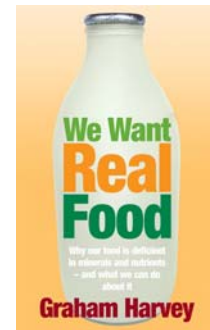


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I have followed with interest and admiration the progress of the project launched by Cameron and Moira Thomson from their garden at Auchterhouse in the 1980s to the establishment of the SEER centre in 1997. They have faced fearful financial odds in their determination to demonstrate that the teaching of John D.Hamaker and Don Weaver, set out in their book *The Survival of Civilisation* (1), really is of supreme importance. Cameron and Moira agree with the authors that widespread application of rock dust to our depleted soils is the surest way of rescuing our agriculture and horticulture from the consequences of industrialised, intensive cultivation.

Hamaker's account of the role of the blanket of glacier rock dust, blown over the earth to create fertile soils at the end of the last ice-age, is generally accepted. So is the present decline of soil minerals, lost as a result of intensive agriculture and the use of soluble artificial chemicals. **Replacing and enriching our farm lands and gardens with fine quarry-dust from igneous rocks is surely imitating how nature originally gave to mankind mineral-rich soil for cultivation.**

The test of any theory lies in practical application. Having seen with amazement the quality of the vegetables grown by Cameron and Moira, in 2004 I started using a mixture of SEER rock dust and compost. The latter is best made by the *Quick Return Method* pioneered many years ago by the late M.E.Bruce(2).

My garden's raised beds, holding the rock dust enriched compost six to eight inches deep, have given impressive results, especially for carrots, leeks, lettuce and legumes. This garden is a frost pocket in mid-winter, but since late April I have harvested lettuces, *Winter Density*, a Cos variety which were sown in mid September last autumn(2005) and wintered under plastic cloches. At about the same time in April, Spring onions, sown last August, and protected by cloches have been ready for eating.

The same mixture, used without any other materials, has also given very good germination in the greenhouse of all seeds, including tomatoes and sweet peas. I have abandoned mixing peat, soil, sand etc. for seed germination and now hope to produce enough of my own rock-dust compost mixture from garden wastes, kitchen wastes and henhouse deep litter. The SEER Rock Dust, now available from garden centres, will be mixed with green wastes and manure as the heap is being built in the hope of enhancing the biological breakdown in the composting process. I have been grateful over the years for advice from Cameron and Moira.

Hamaker followers believe that massive application of rock dust reduces atmospheric CO₂, firstly by enhancing the size and vigour of trees and vegetation, and secondly by the ability of rock dust minerals to combine with CO₂ in creating carbonates and so reducing the "green house effect" and global warming(3).

Do we ignore the SEER example at our peril?

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