



Agroecology

From an early age, Anan was linked to agriculture. With just 8 years old, he was in charge of the family garden. At that time the term “organic agriculture” was not yet spoken of, since agriculture was all that way. That stage of his life left him with such beautiful memories that when he grew up he continued to develop organic gardens in the different places where he lived.

With his travels, he continued to learn more and more about agroecology and permaculture with the indigenous people of Bolivia and Peru, who see land as something sacred, and in a scientific way with Jairo Restrepo, Raúl Medina, Nacho Simón, Ricardo Romero, Ana Primavesi, among others. While acquiring this experience, he supported the creation of vegetable gardens in Bolivia, Colombia, Chile and Mexico.

A few words from Anan Nodedt:

“The human being will be healthy if the food he/she consumes has vital energy, the food has vital energy if the plants are healthy, and the plants are healthy when the soil is healthy; therefore, healthy soil, healthy plant, healthy human being.”

- Ana Primavesi

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unnatural way of growing food, with only one objective: to generate a lot of money.

It is in this way that they stopped producing food to nourish people and the female polyculture, vast and diverse, was replaced by male monoculture, justified under the elegant discourse of being “the best way to feed the world”.

However, today we all know that this is a lie. Currently, producing food is a function of the stock market, which favors thousands of tons of food per year are discarded to keep stable prices of production.

Despite its promise to stop world hunger - justification for ecocide - millions of people continue to die of starvation. In addition, producing a single crop extensively requires the use of large amounts of toxics, which poison people by causing many diseases.

“Humus, human and humility have the same root. We have been led to believe that humility is synonymous with poverty, but it is not. Humility is synonymous with abundance: rich is not the one that has more, but the one that needs less. When you understand that the Earth is your mother, you stop being poor.” Anan Nodedt

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“When pests attack our crops, they come as messengers from heaven to warn us that the soil is sick”.
- Sabiduría Védica

Hence the importance of talking about agroecology. This strengthens the scientific, methodological and technical foundations to generate a sustainable agrarian revolution, taking as main axes biodiversity and energy efficiency - within a fair social exchange - that lays the foundations of food sovereignty. It is time to develop diversified agroecosystems to promote biological interactions and beneficial synergies that allow the regeneration and permanent fertility of the soils to achieve a constant productivity of healthy food.

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currently feed millions of people around the world, especially in developing countries and offer many important knowledge in the face of production challenges and conservation of natural resources in rural areas. Unfortunately, economic and institutional interests only support research that favors agricultural and pharmaceutical industry, using many of these to create doubt and distrust about agroecology and its sustainability.

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**“Organic agriculture brings
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laughter back.”
- J. Restrepo**

The new agroecological model promotes moving from an industrial production system with agro-toxins -based on fossil fuels and the export of expensive food-, to local production systems -both urban and rural-, and to the implementation of environmentally friendly technologies where people can get more involved with the earth, with the food they eat and with a vision aimed at the care and preservation of our planet.

Some ideas expressed here are based on the books of Miguel Altieri, Jairo Restrepo and Ana Primavesi.

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