



## Ecological Balance

Prout's ecological philosophy seeks a balanced relationship between society, the economy, and the natural world. Humans are not inferior or superior to other living beings; they are a part of the larger community of life and live in an interdependent web of living beings. Prout, therefore, recognizes the Rights of Nature as a constitutional decree.



## Integrated Social Change

Prout theory is not just a tool to analyze and understand the world, but also to change it. Integrated social change means to build a society where every individual can fulfill his or her potential -- physical, mental and spiritual. Prout thus envisions a society where everyone's basic needs and human rights are ensured, where there is coordinated cooperation among individuals and social groups, and where a new model of prosperity based on inner peace and happiness is the true measure of social progress.

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## Commendations for Prout

"Alternative visions are crucial at this moment in history. Prout's co-operative model of economic democracy, based on cardinal human values and sharing of the planet for the welfare of everyone, deserves our serious consideration."

**Noam Chomsky**

Professor of Linguistics at MIT, Autor, Social Critic

"Prout is very important for grass roots groups and for all who yearn for a liberation which starts from economics and opens to the totality of personal and social human existence."

**Leonardo Boff**

Founder of Liberation Theology

"[This] theory is far superior to Adam Smith's or that of Karl Marx."

**Johan Galtung**

Founder UN institute of Peace Studies

"As Prout advises, the best use of developmental finance is to develop cooperatives."

**Jaroslav Vanek**

Professor Emeritus, Cornell University and  
Author of "The Participatory Economy"

"Prout is an important contribution to rethinking the disastrous course of the current economy and globalization."

**Hazel Henderson**

Economist, Author of "Beyond Globalization"

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# The New Economy

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## Need for a new Economy

The data is in, the experts have spoken: the current economic system is unsustainable—both economically and environmentally. Our economic fundamentals have proven to be faulty. We have entered a perfect storm of economic inequality, financial speculation, resource depletion, and environmental destruction. As the Chinese proverb says; if we want to change course, we cannot go in the same direction as we have been going. We must change direction. It's time for economic system change.

## The Progressive Utilization Theory (PROUT)

Prout offers an alternative, socio-economic system that is both people- and planet-centered, both local and global in scope. Rooted in ecology, with a vision of the future beyond both traditional capitalism and socialism, Prout supports economic democracy, local economies and worker-owned enterprises.



### Neo-Humanist Values

The underlying philosophy of Prout is neo-humanism, a new form of humanism that is inclusive of not only all humans but all living beings. Neo-humanism promotes universal human values, reverence for all life and sees all beings as part of an integrated ecological matrix.

### Balance Between Sustainability and Economic Growth

The Prout economic system focuses on meeting human needs, while at the same time ensuring equity, maintaining long-term resource sustainability and promoting an ever increasing standard of living.

### New Economic Structure

This new economy is based on decentralizing and democratizing economic power and a new, three-tiered macro-economy: 1) state or locally owned government industries, 2) worker-owned cooperatives and 3) small scale private enterprises. Economic planning will be decentralized and based on self-sufficiency.

### Economic and Political Democracy

Political democracy is not enough. True democracy can only advance where there is local economic control; so Prout calls for economic democracy. Democracy also requires a well-educated electorate and political leaders with high ethical standards.