

Economics - Excerpt from 'Science Otherwise'

Introduction. Economics as the Objectivity of Desires and Passions. Basics of the Twelve-Foldedness.

In the Economy products or their manufacturers on the one hand and consumers on the other, find one another, and by the mechanism of demand and supply the prices of goods are determined. Underlying this principle is the scope of the needs of every human being who is part of the population on Earth. The primary necessities of life like nutrition, drinking, clothing and having a roof over our heads are such needs. This just as well goes for exchanging thoughts, manufacturing goods and therefore the refining of raw materials and the refining of our faculties, as well as the social need of the desire to mean something to the other and exchange warmth. In short, in the Economy the drives, which are connected to the life activities of our organs, find expression. Although, this realm of drives is mostly still unpurified, which is shown by the following. Warfare between people(s) and nations is increasingly considered as barbaric. But within the economy it is still thought of as quite normal to conquer markets, arouse needs rather than merely meeting them, compete with one another in a life-and-death struggle, take over or confiscate competitors, a.o. via the so called "hostile take-overs". Every purpose of attaining an economic hold and to let it grow stronger, where ever possible, is generally approved of.

Taken from an astrosophical point of view, the needs that come to light and well up out of Life, have to do and coincide with the twelve realms of Life, which are covered by the houses of the horoscope (as such the houses consist of a reflection of the Etheric World, which constructs and maintains the physical world, having its micro reflection in our Etheric and physical Body). The following is an elaboration thereof, via giving some of their contemporary forms of appearance in the Economy (+

their ruling zodiacal signs, mundane ruling planets and specific element). They are:

I– The need for the realization of one's self through action. A reflection of the function of the gall, the force of the Self in the blood (Aries, Mars, Fire). In the Economy this comes about within the creation of idols (e.g. within sports and the music and entertainment industry) and programmed profiles of activity (group travels, advertising and sponsoring, being absorbed in 9-5 jobs 5 days a week, fortified a.o. by mergers of large corporations). This shows the attempt and/or tendency to manipulate people in their activities of will.

II– The need for a handhold in earthly things. This can be in the form of possessions, forms and goods in one's surroundings like e.g. real estate. The transformation of the earthly by means of art is an expression thereof (also trading art is such a handhold). It is a reflection of the pancreas, whereby the fluxes of Life take care of the earthly handhold (Taurus, Venus, Earth). In the Economy this is reflected in the monetary and banking system which takes care of the flow and canalization of goods. Therefore the Stock and Option market and Long Term (goods) Trading markets belong to this, as well as the World Trade Organization, agriculture, brokerage, cattle breeding, the trade in gem stones and jewelry, and the oil-business.

III – The need for impressions and exchange; the absorption of what is going on in the world. This is a reflection of the function of the lungs (Gemini, Mercury, Air/Light). In the Economy this is about the flow of information via TV, the internet, newspapers, magazines and other forms of media. Also education, in as much as it transfers knowledge (it is not meant here as in the sense of schooling). The trade in general as a connection and communication (which in its self is without a morality - trade is trade).

IV – The need for a domestic enwrapment wherein one can inwardly digest one's experiences and feelings. This is a reflection of the function of the stomach (Cancer, the Moon, Water). In the Economy this coheres with interior design. In music it comes about as the ballads of Life (also the sentimental ones) which try to intensify feelings. Other forms

are doctors- and love novels, the film- industry, personal hygiene (fitness, bodybuilding, sauna's, health resorts, massage, beauty parlors, cupboards for domestic medications and remedies), hotels and one's favourite bar. Also: nutrition.

V – The need to express oneself towards others and one's surroundings as a centrally experienced being and as a unique individuality, and to conduct its direction. This is a reflection of the function of the heart (Leo, Sun, Fire). In the Economy this appears as the culture of recreation as in hobbies, going out, do-it-yourself, vacations and tourism. Also gambling, the care for the interior and clothing ([e-]mail order firms), taking care of one's personal appearance (improvement of the body, such as artificial hair, silicone prosthesis, face-lifts). Besides this also the stock market as a hole in the economy, out of which one intends to manipulate its direction by a.o. creaming off the flows of money. Making a career and the looking for specific groups, like yups. Entrepreneurship; small- and medium sized businesses. Donations for good causes.

VI – The need for a critical analysis and to put oneself at the service of others or processes. This is a reflection of the processes in the digestion (Virgo, Mercury, Earth). In the Economy this can be agriculture, therapeutics as a guiding path for process (within different therapeutic professions), the care taking professions (doctors, nurses and other hospital staff), providing service (logistics, tax lawyers), accountants and consultancy's (who's work is mostly confined to critical analyses and recommendations for further steps), interim-management service. Also transportation, technical processes, chemical analyses and processes, biotechnology, medical science (as within chemics and alchemy - both having the same source). The inspectorate, security firms and the police force.

VII – The need for somebody else, being and getting together, listening, opening one's self up to the other; to organize in a communal manner. This is a reflection of the function of the kidneys (Libra, Venus, Air/Light). In the Economy this will be diplomacy, mediation between corporations (like in cartels, joint-ventures, holdings etc.) and between corporations and employees (like employment agencies, secondment

companies, recruiting and selection companies and headhunters), between people (marriage/family cases) and mediation in e.g. labour cases. Also legal counseling, arbitration and psychotherapy.

VIII- The need to experience the intensity and challenges of Life; the pure drive of survival (this is closely connected to sexuality and death experiences). This is a reflection of the forces of the Tree of Life that well up from beneath the coccyx and at first reveal themselves as the libido and sexuality. A certain drive for power and control coheres with this need (Scorpio, Pluto, Water). In the Economy this appears as the sex-industry, combat and slasher movies, combat sport schools, everything that comes with the army, the sensations of amusement parks and funfairs (roller coasters and the haunted house), parascending, alpinism, car racing. Public notaries who divide inheritances in a rightful way. Companies offering the service to reorganize corporations. Besides this the consumption of occultism and magic as a nourishment of the quest for the world beyond death and the physically visible. Therapies that use hypnosis and regression, the occult massage technique called ralfing to make - aspects of - one's destiny more conscious – by force that is. Also virtual reality, visionaries (who use the old, atavistic clairvoyance) and other mediums, and magicians who work via radio and TV. But also the industry of pep pills, smart pills, narcotics and alcohol (these help to transcend the physical limitations of e.g. fatigue and makes one get hyper realistic in one's physical body). Monetary matters as an instrument of power, the war industry and the trade in weapons.

IX – The need to enlarge one's views, spiritual development and growth. This is a reflection of the synthesizing function of the liver and the up striving force of the muscles of the thighs (Sagittary, Jupiter, Fire). In the Economy this comes about as books (through publishing companies, but also via websites, etc.), education and schooling, sports activities, propaganda (advertising) as an expansion of the market for products, the (cultural) travel industry (e.g. to places of pilgrimage), economic growth as a belief, trainings for (spiritual) management, religion

as a commercial product (TV-priests etc.), visiting exhibitions and museums, the broadcasting of cultural programs.

X – The need to distinguish one's identity by means of (social) status. This is a reflection of the function of the spleen as a gesture of will that has become, the skeleton as an articulated and cohering whole and which build up shows a hierarchy (Capricorn, Saturn, Earth). In the Economy this appears as professional trainings, the cultivation of symbols of status, the public economy (departments, the administrative machinery on provincial and municipal levels), big national and multinational corporations and their inner branches and their relationship to one another (the tendency of and urge for mergers brings about superficiality and a de-individualization of humanity and its culture). Management consultancy. Chambers of Commerce, the revenue, exclusive clubs (Rotary, fraternities, secret societies and orders). The film industry as an objectivation of the watch sense; so also camera, TV, internet, video. Alpinism.

XI – The need for the exchange of warmth, forms of culture and the nourishment of one another, friendships and spiritually akin friends. This is a reflection of the connection between the functions of the heart and the spleen; gestures of warmth and will (Aquarius, Uranus, Air/Light) Cohering forms in the Economy this is the social life of associations, cultural centers, professional and corporate unions, trade unions and political parties. Besides this – due to the running ahead of future higher states of consciousness like imagination (modern clairvoyance) and telepathy – the modern means of telecommunication (internet, fax, telephone, e-mail, cell-phones – also think of the involved satellites) and transportation (train, car, bus, aviation).

XII – The need to draw back in one's self to inwardly experience the richness and oneness. This is a reflection of the functions of the heart and the liver; clair-audience of inner sounds and images that are formed. This can turn into drawing back from the world and the desire to be taken up within the larger whole, generating the battle for either going up into nothingness - viz. dissolving – or into the beingness – i.c. the spiritual world (Pisces, Neptune, Water). Forms in the Economy are the large institutions like hospitals, retirement homes, sanitariums,

monasteries, psychiatrically homes and clinics etc.. Included are also funeral directors and the collection of refuse and combustion services. Besides this the satisfaction of the need for a depth psychology, meditation, yoga, the group consciousness around a guru (the dissolving of the one's ego), experiences of myths and fairy tales (e.g. the one of Christophorus). Also audio techniques belong to this (the auditory organ); classical or popular music concerts, visiting discotheques, techno, house which e.g. gives the tendency of forgetting one's self for a while. This latter aspect carried further points to means of intoxication (drugs and alcohol; also the newer forms of smart pills, xtc etc. although these have been developed out of the need for analysis and the guidance of processes of the sixth house).

This list, although far from complete, reveals that the contemporary created and existing forms are there to satisfy the twelve basic needs, but that these forms also have a deteriorated, misformed, one-sided and/or abusive character, e.g. labeling people as being merely "consumers". This becomes apparent when one tries to gain awareness about a way how these needs could be shaped in an authentic manner so they will be able to coincide with the nature of those needs. Thus, a striving can come about focused on creating such forms and products that fulfill as much as possible the real underlying needs which cohere with the characterizations of and seeds for development which human beings carry within. At first this requires the development of cognition about the needs of the human being, then about the social organism of the society in which the human being is embedded, and then it requires making moral decisions - over and over again. This process of gaining cognition and awareness goes quite far, for each object that you make, each deed you execute has an economical consequence, because by it you make a choice to either enter the economic intercourse or not. The sphere of Life is strongly and directly connected with the Economy, although every action doesn't have to directly take place in the money and exchange market. But, the effects of an action are indeed registered in the World Memory (Akasha Chronicle), and other

people take this up either consciously or subconsciously. Every action thus at least forms a social gesture.

Besides the needs outlined above, which create Life on an economic level, there are the processes of the organs which form the mediating force between Life and its drives. They generate seven workings of the soul which reflect this (this is the part of the soul of the processes of Life) and these are thus transposed in wishes and/or desires:

* The desire to strive for the clarification of the strivings of will by means of doing research (a reflection of the function of the spleen in the soul/Saturn). In the Economy this coincides with the desire for development via professions; also with new ways of manufacturing through carefully selected research.

* The desire to understand and synthesize, to meditate on the effects of an action or an idea (a reflection of the function of the liver in the soul/Jupiter). In the Economy this appears as the desire to ascend on the societal ladder, so one can acquire a better clarity of arrangement and positions for making decisions. The attempt to gain influence in policy making and thus to contribute in determining future events by thinking about it.

* The desire to realize strivings of the will (a reflection of the function of the gall in the soul/Mars). In the Economy this reflects the mobilization of labour to be able to finish manufacturing in a clearly directed way. This leads to undertaking of initiatives and (the) management (thereof).

* The desire to create a balance between what comes from outside and that what comes from inside (a reflection of the function of the heart in the soul/Sun). In the Economy this comes about in attempts of gaining positions of central power, so one can group others around oneself and become in charge in a guiding, directing way (in small, at home, as well as in the bigger contexts).

*The desire for clarity in the exchange of feelings and to “fall asleep” into the being of the other by connecting (a reflection of the function of the kidneys in the soul/Venus). In the Economy it appears in creating space, wherein the organizational forces can flow. Often by doing organizational, administrative or

secretarial work; also office work.

* The desire for communication and connection (a reflection of the function of the lungs in the soul/Mercury). In the Economy this comes about as the market in its broadest sense, where supply and demand meet through personal contact.

* The desire to support, care, reflect, consume and grow (a reflection in the soul of Life with its germ forces and ongoing processes in the brains/the Moon). In the Economy it consists of each consuming unity (single people, families, communities etc.), as well as the manufacturing party (employee, manufacturer, corporation, independent entrepreneur, farmer). All these workings of desires operate in a modifying way on the needs, through which more combinations become possible that form the configuration of a company. As such the products meet needs on the one hand and the way of manufacturing and of selling on the other according to the "soul-quality" of the company - the specific colouring of its being. As a matter of fact this also goes for the specific colouring of a working and living community (research on this can be done out of sociology). All the time there is a quest for new ways of manufacturing, viz. techniques that can ease up, speed up and thereby reduce the costs of manufacturing. To this aim someone has to set him/herself free from the economic sphere and do research. Thus, he can condense an idea stemming from the spiritual world into an operating principle (Steiner calls this the incarnation of a spiritual-idea into a means of manufacturing). All these ideas, each originating from one of the twelve directions of the world, are brought forth and indicated by the star signs of the Zodiac. Some of the indications are as follows: Aries - explosion engines, starter machineries Taurus - ploughs Gemini - bridge connections Cancer - multiplication of manufacturing (mass-production; belt conveyor) Leo - cybernetics Virgo - ways of transportation, tubes, cleansing Libra - balance, pillar Scorpio - suction power, energy of Life/vital power Sagittarius - electric light, digital techniques Capricorn - joining techniques, lever, optics Aquarius - knowledge of organization Pisces - chemical dissolving techniques, acoustics

