



AN ECONOMY FOR SPACESHIP EARTH

A presentation by **Peter G. Brown**, PhD, School of Environment, McGill University

Peter Brown will describe a new economic order based on respect for life and the geophysical and biological systems on which it depends. In this presentation, he will demonstrate that our current economic order rests on mistaken scientific, metaphysical, moral, and theological assumptions. He will show that current economic theory does not offer coherent answers to five simple questions.

His glossary redefines many key terms of economics, including budgets, resources, production, consumption, money, efficiency, and comparative advantage. He will conclude by offering a way to define earth citizenship.

Peter Brown's teaching, research, and service are concerned with ethics, governance, and the protection of the environment. Prior to his current appointments at McGill University, he was Professor of Public Policy at the University of Maryland's graduate School of Public Affairs. He is the author of *Restoring the Public Trust* (Beacon, 1994) and *Ethics, Economics and International Relations* (Edinburgh University Press, 2000), published in Canada as *The Commonwealth of Life: A Treatise on Stewardship Economics* (Black Rose Books, 2001). He is currently working on two books: a sequel to Albert Schweitzer's *Philosophy of Civilization*, and one with other members of the Religious Society of Friends on the subject of this seminar.



1. What is economy for?
2. Where is it?
3. How big should it be?
4. How does it work?
5. How should we think about waste?



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Presentation and discussion: 5:00-6:30 PM; Wine and cheese reception: 6:30-7:00 PM

Admission is free. Seating is limited.

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