

**Excerpt from Thinking with Somebody Else's Head
Podcast with Richard Lloyd Jones and Dr. Claudia
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Program: Money and Power

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R: Keppe's book, Liberation of the People, explores the pathology of power. He says in this book: "Have you ever wondered where so many people go each morning, crowded into the buses, trains and cars? Men, women and even teenagers are heading for thousands of public and private businesses helping these to exploit humanity – and to exploit themselves as well, since they, too, are consumers. I am not referring only to businesses which exploit the people because they make products which are harmful, like cigarettes or alcohol). I am saying that business exploit with everything they produce because the profits go only to the proprietors." What do we need to begin to correct this Claudia?

C: The conscientization that the economic financial power is destroying all endeavours of humanity. Our very lives are being destroying by the economic system, which is now very sick – not because it is capitalistic or socialistic, but because it's inverted. What we see is that economic power took control of the executive, judicial and legislative powers. And this three-fold form of government is very balanced if they were not corrupted and controlled by the economic powerful corporations, individuals and families. They took the control of the money and they created a kind of living where money is put much above life, decency, ethics, dignity, happiness, health, anything.

R: Claudia, I think the idea that defenders of capitalism would use to argue against your point of view is that the system works by having the most talented people making the money and then passing those profits down to society in a sort of trickle-down effect. Adam Smith for sure, believed that. But because you are a psychoanalyst and you work with Dr. Keppe on the psychoanalysis of society, you would see this in quite a different way. Help us to understand this a bit better.

C: What dominates life on this planet is inversion, psychological inversion. So we can not see a man or a woman acting spontaneously for the good of other

people. Selfishness dominates, envy dominates – envy in terms of not wanting people to enjoy the goods and richness and this beautiful paradise we have in our hands. So this competition based on envy is very destructive and if rich people are not conscious and controlled because of their psychopathology, which is based on envy as I said, then we can expect that the richer the person, the more envious he will be. And this doesn't bring any benefits at all for the person himself or society.