

Agnihotra Philippines Forum 6

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Part 6: Agnihotra Q&A

Hello friends,

It has been a while since our last question-answer format (we had 5 so far). I started drafting this issue last May and only able to finish it after 4 months. In between I have sent you newsletter issues from our network friends abroad. There indeed is a lot of information on agnihotra that are available from the internet. However, not all of our local practitioners have access to internet. On the other hand, not all who have the pyramid or the whole kit have started doing the fire. Meanwhile, I have now 10 pyramids left, if anyone is interested. So without saying too much here let me go to common or significant questions and comments. Do flash me a note every now and then just to keep the network more alive. Thanks and have a good reading.

1. **A challenge for Agnihotris.** From a person who has high position in anthroposophy. *“I can see that one can be very passionate about agnihotra. But one must be very careful that it does not generate an attitude of complacency, like not anymore doing inner work because agnihotra can achieve results that others may get doing the “long cut” process. Also one should not just believe. Ensure that there is outer work (meaning data, research results) since it is nowadays quite common to hear that such and such practice works like magic almost. One must also ensure that the practice will lead to true individual and community transformation. Many of those who do certain cleansing practices have an environment that is still puzzlingly dirty.”* Concerns raised here are valid and an agnihotri, to be able to enjoin others and also to be genuinely performing agnihotra according to its original intent, must measure their own action and impact based on above criteria. Inner and outer work must be balanced. Those who challenge the practice are actually our angels who will enable us to cover all bases.

2. **Where are the places in the Philippines where agnihotra is being practiced?** An accurate count would be difficult to get but I believe there are now more than 100 active practitioners. There may also be 20 who do it less regularly, and 15 who are at the “verge of starting”. Some said they wanted to practice once they get their own materials. As far as I know there are people who are practicing or who have pyramids in the following provinces or towns; if you are a practitioner and your area is not here please let me know. I keep the names of practitioners in a separate file. Some people got the pyramids from me and passed them on to others; I still have to know where these pyramids are or if they are being used.

Abra	1
Alabang	4
Alegria, Cebu	1
Antipas, North Cotabato	1
Arakan, North Cotabato	1
Aurora (San Luis)	2
Bacolod	1
Badian, Cebu	1
Bataan (Limay)	1
Bay, Laguna	2
BayawanCity, Negros Or	1
Bohol (Tagbilaran)	1
Bulacan	1
Cagayan Valley	1
Calamba, Laguna	2
Calauan, Laguna	3
Caloocan, Manila	1
Candelaria, Quezon	1
Camarines Sur	1
Canlubang	1
Calatagan	1
Catmon, Cebu	1
Cavite (Gen. Trias)	5
Cebu City (Mango,__,__, Labangon	5
(SRP)	1
(other places)	3

College, Laguna	14
Cotabato City	1
Davao City (Matina,___)	4
Digos, Davao del Sur	1
Guba, Cebu City	1
Guimaras (Gerry)	2
Iligan City	1
Isabela (Delfin albano)	1
Kabankalan, Negros Occ	3
Jaro, Leyte	1
Lahug, Cebu City 1	1
Lapulapu City	1
Legaspi City	1
Los Banos, Laguna (Bayan)	4
Magsaysay, Davao del Sur)	1
Makati City	3
Makilala, North Cotabato	50+
Mati, Davao Oriental	1
Mambaling, Cebu City	2
Maramag, Bukidnon	1
Matalam, North Cotabato	1
Midsayap, North Cotabato	1
Mlang, North Cotabato	1
Muntinlupa, Rizal	1
Nabunturan, ComVal	1
Nueva Ecija (Gabaldon)	3
Opol, Misamis Or	2
Palawan (c/o Bernie)	1
Pampanga (Angeles)	2
Pasig, Rizal	2
President Roxas, North Cotabato	1
Quezon City	7
Quiapo	1
Roxas Blvd, Manila	1
Silang, Cavite	3
Sta Rosa, Laguna	2
Tagaytay	5+

Talamban Cebu	1
Tarlac, Tarlac	1
Tawas, Buda, Davao	1
Tolonan, North Cotabato	1
Zamboanga City	2+

3. What countries are now doing agnihotra? I found the following information from the internet. A more recent count is due, since the article was released last 2007.

Agnihotra - an International Phenomenon

Agnihotra and Homa Therapy are now practised in more than 60 countries worldwide on six continents. This has been in large part due to the unceasing efforts of Shree Gurudev Vasantrya Paranjpe. Since 1972 Vasant has either personally visited or encouraged other Agnihotris to visit many countries on the six continents. The following list is not exhaustive:

North America: Canada, USA

Europe: Austria, Belgium, Belarus, Croatia, Czech, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, Ukraine, Yugoslavia,

Asia: India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Japan, China, Indonesia, Kazakhstan

South America: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela

Central America: Caribbean Islands, Dominican Republic, Panama

Middle East: Israel, Jordan, Syria, Turkey

Africa: Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda

Oceania: Australia, New Zealand

4. **What are more local experiences on Agnihotra?** More people are telling me about the amazing effect of the practice and the ash. They all affirm what people from other countries also experience.
- The students in UPLB who have attended agnihotra are saying they have restful sleep, or renewed vigor to study longer.
 - Recently students in a class at UPLB tried experimenting using the ash from an agnihotra set up but done off-time, or at non-sunrise/sunset time. They found that the vigor of the seedling from the off-timed one was way below that of ash done at the right agni time.

- In Guimaras Gerry shared healing of their elderly among other things. The same was experienced by Fe Louella with her ailing mom in Negros- she experienced peace and comfort and deep sleep with being exposed to agni atmosphere.
- In Guimaras still, Gerry's daughter's delivery was smooth with daily agni practice (our first agni baby!).
- Some of those who recently attended agni fire one time in Mambaling (Cebu) and are now drinking the ash cited "awakened" healing process of their bodies. They keep on perspiring and feel lighter.
- Anita from Isabela shares that her mom's problematic vision greatly improved with daily application of agni eyewash.
- In Cebu Lily's and Rina's wax apple trees have been bearing fruit non-stop since the practice of agnihotra.
- KaDingo from Aurora: a neighbor who used to do diving for fish as livelihood in Palawan was paralyzed/injured (had the bends, a phenomenon that one may get from going up to the surface in a hurry; he used to do deep diving using air from compressor, to enable him to last 15-30 min underwater) and had been on crutches for 6 years. He was offered agni ash to mix in with his drinking water. After 3 weeks he was able to walk 7m. Now he is completely healed and back to work. Another neighbor who had amoebiasis got well after KaDingo gave him agni ash water. After spreading ash to the crown and trunk, KaDingo's sick citrus trees recovered (from an disease they call "san Francisco"; the sick plant would look like the ornamental San Francisco, which may have variegated leaves. In this disease the citrus leaves develop yellow borders). Within 3 months, new leaves have come out and the trees became healthy again. His goat : it was injured by the rope used as leash and the wound became severely infected and got infested with worms (maggots). After cleaning the wound with some bamboo shoot and tobacco leaf, agni ash was then applied. The wound dried up in 3 days. He also applied agni ash two times on a wound in the foot of their little girl (she stepped on a rusty nail). In 3 days the discomfort disappeared and the girl was again jumping up and down like nothing happened.

- Vern and Ray from Los Banos incorporated ash into their compost being sold commercially. She was amazed that this new formula they concocted had rapid re-order rate (less than one month in contrast to 3 months for the others).
 - Mavic of Calauan, Laguna: since I started agni last march 21 I became more calm and able to control my anger; my thoughts also were more positive. My health has improved a lot (had lots of body pain and discomfort). My plants that I water with agni ash are also much healthier. The pepper in my backyard that were diseased were cured.
 - Poldo of Kabankalan, Negros Occidental: My daughter had epilepsy which got worse last year, averaging 6 seizures a day. Doctors have given up. One week after I started doing agnihotra and she attending most of the sessions, her seizures were lessened. She started drinking the ash water the following week. The week after that she attended the sessions again; and continued drinking the agni-water. Within 2 months the attacks disappeared. She got transformed from being skinny, irritable and forgetful one, to a happy healthy normal person again. Our agnihotra-treated farms are thriving well. At one time during a very dry summer, all around us was dry except in our farms because there was a localized rain.
 - Zen of Tagbilaran: I use agnihotra ash to coat my ubi setts (guha, in Cebuano) before we plant them on the ground (ubi is purple yam or Dioschorea). We're now planting ubi setts (following root days, of course) and all of these setts are coated with pure agnihotra ash. We observe that they grow well and are free of pests and diseases. Also, we coat any bruised tubers with agnihotra ash before storing them.
5. **Unused agni pyramids: What about those who got the pyramids but have not started the performance or have stopped?** One can be very enthusiastic about agnihotra but also get easily overtaken or overwhelmed by other life's concerns. It is the getting started that is the biggest challenge. Some who managed to get started share that their initial push was their desire to want to be able to HELP THE EARTH, or TO CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIETY in a more effective way. For others it is the desire to heal some ailment that they or their loved ones have. Those who decided agnihotra is not for them and are

willing to part with their unit I can buy the pyramids back. Those who still wish to perform someday, just let me know if you need another demo or “refresher” session.

6. **An experience with medical practitioners.** I (Pam) attended an international training-workshop held in Mindanao in April, which was participated in by anthroposophic doctors, nurses and other people who are in the medical or healing profession. It was great that some of the doctors and nurses are now into the practice of Agnihotra. Some are still to receive their pyramids. Hope to get updates from them in the next Q&A issue. And ahhh, some priests are into it too.

7. **Freedom of choice.** Someone asked after hearing how unbelievable the effects of agnihotra are: *“If agnihotra does benefit and change a person who may not believe or unwilling to change, where would free choice or free will come in?”* I believe that in the very core of each one, or if we invoke our higher self, there is that desire to evolve, serve humanity and to help heal the earth. Thus it would be difficult to imagine anyone who would want to say no to healing and cleansing. The evolution of each one must proceed according to his/her chosen destiny but if collective welfare is at stake and if the effect will put the earth in order, why not. Agnihotra is a way to do earth service, being one of the ordained means to the five fold path. Moreover, evolution and change may be achieved after one experiences pain. But this may also be achieved without the pain, but through the path of consciousness; through intuition.

8. **Agnihotra in Mindanao.** Betsy Gamela of Don Bosco Diocesan Youth Fdn Inc. shared that they are officially taking up Agnihotra . This group is the biggest in the country doing biodynamics (more than 3000 families so far). They have so many good news about agni efficacy: cattle sick with hemorrhagic septicemia recovered in a few days (*this is a highly fatal disease of cattle and water buffalo. In susceptible animals, the symptoms progress rapidly from dullness and fever to death within hours. Recovery is rare*). A farmer got cured of his mild stroke; also a youth with defective vision (with agni compress on the eyes). Blackbugs went away after 2 days without damaging rice crop, etc).

9. **Student thesis on biodynamic vs. Agni.** Last semester a BS Agriculture student of mine (field: seed technology) conducted a study that aimed to improve the seed vigor

(germination level, speed of germination and seedling growth) of peanut and mungbean. In brief she found that initially low vigor seeds (50% germination level) responded more than seeds with high initial vigor (85% level) when given agnihotra or biodynamic preparations. Their germination percentage and seedling growth levels even matched the final level of those that had high initial vigor. Seeds given water alone (liquid in the amounts of 2.5 or 5% of seed+medium) also improved seed performance but only at 10% level compared to 40-50% with agnihotra and biodynamic. Agnihotra ash and biodynamic preparations had comparable results, but the latter would give more advantages in terms of accessibility and costs.

10. **Questions from Rod:** I would like to know the following: “*a) the chemical composition of Agni ash, b) who are the gods referred to as Agni, Prajapataye, Suryaye? c) Does ash or agnihotra performance lose its value in time, like if the metal pyramid becomes rusty, d) if the performer is oriented differently like north-south or is not facing the pyramid, e) if there is paint found in the pyramid and f) if cellphones which have quantum effect can be used near the pyramid fire*”. The ash might vary a little bit depending on the source of feed and maybe even breed, but in agnihotra we are not really looking at the chemical composition but the energies that are in the substance. Previous Q&A dealt a little bit on the mantra and the meaning of the words. This is a common question though, or more accurately a concern esp. for Catholics or Christians. The bias against other religions can affect acceptance of agnihotra. I believe the ash power might wear off if exposed to counter energies such as negative thoughts, words or equipment. But exposure to agni atmosphere could regain its potency; also, the amount of energy in the ash is in magnitudes so much greater than the cancelling effect of any ordinary exposure. The metal is made of copper so will not become rusty (more for iron). Corrosion is not probable if the metal is kept well dry and attended, and not exposed to the elements. Other positions of the performer might reduce the effect but the magnitude of benefits absorbed by just being around would mask any small reductions. Any impurity in or on the pyramid could lead to alteration of resonance. It would be interesting how cellphone “energy” could alter the positive effects of agnihotra.

Thank you and until the next one.....all the best,

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