

PROVIDENCE: A Real Human Economy (Economics)

All life forms
emerge
from the Womb
of Earth
with a job to do:
eat this
spread that around
reproduce
breathe
fertilize Soil.
What is the job
of Human Beings?

Economics
is Materials Management
and the study there of:
the management
of material
of Earth resource
people
tools and money
process
planning
recording and accounting
evaluating,
human hand work
woman, man, community hand work
in the Earth House,
nomos of oikos,
the Activity
which creates
Economy.

In the Beginning,
Earth provided.
Human communities
Produced and Distributed
to the young
the old and disabled
and among the producers.

Passing knowledge
from generation to generation
for millennia
Humans got real good
at doing Economy.
They made a whole lot of people
and Wealth.
Earth resource
through Human labor
creates Wealth,
valued by opinion
and eventually
measured by money.
Producing way more than needed

they replaced community
with Civilization,
the institution,
the social relations,
of Wealth.

Wealth fuels Power.
The social relations
of Civilization
codified
within mythologies
of Divine Design
power of some
over others.

People became
categories:
the Divinely Elected Dynast,
Lord of the Sacred Mission,
Nobles and Ecclesiasts
Prince
Mayor of the House
Minister of this and that,
General of the Army
physician
potter
spinner and weaver
stone mason
miller
merchant
honey dipper
Peasant
slave.

Methods of Civilization
pumped Earth wealth
from Peasants
forests, mines, waters
through great estates of superior ranks,
into villages and cities
creating City Wealth.
Administrators methodically
regulated property, religious performance,
public works,
assessed and collected taxes,
paying police and army,
planned and supervised the march of armies,
organized construction of
great monuments
to the most wealthy, the Dynasts, the Nobility,
to the city deities and Ecclesiasts,
monuments to the Rulers.

Method
requires theory,
understanding,
basically
the view
of an Environment
that if we do this
that will result,
if that happens, this results.

By the time of Civilization
method and theory
were highly refined.
The artisans of each social category
within its Rank of Wealth
operated
with specialized method and theory,
specialized languages,
gathering, producing,
distributing.

Each social category
held gangs, coalitions and associations,
guilds
cooperating for mutual benefit
jostling for position in the Rank of Wealth.
Each category and persons
survived and thrived
with Exchange:
information for information
goods for goods, or money
service for goods, or money
service for service.

The artisans of most categories
enclaved together,
dwelling and workplace often combined,
communities of work
with specific personal insignia, seals,
deities and ceremonies
marching under identifying organizational banners.

Long-distance trading merchants
built their enclaves in the cities
and ports of trade
of India, Malaysia
Vietnam
along the sea wind routes
to Chinese porcelain,
along the caravan routes
to the spices of Yemen
to the silk and lapis lazuli of Afghanistan
the gold and war elephants of Sudan,
the iron of Anatolia,
paying for protection
by the local administrators.

Assigned by superior ranks
administrators,
most often a Chief Officer,
from a family of hereditary officers,
supported by a group of division heads
supported by supervising staff
supported by many clerical and technical specialists,
in the cities, on the estates
applied techniques of power,
management,
over categories
over people
and material,

the art of direction
designated control.

Through time
administrators
express
the natural, defining, Human gifts
of organization:
communication
shared vision
cooperative action
producing
the garden and the goat herd,
the boat,
boats on the Nile
passing plotted fields,
the massive stones
of temples and pyramids,
producing valleys of rice terraces,
Parthenon,
the hundreds of miles of aqueduct,
Tenochtitlan.
Administrators direct
the power
of Human organization.

Originating and financed
by Dynasts and administrators
as emissaries to Dynasts and administrators
of foreign lands
long-distance traders
developed processes
to deliver luxuries and strategic materials
to administrators, the Dynasts and Ecclesiasts.
Operating most often with a Chief Officer
from a family of hereditary merchants
supported by division heads
clerks and specialists,
and using the power of organization,
they accumulated wealth,
(as long as they remained favored
by the Dynasts and administrators.)
With the accumulated wealth
they bought land,
bought artisan works or erected competing mills and shops,
financed trade
and managed loans and insurance.
They married into the Rank of Wealth
of Dynasts, Ecclesiasts and administrators,
aristocrats.
They played the game of city politics
allying with dynastic factions to advance their interests,
to protect property.

Through time
with the Wealth of Cities
marching armies and administrators
built Empires
collecting cities and trade routes
within a legal order
often justified by a fusion of local deities and rituals
under an imperial deity

enforced by marching armies and administrators,
and local clerics of religion.

Sumer, Harappa, Xia

Egypt, Babylon, Assyria

Rome and Han

Umayyad and Franks.

In ancient cities, early empires
and pre-modern kingdoms
the mythology of Divine Election
justified
the superiority of Dynast, Ecclesiast and Nobility
in the political order,
their capricious control
over the Rank of Wealth,
the religious institutions and practice,
the legal institutions,
over the commerce and property of the Realm
demanding ever increasing taxation.
Dynasts placed family and favorites
in public offices,
often hereditary and transferable,
and granted exclusive charters to favored enterprise
in exchange for fees and loans.
Nobility fought private wars with armed retainers.
They obstructed commerce with numerous tolls and duties
in their estates.
Men lost their property and their lives
to dynastic succession and noble conflict,
to unpredictable impulse.

In time
groups of merchant families
formed and administered
their own cities and city-states,
empires,
with their own law and courts,
placing ambassadors in capital cities,
financing
playing politics
in the dynastic states' struggle
for supremacy,
in the wars of religion,
allying with coalitions
to advance their interests.

The cultural environment of merchant cities
accelerated the Human desire for
improvement
of knowledge and technology
theory and method.
Exploration for improved trade routes
discovered distant lands
of rich resources,
gold and silver.
City Wealth invigorated universities.
A community of letters circulated
critical studies of ancient literature
and investigations of natural phenomena.
Artisans and academics
produced
the movable type printing press,

microscope
telescope.
Men used mathematics to describe
laws in Nature.
Artisans and small tradesmen
educated themselves
and with professionals
demanded liberties.
A spirit of critique
flourished.

In time
coalitions of Nobility and Merchants
and their retainers
constructed a powerful
Ideology of Wealth
to assault
the mythology of Divine Election.
Deity
created
creates
a lawful Natural World
which designates Natural Right.
It is Right
for people to live,
wrong for Life to be taken.
In order to live
people create Property.
It is wrong to take Property.
In order to live
people create Government
to protect Life and Property.
Government that takes Life and Property
is wrong
and must be replaced.

To this foundation
they added selected Mosaic Law
for social discipline
and a Platonic Republican idea
requiring people to work their place
in the lawful hierarchy.
Persons' success in doing their work
might indicate
the Grace of Deity,
might indicate their
election to Salvation.

Led by the Dutch Republic
and England
this Ideology of Wealth
in a variety of expressions
united numerous coalitions which
in time
changed the laws and structure of States
allowing increased participation
in State processes,
limiting the power of Dynasts
increasing the power of men of Wealth,
removing barriers to internal commerce,
centralizing tax administration,
creating national banks and public debt,

bond and stock exchanges
funding worldwide trade wars,
and the industries of war,
increasing opportunities for investment and speculation.

Predatory, financially empowered organizations
took the Common Land from Peasants,
took manufacturing from artisans,
removed legal restrictions
on the sale of estates
and took them
or used them to secure loans
for investment and speculation.
They took
emerging technology, utilities,
forests, mines and waters
service productions and education
fashion and entertainment
pots and pans
food.

History WAILS
with the brutality.

Now
a gigantic Machine
of organizations
Produces and Distributes
in the Earth Household.
It does not care for
the young
the old and disabled
the laborers.
It cares for Wealth
the power of Wealth,
maximizing Profit.
It does not protect Life, property
and Natural Human Right,
other than its own.
It does not serve
the General Welfare.
You don't have to look far
to see the failure with your own eyes.
It is not a
Real Human Economy.

Apologists for the Machine
justify its performance
as an impersonal physics for stabilizing prices
and allocating resources
efficiently and effectively.
While organizations calculate prices and adjust them
in the higgling and bargaining at the point of contract or sale,
they blame inflation on government spending.
While organizations plan production and take speculative risks,
they blame recession and depression on government spending,
the waste of resources on government regulations,
the waste of human lives on individual failure.

Time and time again
people mobilized
to limit the growing power

of the Machine,
with some success,
but overturned
by courts and power politics.

Nothing happens
without organization.
The core of organization is
administration,
management,
control.
The basic technique
has not changed since ancient times,
being the natural Human gift.
Technology
has increased the power,
the efficiency and effectiveness of
assessment, planning,
communication and training
accounting and record keeping
problem solving,
action.
Organization still requires clearly defined
rank of authority,
clearly defined responsibilities,
standards and purpose.

Economic organizations
are definable according to
the primary owner:
personal
partnership
joint-stock
and Public.
Is it possible for these forms to work together
in a society
with the Liberty of Human Rights
and the Justice
of General Welfare?
They could
if we shared a Vision
of Earth
as the Common Inheritance
of all living things,
acted with the Solidarity
of Fraternity,
Brothers and Sisters of Earth.

Change the law and structure of the State.

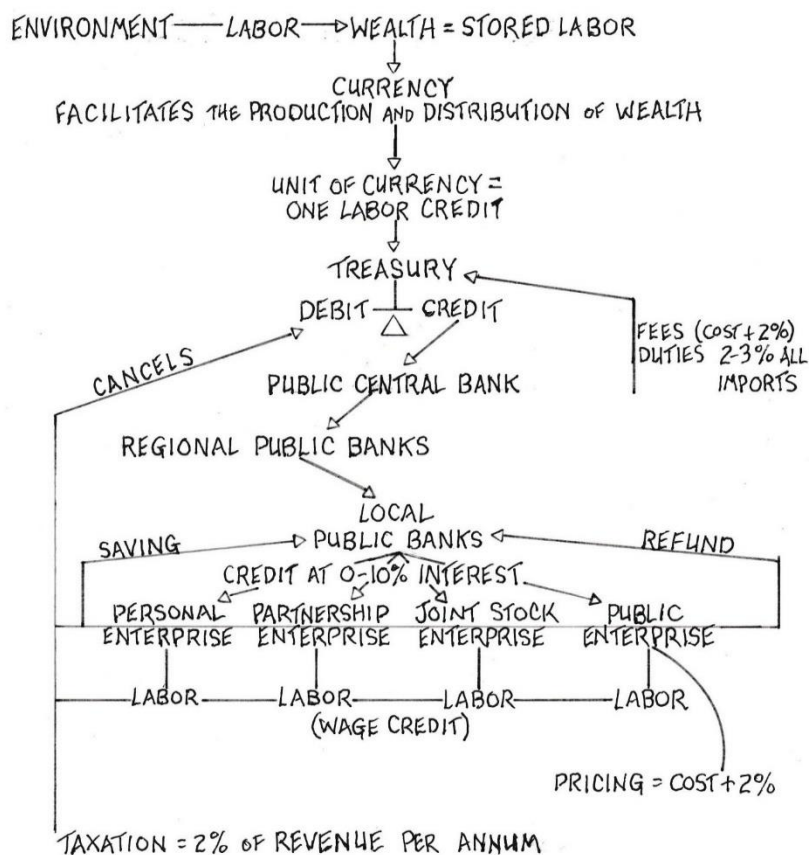
Imagine
Public Enterprise, owned by the citizens,
administered by the Democratic State,
with standards and purpose to supply the Needs
of Essential Services:
utilities
healthcare
education
employment, housing and food (when necessary)
and Credit.

(A Democratic State requires the

maximum, informed participation
and Good Will of Citizens.)

Since the dawn of Civilization
and money
people,
especially Peasants, small farmers,
have suffered from the
lack of affordable Credit.
Ancient literature
records widespread debt bondage and debt slavery.
Attic Archon Solon
suppressed Eupatrid Nobles
outlawing debt slavery and attempting to return
Citizens sold abroad.
He did not cancel all debt
as did many Middle Eastern Dynasts.
Hebrew scriptures include laws for the
periodic end to slavery, cancelation of debt
and return of ancestral land.
Debtors rioted in Rome.
Christian literature records concern
with usury and debt through the pre-modern period
where debtors were jailed.

In Civilization
people need Credit,
wages, sales, rent, loans,
in order to live
to protect and improve property
to Produce and Distribute.
Money
represents Credit
in Exchange
with a promise to extend value
to future Exchanges.



State
creates Credit,
based on the productivity of the Nation,
so that all the players in the show
can perform,
with the knowledge
that the State will
force them to pay back a fair portion
in Taxation,
keeping the Book of State
in order.
A Public infrastructure of Credit would
in a Democratic State
provide affordable Credit
to citizens and enterprise.

In the United States,
after one hundred years of
panics, bank runs and severely fluctuating interest rates,
causing unemployment and enterprise failure,
coalitions of interests
pressured the Federal Government
to improve the banking system.
Woodrow Wilson
signed the Federal Reserve Act in 1913
creating regional “Bankers’ Banks”
to control inflation, maintain maximum employment,
which evolved
to supervise bank solvency, and
offer last resort loans to financial organizations.
It opened a Discount Window
which provides Discount Rates
helping organizations avoid ledger default.
Following the 2007/2008 debacle
it rained cash on financial and non-financial organizations.

Change the law and make it a Public’s Bank.

The structures
of enterprise and the State
manifest on
a spectrum
from
monarchy to democracy,
shading from
bossman to everybody has a say.
In enterprise
increasing democracy
can limit some of the problems
of administration:
inadequate, faulty internal and external information
excessive rigidity
obsolete and wasteful procedures
incompetent, disloyal and corrupt staff
crippling lack of morale.
A progressively democratic State
from local to federal
can protect property and
Natural Human Rights,
improve the General Welfare
and administer
a Real Human Economy.

The Question is not
 “what is the meaning of Human Life.”
 That question is easily answered
 by looking at History:
 the brutal exploitation and
 destruction of species
 the wars
 chemical and nuclear poison
 hate
 misery
 and the astounding Creativity,
 the development of knowledge
 the orchestra
 the garden.
 What is the job of Human Beings?
 Our job started
 with Production and Distribution
 to care for the young
 the old and disabled
 and to divide fairly among us.
 We’re smart enough to see
 Earth is PROVIDENCE,
 beyond that we don’t know.
 With our technology
 scarcity is inexcusable.
 People not having enough
 is inexcusable.
 Damaging the systems of PROVIDENCE
 inexcusable.
 We should be Caretakers of Earth,
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 and the future Earth.

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