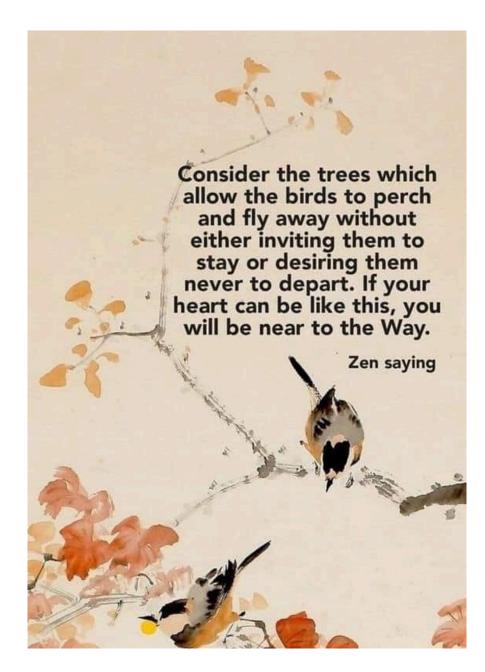
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Imay a little incapacitated for a few days, so please share in my love - and amazement - of trees.





(L) 4000 year old olive tree in Greece! This tree started growing around 2000 BC, during the Bronze Age, around the time the last wooly mammoth was hunted, the 7th dynasty of Egypt was over and humans discovered the existence of glass. This tree has seen humans go from the Bronze Age to the Atomic Age. It has witnessed our changing world and lived through many wars. It has seen many kings, politicians, warriors, and prophets go from birth to death, and it still continues to produces olives annually!

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This magnificent black elm reigns supreme in Cook's Meadow in Yosemite Valley, but it is often overlooked as tourists raise their eyes to view the towering rock formations surrounding the valley. Not native to this region, this iconic tree is the last existing elm planted by Yosemite pioneer James Hutchings in the mid-nineteenth century. Its age is estimated at close to 175 years and it is the only elm in Yosemite NP.



Beauty of the Planet Earth

The value of a single tree!

We live, we die, and like the grass and trees, renew ourselves from the soft earth of the grave. Stones crumble and decay, faiths grow old and they are forgotten, but new beliefs are born. The faith of the villages is dust now... but it will grow again... like the trees.



This is a Tree that got hit by lightning and it exposed its Vascular System. Nature is so complex.

A Tree's Vascular System carries water and minerals from the roots up to the leaves and photosynthesized food back down to the rest of the tree.

Interesting fact: Trees have no Muscles (or Nervous System) so all of this movement is powered by turgor pressure, which is controlled by stomata in the leaves that open and close as needed.

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THIS IS NOT A FOREST, BUT A SINGLE TREE IN INDIA. IT SPANS 4.67 ACRES, IS 80 FEET TALL AND OVER 250 YEARS OLD! Growing out of the trunk of this oak tree is an albar pine. Both trees are alive and have been growing together for more than 100 years. The pine is 15 meters tall and 130 years old, while the oak is 12 meters tall and 250 years old.





The tree is truly powerful: it houses hundreds of animals, birds and insects in its huge trunks. Its flowers measure up to 20 cm long and bloom overnight, but they contain nectar and fruits that serve as food for tribes and animals in diset, as well as have indications for their use to treat malaria.

A special oil is extracted from the sap of this tree; from its trunk, the indigenous of Madagascar build long canoes and its cork has a medicinal compound to fight epilepsy. Not surprisingly, in

Africa, baobabs represent life: they're symbols of fertility, abundance and healing...