

Weekend workshops with  
Christopher Houghton Budd

17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2008

**Old Main Building**  
**opposite The Waldorf School**  
**Viroqua, Wisconsin**

These two workshops are intended as an intensive exploration of Rudolf Steiner's relationship to modern economic life. *Christopher Houghton Budd*, a British economic historian with a doctorate in banking and international finance, has a life-long interest in bridging between Rudolf Steiner's work and current economic thinking. He is a member of the Anthroposophical Society and of the School of Spiritual Science, in which capacity he is a founding-participant in the Economics Conference of the Goetheanum. Along the way he has written many articles and books that chart his journey. Of particular relevance to this event are *An Economic Testament, The Metamorphosis of Capitalism, Of Wheat and Gold, and Auditorial Central Banking*, available from Steiner Books or [cfae.biz/publications](http://cfae.biz/publications).

**Cost** (excl. meals & accommodation\*):

Evening Lectures only \$15 each

Saturday Workshop  
(incl. Friday lecture) \$70

Sunday Workshop  
(incl. Saturday lecture) \$70

Entire Event \$130

**Accommodation:**

Suggested local hotels:

Viroqua Heritage Inn, \$65.00 + tx  
Super 8, \$70.00 + tx

For home stays at \$20, contact Kim.

**Registration:**

by October 10<sup>th</sup>  
(5% discount if paid in full on or before 3<sup>rd</sup>)

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## Inner and Outer Aspects of Associative Economics

*Friday, 17th*

7:30 - 9:30

### **Rudolf Steiner's Unfinished Deed**

In 1923 Rudolf Steiner crowned a remarkable life with a deed - placing humanity's inner life in the full light of day - the significance of which remains greatly underestimated. What was this Deed?

*Saturday, 18th*

9:30 - 10.45

### **How are we to understand 'Spiritual Science' today?**

Though the term sits somewhat awkwardly in the English-speaking world, Rudolf Steiner called his methodology 'spiritual science', for which he founded a school comprising *sections* and *classes*. What is one to make of all this in 2008?

*Pause*

11:15 - 12:30

### **Concerning the Three Classes**

A consideration of ideas about the nature of the three classes of the School of Spiritual Science shared in 1979 by Jurgen Smit, a leader in the worldwide Steiner movement.

*Lunch*

2:30 - 4:30

### **An Economics Section - the Missing Link?**

Today's economic life is informed at every level by an economics that marginalises the human being. In contrast, though little-known, Steiner's approach places the human being at the center. To what extent, therefore, are today's problems due to the prevailing paradigm or to the absence of an active link between spiritual science and economics?

*Pause*

7:30 - 9:30

### **Money and the New Mysteries**

Money is usually understood as a dry, technical affair; yet its origins are sacred. To this day, money links the inner and outer life of the human being, a characteristic which in our times needs to be placed in the foreground, not only so that monetary affairs can become 'soul size', but also so that the world of finance can be mastered by everyone.

*Sunday, 18th*

9:30 - 10.45

### **Three Kinds of Money / Money as Accounting**

With such ideas, Rudolf Steiner sought to make sense of today's economic developments. But how relevant are they to current circumstances?

*Pause*

11:15 - 12:30

### **Does the Fed have a place?**

In recent US and world history, the founding of the Federal Reserve in 1913 was a pivotal event, about which opinion readily divides. Do we need central banks in the 21st century, however? If so, what would their role be and does the Fed match that role?

*Lunch*

2:30 - 4:30

### **Over the Rainbow...**

In academia, the Wizard of Oz is about the struggle between eastern money and mid-western farmers. Rudolf Steiner's economics lectures also span the two worlds of farming and finance. Do they, therefore, have anything to offer to today's situation?

*PS: We are considering punctuating the event with some singing!*