

Masanobu Fukuoka

Quotes

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Mistake, Agriculture, People, Spirit, Decision, Disease, Desert, Fall, Mother,
Needs*

The ultimate goal of farming is not the growing of crops, but the cultivation and perfection of human beings.

~Masanobu Fukuoka

If we throw mother nature out the window, she comes back in the door with a pitchfork.

~Masanobu Fukuoka

The healing of the land and the purification of the human spirit is the same process.

~Masanobu Fukuoka

We must find our way back to true nature. We must set ourselves to the task of revitalizing the earth. Regreening the earth, sowing seeds in the desert--that is the path society must follow.

~Masanobu Fukuoka

There is no time in modern agriculture for a farmer to write a poem or compose a song

~Masanobu Fukuoka

Giving up your ego is the shortest way to unification with nature.

~Masanobu Fukuoka

There is no one so great as the one who does not try to accomplish anything

~Masanobu Fukuoka

The greening of the desert means sowing seeds in people's hearts and creating a green paradise of peace on earth.

~Masanobu Fukuoka

We receive our nourishment from the Mother Earth. So we should put our hands together in an attitude of prayer and say "please" and "thank

you" when dealing with nature.

~Masanobu Fukuoka

As we kill nature, we are killing ourselves, and God incarnate as the world as well.

~Masanobu Fukuoka

The irony is that science has served only to show how small human knowledge is.

~Masanobu Fukuoka

Farming is not just for growing crops, it is for the cultivation...o f human beings!

~Masanobu Fukuoka

The simple hearth of the small farm is the true center of our universe.

~Masanobu Fukuoka

We have come to the point at which there is no other way than to bring about a 'movement' not to bring anything about

~Masanobu Fukuoka

The final principle of natural farming is NO PESTICIDES. Nature is in perfect balance when left alone.

~Masanobu Fukuoka

Ignorance, hatred and greed are killing nature.

~Masanobu Fukuoka

A farmer does not grow something in the sense that he or she creates it. That human is only a small part of the whole process by which nature expresses its being.

~Masanobu Fukuoka

Unless people can become natural people, there can be neither natural farming nor natural food.

~Masanobu Fukuoka

Before researchers become researches they should become philosophers.

~Masanobu Fukuoka

Although natural farming - since it can teach people to cultivate a deep understanding of nature - may lead to spiritual insight, it's not strictly a spiritual practice.

~Masanobu Fukuoka

Left alone, the earth maintains its own fertility, in accordance with the orderly cycle of plant and animal life.

~Masanobu Fukuoka

The increasing desolation of nature, the exhaustion of resources, the uneasiness and disintegration of the human spirit, all have been brought about by humanity's trying to accomplish something.

~Masanobu Fukuoka

Gradually I came to realize that the process of saving the desert of the human heart and revegetating the actual desert is actually the same thing.

~Masanobu Fukuoka

If you do not try to make food delicious, you will find that nature has made it so.

~Masanobu Fukuoka

Since I turned the fields back to their natural state, I can't say I've had any really difficult problems with insects or disease.

~Masanobu Fukuoka

My ultimate dream is to sow seeds in the desert. To revegetate the deserts is to sow seed in people's hearts.

~Masanobu Fukuoka

The only sensible approach to disease and insect control, I think, is to grow sturdy crops in a healthy environment.

~Masanobu Fukuoka

Weeds play an important part in building soil fertility and in balancing the biological community . . .

~Masanobu Fukuoka

Natural farming is just farming, nothing more. You don't have to be a spiritually oriented person to practice my methods.

~Masanobu Fukuoka

I started natural farming after the war with just one small plot, but gradually I acquired additional acreage by taking over surrounding pieces of abandoned land and caring for them by hand.

~Masanobu Fukuoka

Of course, I have made mistakes . . . just as every grower does. However, I never really think of them as mistakes!

~Masanobu Fukuoka

I wonder how it is that people's philosophies have come to spin faster than the changing seasons.

~Masanobu Fukuoka

By raising tall trees for windbreaks, citrus underneath, and a green manure cover down on the surface, I have found a way to take it easy and let the orchard manage itself!

~Masanobu Fukuoka

Straw mulch, a ground cover of white clover interplanted with the crops, and temporary flooding all provide effective weed control in my fields.

~Masanobu Fukuoka

If a farmer does abandon his or her "tame" fields completely to nature, mistakes and destruction are inevitable.

~Masanobu Fukuoka

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