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The Secrets of Fukuoka's approach to farming the natural way; the theory and practice of working with nature, and living better for it. At once philosophical and down-to-earth, he takes us on a walk through healthy fields, and clearly explains how we can and must change our way of doing things if we are to make lasting peace with the earth and ourselves

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Paul Jennings says

I believe that taking Fukuoka's ideas about natural farming and adapting them to other parts of the world may, in the long run, offer the only way forward for both agriculture, nature, and by extension, the human race.

Justin says

I really love Masanobu's philosophy. He also appears to be quite brilliant. That being said, this book didn't give enough actionable advice for me and I will see if I can find another of his books at the library

Missy Ivey says

This was a very hard book to get through, and not as easy to read as "The Road Back to Nature", but it was one I had to finish because his beliefs are so similar to mine. He put into words, in a way that I never have been able to, exactly why I have always felt closer to God while out there digging in the dirt. Nature is a part of God! When originally designed, it was perfect. On page 214, author writes:

"A human environment cannot exist apart from nature, and so agriculture must be made the foundation for living...The earth is not merely soil, and the blue sky is more than just empty space. The earth is the garden of God, and the sky is where he sits. The farmer who, chewing well the grain harvested from the Lord's garden, raises his face to the heavens in gratitude, lives the best and most perfect life possible."

Fukuoka's vision is for all people to return to the garden of God to farm. It would be a way of life in which one constantly reaffirms the source of life ('life' being another name for God). This is so important because humans really have forgotten where life comes from. Young people today believe food comes from the grocery store without another thought about it.

He does explain the "natural" way to farm, but, also the fallacies of science technology: growing expenses for larger farming equipment placed on farmers and the damages it really places on their land, synthetic fertilizers, chemical herbicides and pesticides, GMO crops, etc... We are removing ourselves further from nature by destroying our lands, and removing ourselves from God! But there is hope! It is proven that land can be rehabilitated, but man has to be willing to return to the natural way of farming again.

Most of the lessons on the natural way to farm is on growing rice and barley in Japan, but one can still use the same principals to farm, or garden, or to naturally raise farm animals here in the U.S. I'm left very encouraged and motivated to get started in trying out a few ideas from this book.

Bettina Gies says

Basic read on awareness in agriculture and gardening.

Özgür Takmaz says

Let it be!

Coalbanks says

Made me think about low impact food production, a smaller footprint etc.

Anna says

This book contains some useful diagrams that I will revisit. The second half, featuring the practical application of natural farming, was enlightening. The first half went on a little too long.

Harini Srinivasan says

Intriguing and interesting! Intriguing because I hadn't read One Straw Revolution first -- my local bookshops didn't have it. So this was my first exposure to Fukuoka. And interesting because it is! An eye opener, and more thrilling than any thriller!
