihotra and the Homa Fires give very high level of protection against climatic disasters such as this.

Agnihotra Teachings Return to Zimbabwe: A Rumble of Love in the Jungle

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Zimbabwe had a refresher course in Homa Therapy principles and practices, beginning with a mini-retreat in Bindura, two hours outside of the capital city of Harare, on February 8, 2014.

Following up on the work Dr. John Matlander did there in 2012 (see Satsang Vol. 40, number 4) and with the organizational and practical support of Peta Searle, we had a one-day intensive at a lovely game reserve where our activities were closely monitored by many zebras, antelope, a giraffe and an especially interested ostrich.



More animals at the game reserve.



As we have none of these animals at my place of residence--Ecovillage Bhruqu Aranya in Poland--I was curious to see how our Agnihotra and Om Tryambakam fires would be received by the neighborhood. The bold ostrich seemed to be the most affected.

Though I was in the Harare area for only five days, Peta had arranged many programs which gave people several opportunities to refresh and upgrade their knowledge and practice of Homa Therapy.

As my credentials and experience include Homa Psychotherapy, several visitors wished to speak privately about habits and behaviors they wished to change. Discussion ensued, therefore, about the effects of Homa on the mind, primarily through the agency of Prana.

As Shree Vasant writes, "Prana and mind may be taken to be like two sides of the same coin and hence, a change in the atmosphere is automatically transposed to the realm of the mind." (from *Light Towards Divine Path*, p. 7)

The next evening upon returning from the retreat, others who were unable to attend came to Peta's house for sunset Agnihotra followed by a discussion. Nearly all who attended purchased copper Agnihotra pyramids.

I went with Peta the next day to the Harare Central Hospital and spoke to a large group of women



with whom Peta and her partner, clinical psychologist Ruth Verhey, coordinate a lovely program whereby they recycle plastic and weave colorful and useful bags and rugs, Zee Bags.

This ‘occupational therapy’ program meeting held near the Mawuya Psychiatric Unit of the hospital, is embraced by the disadvantaged women and the camaraderie I witnessed was beautiful to see. The program is reminiscent of the wonderful work Homa Therapy Teacher Anne Godfrey has been doing for years in India with her Rose Circles women.

As depression and dysfunctional families trouble several of the women, we discussed how Homa Therapy automatically helps both problems by creating an atmosphere infused with love and positivity. “Heal the atmosphere, and the healed atmosphere heals you,” a longtime slogan associated with Homa Therapy teaching, was offered to the group as a concise *modus operandi* for what we do.

The night before I left Zimbabwe, a sunset Agnihotra gathering was held at the Yoga school of Jen van Niekerk and Tanja Mogenson in Harare. It was mentioned how so many Yoga practitioners and students worldwide have experienced intensification of their practice by adding regular performance of Agnihotra to their regimes. Just as Pranayama is an important tool in Yoga, so is Agnihotra with its profound effects on Prana.

At the retreat, several support personnel who were there to assist in childcare and other duties, came up to me after overhearing some of the classes and requested that I ‘preach’ to them.

I turned to them and said simply that the goal in life is to react with love under all circumstances, and that if this can be accomplished, our work will



Peta Searle displaying samples of Zee Bags



Meeting at the Harare Central Hospital

be nearly done. Homa Therapy is a major tool in aiding us in this quest, I told them, as it heals polluted atmosphere that has devastating effects on our bodies and minds. They were happy to hear this.

Privately I mentioned to Wasiya Mhlanga, who works with Peta's family, the biblical references to healing through fire as found in the *Good News Bible*, American Bible Society, 1976:

This vision about the evening and morning sacrifices which has been explained to you will come true. But keep it secret now, because it will be a long time before it does come true.--Daniel 8:26

*So John said to all of them, "I baptize you with water, but someone is coming who is much greater than I am. I am not good enough even to untie his sandals He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."
--Luke 3:16*

After sunset and sunrise Agnihotra and hours of Om Tryambakam Homa, all were visibly more relaxed and light.

It was a great joy and pleasure for me to experience the universal draw that Homa Therapy has in a country so far removed from my day-to-day experiences. Peace, love, serenity and happiness are sought by all. That Agnihotra can seed the atmosphere to help provide this, is a blessing beyond description.

I am grateful to Peta and Simon, my gracious hosts, who along with their 3-year-old Lily and 6-month-old Louie, made my stay successful and comfortable.

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From the Orion Transmissions

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November 30, 2013 On Hearts Lighting the World

Many blessings will unfold now. Out of darkness into Light now.

Breathe deeply and put all confidence in the Truth that has been revealed to you personally, individually, and as a whole.

The darkness would have you believe in separate-ness. It would divide you into packs. It would keep you from uniting as brothers and sisters in the Light. It would create barriers and disparity. It would blind you from your own humanity.

The Light will bring forth ancient wisdom and call Truth forth from your hearts.

The Light will call you all together as one humanity—not divided by race, religion or creed, not separated by geographical boundaries or belief systems.

The Light, dear ones, will set you FREE.

Reach out to each other.

Embrace your own humanity in your global community.

See beyond your own borders.

See yourselves as limitless in your power to love, to forgive, to comfort, to care.

These are times when great ones will rise, with purity, humility and Light.

IT IS A TIME LIKE NO OTHER IN THE HISTORY OF THIS PLANET'S EVOLUTION, WHEN THAT WHICH WILL LIGHT THE WORLD

IS TRULY THE MAGNIFICENCE OF YOUR OWN HEARTS.

In Love,
We are Orion.

December 22, 2013 On Agnihotra Ash: Antidote for Radiation

Yes, yes. Substantial levels of radiation are being reported in California now. On West Coast of U.S. higher levels of radiation are being reported and simultaneously, being suppressed in mainstream media. Expect to see a 'spin' to avoid high levels of anxiety. Most beings are unaware or so concerned with their own daily living that they do not pay attention to dangers, even when they are exposed publicly.

The antidote for radiation that is in your hands is pure Agnihotra Ash. This is a miraculous substance which can be used to protect against radiation effects and also can be used in agriculture to protect soil and plants from radiation. More reports need to be made on the effects of Agnihotra Ash on radioactive soil, water, food. Let us see what can be done in this direction. Meanwhile, don't wait for scientific proof to be validated. Those of you who are longtime practitioners of Agnihotra know the effects can be quite profoundly positive.

Share this knowledge now all over the world, particularly in Japan now, as well as to areas most affected by the spread of radioactive particles. Those beings residing on the West Coast of California and in Hawaii particularly need to focus on ingesting regularly Agnihotra Ash, as well as considering spreading the ash over any garden or pasture areas. Those of you who ingest dairy products, particularly in areas most affected, should consider alternatives. If you must eat dairy, particularly milk, then perhaps best to treat it with

Agnihotra Ash for a period of 24 hours prior to ingesting. Refraining from dairy products in those regions is preferable.

January 14, 2014 On Unity Among Those Working for the Light

Yes, yes. The winds of change are sweeping the planet. No place will remain untouched, though some ancient sacred sites will remain pure and protected from the ravages of a climate gone awry and the greed of corporate control. Some sites will remain as pristine and peaceful as when they were created. There are Guardian Spirits and Eternals living at those places. These are mostly unknown truths, glimpsed by some and realized by a very few.

These are spectacular times in which to live, though not without challenges and the clear-cut divisions which arise between people.

This brings us to our next concern—that of UNITY amongst those working for the Light. Let the divisions be with the world outside, never encroaching upon your own individual relationships.

Cherish and protect the connections you have with each other. Seek to find ways to foster open communication and treat as sacred the Truths which all of you hold near.

Let go of petty jealousies and fears. Realize there is no such thing as individual importance. All are equal in the Eyes of Divine.

It is crucial now to maintain clear, open and loving communication between you. Look toward helping and healing. Seek Truth and Unity.

These are not empty words, pleasant platitudes to listen to, only to let pass by. Every word is

essential now, as the world becomes more difficult to navigate your vessels through, the seas more stormy, the air more condensed.

Listen. Listen. **Carry within you the seed of self-discovery and the dream of oneness with your fellow human beings.**

There will be no time like this again. Be uplifted by the Light. OM.

January 20, 2014 On Resolution and Manifestation in 2014

Yes, yes. The beings awakening on planet Earth are undergoing deep, lasting transformation in their lives at this pivotal point in life. Those who have had unresolved conflicts—inner and outer—will now be finding resolution an essential process which seems to be happening automatically. Completion of long-cherished dreams is now at hand.

So, resolution and fulfillment are operative words to describe the period of time starting from January 2014 through and including the following year till May 2015. In May 2015 there will be a polar shift which will intensify everything, but it will not be negative. Actually, what we foresee is of a positive nature.

Human beings can work with this transformative energy which is now at your fingertips. This is a time to complete projects, even those which are at the seed stage. Believe all is possible, because the phase you are now in, beginning, is the manifestation phase.

2014 is also the year of manifestation for those working for the Light. There are likely to be far less outside conflicts than in 2013, which was the year of conflict! Indeed, 2014 will be more the year of

year & a half of resolution. Though each being has his or her own karmic reality, the common thread is similar.

Whatever you have brought with you into 2014, it is likely to be resolved. And that which you have created in your minds and hearts of a positive nature—from actual building on the physical plane to relationships and individual goals—are likely to reach fruition.

The rules of manifestation do apply and, as with all dreams, goals and long-term plans, it is always recommended to align your hearts and minds with that which is Divine Will.

If you are attuned to Divine Will, Divine will manifest that.

One rule of manifestation is to be present here and now. Though your dreams and aspirations may be in the realm of the future, you must be firmly planted in the present for anything to materialize!

2014 will be a year when one will not need to push so hard to make things happen. The energies will do the pushing, if pushing is required at all. A more natural flow of higher energies will be present now.

Nurture your higher awareness by partaking in and initiating activities which inspire and intensify the spirit—more chanting, more prayer, more fires, more healing, more music, more art, more movement.

Make specific times for your spiritual work on yourself.

Strengthen your spirit. This time now is sacred. Remain one-pointed.

Surround yourself with those of positive intent. Refrain from activities which pull you down or hold you back.

Respect and honour the sanctity of life.

This is truly a high and clear period of time, though fear would have you think otherwise.

Rise above all obstacles. Find the way to Light. Light the way for those following behind you. Keep your eyes on the Light.

We are with you.

Blessings abound. OM.

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Healing with Homa Therapy

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I am 65 years old. I came to the Bioenergetic Homa Healing event in the Convention Center, with bronchial pneumonia. I had it for 3 years. Mrs. Veronica invited me to this event. Therefore, I finished my work early. I am selling sweets in the market. I was born in Chimbote in a Christian home. I am Pentecostal. I came to our farm in Cajabamba and the weather hit me. I got bronchial pneumonia. I was aphonic; I could not talk with anyone. I was coughing constantly. I was choking. I thought I would die. It was an emergency and the doctors could not help me.

I had gone to the hospital and I was given injections and medicines, but nothing helped. I was having a crisis in the Convention Center. However, I was given the Agnihotra ash and as I was taking it, I felt I could breathe and speak better.

After 8 days of practicing the Homa fires and taking its ash, I feel great and I can sing my praises to the Lord; I love to sing. Thanks to my brother, I have the Agnihotra kit and practice it in the morning and afternoon in this Homa Centre. I get up at 5 A.M. to walk and arrive in time for the morning Agnihotra here.

Now I am healthy. I have no pain and I am fine.

Before, my fingers ached and remained closed, but now I can open and close my hands without any problems and I have no pain. Now, I do not need any medicine; I do Agnihotra and take its ash.



Hermes Ernesto Salazar
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I am 59 years old. I was suffering with diabetes for 10 years. I was feeling a lot of pain and coldness in my legs and arms, especially at night. I could not sleep.

I started doing Agnihotra and I started to feel good, I can sleep better. I am doing sunrise and sunset Agnihotra and Om Tryambakam Homa. I am experiencing changes. Prior to that, it was a martyrdom of pain. Now I can sleep. Previously I did Agnihotra irregularly and it helped a little. **However, when I started doing Agnihotra regularly and taking the ash daily, I began to feel much improvement. I have also felt that Tryambakam has helped me a lot.**

I fill a quarter of a 3-liter bottle with Agnihotra ash, then I add water and shake it well. Then I let the ash settle on the bottom. The water becomes

transparent, and I drink it all during the day. At first, I felt as if I had to urinate all the time. With this, my pain in the legs is completely gone. When I take the Agnihotra ash, it is like eating, and I need to eat less food. Nevertheless, amazingly I have gained weight. Before the Homa Therapy, I weighed 45 kilos and now I am 56 kilos. This change occurred in a month and a half approximately. This is great, for I feel like a 30-year-young man. It is amazing.



Amparo Rene Castillo Benitez
Cajabamba, Peru, South America

I am 62 years old. I am a nursing technician and I work at the Hospital of Cajabamba. I have been coming to Homa Therapy for one week.

I felt a lot of pain in my neck and my shoulders. They were swollen. However, I participated in the Agnihotra at the hospital and took Agnihotra ashes and I slept very well, more than usual. Then I started coming to the Cajabamba Homa Therapy Center. Now, I have no pain and I have not taken any pills. I needed to take Ibuprofen before going to bed. Now, I participate in the Agnihotra fire,

take Agnihotra ash, and sleep very well without pain.

Also, I felt sharp pains like thorns or needles in the leg, but I have applied Agnihotra ash with ghee and now I am okay. I used to get massages, which hurt a lot; these used to help for a short time, but the pain would return. Now with Homa Therapy I feel good. Thank you.



Luz Gonzales
Cajabamba, Peru, South America

I am 65 years old. I fell and I suffered from a trauma in my right leg, and in my hip I felt a burning sensation. I went to the doctor and they gave me pills and injections, but the problem continued.

Before coming to the Homa Center I could not walk and my legs were burning. Now thanks to God and thanks to the Homa fires, I am fine. I walk very well.

From Shree Vasant's Teachings

Do not think that what you want to accomplish cannot be done. Think, rather, how to do it. Do not be afraid of failing. Where is the question of failure? If you slip, try not to fall. If you fall, pick yourself up and begin again without delay.

Concentrate on improving attitudes, behaviors, thoughts, actions. Concentrate on becoming nonattached. Concentrate on becoming the best person you are capable of being. Reduce ego by focus on service. Every day, some service should be done by you. Concentrate on truly following the Fivefold Path principles and disciplining the mind to adhere to these principles.

This is a time of renewal for all of you who have come up to this point. Wherever you may think you are, you may, in fact, be at another level. For example, if you think that you are lowly, it could be that actually you are more spiritually evolved than you think.

Those of you who think you have achieved greatness in your personal lives either by accomplishments or by fortune, certainly that may be so. But in the spiritual realm, what have you given? How are you of service? That is the true measure of the man and woman. Do they serve others readily, with little complaint or concern for their own comfort? Do they give of their time readily and with little complaint or concern for their desires? How many of you can claim that as your virtue? Very few. And the ones who can claim it would never count themselves as being adept at it. Service done with no thought of reward or recognition is rare indeed. At least let us strive for that. SERVICE, SERVICE, SERVICE.

Do not look to the faults in others, because it very

well could be that those very faults you find so disturbing in others are also quite glaringly present in you. Do not be quick to point out the faults or shortcomings in others. Rather, show by example.

For example, a person that you know is very self-ish, reserves the best for himself and finds it difficult to be generous with others, even his friends. If you tell him this, he will mistrust you and think only that you want a thing from him, when instead your intentions may even be honorable; you may sincerely wish to help him to know himself and make necessary changes in his life.

However, there is only one small catch: **He is not you.** And unless you yourself are flawless, above reproach, how can you have the time to focus on another? To avoid this, focus on yourself.

So practice Swadhyaya (self-study.) Swadhyaya is 'Who am I?' not "Who is the next person?" It is, "What is my purpose?" not "What should my friend be doing?" SWADHYAYA, the simple solution to fault-finding. Oh! No time. Look at yourself.

If a person is acting out of love, then there is no 'reacting.' Accept the other person as he or she is. If you do not like his or her actions, behave in the opposite manner, but do even this out of love. If someone is gruff or seems angry, then be full of love with that person.

The most effective way to change another person's perspective, behavior, attitudes, is by your own example. If the person is judgmental towards others, once you notice this fault in him, let it go. Otherwise you are also in danger of doing the same. Then show acceptance and tolerance to that individual. Do not be afraid of the person, what they will say or do to you. If you are reacting with love, where is the question of fear?

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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.