

"Economy at the crossroads"

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"Economy"...can be the catalyst and, if used properly and with respect for all of creation and nature, can solve the most urgent problems we face today. The title of this session "money supply and interest rates" is perfectly suited to present you today a completely holistic approach to the economic and financial crisis we face today and if implemented properly and swiftly can solve most of today's challenges humanity faces.

"If we cannot abolish inequality, we have no future. " Nouriel Roubini"1), stated. He is lecturer on economy at the New York University

With respect to this statement: it is worthy to note that 3,5 billion people on earth have less the 2 dollars income per day! In contrast, the richest man on earth, Carlos Slim, Mexico has assets worth 75 billion dollars.

A possible solution: "Gradido-Natural Economy of Life" – A way to worldwide prosperity and peace in harmony with nature 2). The concept was created over the last fifteen years and finalized for implementation in the last few years. This system is now ready for immediate use and can be implemented by exchanging our talents with "Gratitude".

But there is much more behind this name. It is a complete system and a new exchange tool for people throughout the world. It has all the advantages that can be observed in nature and is backed by the idea of the only creation that can show us how we can manage mother Earth, namely "NATURE". We can immediately exchange directly with a farmer or anybody in Africa or South America, Australia, Alaska or elsewhere and he gets the same advantages like we have and the same Gradido account. Possible as of today, no poverty anymore, no inequality, no criminality, no corruption, no hunger, no fear, just remarkable. I recommend reading the book written by Bernd Hückstädt on Gradido "Natural Economy of Life" - A way to worldwide prosperity and peace in harmony with nature.

The good news about this "Gradido" is that the man who invented this system, Bernd Hückstädt, is completely open, yes, open source, and no intention of holding it back for his own profit. He hopes that many people will help to introduce and develop it with gratitude in order to perfect a system for the whole world to use, including all the existing enterprises and systems in place, also the banking system. It is just a matter of adaptation. With good will this can be the tool to solve most of our existing inequalities on earth, right now!

Now here an easy explanation in form of a summary about Gradido, taken out of the book from Bernd Hückstädt 2):

Summary

Let's begin with the most important decision criterium of the Natural Economy of Life, by which we measure all our thinking, talking and acting – the threefold good.

The threefold good

1. The good of every single participant - win-win.
2. The good of the community – family, community, country, humanity...
3. The good of the big scheme of things – nature, environment, mother earth, universe...

The natural law of becoming and decaying

The threefold good is, so to speak, the ethical foundation of our monetary and economic model. For it to work we have to develop it in harmony with natural laws. The most important law for us is the cycle of life, the cycle of becoming and decaying. It is integrated into our model in the form of creation of money and perishability.

The threefold creation of money

The threefold creation of money is derived from the threefold good.

The community, represented by the government, creates three amounts of 1,000 gradidos for each citizen every month, which money is used for the following purposes:

1. Basic income, either unconditional or active,
2. Government income, including health and social services,
3. Equalisation and Environment Fund (EEF) to protect and decontaminate the environment

Basic income

The model supports the two options of an unconditional basic income, which is paid out »just like that«, or an active basic income.

The active basic income follows from *unconditional participation* in the community: everybody has the right to work for the community for up to 50 hours a month in accordance with their inclinations and skills. The community remunerates this work with 20 gradidos an hour up to a maximum of 1,000 gradidos monthly. Because of the manifold beneficial effects of unconditional participation, we prefer the active basic income, particularly as the money thus created is covered by services and full employment is automatically achieved.

Government income

The second amount of 1,000 gradidos is sufficient for a generous national budget including health and social services on the scale currently available in the Federal Republic of Germany. Taxes, social insurances or similar levies are therefore not required: gross and net income are the same. A huge reduction of bureaucracy is possible. Illegal work no longer exists by definition.

Equalisation and Environment Fund (EEF)

The third amount of 1,000 gradidos constitutes an additional fund of the same amount as the national budget. The Equalisation and Environment Fund serves to eliminate economic and ecological contamination, primarily to remedy as far as humanly possible the disastrous environmental damage humans have caused over more than the last hundred years. It is the largest environmental fund in the history of humanity. Protection and decontamination of the environment will become the most lucrative sectors of the economy.

Self-regulating system stabilises the money supply

The cycle of becoming and decaying is already integrated into gradido. The threefold creation of money is subject to decay of 50% a year. Only 50 gradidos still remain from 100 after one year. After the pattern of nature the gradido is thus a self-regulating system,

which keeps the money supply per person constant. The money supply cannot be manipulated.

Creation of money without debt

The creation of money follows the pattern of nature without debts having to be incurred. The gradido only provides for credit balances. Loans are still possible. They are agreements between lender and borrower. As only existing money may be lent, the money supply is not altered by loans. Although interest is not forbidden, it has no chance on the market.

Currency of the common good

As you see, each part of the money created is spent on a contribution to the community. The gradido is thus a currency for the common good. The call for an economy of the common good is getting louder and louder. Besides the gradido there are already several projects in this direction but so far they have not considered the monetary system. While reading this book it should have become clear to you, dear reader, that an economy of the common good cannot work in the old monetary system. With the gradido every sector of the economy will become an economy of the common good all by itself.

Understanding it is child's play

The entire model is described in essence in this summary. It is so simple that even children can easily understand it with an appropriate explanation. The Natural Economy of Life has many life-saving benefits over the old monetary and economic systems although these may not be recognised at first glance. In chapter 4 page 81 you will learn the 100 most important advantages of the Natural Economy of Life. Let yourself be inspired!

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