

NEM – Third Point of the Agenda: Beginning a Framework for a New Economic Model

- a) What would it look like?
- b) What is the Path?

Framework

1. General discussion regarding spirituality and humans

The idea that we are who we are but first of all we are the citizens of this Planet

The main problem of humanity as we see it -Spiritual laws vs. Men-made-laws (religion) and moral, virtues (from Durga)

What is Spirituality? (Essenes, Yamas-Niyamas, a list of highest virtues) Passive violence and spiritual ignorance are the highest vices

What is freedom in spiritual terms? And No expectations for the fruit of your action

The search for truth- it is only discovered in the spiritual life; a spiritual master- tells us the truth about ourselves and is a true friend (OMI)

2. Specific discussion to econ with respect to spirituality

What is economics? Who were the first economists – Templar bankers

What is the problem with economics? (Isolated science from the real human nature, the need to express a true nature of man: Aparigraha,

New definitions for some of the basic economic terms from a spiritual perspective: the problems of Scarcity-abundance, Needs (limited)-wants (unlimited) from Kali and the relationship between needs and karma (anthroposophy), Competition-cooperation from Vyasa, Discussion on efficiency and effectiveness in spirituality based on Bhagavad-Gita teaching of no expectations for the fruit of your action, economic growth and progress = that we may help all of creation to advance (OMI)

Time and money are illusions, discussions on the value of money (money = consciousness)

The pricing of goods, what should it include?

How is work valued? Salary or contribution (anthroposophy) and the Gift economy (domestic work)

Passive violence (wasting, polluting, hoarding, etc.)

John Nash and his equilibrium point for the actions of an individual with respect to the group

Our own limitations are the biggest obstacles, not time or resources

Giving without receiving anything in return

The threefold nature of man, life and social order; the social, cultural and econ sphere and their basis

R.Steiner said that labor, capital and land should not be an object of purchase

Context for a renewed economics (anthroposophy)

New economic indicators: Gross Happiness Index and physical, mental and emotional state of population

Accumulation of wealth and what the main religions advise on this

3. Action plan for the individual

Accountability and the concept of karma, needs and karma, to each according to his needs: what does it mean?

The job of humans in the Michaelic Age: as external security falls away, build internal security based on trust in others in the community and faith in God, and God/the Law, which is within you

Love and its Meaning in the World (Steiner), deeds of Love = Service

Sierra Club: 4.5 acres for everyone

The new way of living – Earth Charter

Education- life long learning; Waldorf education (0-7 learning by example, 7-14 learning based on loving your teacher and have faith in her word; 14-21 learning for love of learning; after that life-long learning; it is an individual responsibility; The universe survives because of its laws – people are responsible for educating themselves about these laws (OMI) April 1

Parents and educators – first must educate themselves

The purpose and role of prayer and meditation

The need for real brotherhood of men (OMI) July 4

What is the most important for children to learn? Do your best, your utmost best and do not expect any result; the path is more important than the goal/result; Jesus said: Little children, obey your parents in everything you do (Washington National Cathedral, Children Chapel)

Local actions and global thinking

Vegetarian diet and fresh nutritious food grown by environmentally safe agriculture

The need for simplicity; the intellect is a burden, replace it with love

P.S.

ENJOY LIFE!!!! Do not get scared from what is on the paper. It will be beautiful..

I need thinking, feeling and willing NEM members to focus on what I put down. I also started to write the paper, so give me all the help you can. Thanks!!