



# ***Notes for a Better World***

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### **What is Money?**

- What is money? Just the ability to make others work for you because they start from a position of need - because everything is owned. Don't think of money, but think of the way wealth is directed and flows around and who benefits from it.
- By quantifying it, it becomes a commodity that can be moved and owned and is then open to corruption both legal and illegal.
- Profit literally means you are taking more from someone than what you are giving them - and if you multiply that by the millions of people who are doing it the end result is the degradation of other people and the environment.
- In a profit based economy we need to make a profit because others are taking more from us and we will end up with nothing if we don't - thus we are all pitted against each other
- As soon as you try and quantify the value of goods and services – ie. give it a price tag – it is very easy to then want to make a profit – because you have a perceived value of how much something cost you, and it's only natural to want to get that back – and then a very easy step to want to get more and make a profit. This is because you are thinking of what you can get, not what you can give – and the upshot of this is the world we have right now.
- But how can you truly estimate the cost of a service or product? Some jobs are more dangerous or harder to do than others - and some people work harder than others - but ultimately as human beings no one is more important than anyone else ~ and that should be the primary consideration in any interaction between people, and then the secondary thoughts of covering your own base – and not being exploited or run into the ground yourself.

### **What is Wrong With Capitalism?**

- Belief everyone can succeed and rise to the top - but it's pyramid shaped hierarchical structure means not everyone will
- Huge disparity between wealth and poorness
- Some people can be inordinately rich which keeps wealth away from others → and they automatically become a power elite with greater access and power to the resources than anyone else and that position is then open for corruption/abuse and the vagaries of the character of the people involved
- Not everyone can compete equally - everyone doesn't have equal access/opportunity ~ despite their best work efforts.
- The existence of money in combination with scarcity (largely created by ownership) means people are coerced in to participation - they are not doing it voluntarily for the value of what it is they are doing

### **What is Wrong With Socialism?**

- Loses money but needs money to keep going
- Suppression of individuality
- Hypocrisy: there is still a rich elite → all the goods are owned by the state and

the work/man hours are directed for the good of the state (and therefore supposedly for the good of all the people) but the goods and services and resources have to be directed by a finite group of people – and these people automatically become a power elite with greater access and power to the resources than anyone else - and that position is then open for corruption/abuse and the vagaries of the character of the people involved (sound familiar?!)

- Worst workers rights - yet the system is meant to be for the workers!
- Really only works in small hunter gatherer groups where there is no money and no relative scarcity – it cannot work in a monetized system. This is because the existence of money in combination with scarcity means people are coerced into participation - they are not doing it voluntarily for the value of what it is
- No individual ownership

### **Capitalism/Socialism in summary**

- They are like two competing football teams playing the one game – they compete for their own interest and haven't realised that the game itself is wrong
- Attempts to balance the situation by having economies which are a mixture of capitalism and socialism (which most modern economies are) still will never overcome the fundamental issues they are faced with because they ignore the fundamental flaws in that combined system ie. people exploiting other people, and people exploiting the environment

### **Characteristics of the Free Economy**

- Things are done more for what they are than what you can get out of them - hence less wasteful unnecessary things done just because you can get money out of them
- When you interact with someone here you are thinking 'what can I do for them?' not 'what can I get out of them?'
- Other people's needs are respected as much as your own
- Much much softer on the environment because it is less wasteful
- Allows everyone to find a way to participate and join in – thus we can harness the full abilities of everyone – rather than people being excluded from work because a company doesn't have the money to hire them. However people will still need to be qualified to perform certain tasks in the free economy – for example medical jobs – but the overall system will still have openings and a need for everyone
- The only kind of system that can be sustainable is one where people and the environment are not exploited but respected
- It can only work by each person individually overcoming their own fear of loss of resources whilst respecting another person's need as much as their own. That

is the only way it can work – anything less than that is simply not part of the free economy because it is an interaction based on exploitation of the other person

- The success of this system is by no means guaranteed. Just feeling good won't do it – idealism itself isn't enough – hard work is required. But if the hard work is for a good reason then it feels good to do it and it doesn't feel like a chore – and there is no better reason to do this than each other
- Eventually the free system will out compete the monied system (whether capitalistic or socialistic) and will reach a tipping point where people have to join this because everyone else is – but if people don't realise why it is better, and do it for that reason then it will fail
- The free economy will pull the rug out from under the feet of the wealthy because the fruits of the poorer people's communal efforts will be shared in a different system and cannot be taken away from them up the chain to the wealthy by the process of profits. But it will also benefit the wealthy because it will stop them from intentionally or unintentionally exploiting others - which is good for their humanity ~ and will change their perceptions and bring them on the level with their fellow human beings.
- The free economy will go a long way to addressing entrenched privilege that comes from historical positions of class and race – because it is about a voluntary free flowing of goods and services to all people just because they are people, regardless of the boundaries like wealth, class and race
- This is the only system that gives us a future - at the moment we are exploiting each other and the environment - the state of the world today is just a manifestation of that. We need a system in which we respect the needs of each other and the environment. That is the only thing that can be sustainable. What we have now is unsustainable and destined to fail - at great cost to ourselves and the environment. This world is big enough for all of us if our hearts are big enough

### **Why is this not Barter? - What is Wrong with Barter?**

- Still equating, quantifying - seeing what you can get out of an interaction not what you can give
- Requires a coincidence of needs for the trade to occur – so is clumsy – which is why we have money, so we can circumvent that – but money has its own flaws

### **So How Does It Work?**

- Supply and demand is linked by information technology - over the free economy web site or mobile app
- Things are still owned individually but freely given away
- No barter, swap, trade or coercion
- There is still a very big role for governments and organisations - it's just that the participation is done for free.
- People are free to participate in the system and to receive things from it for free as well - but Governments still need to vet people for certain jobs - make sure

standards are still met - eg medical positions

- People should work 4 or 5 hours a day providing essential things that everyone needs like - food, water, housing, clothing etc. And then have their spare time for their personal pursuits like sport and artistic projects

### **What can prevent this from working?**

- Only one thing – greed. Greed from inside the system and from outside of it
- From inside: if people are greedy and take without contributing significantly the system will fail
- From outside: people with vested interests in maintaining their positions of power (in any other kind of system) could try and sabotage the IT infrastructure or discredit the concept of a free economy. IT systems can be protected and disinformation discredited but the more that people below these power elites leave those economic systems and join this one, the less power these elites will have because they are unable to benefit from the work done by these people that were below them – and their powerbase is taken away from them. In this way all these other economies will either eventually be outcompeted by the free economy – or will collapse by virtue of their own shortcomings, because they are not sustainable.
- To be truly working the free economy needs to be a practise that arises out of the natural growth of each person individually – it is not something that can be instituted on anyone or group of people because then it will fail, because people's old traits will still be there and their greed will take over again. For this reason there is nothing being done to force people into the free economy – it needs to grow and arise organically from people changing themselves – the IT infrastructure is there and is growing, and things like this book exist and should be freely shared – but if anyone is forced into this economy then it has already failed.