InPresence 0052: Money!!!
with Jeffrey Mishlove

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(00:39) Hello, I'm Jeffrey Mishlove and today I'd like to talk about money. Some people would be inclined to say that money is not a very spiritual topic. I beg to differ. I think that money is right at the root of our spirituality. In fact, I mean that literally because when we talk about the chakra system - the great Indian system of the subtle spiritual physiology of the body - the root chakra at the base of the spine, sometimes symbolized by the coiled serpent of Kundalini and sometimes symbolized by a dragon, a dragon guarding its gold inside of its cave. The root chakra is where we have the instinct to hoard, the instinct to accumulate wealth for ourselves and it's interesting, this is the very first chakra.

(01:40) When Sigmund Freud, for example, developed his theory of the unconscious and said that it mostly contains the libido, or sexual energies, and our aggressive desires - things that are considered somewhat taboo subjects in a civilized Victorian society in which Freud grew up. Well, he wasn't really Victorian English, but in the 19th century and early 20th century there were things that were simply not acceptable to talk about in polite company.

(02:18) But, money is even deeper than sex and aggression. We live in a culture that is dominated by materialism and the quest for money. I hardly know anybody who doesn't think about money much of the time, maybe all of the time. So much of our self-esteem is tied up in how much we're worth, how much we have. Not only that, but money represents personal freedom, our ability to have what we want to have and our sense of things that we will never have and our ability to go where we want to go when we want to do it. It's all related to money.

(03:02) I'd like to add that I think our culture, globally, is very much out of balance when it comes to money. For example, in wealthy countries there's an epidemic of obesity. Whereas in the poor countries there's an epidemic of malnutrition and even death by starvation - in a world where there's plenty of food for everybody. That seems to be a spiritual crime.

(03:30) Now, most of you probably don't know that money is actually a very big interest of mine. In fact, financial forecasting has been one of my top interests for the last 20 years, nearly, since my dear friend and colleague Dean Brown began to share with me his methods of financial forecasting. I've been pursuing this area intensely. In fact, I have a website and you can link to it right now in the upper

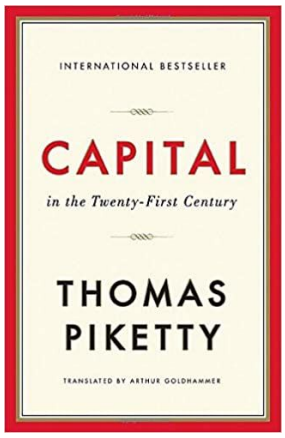
right hand corner of your screen. It's called alphainterphase.com and what I do there is I follow the financial information regarding systems for forecasting the future because I have a big interest in precognition and in particular precognition of the financial markets. It's very important to me to be knowledgeable about the non-psychic means for forecasting the financial markets. I can tell you that market timing is one of the most difficult things anybody can do but there are some very interesting approaches available using technical analysis and artificial intelligence and so on. I try to, in a small way, keep up with the latest research findings on that website.

(04:56) For me money is like the blood of the social body that we live in if you think of the human body as energized and made alive by blood. Well, money moves through society much the same way and I'm interested in following financial trends in order to understand, at a spiritual level, what things are important to people, what industries are gaining, what industries are losing - that says a lot to me about the global consciousness of the planet.

(05:35) I should say one other thing about money. What does it mean to you? And, what does it mean to me? Why do I, for example, spend a lot of my time and also my resources in putting these videos out, making them available to you at no cost? Although, I'm certainly happy to receive donations from any of you who care to log on to our foundation *newthinkingallowed.org*. You'll see you can purchase books there and some artwork or donate directly to our production. It helps, but I can tell you this, it only offsets - and including the advertising that we're now doing - a tiny amount of our expenses.

(06:20) But, I do it because for me it's a form of karma yoga. It's a form of being in service to humanity. And you know what, I've got enough money anyway. But let's look at this question of how much is enough. Some people would say that they never have enough, they never can have enough, there's always more. You could be a multi-millionaire, you could be a multi-billionaire and still want more. I think there are some people who would like to be the richest person in the world. I imagine even if you were the richest person on this planet you might still think you didn't have enough.

(07:06) Now, in the Jewish tradition there's a text called “pirkei avot,” - “the saying of our fathers.” Probably the most popular of these sayings goes something like this, “Who is rich?” And the answer is, “He who is content with what he has.” Now, I don't quite buy that. I think it's good to have goals. I think it's good to have desires. I think it's good to want to improve your situation in many ways. But, perhaps financially isn't the most important, although perhaps it is. There are some people who are desperate, even in this wealthy country of ours, not enough people can afford to put food and medicine on their table together at the same time. It's often one gets sacrificed in the name of the other.



(08:02) We live in a culture where the poor people seem to blame the rich people for all the problems in the world. The rich people blame the poor people for all the problems in the world. Money is really, I would say, at the

root of almost all problems that we face. Some people are far, far too attached to what they have and hoarding it and hoping to increase it way beyond their reasonable needs. Other people don't have enough for the basic necessities of life. If we want a world that works for everybody this is a problem that needs to be addressed and I don't think it's being addressed, frankly. If anything, the situation seems to be getting worse, not better.

(08:56) So let me leave you with this thought. What does money mean to you? How much of your mental and emotional energy is focused on the thought that you don't have enough, that you're not happy with what you have in life? How much of that is healthy and how much of it isn't? I'll leave you with those thoughts. Thank you for being with me. (09:22)

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