

A voyage through time to discover the most influential environmentalists

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Who is an environmentalist?

An environmentalist is a person who is concerned with and/or advocates for the protection of the environment.

[Wikipedia]

'Well, thanks Wikipedia, such an illuminating answer'

[Me, while looking for a definition]

Silent Spring

A book by Rachel Carson

***The birds, for example — where had they gone?
Many people spoke of them, puzzled and disturbed.
The feeding stations in the backyards were deserted.
The few birds seen anywhere were moribund; they trembled
violently and could not fly.
It was a spring without voices. [...] only silence lay over the fields
and woods and marsh.***

[Rachel Carson, Silent Spring]

Limits to growth

“Unless special action is taken, human resource use and emissions will continue to increase as a consequence of growth in population and human activity. Importantly, this “human footprint” – if unchecked – will grow beyond the carrying capacity of the globe, that is beyond what the globe can provide on a sustainable basis. If such expansion into unsustainable territory is allowed to happen, decline – or collapse – in human resource use and emissions become unavoidable”.

Limits to growth

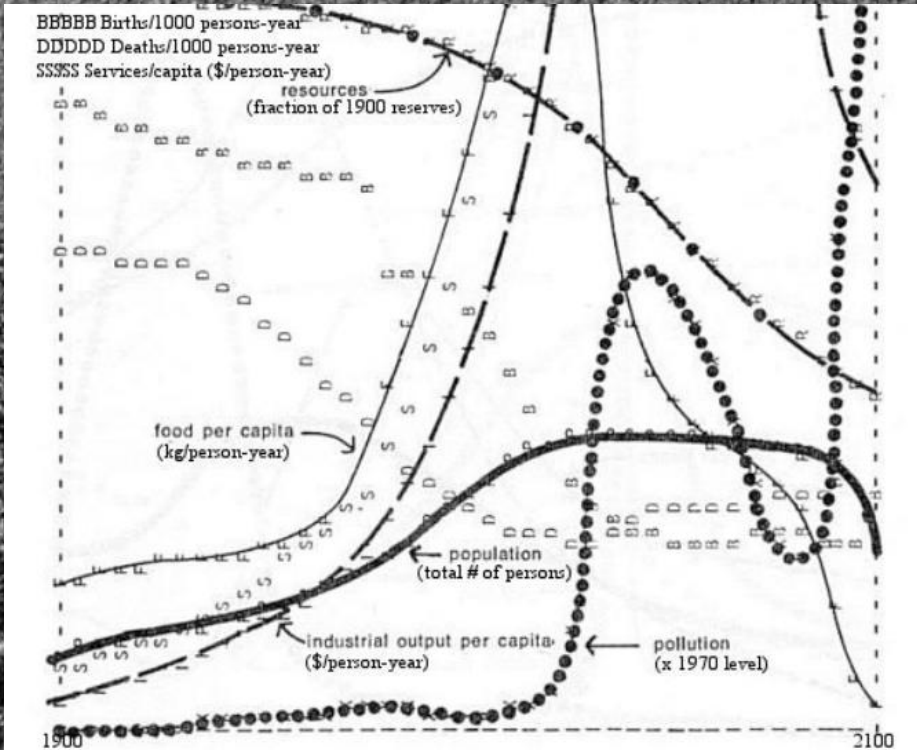
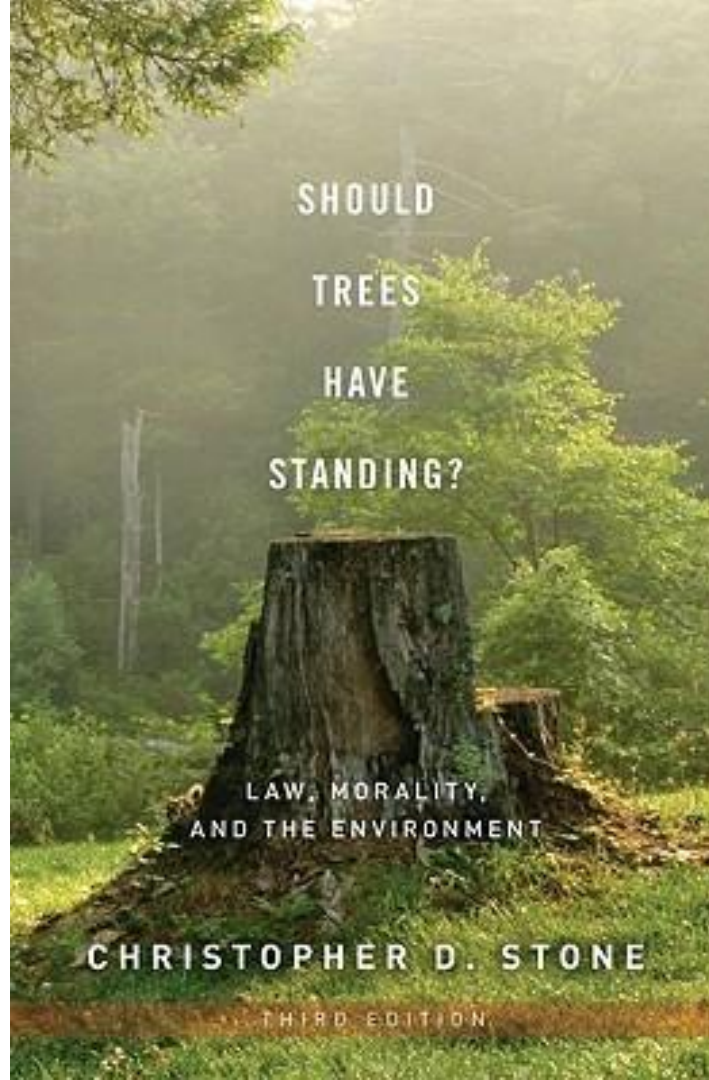


Fig. 1: World model with “unlimited” resources (Meadows et al., 1972, p.133)

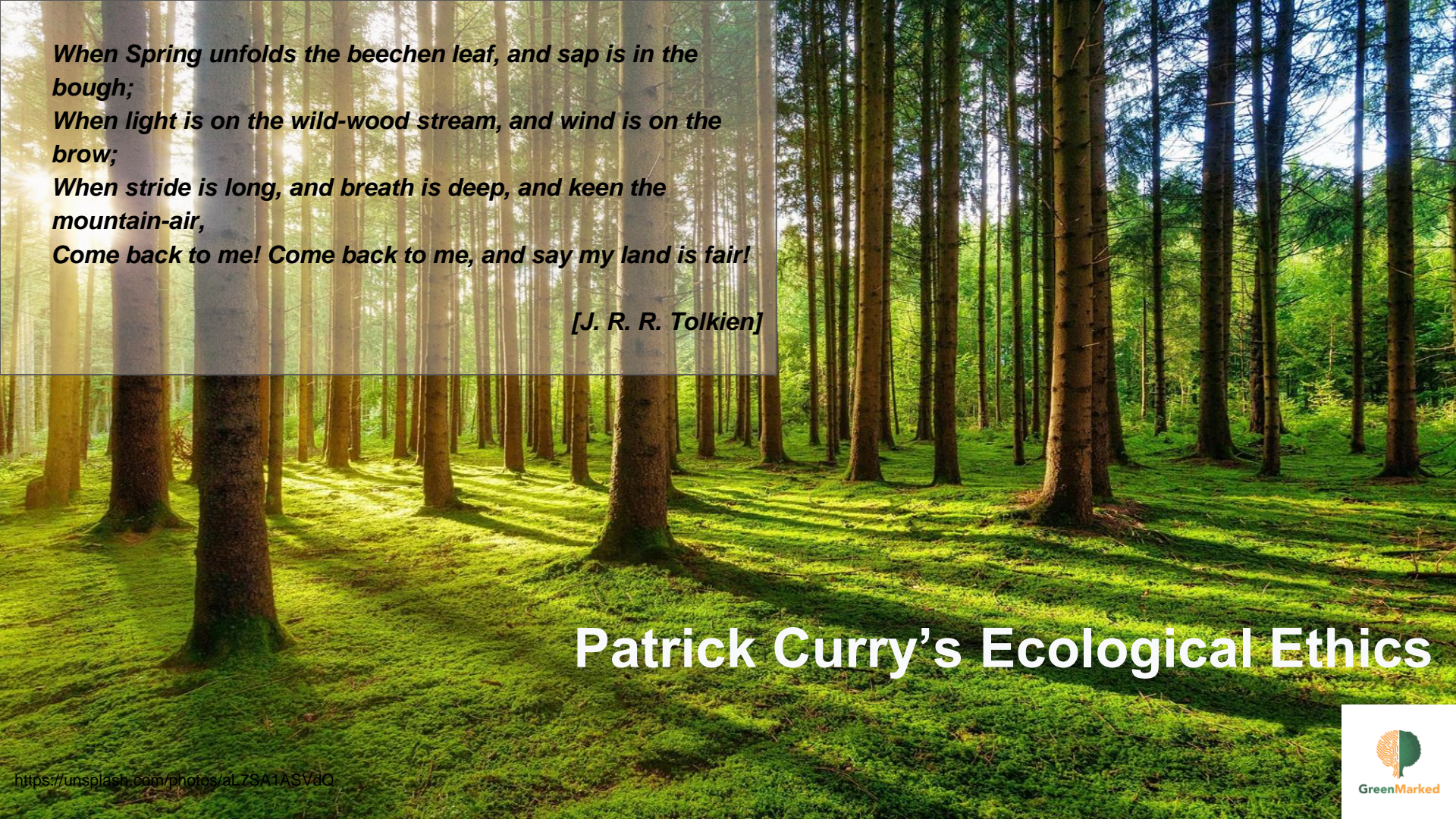


- Impact
- Relevance today
- Current situation

"In traditional agriculture, the soil is the mother. She's the mother who gives, to whom you must give back."

Vandana Shiva

Revolutionizing the role of women in the Indian Farm system



*When Spring unfolds the beechen leaf, and sap is in the
bough;
When light is on the wild-wood stream, and wind is on the
brow;
When stride is long, and breath is deep, and keen the
mountain-air,
Come back to me! Come back to me, and say my land is fair!*

[J. R. R. Tolkien]

Patrick Curry's Ecological Ethics

"Today we have economies that need to grow, whether or not they make us thrive. What we need are economies that make us thrive, whether or not they grow."

Doughnut Economics

A book by Kate Raworth



Who will be the environmentalist to be talked about in the future ?

Netherlands

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