

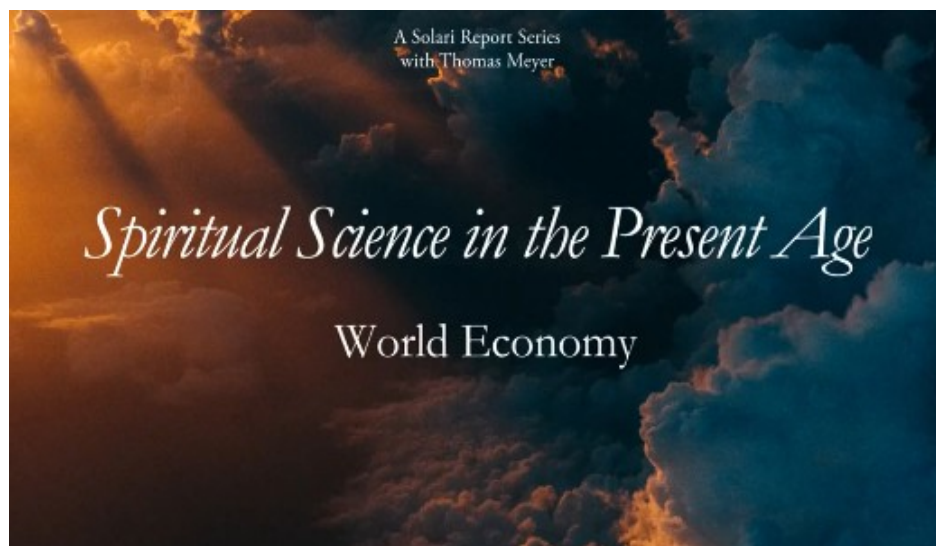
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Spiritual Science Academy: World Economy with Thomas H. Meyer



Thomas Meyer: Good morning, dear listeners. We will be talking today about another part of Spiritual Science subjects, namely world economy in the widest sense. Since when does it exist? What is it? How is it going to be evolved in these times?

I want to highlight two or three events connected with the development of world economy in the last century. The first is the founding of the World Power Conference in London in 1924. It was introduced by the Prince of Wales. I will follow up a little bit on this happening.

It was founded by a man called D.N. Dunlop, who some of you might never have heard about. It's a good occasion to hear about him today. I happen to be his biographer. There was nothing about him; since his death in 1935, the world was silent about the founder of the World Power Conference.

Later in this talk I will look at an important work for the understanding of world economy by one of his close friends and pupils, the Vienna philosopher, Walter Johannes Stein, who went into exile into Great Britain and was hired by Dunlop. Stein had a partly Jewish background. That was one of the reasons why he left Germany. So, that is the second thing that we are going to highlight today.

Third, I would like to point your attention to a little interesting brochure. I think it's about nine years old. It is about the history of this organization that Dunlop ably founded and which still exists today under a slightly modified name. Today it is called the World Energy Council (WEC). The organizers of this private international organization, which is seated in London, in 2013 brought out a brochure in which there is an interesting and quite broad-minded reference to Dunlop, Stein, and other subjects.

I think that this organization is quite noteworthy. It is one of the few non-political and impartial organizations still in private hands. I think that the Secretary General today is a Swiss gentleman, Dr. Christoph W. Frei. [*Note: Frei is no longer Secretary General; Angela Wilkinson became Secretary General in 2019.*] In today's situation of all this "globalist mess" of wild, special egotism for a minority on this planet, I don't think it's even 1% of people who own all of the resources and riches of the world. It is a terrifying minority that handles the

affairs which should be handled by a real world economic order which we still lack. We don't have it.

So, that is more or less the overview. You may understand that we have to deal a bit in depth [with this topic]. Why is this so today? The global elite has nothing to contribute to the global welfare of humanity. They only have in mind their own elites' welfare. I don't have to name the gentlemen who are leading in this world.

So, let's go back. The very term "world economy" first appeared in the writings of an English economist, Alfred Marshall, in the year 1879. That is an important year in the history of mankind because it marks the beginning of a new epoch under the spiritual guidance of Michael, the archangel of freedom but also of cosmopolitanism, which is something that has many faces. One of those faces is that precisely all economic matters have to be directed from this time on in a universal, truly global, cosmopolitan sense.

Why is this? In the age of world economy—and I'm going to talk a little bit about that—national borders have become obsolete. They are an obstacle to effective realization of economic affairs. The ideal of world economic order is to have a truly international coordination between all sorts of people. There are three domains: production, consumption, and distribution in the middle.

This sounds very easy, but the reality today is, of course, very difficult to handle. Think of the great energy problem that is artificially "imposed" on whole continents. Think of all of the threats that we will have: a hard winter, no energy in Europe, and so on. Think of all of the warlike elements playing into it.

The last big thing—which is a tremendous event of a shocking nature—was the blowing up of the two Nord Stream pipelines, which is now under investigation by Seymour Hersh. It was attributed clearly to the U.S. military in combination with Norway divers as helpers. The whole economy based on energy in Europe is lame, especially Germany. So, we have a really big energy problem at the root of a world economic order which does not really fully exist. Outside of these special interests of nations, of armies, of such "superfluous institutions" like NATO, and the whole war in Ukraine, it is a big difficulty for realizing the aims of the world economy.

Rudolf Steiner had his ideas about the world economy that should be established, and I'm going to portray a little more of D.N. Dunlop's ideas on this later. He also knew that very well. The world economic order is part of the Threefold Order, and it is the part that refers to human needs on the level of the physical body, which is nourishment to keep the body going, warmth, safety, shelter, etc. There is one big ideal that should govern every activity that is world economic, and this is the ideal that all human beings are brothers—brotherhood.

Today, we have extreme egotism in the very same sphere, and that can never work, other than by violence and suppression and arbitrary regulations—and our world is full of that. Take the World Economic Forum as an example of an unbrotherly entity ruling world economic activities, or take such an organization as the World Health Organization, which is a complete disaster, since we know that this latter organization was hiring the services of a very renowned American public relations company called Hill+Knowlton, who had a hand in the firing of the Iraq War in 1990. This public relations organization was asked to advise the World Health Organization to tell them how to sell their product, which was Covid.

This all plays in a very unhealthy way into the attempts to found a sane world economic order based on universal brotherhood. That is why I have to show you today some of the forerunners of a healthy organization because there is nothing around that we can say, “Oh, we are so glad that it works so well.” I don't think that anyone can say that today.

So, let's go back to the roots because they are there. Good roots are there. First, before we go there, let me characterize the conflict that we have today in all matters that go into world economy. It's a conflict between the facts and the consciousness about the facts. The facts since 1879—the year I mentioned as the starting year of a so-called “world economy”—are such that production, distribution, and consumption have become really global worldwide.

Consider the ability to produce similar and different things all over the world according to the psychology of the different people. Every folk has a different style of producing certain merchandise. For example, in Europe, the Germans

make solid things in the best way, the British may do that with a little bit of elegance mixed in it, and the French are pure “elegantists,” so to speak. There are not more elegant cars than the earlier French cars, although it’s all getting a little bit similar now. Earlier, if you look at the old classic Citroën, they were always designed in a very elegant, interesting sense. So, there are types [of products]. Folk psychology should be considered for world economic activities. That was all well-prepared to go in this way.

Today, we still have this great discrepancy between global facts and, let’s call it “influential consciousness.” The power group of elite leaders generally think rather narrow-mindedly. They think of their own race or their own people or their own little group. That is all that counts. Of course, this must engender conflicts because it is not true, and it doesn’t fit the facts that are there. The global—no frontiers for the economy—is all over. The planet is the forum or the stage. On this stage, we have mighty, powerful people moving with their little ideas about national groups and individual welfare and happiness. That doesn’t work.

So, maybe that is why we have crises. If self-education is not very prominent, then there is the education by crises such as inflation and wars. I think that for the higher beings and certainly for everyone who thinks, crises are one of the means to bring more intelligence into certain matters.

Let’s have a look back to the beginning. Let’s look back 100 years, back to 1923. There, we had this man who I mentioned, D.N. Dunlop. He was Scottish with an interesting background, and he prepared the way for a sound world economic order based on brotherhood. He was very fit for that. I don’t think that many people are fit to perform such a task.

There is a saying in an early journal of two Irish theosophists. One of them was Dunlop, and the other was the painter, George Russell. In one of their journals there was the sentence, “When the great man is absent, the age produces nothing.” That is an appreciation of the value of the individual. If there is an age where there is mediocrity—and we are in an age of covered-up mediocrity—then certain things won’t come into existence.

A great man was certainly a man like D.N. Dunlop. Look briefly at his

background. Here, I want to quote from the brochure, which I already mentioned at the beginning, of the organization which still exists, which is quite amazing. One hundred years later you have the same organization. I think that it has the same statutes, still existing in the world, concerned with the energy question: What can be used where? Unfortunately, after Dunlop's death, the plan to evolve this into the world economic body was stopped, but I think that it could be revitalized any time if the right people step in.

The first body 100 years ago was called the World Power Conference. At the time, it was introduced in London by the Prince of Wales in a very benevolent way. That helped to give the whole conference an enormous prestige in Great Britain and beyond. Not only that, but Dunlop had and realized his vision to include the banned countries of Middle Europe, Austria and Germany, just after World War I. They were part of the group.

I'll read a few words of this brochure which you can find on the Internet:

“The main inspiration behind the World Power Conference was Daniel Nicol Dunlop. The establishment of an international organization that could stand above politics had been one of Dunlop's principal objectives for organizing the event. Born in 1868 in Kilmarnock, Scotland, Dunlop was a visionary leader in the field of occult science and central in the formation of the British electrical industry. He was an early member of the Alchemical Society, the Theosophical society (editing the journal *The Path*) and later became Chairman of the British Anthroposophy society. Having spent a period in Ireland in his youth, where he befriended the Irish poet W.B. Yeats, he crept into the pages of James Joyce's *Ulysses* as ‘Dunlop, Judge, the noblest Roman of them all.’ He would later recount that his first contact with electricity had been through writing a series of sixteen articles on the subject in response to the World Exhibition in Paris in 1889. These well-received articles brought him into contact with the Westinghouse American Electrical Company. In 1896, Dunlop joined the publicity department of the same company. He worked there until 1911, when he helped found B.E.A.M.A. [British Electrotechnical and Allied Manufacturers' Association] and subsequently became the first Organizing Secretary and later its Director.

Although Dunlop's role in the electrical industry may appear ancillary to his leadership in the then fashionable world of the occult sciences, both positions were complementary. He was deeply influenced by the German philosopher and social reformer Rudolf Steiner. Steiner's concept of the Threefold Commonwealth held that practical solutions could not be disengaged from the spiritual plane. The three fields of the social order—culture, politics and economy—needed to function as autonomous bodies, Steiner believed. Dunlop followed this train of thought and first laid the seeds of the World Power Conference in 1916 in his book, *British Destiny: The Principle of Progress.*”

These are the words of this brochure that I quoted, which appeared in 2014 (almost 100 years later) and are showing a full appreciation of the variety of traits in Dunlop's personality. I found it very remarkable that they say that his interest in philosophy and occult matters were totally “complementary” to his interests in economy and leading economic associations. You find this in a modern brochure, and everyone can go to the website to look up this organization at www.WorldEnergy.org.

What I just quoted was about WEC and its history with a portrait and a photograph of the founder. So, they may not have restored the founder often, or said, “He was illusionary,” or something else—but he is still there. This is quite a rare phenomenon. That is why I dared to show some of the lines in this modern brochure of the World Energy Council, which is what it is named today. It went from the “World Power Conference” to the “World Energy Council.”

This is a perspective that I think is still vital for the future development of what we can call the true world economy, which is not based on narrow egotism, ruthless social fights, or this and that. It is clear from the aforesaid that this world economy of the future will have to be totally free from direct political or cultural influence by any other body.

To do that, it will be important to form what Steiner himself called “associations.” In these associations, you have a meeting place of producers, traders, merchants, consumers, and they have to find the way to establish the right price. The price question is still one of the central questions of

merchandise. They will also have to find the right measure of what is lawful for working, especially that no working force or any human being can be merchandised. You should not be able to buy work or labor from any individual, which is still the case today, insofar as most of you have wages which are based on time spent for this and that working activity. But if you ask yourself, “Is time something that can be bought or sold without diminishing the dignity of the human being?” you will probably find that the answer is “No.” Time is ultimately linked up with every human being. So, you cannot sell your time; you cannot measure wages in time. We must find a way to price the product and not the time being used.

You will also find in Steiner, of course, a way of reckoning the worth of a class in a school. How can you measure the economic worth of spiritual work—not only of manual work with your hands? These are all things that have not really been put into practice so far. Maybe in the year 2023—100 years after the beginning of these wonderful great perspectives—some solid catastrophes in order to stop the madness of the present systems, including the monetary system about which Catherine Austin Fitts is an expert.

There is a new beginning, and I think that it is good to see that a seed for this new beginning was already planted 100 years ago. It’s not so totally new, but we have to grasp ideas which were already born. The World Power Conference was actually designed to become a World Economic Conference. By “conference,” Dunlop meant something which appeared for a couple of days or weeks but was a permanent body, a permanent organization.

I would like to point to a big contribution to the future world economy by a pupil of Stein who came to England. He was also in Holland for a long time. He associated with Prince Bernhard—before he founded the Bilderbergers. He gave him good new ideas about how a world economy could be organized, but it didn’t work. He was in contact with Churchill as a mediator, and then he entered into the services of D.N. Dunlop just two years before Dunlop died.

Dunlop, as a next step for world economy, founded the journal, *World Survey*. It only survived two or three years, and it was a real survey of world economic activities in order to coordinate them better. Coordination was always what was lacking.

Stein edited a special number of his own journal called *The Present Age*. Some of you will know that in Basel, Switzerland, we have again brought out *The Present Age* in honor of this important journal activity by Stein, originally founded in 1932 or 1933.

In 1937, Stein issued a special number of *The Present Age*, which was inspired by Dunlop before he died. In this he outlined the basic subjects for a future world economic conference, which was never able to happen because of the death of Dunlop in 1935. The ideas are so fruitful and so interesting that I would like to let you know about them.

It was contained in 1937, as I said. The whole title of the special issue of *The Present Age* was, “The Earth as a Basis of World Economy” by Walter Johannes Stein.

I will give you an insight into this journal. We decided at last—and it should have been done much earlier—to upload it onto our webpage. I will give it to you afterwards. Just have a little look at the contents. After the table of contents, a preface, and a dedication to the founder of the World Power Conference and the friend that he loved greatly and admired, D.N. Dunlop, the contents are as follows:

Introduction

The Earth as a Star among Stars

The Cosmological and Geological Aspect as Foundation for the Distribution of
Raw Materials on the Earth

The Circulation of Chemical Substance

The Cosmological Origin of Metals

The Oceans

The Air and the Temperature System of the Earth

The Sun and Planetary Influences on Weather and Climate as Foundation for
Harvests and Prices

World Economy

Stein modestly says, “This is only a sketch,” but there is nothing comparable, so to speak, from the broadness and the horizon used for the development of a

real world economic order and organization. That was his contribution to it.

We are happy now to be able to offer it to anyone interested in this subject. You can find this long article of 70 pages, which are divided into these listed chapters. The article, “The Earth as a Basis for World Economy,” is to be found on our webpage, www.Perseus.ch, under the heading, “Articles in English.” You can download the whole complete little book.

As I have mentioned before, you can also go to www.WorldEnergy.org. There, you go to “Our History” [under “Centenary”]. You can download “A Brief History of the World Energy Council” with the whole founder’s biography.

There are two other things by Steiner. One is a lecture cycle called *World Economy*, which is translated into English. Then there is his basic book of 1919, *The Threefold Social Order*. You can get them both in English.

The last source that I give here is my own biography on Dunlop because it is the only complete source that you will find on this remarkable man. Being a biographer is a great gift if somebody who you respect highly and who you think is very able says a few words about it, and this happened here in this biography at the end. You find an Afterward by Owen Barfield, who may be the greatest and ablest writer about spiritual scientific subjects in Great Britain. He had quite a great influence in the 1960s in America as a lecturer. He was a very lovable man who openly admitted after he read my biography of Dunlop that he was making a new discovery. He said, “It’s wonderful if you find a treasure in your life. But if you find the treasure in your own backyard, it is a special pleasure.” That was him saying that he knew of Dunlop, but he didn’t understand his genius. I think that is the case for many people. Dunlop was absolutely humble, and he could just pass as an ordinary man. He was not an academic, whereas Barfield and many others were academics.

It’s also a very lovely Afterward to this biography, which is the only one so far, to [focus on] this far-seeing human being. Steiner valued him extremely. I think he was one of the most important pupils of his in the West because he had an ability to come and offer help. He didn’t come and say, “Dr. Steiner, could you give me a meditation for my wife or for my brother?” He could help immediately because he had already done such a rich life work before he met

Steiner. Then, of course, Dunlop was inspired by Steiner, as the people who wrote the World Energy Council brochure rightly assumed.

This was certainly a good example of a great man. I'm afraid that he is also an example of the fact that if the great man is not there, the age produces nothing. Then you have to have patience. Of course, this may be very hard, but I don't think that it is without validity.

The philosopher and poet, Thomas Carlyle, also named great individuals as something that history cannot renounce or do without. We are in a little bit of a vacuum situation today. There might be geniuses, but they have hardly begun their work in the public eye in the world. Or maybe I'm just dumb enough not to perceive it. [Some of our listeners who know more, please give some feedback if this is proven wrong.]

That was a brief survey that I wanted to make. Of course, there are many open questions about the world economy, but I wanted to highlight the background. It is a good start to the difficult situation in which we are now in, which is everything but world economy. The World Economic Forum (WEF) is a clear distortion and caricature of what would actually be needed.

Let me say an actual word here. The Premier of Alberta in Canada, Danielle Smith, announced a couple of months ago that she doesn't want to have anything to do with the WEF because the WEF is a bundle of people who celebrate their own power that they believe they have over the rest of humanity. She is not interested in going and sharing in this forum. I think that is a very healthy reaction.

Similar things will happen regarding the abuse of big economic powers that we have in the pharma industry. Now we are at the time where the government of Thailand is starting to sue Pfizer for the huge business they made by making people sick. So, there is a movement right now in this very important year, 100 years after the foundation of the World Power Conference. Things are moving, and that is a very positive thing.

Another example to close with is that the present Swiss President, who was responsible for the health questions [during Covid], has been sued by a Swiss

citizen for making false statements about the safety of the vaccine for those who were getting the shot. That is currently getting publicity throughout the world.

As a Swiss citizen who loves the Swiss tradition, let me make one last statement. You all know the *William Tell* opera put to music by Gioachino Rossini in a wonderful way. There is a legend in Switzerland that speaks of *three* Tells. They are hiding in a mountain near Lucerne. I think it was Mount Pilatus. They were once found by a traveler who was walking through the meadows of Pilatus and found an unknown opening in a rock. There, the traveler found three old people with beards sleeping deeply. One of them awoke when he heard the visitor come and asked with a somber tone, “How are things in the land and the state?”

The traveler answered, “I believe they are quite okay.”

The man with the beard said, “Okay, then we will sleep on until the moment is there where the nation is in need of us, and then we will come.”

So, maybe we are going toward a time where some figures like that will appear to help, but they can only help the people who are already active.

Thank you so much.

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