

# An Essential Oils update from Holger Grime April 2012 . . .

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I received an email from Holger Grime who had written a number of articles for us about the essential oils. See, [https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon\\_2015/?page\\_id=505](https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon_2015/?page_id=505)

He has written to make me aware of the strain on the plants from which we get the oils. Although we have been warning you of the world events that are having an effect on the price of food and our economies I had not considered the essential oils. So here is a short note from Holger about this growing problem.

As the essential oils are in high demand these days, much higher than in recent years, I like to inform you what happened recently. I had an alarming conversation last week with a director of one of Europe's biggest essential oil companies. The development is almost exploding. He told me, there are no more general price lists for larger quantities of essential oils, only daily prices and their company's work shifts have stretched for months to 23 working hours per day. They even have no more Easter holiday this year due to the increased demands. Reasons are the increased worldwide demands, damaged harvests worldwide, and new players in the field with extremely growing orders.

China imports more and more oils, even from those that derive from in China grown plants. That sounds odd, yet is explained with the mistrust due to corruption in the Chinese market. So these plants are harvested in China but then flown to Germany for processing and distillation, filling etc. of the finished product of the relevant essential oil to be flown back to the Middle Kingdom for distribution in large quantities of high quality.

Frankincense from East Africa (Somalia, and around) is another oil with huge problems. Harvesting is done by cutting the trees with slits in the stem, collecting the resin, and then distilling the won resin, usually in Germany and France. In the places of that plants origin there are several reasons that let predict a difficult future for production. One reason is the ever-increasing poisoning of the once clean environmental situation. There is lacking governmental order in the whole region and people do what leads to worse conditions. Since years, the various varieties of the plants suffer from bugs and pests. The other reason is that herders come to the growth areas of the frankincense plants in higher regions and introduce their cattle to the areas. Uncontrolled by any governmental regulation, they set fires on large areas in order to win new grounds for the herds and destroy young plants in order to have the areas cleared of any other vegetation than edible grass. The bigger trees do not suffer much but survive, yet the growth of smaller saplings and small trees is destroyed. Some Americans from the southwest have already started to replant Frankincense producing young plants to New Mexico and regions with similar climatic conditions. To be harvested, such plants need to be at least six years old. That is only true for similar conditions of the whole environment. Also the

cultivation needs extremely higher cost. The resins of frankincense are usually exported to again, Europe, distilled there and about half of the product sold to mainly China, where the genuine essential oil is in high demand.

Yet, another player came recently to the market: Russia, with traders who are well supplied with funds and an ever-growing demand. Steep increase of price will be the result, already seen these days, and that is only the beginning. Frankincense is one of the most versatile oils with high potential for healing capabilities. It cannot be produced like any chemical product and the demand will be growing steeply.

Other oils have been unavailable for over two years recently: Orange terpenes. That can be used ideally for cleaning, as they bind the fats that are in oils. Orange terpenes (Ot) were not available 2010-2011 on almost all markets in quantities. Imagine the huge output from both the northern and the southern hemisphere harvesting. The Ot are derived from the rind of the fruits by pressing. Usually Ot are inexpensive, but the prices rose steeply, and no one knew where all the Ot went. Only those dealing with essential oils knew and they told me that a big firm from the oil industry bought it all up for cleansing the follow-up of that large spill in the Gulf area by flying it there and using it to throw all the big amount into the sea to clean the spill. The reason it happened silently was no clear idea what would happen with the oil spill remains after it was bound by Ot and sank down to the ground of the sea.

Usually when the crude is bound by something else, the big mass will sink down and then being "eaten" up by bacteria until dissolved. But Ot has strong anti-bacterial properties, so that all the bacteria causing the crude to be broken up will not be able to finish their job. What will happen then to the huge mass of this bound mix of crude and Ot? On such a scale, this has not happened in recorded history...

Or look at Jojoba (fatty) oil, grown in South America. Two years ago, the harvest was utterly shaken due to a cold spell. Jojoba oil is used for skin conditions. Some years ago it had a moderate price and was sold neat (undiluted). Today you can get in Europe only Jojoba oils labeled as "with" or "contains" Jojoba oil, as the pure jojoba became so expensive that most the people could not afford it any more.

Sandalwood, a biblical oil with many great properties for human health conditions, came mainly from India. Street price in Europe was around 8 to 10 Euros four years ago, due to governmental protection measures, it jumped up to 60 Euros for the same tiny amount as before. Today, about 70% of the sandalwood oils are corrupt and you have to go to Dubai to purchase real Sandalwood, the rest is stretched, corrupted or even unhealthy due to the greed of distillers, traders, etc.

This development shows that essential oils will be traded soon with much higher prices, especially that there will be a much higher demand due to disease and at the same time a rising awareness of their capabilities, while the availability will be rather reduced in face of just a few reasons I have stated above.

Again, looking forward to your reply,

Blessings, In Yah,

Holger