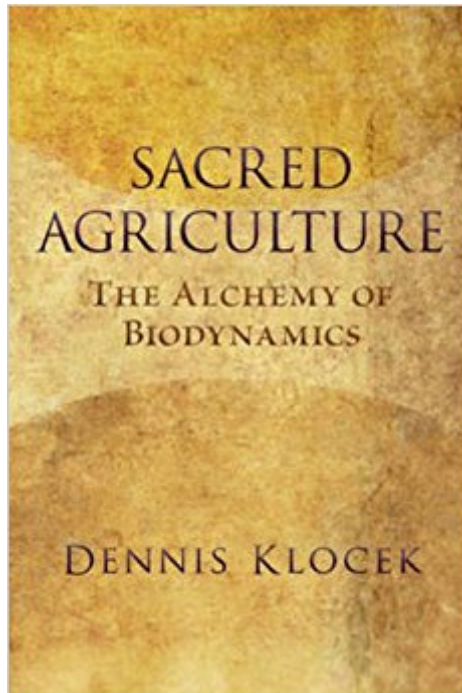




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Sacred Agriculture: The Alchemy Of Biodynamics



Synopsis

"From an esoteric point of view and from Steiner's point of view, the evolution of the Earth depends on the evolution of human consciousness. They are not separate. The ancient peoples understood that. They understood that human consciousness is woven in with the destiny and life of the Earth as a spiritual being. As a result they lived in a sacred manner. Their daily round was the stuff of a priesthood. They understood the relationship between the human and the divine by seeing the Earth as the mother and the sky as the father of humanity." It was just a given for them that nature was permeated by spiritual entities. However, that worldview had to evolve to the spot where we are today. Today the vast majority of people feel totally divorced from a real connection to the spiritual being of the Earth. The Earth primarily is a resource to be used. If you go tell your mother she is just a resource to be used, you have a lot of problems. My thesis is that the evolution of consciousness requires us to understand that our state of consciousness has an impact on the evolution of the Earth as a spiritual being."

Dennis Klocek explores the essence of biodynamic agriculture, in particular the nature of inner development needed to utilize such methods effectively. He tells us that biodynamics requires constant self-development and an intimate knowledge of and relationship with the plants, animals, weather, earth, the preparations and much more. Based on numerous lectures presented to serious biodynamic gardeners, farmers, and winemakers, the author presents his views within a structure of Goethean observation, alchemical language, and the classic four elements, all based on the work of Rudolf Steiner and other pioneers in this field, as well as his own many years of interest in biodynamic methods, both conceptual and practical. This is not a book of recipes and how-to techniques, but a guidebook to the inner means of working with the elemental nature of the earth, showing ways to read in nature what is needed.

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'Well worth the effort of reading it through from cover to cover and discovering the many priceless gems it contains.' -- New View

Dennis Klocek is a teacher, researcher, artist, gardener, and alchemist. He graduated with an MFA in 1975 from Temple University's Tyler School of Art. He then taught for seven years at a community college. In 1982, his love for the work of Rudolf Steiner took him to Rudolf Steiner College in Sacramento, California, where he has been the director of their Consciousness Studies Program ("Goethean Studies") since 1992. Dennis is engaged in research, teaching, and writing in many fields, including weather, gardening, meditation, the human organism, and self-transformation. He founded the Coros Institute to teach and promote dialogue experiences based on esoteric wisdom. Dennis Klocek's books include Sacred Agriculture: The Alchemy of Biodynamics (2012); Cilmate: Soul of the Earth (2010); and The Seer's Handbook (2005). Visit Dennis's website, dennisklocek.com.

If there were ever a book to meditate upon during this winter, it would be Dennis Klocek's most recent book, Sacred Agriculture: The Alchemy of Biodynamics. As a biodynamic farmer and a practicing Jungian analyst, I feel greatly enriched by this book. It is a book best read aloud slowly, and perhaps with friends. Not that Klocek's language is difficult--the chapters are conversational. Any of us who have heard him speak can almost hear his voice, recognize his cadence, delighting in the characteristic flash of brilliance suddenly stepping from behind a genuine folksy style. But the matter of the book is truly evolutionary, a new paradigm. Yes, Klocek is giving his own version of what he thinks Rudolf Steiner meant in the 1924 series of lectures that became the bible of Biodynamics: Agriculture Course: Birth of the Biodynamic Method (and this definitely is best to be read aloud with friends!) Klocek not only develops Steiner's work, making it accessible, but he also goes further, offering matrixes and meditations as guides and tools in developing an evolving consciousness that may well shift our relationship to ourselves, to each other, to the earth and cosmos. It is a book well worth the study, a pulling back of the veil that separates the materialist

thinking processes of so-called scientific methods from the development and use of grounded Imagination.

This book contains within it the answer to any question you could ever conceive related to Biodynamics. Dennis Klocek puts Steiner's work into a fully comprehensible information dense format. Do not hesitate to buy if you have any interest in agriculture whatsoever.

Very explanatory as to why bio dynamic preparations are effective. Also a good introduction to the actual meaning of alchemy. A bit repetitive at the end. Well worth the effort to chew yourself through this book

I am halfway through this extraordinary book, and feel compelled to write a review. Anyone interested in understanding, and not just practicing, biodynamics should put this on their bookshelf as a reference manual. However, even if you have no interest in agriculture, and your interest is only in alchemy, this book will allow you to see the world through the eyes of Rudolf Steiner - an extraordinary gift of immeasurable value. I have underlined significant passages and marked notes in the margins of my copy, and I hope I can still reread it by the time I am finished. A novice to alchemy or biodynamics may have trouble with some of the concepts, however, the book is still written clearly enough that it would be of value to anyone wanting to make a study of the subject, even if coming at it for the first time. I give many thanks to the author!

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