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Neglect of the soil has "helped topple empires and wipe out entire civilizations" and care of the soil "has enabled other societies to flourish for centuries".

"Dr. Lowdermilk studied the record of agriculture in countries where the land had been under cultivation for hundreds, even thousands, of years.

..... He discovered that soil erosion, deforestation, overgrazing, neglect, and conflicts between cultivators and herdsman have helped topple empires and wipe out entire civilizations. At the same time, he learned that careful stewardship of the earth's resources, through terracing, crop rotation, and other soil conservation measures, has enabled other societies to flourish for centuries."

Dr. Lowdermilk, Soil Conservation Service.

"Conquest of the Land Through 7,000 years"

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