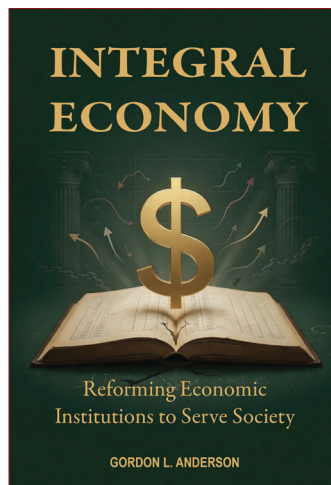


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Praise for Integral Economy

Afflicted by political corruption, economic chaos, and cultural calamity, “We the People of the United States” need new visions for a better future 250 years after the nation’s founding. Gordon Anderson’s *Integral Economy* takes significant steps in that direction. Brimming with challenging ideas and inviting vigorous debate, this compact book will help Americans to discern the best ways forward.

—**JOHN K. ROTH**, Edward J. Sexton Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Claremont McKenna College. Author, *Saving the American Dream: Meditations for Dark Times*

In *Integral Economy: Reforming Economic Institutions to Serve Society*, Gordon Anderson presents a bold vision for transforming the present U.S. centralized economy into a decentralized system. For readers willing to consider alternative economic approaches designed to preserve freedom while potentially increasing fairness, *Integral Economy* provides food for thought. The ultimate value of this book may be its insistence that we ask larger questions about the quality of our society’s economic relations.

—**STEVE MCINTOSH**, author of *Truth Emerging: A Developmental Philosophy of Purpose and Progress*



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Bills Proposed for an Integral U.S. Economy

The book covers economic history, money, banking, binary economics, corporations, taxes, capital distribution, and an economic path upward for everyone. It is complete with appendices that contain five bills ready to make the U.S.. Economy integral:

1. Decentralized Banking and Currency Stability Act

A BILL To establish a decentralized banking system in which private banks bear the risks and rewards of lending, to limit currency issuance to objective rules tied to broad-based family economic conditions, to eliminate too-big-to-fail institutions through size and diversification limits, to phase in a Central Ledger Authority and phase out the Federal Reserve gradually over seven years so as to avoid disruption to the existing financial system, and for other purposes.

2. Shareholder Dividend and Corporate Tax Reform Act

A BILL To eliminate the corporate income tax, require minimum dividend distributions to shareholders, mandate public trading for large corporations, and promote broader economic participation through capital income.

3. Patent Reform and Public Access Act

A BILL To promote the progress of science and the useful arts by replacing exclusive patent monopolies with a compulsory royalty licensing system, to ensure reasonable compensation to inventors while preventing price gouging, to provide taxpayers a fair return on federally funded research, and for other purposes.

4. Youth Civil Service and Economic Autonomy Act

A BILL To establish the Youth Civil Service Corps as a civilian counterpart to the GI Bill, providing high school graduates a structured path of public service in exchange for postsecondary education and homeownership assistance, while reducing long-term government payroll costs and welfare dependency.

5. Capital Income Act

A BILL To establish Capital Income Accounts that provide every American child with a self-sustaining lifetime stream of capital income through market-based ownership of productive assets.



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For over 5,000 years, rules for responsible moral and ethical behavior of individuals and personal relationships have formed the bedrock of Western Civilization. These are embedded in civilizational teachings such as the Bible, the Ten Commandments, and the writings of Plato, Aristotle, Cicero, and Marcus Aurelius.

The rise of impersonal, bureaucratic institutions requires new teachings about ethical frameworks. G.W.F. Hegel distinguished between subjective individuals and objective frameworks. The integral perspective we develop views personal institutions as the right wing of society and rational, impersonal institutions as the left wing. Hegel's identification of the state with the "absolute," communist ideas about using the state to control society, and the use of political parties to raid state treasuries for special interests reveal the need for a cultural understanding of how to make impersonal institutions ethical.

A reformation is required to focus impersonal social institutions on providing guardrails and refereeing subjective individuals and personal institutions in ways that enable individuals to pursue happiness and serve others, while deterring them from causing harm. Rational bureaucracies should provide services to individuals that are efficient and just, and remain true to their purpose, avoiding institutional capture or unwieldy expansion. That is the proper role of the left wing of society.

About the Author

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Transformation to a Binary Economy

The giants in economic theory, from Aristotle to Adam Smith and Friedrich A. Hayek, have recognized that personal happiness and social stability require the wide ownership of private property by socially responsible individuals. Money, banks, and other institutions that can serve economies are repeatedly captured by elites and centralizers. Kings, mercantilists, central bankers, communists, and globalists all seek central control of economies, accumulating vast wealth for themselves, while allowing just enough for the working masses to live.

The rise of modern industry and the production of goods through machinery added income from the ownership of capital to income from one's labor. A labor theory of value must be supplemented by a capital theory of value in this binary economy. This was first articulated by Louis Kelso and Mortimer Alder in the *Capitalist Manifesto* (1957).

Today, capital ownership remains centrally controlled. The Protestant Reformation of the economy is about a transformation that provides an opportunity for everyone to have an income stream from the ownership of capital. An integral economy distributes capital ownership widely by reforming banking, taxation, the patent system, and providing capital income accounts to everyone at birth.

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