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PREFACE

When I encountered the Scythe and started my investigations about the tool about ten years ago, I was fumbling around with a dull blade, an inconvenient snath, and a set of obscure rules and rituals that the cultural heritage of the Scythe had left me with.

Very soon it became obvious that pieces of the puzzle were missing in the art of using a Scythe and I started to make my own investigations, experiments, and field tests. I read everything I could find about the Scythe. I tested different methods of sharpening, I made my own snaths, and I bought better blades. I found that the physics of the Scythe was very little understood and that there was no documentation about it at all, except some superficial handbooks that only confirmed the heritage and its set of rules, which in many aspects were wrong or misleading, and others that were very mystical. It became obvious that it was possible to make radical improvements in almost every aspect of the tool and its usage.

In this book, I am presenting the discoveries that I have made about the physics of the Scythe and its function and I have tried to make it as short and easy to grasp as possible. There are parts of this book that has a great deal of mathematics and physics. The user can of course skip these parts and jump directly to those of personal concern.

This book aims to dispel the clouds of obscure rituals and myths that have been covering the culture of the Scythe, and instead reveal its causality and the physical facts that have shaped its function by nature.

The Scythe is a complete handbook for everyone who wants to understand and use the Scythe and for those who think they have already mastered it but want to understand its function in a deeper sense.

The Scythe is also an anthropological study of cultural heritage, it is a book that concerns the use of resources and human participation in nature. The book is suggesting a path towards ecological sustainability.

I sincerely recommend everyone to take this tool to his heart and start using it to maintain a sustainable and relaxed lifestyle that not only corresponds to personal development, better health, and higher respect for nature, but that also can lighten hope for all those who will come after us in the future and give them possibilities to live with an abundance of resources just as we have been doing. The Scythe is a modern tool for modern man.

Johan Falk

Uppsala, Sweden, August 2018

PREFACE to the Second Edition

The new update of this book about the Scythe contains extensively more material. Especially the chapter about the Snath is greatly extended with more material. Field tests of the Scything are also documented and Sources and Links have been included in this new edition. The Disposition has changed to be easier to read and some more technical parts have been moved to an appendix. Most of the text has been updated to be more precise and clarifying. There are also several new aspects of the use and technique of the Scythe that are revealing more mysteries of the culture of the Scythe. Historical information has been added to get a better overview of the development of the Scythe.

A series of videos have been made to make it more conceptual for users of the Scythe to grasp the settings of the blade, the sharpening process, etc. These videos are excluded from the book, but there are links to them and the reader can instantly link to them and watch them from this book if there is an internet connection.

As the author of this book, I hope that it will inspire you to investigate and learn more about the Scythe and its use. Both for the development of yourself and for the benefit of mankind.

Johan Falk

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