

The Real Economy: an Earth/Bound Economics

The Real Economy has a singular priority: *taking care of the Earth*.

First and Foremost, the Real Economy honours **Farmers**: pays them appropriately, with respect and gratitude for their hard work.

The Real Economy honours skilled **tradesmen**: carpenters, electricians, plumbers; plasterers and bricklayers- all those who build, work in, and maintain our infrastructure.

The Real Economy honours **service providers** in health care and education.

Many many more could be added to the list of those who *live their lives working, playing, caring, and loving-* in the Real Economy.



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You

Us

The Counterfeit Economy: a Profit/Bound Economics

Does Counterfeit Economics work? Of course! But only for some 5% of the world's population. That's why it's a 'counterfeit' economics!

In spite of what corporate-owned 'spokespersons' say, most of us know it is a Counterfeit Economy wherein:

- **the rich are 'bailed out'**
- **the middle-class are hollowed out**
- **the employed are shut out**
- **the poor are shoved out.**

Comparisons

The Real Economy *creates* jobs; the Counterfeit Economy *destroys* jobs, (wages are not 'cost-effective'). The Real Economy is a *social* economy, compassionate *by nature*: reflecting *care* for the less fortunate. By contrast, the Counterfeit Economy is a *narcissistic* economy, self-centered by nature...

...That is why the sense of **true pride, satisfaction of a job well done** in the Real Economy is twisted into **false pride, arrogance, and greed** in a Counterfeit Economy, wherein:

- **Earth** is only a resource to be exploited
- **People** are reduced to commodities
- "There's no such thing as **Society**," (Thatcher) "only self-interested individuals."

Moreover, the Real Economy is a *fair* economy, wherein the real wealth generated is shared appropriately, through a *progressive tax system*.

Conversely, in the Counterfeit Economy, counterfeiters acquire an *unfair* share of wealth through regressive tax measures.

Distortions: Ideology

The sense of individual humility and respect for others co-sharing in the Real Economy is **distorted** in a Counterfeit Economy by a carefully crafted, ugly, phony market fundamentalist *ideology* called 'neo-conservatism'.

Neo-conservatism claims that 'rugged individualism' is the key to success; that if you try hard enough you can do it on your own- *without anyone else*. This is sheer *nonsense!*

In a Counterfeit Economy, we are told, the 'Invisible Hand of the Marketplace' will 'naturally balance itself out'- for the benefit of all. History clearly demonstrates that this proposition is a lie and a fraud.

Counterfeiting: a fraud and crime

The Counterfeit Economy is a fraud because it pretends to BE (but is not) the Real Economy.

The Counterfeit Economy is a *crime against humanity* because of the *untold suffering and death it causes-worldwide* (*The USA, Greece, Italy, Spain, Ireland, etc., etc.*).

Primary Concerns

The primary concern of the Real Economy- taking care of the Earth- is *absent* from the fraud of the Counterfeit Economy, wherein the singular, primary concern is taking care of- *Profits*.

Caveat Emptor: *False Prophets linger behind the lingo of false profits!*

Prophets, not Profits...

Karl Polanyi, a true prophet, stated his thesis on the first page of his masterwork, "**The Great Transformation**" (1944), almost 70 years ago:

"Our thesis is that the idea of a self-adjusting market implied a stark utopia. Such an institution could not exist for any length of time without annihilating the human and natural substance of society; it would have physically destroyed man and transformed his surroundings into a wilderness."



You Me Victory!

66 years later, a modern-day prophet, Chris Hedges, in his "**The World As It Is**" (2010) puts it this way:

"The climate crisis is a political crisis. We will either defy the corporate elite, which will mean civil disobedience, a rejection of traditional politics for a new radicalism, and the systematic breaking of laws, or see ourselves consumed. Time is not on our side. The longer we wait, the more assured our destruction becomes. The future, if we remain passive, will be wrested from us by events. Our moral obligation is not to structures of power, but to life."

Counterfeit Economics:

- see it for what it does
- name it for what it says
- refuse it for what it is
- redirect us towards the Real Economy:
- an *Earth/Bound* economics.

Monetary and economic policies to redirect our focus towards the Real Economy (the Earth, services, jobs, etc.) **have been well developed.**

*What is sorely lacking is the people's will necessary to occupy the space needed for change; then shaping that space into the Real Economy- an *Earth/Bound* Economy.*

We have the Tools we need

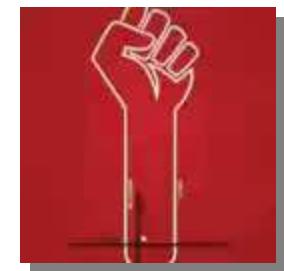
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