

***The Approach to Reality***Address to Social Creditors at Westminster on March 7th, 1936. Together with Answers to Questions by C. H. DouglasFirst Published in 1936

...We Social Crediters 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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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).

R.A.F. (Reserve).

During the First World War he was a Major in the Royal Flying Corps and later in the

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.

**Institutions exist to serve Individuals**

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

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.*