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We can think of place-making as something that happens through movement: significance, memories and relationships are created by patterns of walking, approaching, branching away, visiting, gathering. --Michael Givens

## Of People, Plants and Place

"Our ancestors knew the places where they lived: every inch of land, every kind of plant, every sign of life. They made use of everything. They were intimately involved with their surroundings, immersed in the ebb and flow of the seasons. Their attention was anchored to the here and now as they watched with anticipation the gradual emergence of shoots and stems, flowers and fruits, waiting patiently for the time to gather and make used of them. Signs indicating the presence of plants, animals, birds, and fish consumed their consciousness. With senses sharpened to the immediacy of instinct they discerned the presence of every animate or inanimate object. In doing so they were themselves powerfully present." What follows is thoughtful piece by seed researcher and baker Col Gordon that delves into the intricate relationships between people, plants, and place.

## **Be The Change:**

What ways have you found to carry out the tasks of "belonging" and "culture making"

that Gordon refers to? Are there specific practices or rituals in your life that help you to truly know your place? Share them with someone today.