



Beyond Biodynamics

Agriculture As It Might Be Taught

Much that masquerades as understanding in biodynamic agriculture has been an overly simplistic interpretation of Rudolf Steiner's eight agriculture lectures. Little attention is paid to the fact that Steiner was in failing health and in a great hurry. Though he seems to have intended to give a second set of agriculture lectures, he was unable to. This left many seeming contradictions unresolved, and a great deal remained in the realm of mystery. For example, Steiner described the agricultural organism as analogous to a human being standing upside down and buried in the soil up to the diaphragm. He referred to cosmic substances and earthly forces as working in the above ground 'metabolic-limb' or belly region of the agricultural organism while earthly substances and cosmic forces worked in the below ground 'nerve sense' head region. But the Agriculture Course does not explain cosmic and earthly forces and substances. We should realize Steiner was speaking to an audience familiar with these concepts from his earlier medical lectures. Steiner's agricultural concepts are far better explained in the twenty nine lectures of his first and second medical courses delivered in 1920 and 1921.

Glen Atkinson provides a clearer picture of Steiner's agricultural insights in his recent books, *The Energetic Activities* and *Alchemical Chemistry*. These grew out of Atkinson's development of homeopathic biodynamic remedies that can simply be added to farmers' spray tanks and fertigation systems without the time consuming difficulties of conventional methods. Atkinson integrates Steiner's medical and agricultural lectures with astrology, alchemy and a new gyroscopic view of the periodic table of the elements with its levels of chemical, physical, etheric, astral and egoic substances and processes. Time after time my knowledge of biochemical reactions has confirmed that Glen's conclusions are spot on.

A more in-depth development of agricultural wisdom requires a book by itself. No doubt, someday we will have that. However, Atkinson's diagrams, reproduced on the following pages, should give some indication of how much more can be gained beyond what is presently accessible in most of the biodynamic literature.

Glen Atkinson's books, as well as information about BDmax homeopathics can be downloaded from his website:

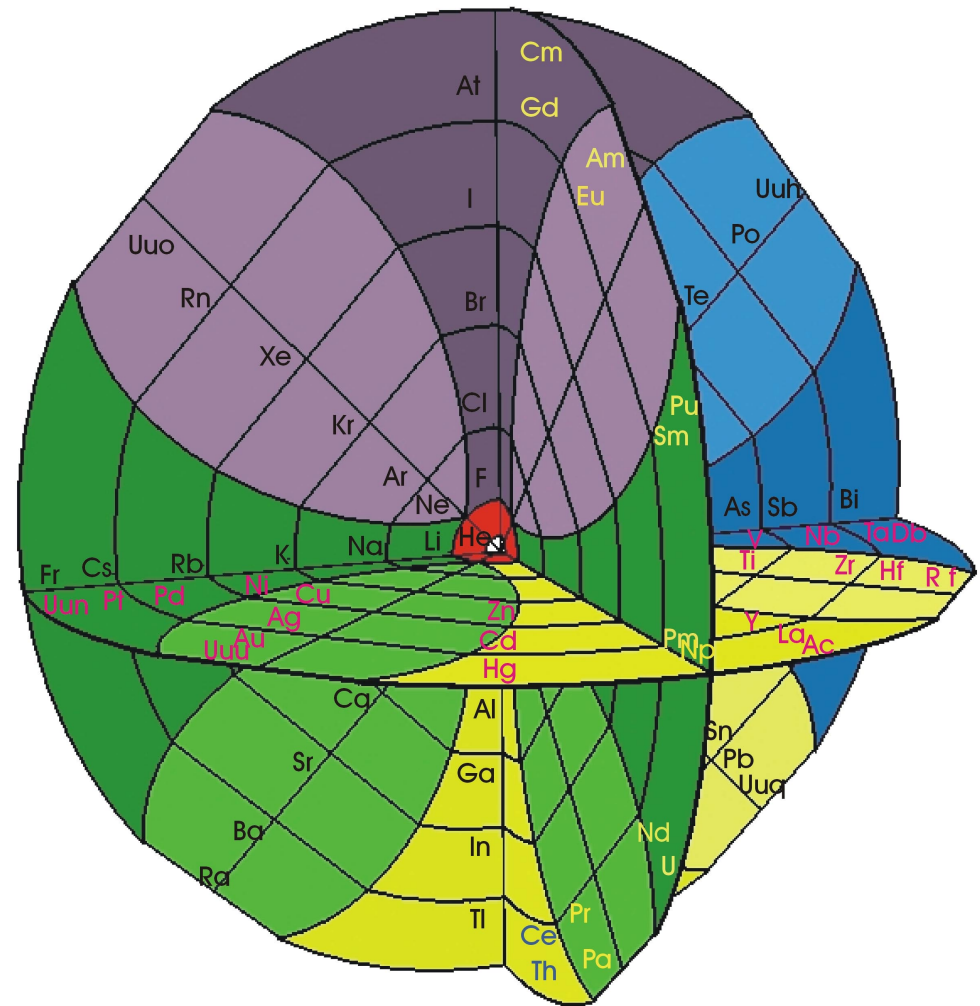
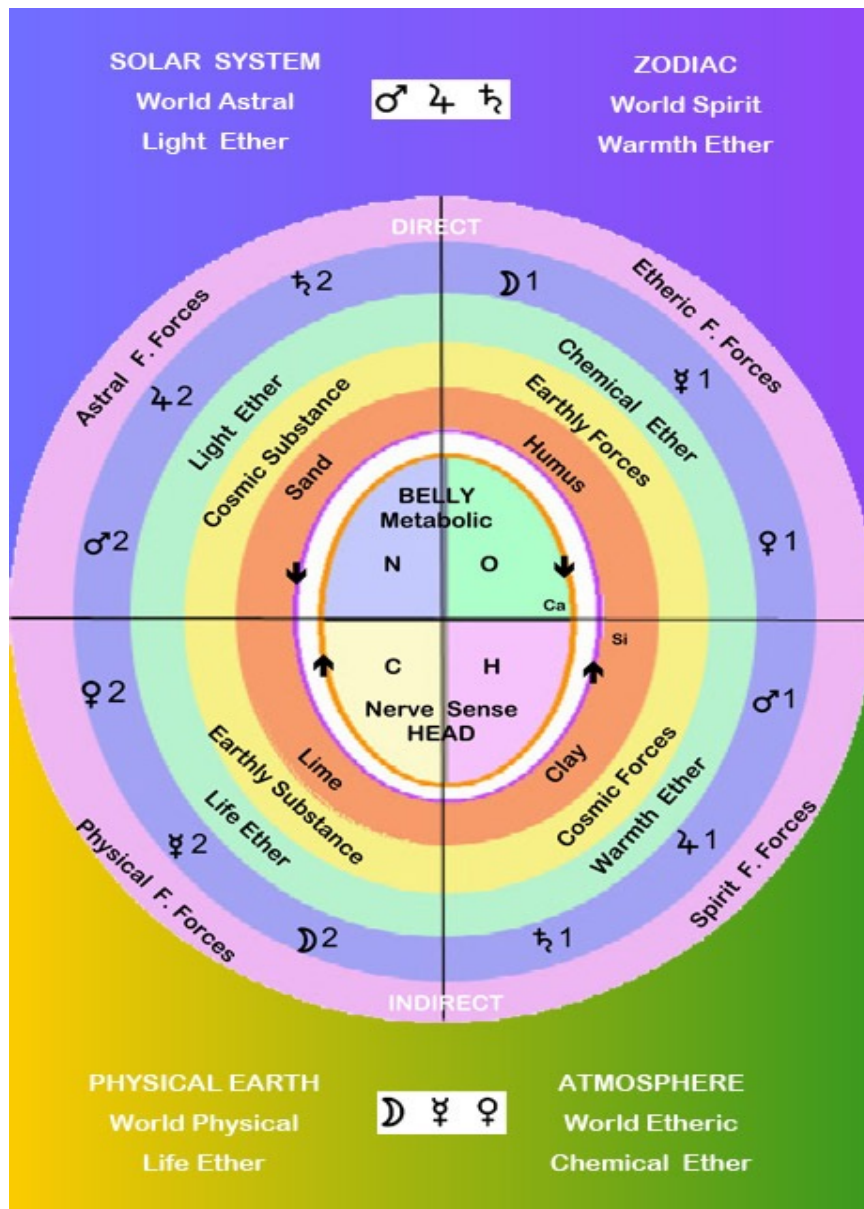
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These pictures are replacements for those shown by Hugh Lovel in his book *Quantum Agriculture*, in the *Beyond Biodynamics* chapter.

Each had a small mistake. Time brings clarifications.

These are correct as of 21.12.2022. GA

*The activity and significance of every element in the periodic table is revealed in Glen Atkinson's **Gyroscopic Periodic Table**. Everything is arranged relative to the universal compass points and the dimensions (arms) into spiritual (red), chemical (orange), physical (yellow), etheric (green), astral (blue) and egoic (purple) dimensions. For example, chemically we are carbon based life forms. So carbon, allied with silicon, forms our physical structure (yellow). At the etheric level copper, calcium, magnesium and potassium are involved (green). At the astral level selenium, silver, iodine and molybdenum are involved (blue). And at the egoic level lead, gold, mercury and iridium are involved (purple). Opposite silicon on the vertical axis are the Nobel gasses, neon, argon, krypton xenon and radon. Opposite calcium on the horizontal axis are oxygen, sulphur, selenium, tellurium and polonium.*

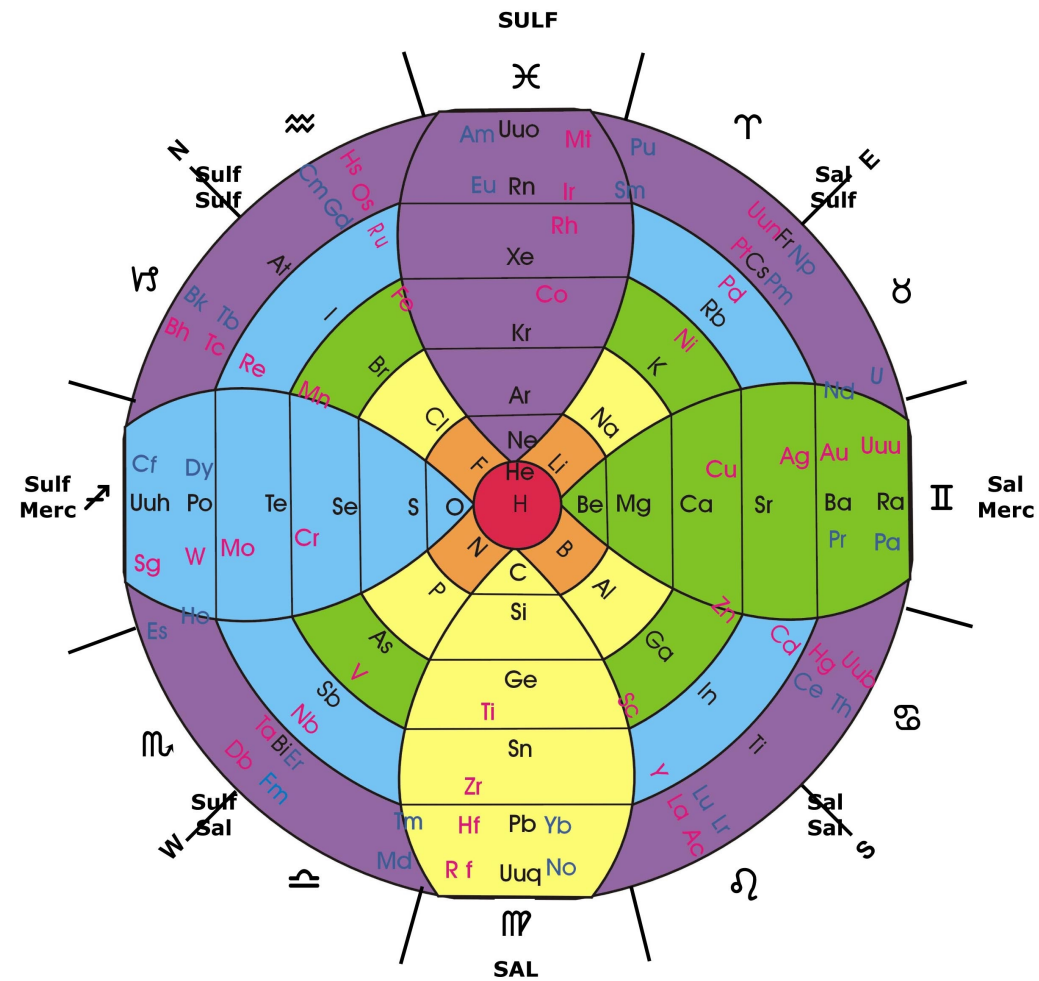
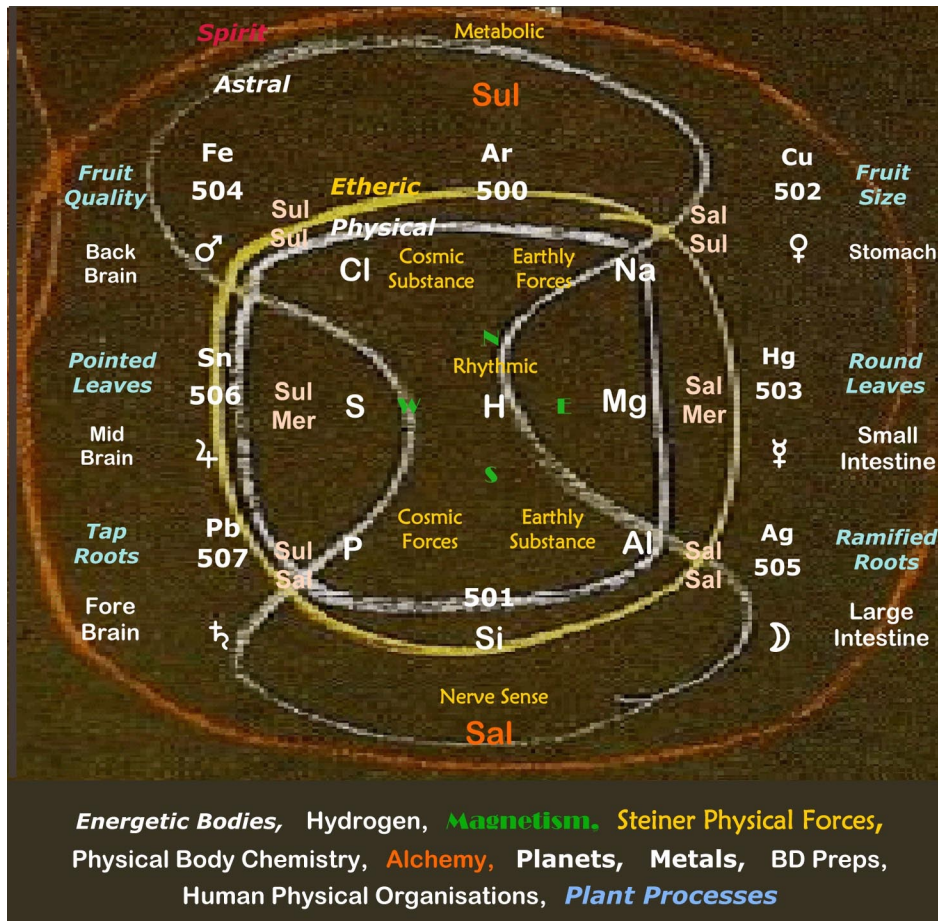


3D Gyroscopic Periodic Table

The Energetic Activities in Biodynamic Agriculture: Rudolf Steiner's Agriculture Course edited by Glen Atkinson

Stage 2 - Polarity

Alchemical Chemistry



Stage 3 - Manifestation