

## Frogs and mushrooms come alive in the desert

Already in the prehistoric, when mankind worshipped the Holy Mother - which is the beginning of our civilization - but also in modern nature religions the fruits and flowers, trees and forests, rivers and springs and also seas and mountains were honored as a manifestation of the Holy Mother.

Such stories conjure images of an eternal pleasure ground, of a fertile home with a wealthy life and of a well-balanced earth where mankind lives in harmony with nature. A place where the growing season gives abundance in food and in material for house and garden as in an eternal cycle of green power.

With the increasing denial of the Holy Mother in our cultural history, as her regulating principle in our universe, and with the growing recognition of a supreme Father God, the harmony between mankind and his natural habitat got lost.

With this loss of our comprehensive, procreating Mother we lost our conception of the logical and natural order of our habitat: the lawful power of nature. As we can nowadays clearly see, unfortunately, in the landscape of the Middle East: a waste land full of deserts with immense problems in agriculture and water supply and therefore in quality of life.

However this hopelessness has disappeared through the results of a permaculture project in the Dead Sea valley in Jordan. At a distance of two kilometers of the lake where Jesus was baptized, (this can't be coincidental), the worldwide renowned teacher and consultant in permaculture, Geoff Lawton, has conjured a bare piece of land into a garden of Eden.

Just by practicing the lawful, ecological principles he has solved the salt problem in this soil at 400 meters below sea-level – the lowest place on earth! The high salinity made it increasingly infertile but this was diminished in a rather simple design by this permaculture specialist. As one can see in video clips on YouTube frogs jump around and mushrooms grow in the mulch between crops and fruit trees.



A remarkable and hopeful accomplishment which shows that, however man is wandering, there is always a way to a fertile land, to a home of abundance, endless love and mercy.

Photo: Greening the desert of Jordan 2012

The video *Greening the desert II* about the projects of Geoff Lawton can be seen on You Tube. But these clips are also part of the Dutch documentary *Groen Goud* which includes film work of the

ecologist John D. Liu about the metamorphosis of the Lössplateau in China, an area as big as Holland, that changed over a period of ten years from a desolate wasteland into a green oasis. The applied, ecological terraces construction on the steep hills in the Lössplateau are already successful over thousand years in many parts of the world and have mostly been part of exceeding civilizations. But they keep impressing his audience as he travels around the world with his message which is titled *Hope in a changing climate*.

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