

The Approach to Reality

Address to Social Creditors at Westminster on March 7th, 1936. Together with
Answers to Questions by C. H. Douglas

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...We Social Creditors say (and we are all Social Creditors, although we may not all be talking very much about Social Credit at the moment) that the monetary system at present does not reflect facts. The opposition says it does.

Well, I put it to your common sense. How was it that a world which was apparently almost feverishly prosperous in 1929—or alleged to be so, judged by orthodox standards—and certainly capable of producing tremendous quantities of goods and services and distributing a considerable proportion of them, could be so impoverished by 1930, and so changed fundamentally that conditions were reversed and the world was wretchedly poor? Is it reasonable to suppose that between a single date in October, 1929, and a few months later, the world would change from a rich one to a poor one? Of course it is not...

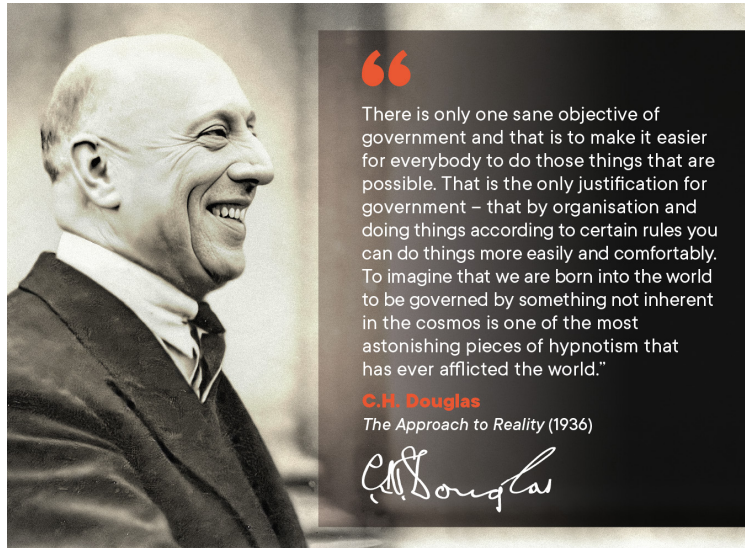
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Realistic Constitutionalism

by
C. H. DOUGLAS

Notes for an Address by Major C. H. Douglas to the Constitutional Research Association at Brown's Hotel, Mayfair, May 8, 1947.

...If anyone is foolish enough to suppose that the prestige of this country and the Empire, and with them, the welfare of the population, can be restored by an appeal to an anonymous, irresponsible, and misinstructed ballot-box democracy, I can assure them that, if their opinion should prevail and our destinies be submitted to decision by that process, the outcome is a mathematical certainty—our final eclipse <https://alor.org/Storage/Library/PDF/Douglas%20CH%20-%20Realistic%20Constitutionalism.pdf>



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There is only one sane objective of government and that is to make it easier for everybody to do those things that are possible. That is the only justification for government – that by organisation and doing things according to certain rules you can do things more easily and comfortably. To imagine that we are born into the world to be governed by something not inherent in the cosmos is one of the most astonishing pieces of hypnotism that has ever afflicted the world.”

C.H. Douglas

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Major Clifford Hugh Douglas,
M.I.Mech.E., M.I.E.E., consulting engineer, economist, author, and founder of the Douglas Social Credit Movement, was born in 1879 and died in 1952. Among other posts which he held in his earlier years were those of engineer with the —
Canadian General Electric company,
Peterborough, Canada, — Assistant Engineer,
Lachine Rapids Hydraulic Construction,
Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer, Buenos Aires, and Pacific Railway;
Chief Engineer and Manager in India British Westinghouse Company;
Assistant Superintendent, Royal Aircraft

Factory Farnborough (GB).
During the First World War he was a Major in the Royal Flying Corps and later in the R.A.F. (Reserve).
After retiring from his engineering career, he and his wife ran a small yacht-building yard on Southampton Water for several years. The combination of beauty with functional efficiency in a successfully designed racing yacht had a special appeal for him.
When he lived in an old water-mill in Hampshire he used the water-wheel to turn a dynamo which lit and warmed the house as well as providing power for lathes and other tools. Later, when he moved to Scotland, many of his friends and followers remember helping to build his small hydro-electric-powered house, sited on the local burn which ran through his land. Since decentralisation of economic power was of the essence of his teaching, it should be put on record that he practised what he preached.
One of his most interesting jobs, just before the 1914 War, was that of conducting preliminary experimental work and preparing plans and specifications for the electrical work on the Post Office Tube in London, with later supervision of the installation of plant in what was to be one of the earliest examples of complete automation in the history of engineering.

From *Economic Democracy* First edition (1920), by CH Douglas

Institutions exist to serve Individuals

Accepting this statement (*systems were made for man, and not men for systems*) as a basis of constructive effort, it seems clear that all forms, whether of government, industry or society must exist contingently to the furtherance of the principles contained in it. If a State system can be shown to be inimical to them it must go; if social customs hamper their continuous expansion - they must be modified; if unbridled industrialism checks their growth, then industrialism must be reined in. *That is to say, we must build up from the Individual, not down from the State.*