

## ECONOMICS UNMASKED

### From Power and Greed to Compassion and the Common Good

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- Shows how our economic system perpetuates injustice & inequality
- Proposes a new system based on the values of human dignity, compassion and sustainability
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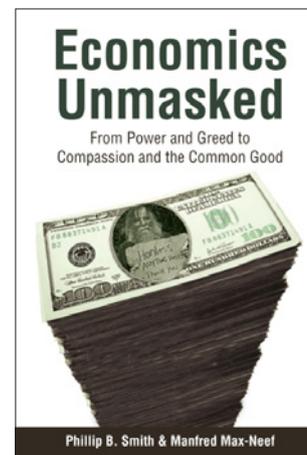
The economic system under which we live not only forces the great majority of humankind to live their lives in indignity and poverty; it also threatens all forms of life – indeed life itself. *Economics Unmasked* presents a cogent critique of the dominant economic system in order to help transform our society into one in which all forms of life will be protected. The first part of this book is devoted to showing that the theoretical constructions that have been selected, work mainly to bring about injustice. The second part is concerned with what should be the foundations of a new economics where justice, human dignity, compassion and reverence for life must be the guiding values.



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