

Breaking the austerity myth

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I learned this morning that I podcast I recorded recently with Manda Scott for the Accidental Gods podcast series has been published. [This comes from their website:](#)

Imagine a world where we didn't always feel as if money was tight. Imagine an economy that works for the health and welfare of people and planet rather than all of us working for the health of the economy. Richard Murphy describes where money comes from and how we could use it differently.

We all know the economy is broken — that the experiment of free market capitalism has driven us to the edge of extinction. The problem is working out what to replace it with that will help us to find new ways of being without creating such havoc that lives are destroyed in the process.

In this first of a two-part series, Richard Murphy explores ways we can change the current system to create a different world.

In our conversation, we explore how money is made in the current system, the mythology of austerity and how the world could be if we all understood the nature of the lies. When we all see the Emperor has no clothes, we can re-create a new way of doing and being.

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