



**Toward a “do-nothing” farming as
proposed by Masanobu Fukuoka in his book:
“The One-Straw Revolution”**

The usual way to go about developing a method is to ask “How about trying this?” or “How about trying that?” bringing in a variety of techniques one upon the other. This is modern agriculture and it only results in making the farmer busier.

My way was opposite. I was aiming at a pleasant, natural way of farming*which results in making the work easier instead of harder. “How about *not* doing this. How about *not* doing that?” - that was my way of thinking. I ultimately reached the conclusion that there was no need to plough, no need to apply fertiliser, no need to make compost, no need to use insecticide. When you get right down to it, there are few agricultural practices that are really necessary.

The reason that man’s improved techniques seem to be necessary is that the natural balance has been so badly upset beforehand by those same techniques that the land has become dependent on them.

This line of reasoning not only applies to agriculture, but to other aspects of human society as well. Doctors and medicine become necessary when people create a sickly environment. Formal schooling has no intrinsic value, but it becomes necessary when humanity creates a condition in which one must become “educated” to get along.

*Farming as simply as possible within and in cooperation with the natural environment, rather than the modern approach of applying increasingly complex techniques to remake nature entirely for the benefit of human beings.

Farming Secrets says: Always Seek A Better Way To Be In Tune With Nature

Ref: “The One-Straw Revolution” by Masanobu Fukuoka p. 15 - 16