The Biodynamic Preparations & Wider Influences

Goethean Science

An understanding of the Whole is equally important as the understanding of the parts.

The concept of the whole farm organism does not stop at the fence row.

Gravity- a force in the universe- is constantly upon us at approximately 15 lbs / square inch. This is akin to holding a 15 lb baby on the tip of your index finger.

Life/ levity - also a force in the universe- it defies gravity. It is what pulls matter into existence and form, against the pressure of gravity, but also in balance with it.

http://natureinstitute.org/nature/index.htm

http://dennisklocek.com/articles/proof-magazine-interview-dennis-2001



Gravity Engaged

The inter-play between the Sun and the Earth, via photosynthesis, literally pulls matter into form. All life on Earth has its root in this archetypal process



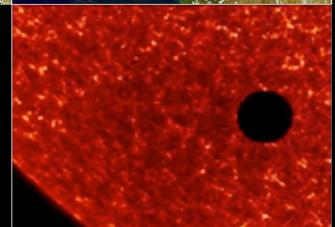














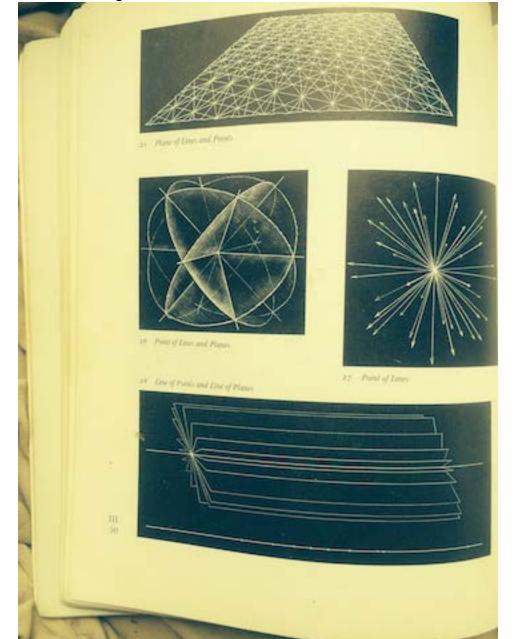
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Trade Winds

These cooling winds are created because warm air rises near the equator, flows northward through the upper atmosphere, and cools. Because it becomes heavier as it cools, it falls back to the earth's surface at about 30 degrees latitude, where it flows back toward the equator to replace more rising warm air. This creates cool breezes moving from the northeast to the southwest along the ocean's surface, and over the Hawaiian Islands.

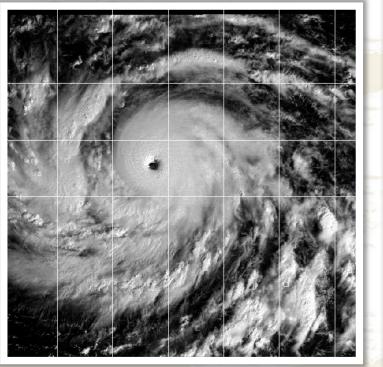
The Plant Between Sun and Earth: George Adams and Olver Whicher- Rudolf Steiner Press, London page 50

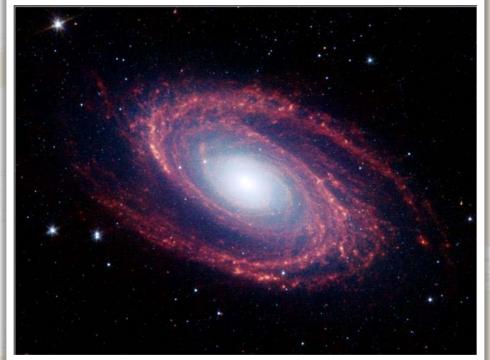


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Hurricane in Earth's atmosphere

Galaxy of celestial bodies





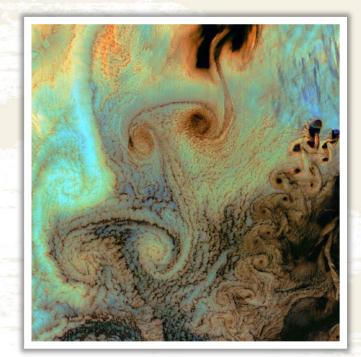


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Vortices in Jupiter's atmosphere



Von Karmon Vortices in Earth atmopshere



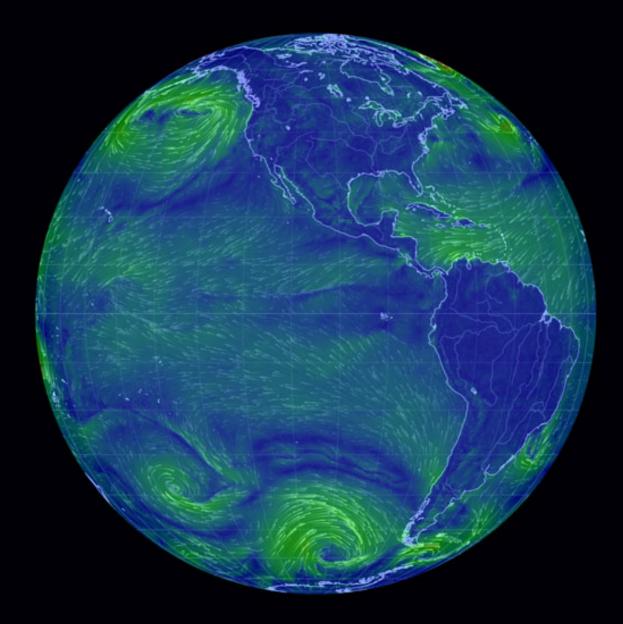
Influid dynamics, a Kármán vortex street is a repeating pattern of swirling vortices caused by the unsteady separation of flow of a fluid around blunt bodies. It is named after the engineer and fluid dynamicist Theodore von Kármán, and is responsible for such phenomena as the "singing" of suspended telephone or power lines, and the vibration of a car antenna at certain speeds.

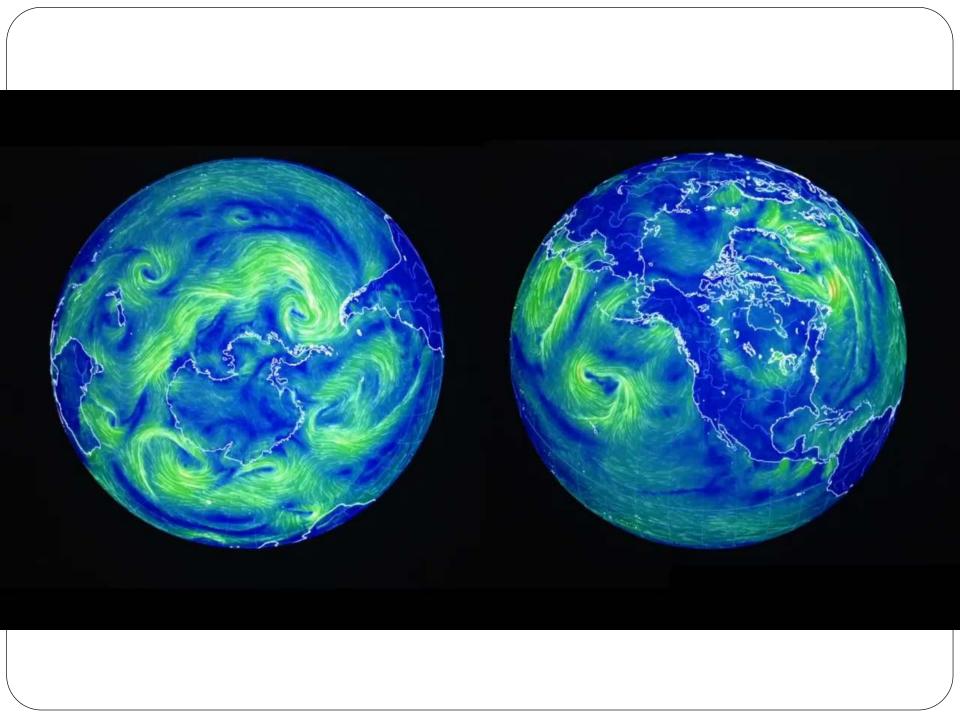


Plant Spirals



http://earth.nullschool.net





"But how, indeed, does the apple get to the top of the tree in the first place? Is not the fact that it falls a secondary, rather than a primal phenomenon in the household of nature" Olive Whicher-

The Biodynamic Preparations (500 – 508)

500 and 501 to all producing crops annually 502-7 as base initially and then at least once every 3 years in the crop rotation























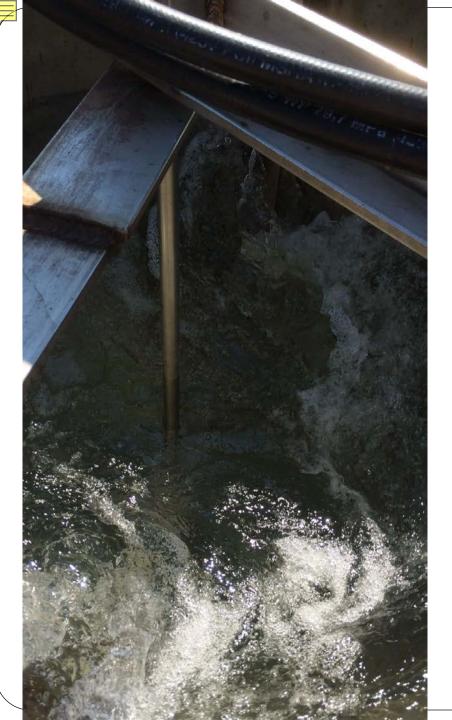


Hand stirring



Chris Tebutt

Stirring device Filigreen Farm







Biodynamic Preparations

Application of preparation 501, fine mist that settles on foliage, early in the AM.

courtesy Benziger Family Vineyards

Biodynamic Preparations Application of preparation 500, droplets, to earth, in afternoon /evening.

Biodynamic Compost

The fermentation is guided by the compost preparations 502-7 and the compost ingredients and mixture are carefully observed

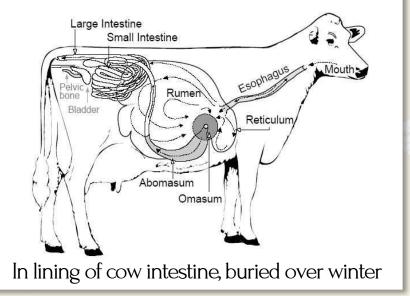
Preparation 502



In stags bladder , hung in light summer, buried in ground winter

Preparation 503



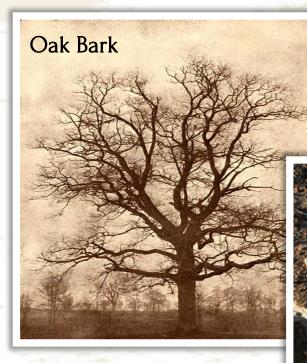


Preparation 504

Stinging Nettle

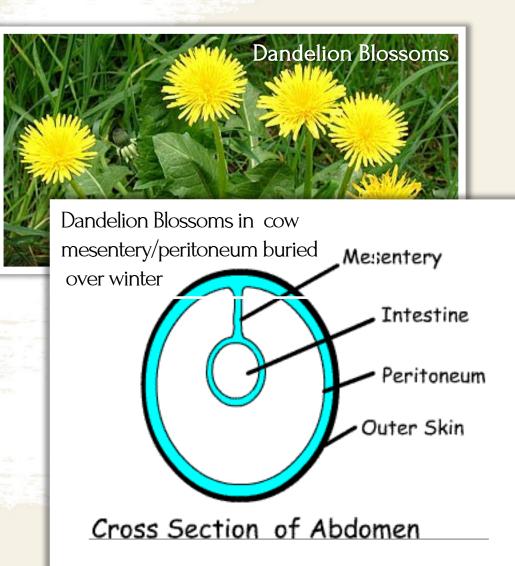
Stinging Nettle buried directly In Earth for a full year.

Preparation 505

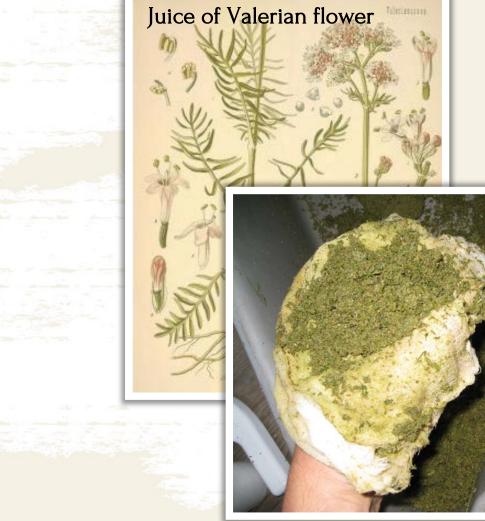


Oak bark placed in the brain cavity of cow skull and placed in a slight flow of water

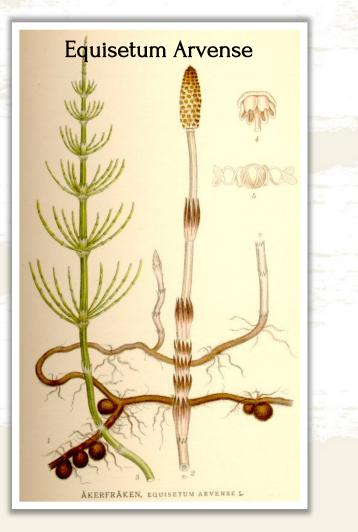
Preparation 506



Preparation 507



Preparation 508



Some times referred to as Biodynamic preparation 508. A tea made of field horse tail traditionally used to combat fungal disease.

Compound Field Sprays of the Biodynamic Compost Preparations

Pfeiffer Field Spray

Barrel Compost

Compost teas made from Biodynamic compost

Sources

Ideally Biodynamic preparations are made on the farm where they are to be used. The ingredients, such as the plant materials and the animal sheaths are also produced ideally on the farm utilizing the core principles of the Biodynamic method in a comprehensive manner.

If you do not have experience making the preparations it is recommended that you learn how to produce them prior to making them on your own. In the interim, or if you choose not to make the preparations, they are available from approved companies that distribute the preparations nationally or through established regional preparation making groups. The Biodynamic community has many farmers who have extensive experience making and utilizing the preparations and are eager to share that knowledge. Please contact the Demeter office for a list of resources and companies approved to commercially distribute the Biodynamic preparations. Storage- must be checked at farm visit **Biodynamic preparations should be stored** in a vessel that allows for the presence of oxygen. These vessels should be stored in a vessel made of natural material surrounded by peat or some other similar insulating material. The condition of the stored preps should be checked regularly. The preparation 501 should be stored in a vessel (such as a glass jar or horn) in a sunny location. Storage of all the preparations should be placed in a location free of electromagnetic fields (such as measured by a Gauss meter).

Safety

If preparations are made on the farm careful records are kept of the entire production process so that checks can be made of the following:

- The origin of the organ material (abattoir, type and origin of the animal, quantities)

- Site where preparations are being made (sketch of site)
- Date of insertion in the soil and of its extraction
- -Record of disposal of any remains.
- Records will be checked as part of regular Demeter inspection.
- Animals organs used need to be of appropriate quality.