

GEOMANTIC AGRICULTURE

By Alanna Moore

Geomantic agriculture incorporates the subtle underlying energies of place to boost production and create better Earth harmony. It combines a spiritual approach with dowsing for Earth energy patterns and nature spirits. The perfect adjunct to organic and biodynamic regimes, it can be applied on any level, from the backyard vegie patch to broad-acre farms. Combining this esoteric approach with sustainable land planning is best done through the systematic process of permaculture design, originated in Australia over 30 years ago, with the ideas of Bill Mollison and David Holmgren. Over this time there has been a reluctance to include anything of a spiritual nature into this excellent design system, but people who do find a much deeper and richer experience of life and nature as a result, and reap the rewards!

Earth-Spirited, or Sensitive Permaculture

Permaculture combines two words – permanent and agriculture, or just simply – culture. So permaculture aims for sustainability in all culture, but it is mainly applied as an eco-savvy system of edible garden design, that's based on nature.

The concepts behind geomancy and permaculture fit well together. For it is beneficial to map out inherent energies of a site to input into a permaculture design and thus truly maximise the use of all the energies there. A sacred grove might be included, for instance, not only to provide wildlife habitat, but also as a haven for the nature spirits (a Deva Station) or for our own peaceful meditation. Other energies, such as geopathic stress zones, which are best avoided by people, are ideal places to locate particular plants, animals and compost heaps that find such energies beneficial to them. So a geomantic approach can not only promote improved productivity of edible landscapes, but also Earth harmony and human wellbeing.

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For more information: Sensitive Permaculture is Alanna's 2009 book on this topic. She also contributed a chapter about her experiences as a permaculturist for the 2011 publication: Permaculture Pioneers, a book by Melliodora Press, Victoria.

Stone Arrangements for Earth Harmony & Crop Bounty

Ancient agriculturists created megalithic monuments with specially positioned stones that focussed energies from the Earth and heavenly bodies, together with those from people's seasonal rituals. The energies combined to richly stimulate the Earth energy networks and enhance the land's fertility. Even within the last one hundred years, country people in parts of Europe have bemoaned the destruction of various megalithic sacred sites and crop failures have been a consequence. Sometimes, when the stones have been reinstated, the story has ended happily, when the crops went on to grow well again!

These days it has again become popular to create stone arrangements, usually on a much smaller scale! – for the purpose of sensory Earth connection, energetic harmonising and improved crop production for gardens and farms. They are a must for making one's own backyard sacred site. It's a good idea to first have the area checked out geomantically, to find the best location to do this. And it's a good idea to also think about the sorts of effects one would wish to evoke, with careful selection of the type of rock used.

Rock energies can be roughly classed into two groups, of yin and yang energies. White quartz rocks have long been a great favourite for sacred stone work. They have a more yin type effect – soothing, calming, relaxing. Whereas basalt, also called bluestone, will generally give a stimulating, uplifting, yang type effect. Basalt, the product of volcanoes, is also a good choice in the garden, as it has excellent mineral and paramagnetic qualities.

Paramagnetic Rocks

Professor Phil Callahan discovered that paramagnetism (that is – a weak attraction to a magnet), whilst only a weak force in nature relative to ferromagnetism (which is well known to have powerful effects on biological processes) has an enhancing effect on the fertility and vitality on lifeforms.

People living on paramagnetic soil areas are happier and more peaceful, with good soil fertility there too. Callahan believes that paramagnetism is as important as nutrients, air and moisture are to soil.

Volcanic rock is a major source of paramagnetic material. Fine powdered volcanic rock dust is an excellent source of nutrients for soil micro-organisms and recent university studies indicate that it improves soil conductivity. Broadcast over poor soil, crushed "blue metal" dust will induce a paramagnetic state and act as a long lasting fertiliser. Paramagnetic stone circles and rock mulches around trees are also beneficial in the garden.

Another way of inducing paramagnetism in soil is to build a Tower of Power, or paramagnetic antenna which acts as a waveguide for the magnetism emitted by the sun.

Alanna Moore can create stone circles and labyrinths, as well as Towers of Power on your property. For more information on this subject, read her highly acclaimed book Stone Age Farming.

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