Agarwood

A closer look at the ‘Wood of God’

If there are any commodities in Asia with extremely high value commercially, culturally and religiously, Agarwood would have been among the top ten list. Traded heavily in the continent for centuries from the Middle eastern countries to the Buddhist cultured countries, the special wood is undoubtedly one of the most precious wood in the world, surrounded by heavy myths and strong historical precedences.

Often in Feng Shui, we hear about the mystical benefit of Agarwood. But what really is so special about this wood, and what can it benefit us from Feng Shui perspective? Here is some researches I found about the wood that may cost more than gold based on its weigh.

The wood needs to be ‘sick’ in order to be highly potent.

The Agarwood, at a glance, is just an ordinary plant growing deep inside the luscious tropical forest. However the most valuable property of this wood is its resin, which can only be produced by the tree if it is infected by certain fungus. This residual oil or so called Oud, is priceless due to the complicated and expensive process to distill it.

Some piece of Agarwood are even more priceless especially when the piece is heavily infected by fungus and dark, thus producing more resin. It is very rare to have a piece of Agarwood trunk that is rich in Oud and its aroma, as it is believed to have a powerful healing energy just from its aroma alone.

The rarity of the wood contributes to the steep climb in its price, making this piece wood collectible items that are highly valuable and rare.

Legend of the east has it that Agarwood is the only plant Adam was allowed to take from the Garden of Eden.
Agarwood in Feng Shui

“Beyond a pleasant smell, a drop of Agarwood essence will softly invade your lungs, your mind, your body and spirit”

Trygve Harris, aromatherapy expert

Invigorating smell ‘Qi’

As we know Qi comes in different shapes and forms, including smell. And Oud, the essence of Agarwood, is one of the best example of energizing Qi in the sense of smell. There is something beyond words about the aroma of this divine wood: deep, rich, and earthy; it is sweet yet sharp balsamic woodiness will penetrate your senses. In Feng Shui, Agarwood can be used first of all as a source of auspicious Qi, especially at the place where you need to introduce wood elements.

Enhance health sector

The most important benefit of Agarwood lies in its healing property. Traced back over the centuries and across many countries, its therapeutical essence has been proven to heal many diseases, as well as improving mental clarity and calming one's mind. In Feng Shui, we can use the wood to enhance our health sector. This will depend on the method you are using to analyze: for example in Eight Mansion, you can place this wood at the Tian Yi sector. Again, you may need to consult a professional Feng Shui practitioner to get the best out of this wood's healing property.

There are many things one can choose as Feng Shui items, be it enhancers or cures. With many items being sold in the market, getting an effective and truly valuable things can prove to be a challenge. With its high value and many healing benefits, Agarwood will be a considerable option for those looking for worthwhile Feng Shui items.

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