

Leaving the paradigms

A documentary about life beyond materialistic economics and materialistic science.

“I am suspicious of the idea of a new paradigm, to use that word, an entirely new structure of the economy.”

Paul A. Volcker, former US Federal Reserve Chairman

“Our science fails to recognize those special properties of life that make it fundamental to material reality ... consciousness ... it is a vast mystery ...”

Robert Lanza, american stem cell scientist

„Scientists work from models acquired through education and through subsequent exposure to the literature often without quite knowing or needing to know what characteristics have given these models the status of community paradigms.”

Thomas Kuhn, philosopher of science

„An idea like Bitcoin, which has long developed unnoticed from a programmer's computer to Wall Street and the global economy; a spiritual idea like Christianity, which has developed on the dust of the streets of Jerusalem to become the largest religious community on the planet - both have had great triumphs, but have nothing to do with the current paradigms, they are even enemies of the prevailing systems.“

Michael W. Driesch, author

Materialistic world views dominate both science and economics. The concept of materialism is established in two forms. In economics, it describes the often excessive consumer behavior of many people in developed economies; in the natural sciences, it describes the world view that all life has developed by chance from dead matter in a process of long evolution, and that life can therefore only be explained on the basis of this purely material description.

To put it in a nutshell, we are dealing with a view of humanity in which creatures that have arisen by chance on a planet consume as much as possible in order to make the best of their existence in the limited period of time that life lasts.

This has consequences that are not beneficial for either the individual or the community: Environmental degradation, conflicts and even wars, epidemics of physical and mental diseases of civilization - to name just the most devastating.

"Leaving the paradigms" sets out in search of people and ideas that focus on life beyond the materialistic worlds of thought in economics and the natural sciences. People and ideas that show ways to lead a better and more fulfilling life - for good reasons and with good justifications.