

Weekend workshop with
Christopher Houghton Budd

27th February to 1st March, 2009

Lopdell House
Titirangi, Auckland

This workshop will be 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 online from cfae.biz/publications or at the event.

Cost (excl. meals & accommodation):

Workshop \$275
Evening Lectures only \$20 each

Registration:

by February 13th
(5% discount if paid in full on or before)

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Inner and Outer Aspects of **Associative Economics**

Friday, 27th February

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 and how does it relate to current economic events?

Saturday, 28th February

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 three classes and a range of sections. What is one to make of all this in 2009?

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 centre. 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

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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, 1st March

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

Financial Markets - Aspirations or Gambling?

Are the financial markets all bad? Could they in fact *not* exist? Or is the question to understand their deeper meaning and to link them to Rudolf Steiner's concepts of gift money?

Lunch

2:30 - 4:30

The View from New Zealand...

What part does New Zealand play in world economic affairs? And to what extent do anthroposophical undertakings figure in the mix?