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I love this movement (LEGH) for a number of reasons:

1. I am an environmentalist since I was a 7 year old child, without knowing it, as I planted many trees in my barren school yard on the island of Zante.
2. I was always planting trees, when at high school; it was an instinct guiding me at a time when there was not an environmental problem.
3. Both sides of my family owned land and my great...great.....grandfather, a teacher in 1830 bought a large piece of land and made it into a valley paradise...in order to relax after school hrs. He planted thousands of threes and roses.
4. My father kept the land, olive trees, fruit trees, all he inherited and kept it, despite the fact it was very expensive for him.
5. I remember even the most minute details, all the personal work my father put into it, to look after the trees, orchards, to have 100% organic food, herbs, to join him into work.
6. In England, where I lived for 25 years, I planted gardens and trees, wonderful flowers and re-remember the smell of the soil and flowers.
7. Living in an English Manor house for many years, I lived again in a world with magical 200 - 300 years old trees, cherry blossoms, and chestnut trees - a world of its own.
8. My son grew up very privileged in a house surrounded by hundreds of trees, and a small wood. As a result:
  - A. My son studies Environmental Studies at the American University here.
  - B. As for me, 3/4 of my Poetry is about the life of the environment, nature, colors, love for nature, natural-pure feelings and relationships, all about the Glory of the Creator and His Creation.