

Proposal to the agricultural conference

The biodynamic movement has been one of the initiators of the bio-organic movement. Largely ignored by the philosophic universities the bio-organic movement is a true revolution in modern thinking. All of a sudden people would think about where their food is coming from and how it has been produced. Before people used to consider food on a material level: the size, the weight, the shape, the texture, the colour, the taste. The biologic movement goes beyond the physical body and introduced the etheric body into the food trade: bio means life in greek and the etheric body is about life.

Few people except us biodynamic farmers understand what means etheric body. That's why nobody realises that the bio organic movement is a serious revolution in today's materialistic thinking. Suddenly the physical body is not anymore the only point of consideration. The degree of life-fulness, of liveliness, the etheric body thus, is the decisive criteria for many consumers. We added to food an etheric dimension and doing so we started a common journey from blind unaware materialism towards enhanced conscient spirituality.

Obviously it's but the beginning of a longer journey. To eat biologic food is not enough to become a spiritual being, but for sure it's a necessary first step (...).

The question is what are the next steps. Daily meditation? Yoga? Fasting, studying holy scriptures, singing mantras, reciting poems?

Proposition is made that we biodynamic farmers take up one more time the lead on social evolution. We introduce to general consciousness the astral body. Let's talk about emotions. Feelings are to astral body what is life to etheric body and what is material existence to the physical body. Today nobody takes care of feelings, feelings have no commercial value. A biologic banana is a banana completely independent of the equation whether the farmer who planted, took care and harvested the fruit has been a happy man or a profoundly unhappy angry man. The emotions behind a bread, a shoe, an apple have no importance and no economic value, exactly the same way aliveness had no importance and no economic value 50 years ago. Let's change the situation. Let us focus on emotions. Let us explain to people that objects have a physical body, an etheric body and an astral body. That each one of these bodies have their specific obvious importance and their economic value. Everyone knows that food prepared with love tastes better than the one cooked with carelessness. It is immediately accessible that the bread cooked by a local baker is worth more than an industrial bread from the super-market. The difference is emotional and emotions have an economic value.

With this paper proposition is made that we consider at the agricultural conference about the utility to create a new biodynamic project. Bio was our first project, our belly project. Today we reached our goals, we can buy bio-organic food in all supermarkets. We did our job, we have been successful, Let us tackle new dimensions, let us start a new project: the heart project. Make love visible as we have been able to make life visible. Let us talk about the emotions behind and around our food. About industrialisation, about handicraft versus industrial, about anonymous centralised mass production and about "art", about individual door to door and heart to heart services.

The whole bio thing is something truly amazing. Out of the blue a group of persons decided to focus on something nobody used to focus, they insisted and insisted and today you can buy bio-organic in every super-market. Bio means life in greek, the health and intensity of life is the focus of our bio organic movement. Translated into antroposophic terminology we can say: the bio organic movement expanded the old way of thinking with the etheric body category. Nobody knew anything about the etheric body. Now Bio is everywhere. It used to be the business of some lost idealists, today, bam, it's here. This beautiful bio-story has shifted from imagination to the shelves of the supermarket. We assisted to the genuine birth of a dream into reality.

Now the question what we are going to do in future. are there other dreams to be given birth into reality? If step by step humanity will conquer the necessary adaptations to life in reality then what, please is the next step?

Our first job was to bring bio into the world, let's close the drawer and open a new one: Let's bring in the emotions. Let us go "astral".

Astral? It's about emotions. Happy or unhappy. Emotions are not something intellectual. Emotions are materia as much as is the air we breath. We cannot see the air, yes, and yet, the air is there, it's materia on a gas level. The tricky thing is this gas level. It's still materia, but diluted into a very thin reality solution. Emotions are so evasive and difficult to handle that we have in general mainstream thinking the agreement that emotions are part of the psychological side of reality, exactly as they used or still say today that this bio organic thing is but a psychologic thing. But it's not. Bio is real and the astral level, the emotions, are as real as are the micro-organism your neighbour tosses into the air when he coughs. You cannot see them yet they are there. Let's open our eyes. There is something physical connected to emotions, let's focus on it, let's talk, study, sense, sniff, investigate on it. It's not main-stream, you need a free mind to do it, everybody will say your are a lost dreamer, but who else than we bio-dynamic farmers have the guts to do the things we think necessary?

Ok, so if emotions are real, like little micro-organisms crawling all over the place, or some kind of electrical fields, then this means that we can produce them and sell them. I propose to the organisers of the agricultural conference to open a window towards this business opportunity. Now we are known as hardcore "healthy food" producers. Tomorrow we might be "healthy food" and "happy feeling" producers.

In the best of cases we could discuss the topic on next conference. My proposition is that we invite for conference 2024 all kind of artisans and that we artisans and biodynamic farmers together create a new label called the love-label to indicate that we are talking about the emotions our products represent and generate. The first step is that we start to eat bio-organic, once we achieved this the next step is that we consume heart-products. Products produced not by machines but by real human beings. Products which do not only have a functional side, but also an aesthetic, an emotionally uplifting side. Products made with love and intended to give love.

Many of you might object that it seems impossible to connect real world, markets, business, money with love, tenderness and carefulness. This same objection came when we started our Bio-adventure. Today nobody is ignoring that bio-products are more expensive, but everybody knows that biologic products have more value. Love is the

most valuable social emotion and it is more than justified to demand that love is recognised and economically rewarded.

Lets launch a new rocket into the skies of human evolution, the “love”-label for non-industrial hand-made “unique” Products. Let us start to dream about how to unite all “love”people in one big family consuming the same “love”products : non industrial, handmade clothes, shoes, plates, food, objects.