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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 **debt-based economy**.

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



## Resources for Building the Landed Rainbow

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



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 (**transcendence**), 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!**



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