

# Realise A Better World

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## WELCOME NOTE

Welcome to the third edition of the Realise Newsletter.

Recently I was lucky enough to attend Earth Dialogues in Brisbane that featured many influential speakers such as Mikhail Gorbachev. The forum was a discussion on world issues and possible solutions. Many of the solutions found on the Realise website were mentioned.

A personal impression I had was that there was too much time devoted to the issues and not enough to the solutions. This was evident on leaving the forum. Though we had been listening to speakers telling us that war and oil both create social and environmental issues for two days, it was strange to see them going home by car or public transport, consuming fossil fuels and contributing to the war over oil. Even walking posed the issue of contributing to companies making millions off sweat-shop made shoes.

Focussing on the issues can often get the better of us and make us want to give up. If the problems make us want to give up then we're not moving towards a better world as effectively as we could be. Realise is about sustaining a movement that makes a positive lasting difference to the future of society. Therefore we focus on the positive solutions.

## STRAIGHT TO THE POOL ROOM

Going straight to the Pool Room this month are some Bob Marley lyrics from "Redemption Song".

The lyrics contribute to the revolution towards responsible freedom and the progression of humankind. Not even 'atomic energy' will stop this revolution.

If you have any creative pieces of your own, or find others with an inspiring, positive outlook to moving towards a better world, please contact us. We'd love to hear from you.

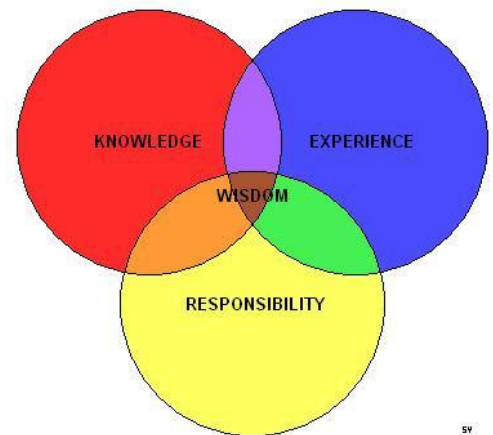
## WISE USE OF MONEY

A future campaign of Realise will be to raise awareness for the wise use of money. Money is a trading unit that has become the favoured measure of exchange for products and services. This article investigates whether we currently use it as effectively as we could in moving towards a better world for all.

Money is invented by human society for the purpose of promoting our survival and prosperity. Primarily it is meant for investing confidence in people for products and services. When money is being used effectively it is assisting humankind in this way.

Wisdom is about the decisions and actions that individuals make in moving towards a better world for all.

To achieve a level of wisdom that moves towards a better world for all our decisions must involve a combination of knowledge, experience and responsibility.



Knowledge/Understanding  
Knowing how money used wisely or unwisely affects or impacts the system of returning quality needs and benefits.

Experience/Reputation  
Knowing the reputation of products and services that provide quality needs and benefits while contributing to a better world for all.

Responsibility/Duty  
Feeling it your duty to support products and services (and therefore the people) that assist you to move towards a better world for all.

In basic terms money is a reward. Wise use of money means that it is going to the people that are doing the right thing by moving towards a better world.

Today we use money in most aspects of our life as we work, rest and play. As it is such a common form of trade and exchange this also makes it an effective way to persuade positive changes.

By using money as an encouragement mechanism or a reward, it is possible for a number of wise people to influence demands and markets through their choice of products or services.

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One may see the reward as 'training' the markets to more effectively move towards a better world for all like you might train a dog.

As more wise products and services are rewarded there will be fewer barriers to them. An increase in convenience, variety and comfort would occur along with improving quality, time and cost. This would allow the whole of society to move more effectively towards a better world for all.

For more information on this topic please go to our website (listed to the left). At the homepage click 'Members' and then click 'Solutions'. More information will also be provided in future newsletters.

#### WHAT'S NEW?

The website has been given some attention to transform it into a working example of what it can ultimately become.

An online forum is now available for members to interact. This may also be used as a chat room. Thanks to Pete for letting us know about that technology. Click on 'Realise forum' at the homepage to enter.

Thankyou Rebecca Ward for allowing us to display your research on 'Green Gold'. We now have a page where members can provide research on a particular topic. This will help support and raise awareness to other members and visitors to the site. Please email us if you have found some relevant research or completed some for yourself. At the homepage click 'Members', then click 'Research'.

There have been other recent additions to the 'Members' section. These include:

- 'Fact sheets' - Briefly relating some world issues with solutions we can work towards achieving in our daily lives.
- 'Solutions' - Achievable ideas for moving towards a better world.
- 'Stories' - Inspirational stories about people and groups moving towards a better world.

We've been working on the explanation for the group. Our aim was to make it clear and concise. Please let us know what you think.

#### PRESENTATION

Richard Heinberg and David Holgrem will be the speakers at a positive presentation about understanding what peak oil is and what the permaculture

solutions are. This will take place in Windsor, Brisbane on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 6pm.

To make a booking go to the Realise website (listed to the left of this page). From the homepage click on 'Links' and the link to book will be under 'Up-coming events'.

#### LENDING A HELPING HAND

Thanks to those of you who assisted and contributed to the additions to the website.

All contributions are very welcome. Many aspects of the website require more attention to give adequate support to our increasing membership. Please feel free to make one-off contributions or indeed nominate a page you would like to concentrate on.

If you see something that could be better and you have a passion for it then we would love to listen to your ideas.

#### WHAT NEXT?...

Realise is setting some short-term goals. A meeting has been organised for Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> August for which to brainstorm ideas on publicity for the group. The venue is Northey Street City Farm, Windsor, Brisbane. We will meet on the lawn near the corner of Northey and Victoria Street at 10.30pm.

The meeting may also be used to discuss ideas for increasing the interaction between members (time permitting). The occasion of the first meeting at our new venue will be marked with an unveiling (details to be advised). We look forward to getting the opportunity to hear your ideas and suggestions.

Organic markets at Northey Street start at 6.30am so come and do your grocery shopping first.

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