

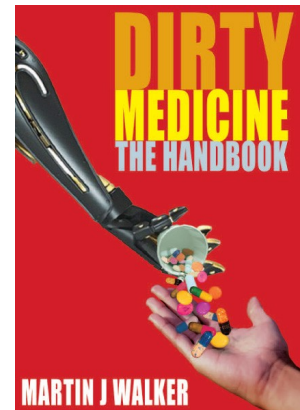
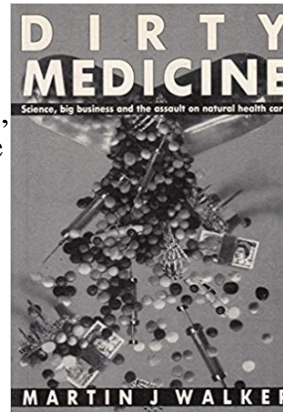
Report of meeting held at School of Economic Science, 11 Mandeville Place, London W1U 3AJ
See notes of last recorded meeting on 22nd March 2017: – [GlobalTable-0170322-TonyCrawford-notes](#)

Present: Janos (chair), Mary (notes), Ellena, Maya

Money & Medicine

Discussion began with news items and personal perspectives of the NHS,

- a baby whose parents had raised money to take him to US for advanced treatment and a high court judge in London had denied them the opportunity by authorising the hospital to turn off life support.
- the Chief Executive of the NHS denouncing Homeopathy on Radio 4, and the fact that it's become even more of a commercial business than before.
- personal experiences of cancer treatments under the NHS (all those present contributed detailed stories of various aspects of malfunction of NHS, waiting lists, lack of choice, inefficiencies (e.g. sending letters to India to be typed then printed out), instead of using online systems for appointments and test results, and funding formulae.
- these illustrate competition between different sectors, e.g. complementary and mainstream medicine, and the unnecessary hierarchy inside the NHS.
- Mary recalled that she had been one of the few people prepared to sell Martin Walker's book "Dirty Medicine" published in 1993 and still available on Amazon. <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Dirty-medicine-science-business-assault/dp/0951964607>.
A sequel is now available: <http://shop.naturopathy-uk.com/Dirty-Medicine-The-Handbook.html>



What Caused the 2008 Crisis & Will There Be Another One? - presentation by Steve Keen - Professor of Economics, History and Politics, Kingston University, at New City Agenda's meeting on Wednesday 8th March 2017 - Mary attended and was sent a copy of the full presentation: The Financial Crash that convulsed the world in 2008 had cataclysmic effects on the global economy, and took conventional economists completely by surprise. Professor Keen will outline why the 2008 crisis was not a "Black Swan", but was caused by credit, a factor that orthodox economics ignores. He predicts that between 9 and 16 countries, in total equivalent in size to the USA will have similar crises in the next 1-3 years. Meanwhile, the UK and USA have joined Japan as the "Walking Dead of (Private) Debt" where further crises are unlikely but stagnation will be the rule:
<http://newcityagenda.co.uk/keen/>

James Gibb Stuart's book Hidden Menace to World Peace - Janos has the copy given to Mary by David Pidcock, also published in 1993, a seminal work, about the global finance system, and will attempt a review in due course.

The Politics of Obedience: The Discourse of Voluntary Servitude: See Janos's review of this book by Etienne de la Boetie, which proposes that leaders govern because we give them our consent:
<http://globaltable.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/VoluntaryServitude-about.pdf>

Rich Dad Poor Dad, 1997, by Robert Kiyosaki and Sharon Lechter: https://www.amazon.co.uk/Rich-Dad-Poor-Teach-Middle/dp/1612680011/ref=sr_1_1s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1492000604&sr=1-1&keywords=rick+dad+poor+dad - advocates the importance of financial independence and building wealth through investing.

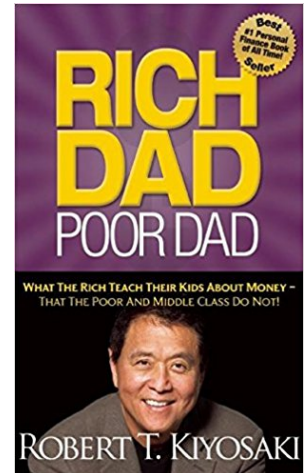
Panorama on the Libor Scandal:

- <https://www.theguardian.com/business/2017/apr/10/libor-scandal-bbc-recording-implicates-bank-england>
- <http://www.cityam.com/topic/libor-rate-fixing-scandal>

Mary reported that she had seen a replay of Panorama's programme on Monday 10th April featuring the Libor scandal in 2008 or 2011 - but that this programme has now been removed from the iPlayer.

Ex-Barclays chief Antony Jenkins sets up new fintech venture: in discussing the latest on the Libor scandal, Ellena asked what had happened to the Chief Executive of Barclays who had been ousted - see links:

- <http://uk.businessinsider.com/barclays-antony-jenkins-fintech-startup-10x-future-technologies-core-banking-2016-10>
- <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/2016/06/04/ex-barclays-chief-antony-jenkins-sets-up-new-fintech-venture/>
- <http://www.thisismoney.co.uk/money/news/article-3726061/Look-s-Barclays-bungling-boss-Antony-Jenkins-chair-Currencies-Direct.html>



The Rise and Fall of the Meritocracy - presented by Toby Young: on BBC Radio 4 -

The populist movements that swept Britain and America last year in which angry, often working class, voters rejected the political hegemony of highly-educated, liberal elites were uncannily like the one imagined in The Rise of the Meritocracy...

Mary reported on this programme aired today, where the son of Michael Young (author of The Rise of the Meritocracy 1958 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Rise_of_the_Meritocracy) led discussion on whether the class structure depended on "merit" and whether intelligence was from inherited genes or due to good upbringing - either way, access to education was a key issue - ref the grammar /comprehensive school debates (not to mention the public schools) -

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08lgq9n>

Free Critical Thinking: meetings are now on Tuesdays 7pm to 9pm in a new venue, St John's Church, 73 Waterloo Rd, Lambeth, London SE1 8TY, opposite Waterloo - see latest <http://freecriticalthinking.org/session-agenda/2172-session-15-on-tuesday-11th-april-2017>

EVENT: Saturday 22nd April 2017: The Great Moot of Nottingham at The Albert Hall Conference Centre, North Circus Street, Nottingham NG1 5AA: see note and booking details on the Global Table Events page - and the flyer: <http://globaltable.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Great-Nottingham-Moot-1bg.pdf>

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