

1) Eat mainly unpolished whole grain cereals-- brown rice, wheat, buckwheat, millet, oats, rye, barley, and corn--because polishing removes the valuable vitamin B<sub>1</sub> (Thiamine).

However, because all these whole grain cereals are deficient in the amino acid Lysine (although somewhat rich in Methionine) they should be eaten together with any one of the following grain legumes, or pulses, at the same meal:  
soybeans, chickpeas, lentils, peas, peanuts, lima beans, or any other dried bean.

All of these grain legumes are rich in Lysine in varying degrees, and somewhat deficient in Methionine, making them a natural complement to the cereals either in cooked dishes or cold salads.

Because cereals and legumes form your chief source of protein and calories, some of you may recognize the similarity of this diet to Zen Macrobiotics.

However, there are critical differences:

Macrobiotics ranks foods on a scale of yin to yang purely on an empirical, trial-and-error basis. Coincidentally, the yin-yang scale seems to correspond to the amino acid balance as far as proteins are concerned.

Macrobiotics puts whole brown rice at the ideal perfect balance point between yin and yang and corn as the most yin of the cereals.

Analogously, the reports of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the U.N. describe rice as having the proportion of amino acids so balanced that it is one of the few plant proteins, analogous to eggs, that can be used as the sole source of protein; whereas, corn, the F.A.O. says, is least able to and therefore needs supplementation because of an excess of the amino acid Leucine and a marked deficiency in Tryptophan.

This characteristic is also reflected in the chart of Protein Efficiency Ratios (P. E. R.) shown later. Nevertheless, Macrobiotics ignores the critical "all or none" requirement that all the amino acids necessary for protein synthesis must be present in balance at the same time or a food's protein value will be drastically reduced to that of the most deficient amino acid.

As noted above, in conclusion, this difficulty can be overcome by the complementary combination of cereal and legume protein at the same meal.

2) Eat lots of raw vegetables and fruits that are unsprayed and preferably "organically" grown (although "organically" does not necessarily insure the use of a balanced fertilizer or less harm to the environment).

Fruits and vegetables will be your main source of certain vitamins and minerals.

Since cooking breaks down a great part of vitamins, it is best to have them in raw salads.

Vitamins C, A, and B<sub>2</sub> (Riboflavin) seem to be the "controlling" vitamins.

If you get these in your diet, you will probably also get the minor vitamins, although it has been claimed that you can only get vitamin B<sub>12</sub> from eggs or milk products.

Vitamin C for a day can be provided by eating approximately one of the following servings:

1/2 grapefruit, 2 small oranges, 1 green pepper, 2/3 cup Papaya, or 3 raw tomatoes.

Two green peppers, 3 tomatoes, or 1 canteloupe will also supply your vitamin A needs for a day.

Vitamin A needs for a day can be provided by eating approximately one of the following servings:

5 raw apricots, four 5" stalks of broccoli (also rich in B<sub>2</sub>), 1 medium carrot, 1/2 medium sweet potato, or a 100 gram serving of either endive, collards, kale, mustard greens, or spinach (also rich in B<sub>2</sub>).

If eaten raw, endive, collards, kale, mustard greens, or spinach are also sufficient for your daily Vit. C.

Vitamin D is created within you just by getting enough sunlight.

Vitamin B<sub>2</sub> (Riboflavin) needs can be met by the darkest green vegetables and the legumes, both of which are also rich in Iron. Nuts and milk and cheese also are rich in B<sub>2</sub>. A good serving of either of these two food groups--green vegetables and legumes or nuts and dairy products--supplies your daily need when combined with the smaller contributions from other foods.