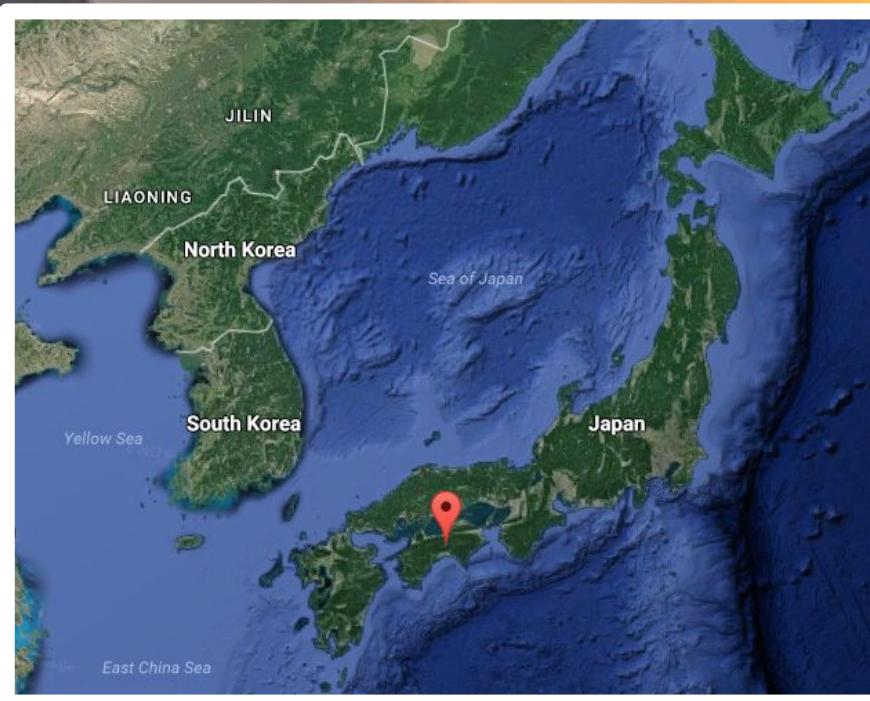


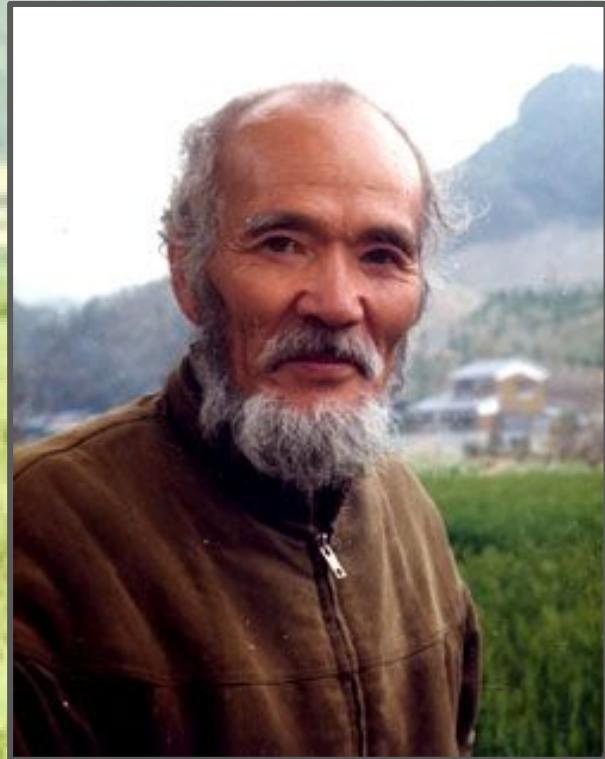


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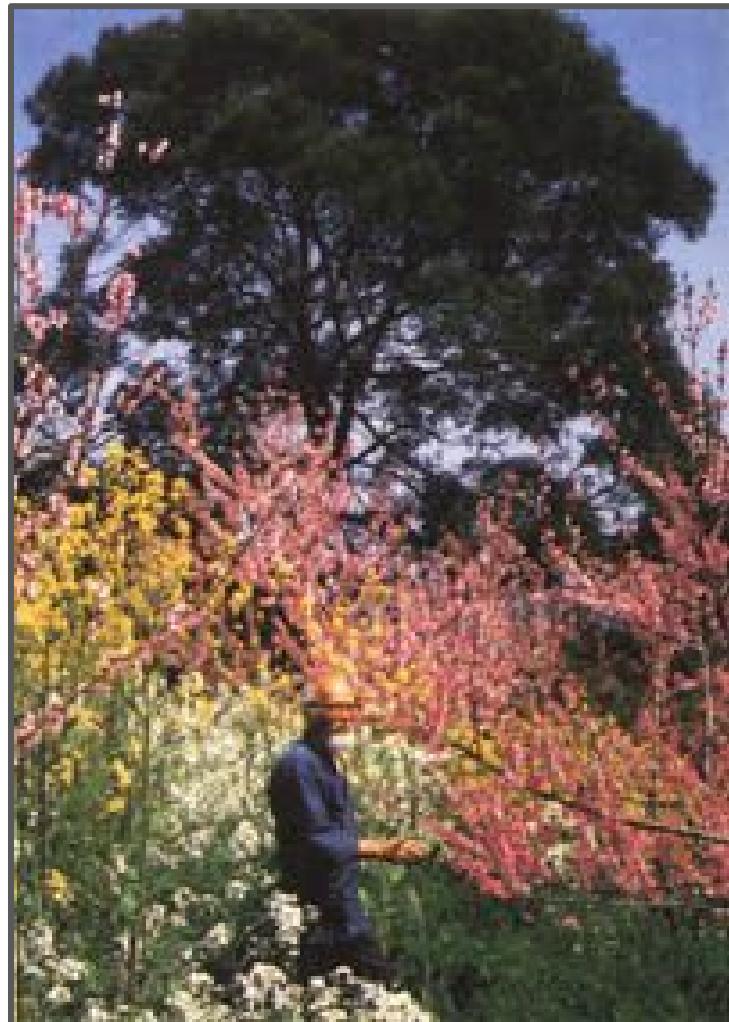


Masanobu Fukuoka - Shikoku Japan



Masanobu Fukuoka (福岡 正信) was a Japanese, farmer, author and philosopher celebrated for his natural farming and re-vegetation of desertified lands. Born to a wealthy family, and formerly trained as a microbiologist, Fukuoka was hospitalised with pneumonia at age 24. While recovering, he stated that, he had a profound spiritual experience that transformed his world view and led him to doubt the practices of modern "Western" agricultural science, immediately resigning from his post as a research scientist, returning to his family's farm on the island of Shikoku in southern Japan where he grew mainly rice, citrus, wheat and barley

He was a proponent of no-till, no-herbicide grain cultivation farming methods traditional to many indigenous cultures, from which he created a particular method of farming, commonly referred to as "Natural Farming" or "Do-nothing Farming".



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

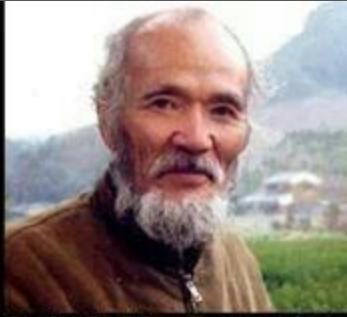
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"In my opinion, if 100% of the people were farming it would be ideal. If each person were given one-quarter acre, that is 1 1/4 acres to a family of five, that would be more than enough land to support the family for the whole year. If natural farming were practiced, a farmer would also have plenty of time for leisure and social activities within the village community. I think this is the most direct path toward making this country a happy, pleasant land."

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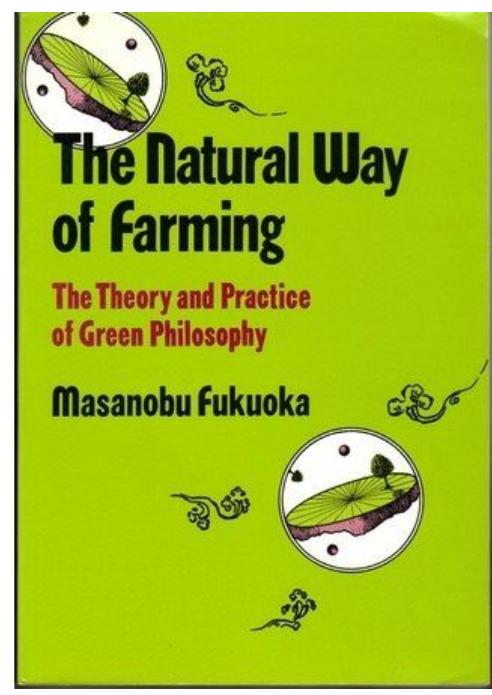
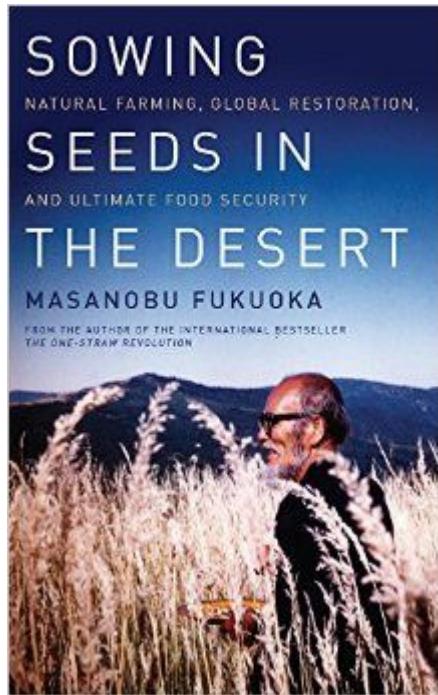
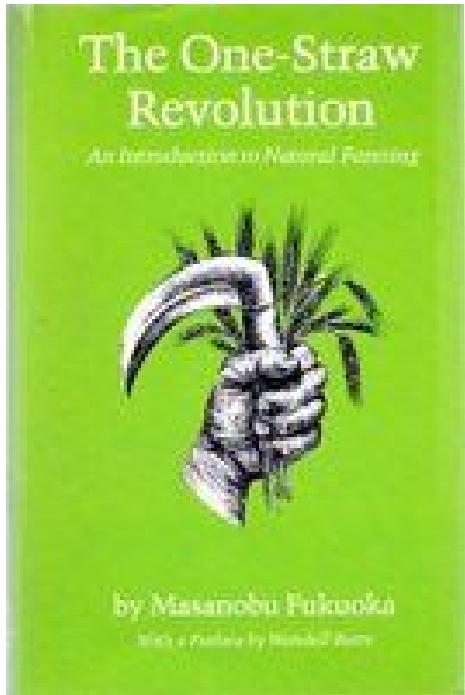




"I do not particularly like the word 'work'. Human beings are the only animals who have to work, and I think that is the most ridiculous thing in the world. Other animals make their livings by living, but people work like crazy, thinking that they have to in order to stay alive. The bigger the job, the greater the challenge, the more wonderful they think it is. It would be good to give up that way of thinking and live an easy, comfortable life with plenty of free time. I think that the way animals live in the tropics, stepping outside in the morning and evening to see if there is something to eat, and taking a long nap in the afternoon, must be a wonderful life. For human beings, a life of such simplicity would be possible if one worked to produce directly his daily necessities. In such a life, work is not work as people generally think of it, but simply doing what needs to be done."

— Masanobu Fukuoka *The One-Straw Revolution*

The One Straw Revolution, Sowing Seeds in the Desert, and The Natural Way of Farming were some of Fukuoka's most famous works in English







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