

Posadimo drevo

V mnogih kulturah poznajo tradicijo, da ob rojstvu otroka posadijo drevo. Jaz imam svoj macesen, ki še vedno raste ob hiši, kjer je živila moja nona.

Vsi smo že slišali rek, da mora človek vzgojiti sina, napisati knjigo in posaditi drevo. Vsaj eno drevo. Posadimo ga lahko ob hiši, v skupnosti, soseski ali v gozdu, ki ga je prizadela ujma. Posadimo ga sami ali se pridružimo pobudi za sajenje dreves ali pogozdovanje. Vrtovi, soseske in ulice z drevesi so polni življenja, vsak odprti prostor v mestu je drugačen, bolj živ in prijazen, če ga bogati drevo. Mesta in vasi so popolnili šele, ko jih pogledamo od daleč, v zelenem omrežju travnikov in gozdov, ki jih obdajajo, jih hkrati povezujejo in držijo narazen, da se ne zlijejo v puščobno sivino.

Drevesa sadimo premišljeno, izberimo pravo drevo za dano lokacijo. Ne sadimo lipe tam, kjer je prostora le za glog, in ne ciprese tam, kjer bi morala rasti lipa. Posadimo drevesa zdaj in z malo sreče bodo rasla, ko nas ne bo več tukaj. Drevesa kot zavetje za druga živa bitja in neprecenljiv naravni vir ter simbol življenja in resnične trajnosti. V njihovi senci se bodo hladili zanamci, ki nam bodo zagotovo hvaležni za vsak živi in zeleni delček planeta, ki jim ga bomo zapustili.

Naj vas v teh časih greje misel na zeleno in svetlo prihodnost. Zima bo hitro mimo in spet bo pravi čas za sajenje dreves, skrb za njihovo dobro uspevanje in uživanje v vsem, kar nam dajejo.

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Let's plant a tree

Many cultures have the tradition of planting a tree whenever a child is born. I, too, have my very own larch, still growing next to the house where my grandma used to live.

We are all familiar with the adage that every man should have a child, write a book, and plant a tree. At least one tree. We can plant it next to our house, in our community or neighbourhood, or in a forest damaged in a storm. We can plant it alone or join a tree-planting or afforestation initiative. Gardens, neighbourhoods, and streets with trees are full of life, and any urban open space feels different, livelier, and friendlier when graced by trees. Towns and villages only achieve perfection when viewed from afar in the green network of meadows and forests surrounding them, both connecting them and keeping them apart, so they do not merge into a uniform drabness.

We should plant trees wisely, by selecting the right one for a particular location. We should not plant a linden tree where there is only enough room for a hawthorn, or a cypress where a linden tree should grow. Let us plant our trees now and, with a little luck, they will still be growing after we are no longer here. Trees provide shelter to other living beings, are an invaluable natural resource, and are a symbol of life and real permanence. Our descendants will appreciate their cool shade with gratitude for every living green piece of the planet we have left behind.

May the thought of a green and bright future keep you warm in these times. Winter will soon be over, and the time will come again for planting trees, cultivating them, and enjoying everything they give us.

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