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Agriculture as a Way Out of a Lack of Ideas

I feel compassion for young people who, after finishing school, ask themselves: What should I do now? Where is my place in life? Where can I realize myself? Where am I needed? For these questions truly matter.

Especially in times when entire professions that were still considered attractive, highly competitive, and well paid just 20 years ago are being taken over by artificial intelligence at record speed, rendering human beings superfluous.

Yet within this general development there also lies a gigantic opportunity. An opportunity for human beings to turn toward what is most elementary, most necessary, most diverse - and beyond that, what holds the greatest potential for the future.

Agriculture.

Forgotten, frowned upon, avoided - and yet the only primordial profession we cannot do without. A sector in which people are needed more than ever before, people who step into action with expertise, sensitivity, and inexhaustible forces of will.

The days are over when one simply took over a farm from one's parents and continued it along the inherited path. Today, it is precisely those who come into agriculture from outside who recognize the true potential of a farm.

But where does one begin? Practicing agriculture in the way it is generally practiced today is grossly negligent and a guaranteed path to failure.

What is needed, therefore, is a completely different approach, a different way of thinking. Yet to find this approach, one must first gain a precise understanding of what has led agriculture into its current dead end. Only with this understanding can one recognize a new "initial - impulse" for oneself that is appropriate to our time.

Out of this highly individual impulse arise the core questions: How do we relate to the soil in a contemporary way? How to plants? How to animals? And what role must the human being assume in this context in the future?

Today more than ever, it lies in our own hands - in the hands of every individual who decides to enter agriculture - to shape a farm in such a way that it can become a school of consciousness for the human being, and, in graduated form, ultimately also for animals, plants, and soil.

It is our task to take the realms of nature along with us in our personal development of consciousness, not to leave them standing at the level they occupy today.



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This naturally requires solid professional knowledge of all areas of a farm. Knowledge that, in this comprehensive form, is no longer taught at any public agricultural school today. This is because we have lost sight of the whole: namely, that soil, plant, and animal can only produce in symbiosis and cannot be separated from one another.

In addition, the physical and chemical laws of nature certainly apply to and can be used for the physical aspects of the soil. However, they already no longer apply in the same way to plants, because here we are dealing with life itself.

It becomes even more complex when we turn to animals, because here we are dealing not only with something living, but with a sentient being. But what is the soul? What is life? Neither can be grasped; neither can be seen. And when we believe we see something of it, the creative forces that have build and shaped are already vanished.

The living and the soul simply cannot be quantified. And that is why the ambitious farmer learns nothing about them at modern universities.

It is downright absurd that those who must deal daily with these three realms of nature are not taught what is essential - namely, the formative, creative forces.

Biodynamic agriculture is the only form of agriculture worldwide that addresses precisely these questions. In contrast to all other organic farming approaches, biodynamic agriculture does not take nature as its foundation, but the human being.

It is the human being who carries within themselves all the mentioned realms of nature: the physical, the living, and the soul-like. So, if one wishes to understand nature, one must first study the human being.

The configuration of the human being and the mentioned forces and their effects can be studied just like any other field of knowledge, enabling one to acquire the necessary understanding that allows the farmer to do the right thing, at the right time, in the right way.

Since 2026, the Rudolf Steiner College Canada offers The Biodynamic Farming Diploma Course. In this program, participants are taught by more than 15 expert faculty teachers who together bring over 500 years of practical experience in agriculture.

Over a period of two years, weekly online sessions convey deep insights of knowledge covering all areas of agriculture. The unique curriculum addresses every aspect of a diversified farm.

The program also includes four internships, which are completed on various biodynamic farms. In this way, participants are enabled to understand the broader interrelationships of a biodynamic farm, including new approaches to farm-based business management.



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The Biodynamic Farming Diploma is unique of its kind in the English-speaking world and is accepting applications now from ambitious individuals who wish to prove themselves in agriculture.

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