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The concept of the "Landed Rainbow" involves the application of spiritual values to the material aspects of our lives. To align our use of material wealth with spiritual ideals is to create paradise on earth!

In the real world there is a contest for hearts and minds in the \*Fellowship for Intentional **Community** versus **the Bilderbergers**. The Bilderberger Group affirms the "scarcity paradigm" of possessiveness and competition, while the Fellowship affirms the "plenty paradigm" of sharing and cooperation through building intentional community.

Outside of community the love of money is the "root of all evil," through the concepts of "rational self-interest" and "comparative advantage," and the ideology of neo-liberal market capitalism which supports the debtbased economy.

**In community** money may be only for exchange with the outside, with internal "timebased economies" supporting "rational altruism" and "mutual advantage." Time economies can be "labor-gifting" as in Rainbow and cohousing, or can be "laborsharing" as with labor quotas in egalitarian collectives and communal societies. In timeeconomies community businesses are like "Rings of Power," earning money for exchange with the "dominant culture," supporting people through acquiring and building upon land.

The "Landed Rainbow" mixes both ancient and new symbols. The rainbow symbolizes the promise of renewed life and unity in diversity, while the fruiting tree symbolizes fertility, and it's branches our many connections or relations.

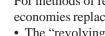
The White Tree represents the allegory of good versus evil in the story of the Lord of the Rings. The rainbow rings symbolize "Rings of Power," and in the real world businesses are as Rings of Power, serving the Darkness or the Light. As each ring is labeled with a form or aspect of community, or a spiritual value, they represent the intention of aligning our use of material wealth with spiritual ideals.

Together the tree and rainbow represent unity of the Earth and the Heavens, affirming that the source of grace and inspiration maybe an intuitive nature (immanence), or an external revelation (transcendance), or both. The seat of authority over individual choice is always one's conscious, inner light, or awareness of truth and justice. However inspired, the expression of spiritual awareness may be considered one's understanding of **natural law**.

Like Elves using Rings of Power in the support of their homelands, Rivendell and Lothlórien, intentional communities create businesses within their alternative lifestyles. Those communities going the furthest in replacing the use of money with time economies, like egalitarian collectives and communal societies, are the most like elves as they turn the power of money to service of the Light!

## **Resources for Building the Landed Rainbow**

\*Fellowship for Intentional Community provides a range of publications and conferences, see: www.ic.org and for searching a list of communities see the online database: www.icdb.org The Federation of Egalitarian Communities at www.thefec.org offers a range of documents on children in community, labor systems, membership, bylaws, etc, see: www.thefec.org/sns/ The E. F. Shumacher Society provides a range of information and models, especially on SHARE microcredit, see: www.schumachersociety.org The School of Living and the Ozark Regional Land Trust also offer land trust resources see: www.schoolofliving.org and www.orlt.org



For methods of redesigning the use of money, and for time economies replacing money in community, see: • The "revolving loan fund" used by Walnut Street Co-op

(www.icetree.com/walnut/revloan.html) in *ÉLAN*, and for legal structures for community see Community, Inc., at: www.culturemagic.org/EgalitarianCommonwealth.html

· For information on labor-sharing time economies see Time-Based Economics and Communal Economics at: www.culturemagic.org/TimeBasedEconomics.html

• For information on methods of interpersonal and group process for creating the sharing lifestyle see Light and Shadows at: www.culturemagic.org/Intentioneering.html