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What's New

As of May 15, 2013

Here's a quick update of what's new from New Road Map Foundation, host of FinancialIntegrity.org and the [Simple Living Forum](http://SimpleLivingForum). These community-created websites are the "go-to" places for people who are integrating financial integrity into their lives by aligning their financial lifestyles with their personal values and goals.

Event: May 16th Northwest Earth Institute's 20th Anniversary Celebration, Portland, OR, USA

NWEI has been along side NRM for two decades, providing curricula to help people lead meaningful, financial and sustainable lives. On May 16th NWEI will be celebrating their anniversary with an event that features a series of mini-experiences that promise to get you thinking, laughing and growing. Congratulations [NWEI!](#)

Money and Life 2013 Convening

The *Money and Life 2013* screening & convening scheduled for late May at the Whidbey Institute has been postponed. Guess what - that allows for more participation from YOU! If you would like to be in on it, contact us at info@financialintegrity.org.

On The Wiki

Resource: Money & Life, the Movie - now available for community screenings

Ever wonder how to start a meaningful conversation about our relationship(s) with money? **Money & Life** is an essay-style film that comprehensively analyzes the REAL economy, both the system and the lived experience in a lively, humorous way. And it points out clearly how each one of us has a great opportunity to shift from *making a dying to creating a living*. The film is now available to anyone with an internet connection. Watch online for free, download for as little as a dollar, order a DVD for \$17 (35 minutes of extras for less than the market rate), plan a community screening. It's all there as a gift for you. If it touches your life, send a donation gift back to the project to spread the word far and wide. [Host a screening near you.](#)

Member Profile: Maryjo

"Everyone's road to financial integrity is somewhat unique." "Being more mindful of what I'm spending and thoughtful about the questions I ask has helped me on my road to financial integrity and freedom - retirement day is closer than I'd every dreamed!" Glad to hear it. Read [Maryjo's story](#) from our collection, and please add yours

by emailing it to info@financialintegrity.org.

Resource: True Wealth - How and Why Millions of Americans Are Creating a Time-Rich, Ecologically Light, Small-Scale, High-Satisfaction Economy

A book being read over on the Simple Living Forums: [True Wealth by Juliet B. Schor](#). (Also published as [Plenitude](#).) Sounds like she could be writing about people we know. There are plenty of books out there about Americans and others around the world, finding new ways to spend and live; sometimes by doing things in new ways. Sometimes in old ways. Got a book you want to share? [Tell us](#).

In The News

Wedding costs, or why your friends' marriage might interrupt your savings plan

Feeling conflicted about weddings because you feel a bit stretched when it comes to celebrating a friend's marriage? "*Between travel, gifts, attire and other costs, guests are expected to spend an average of \$539 per wedding this year -- up more than 50% from last year's average . . .*" Marriages are good news, but if you get to go to a lot of weddings, you might have to budget your gifting, but not your good wishes. [Read the May 10th CNN Money article](#).

HOWEVER, even the Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources can give you tips for rethinking that dynamic -- making your wedding easier on the environment, as well as your and your guests' savings accounts! See their [great tips](#).

Go Fossil Free - Naomi Klein notes how the divesture movement is now targeting "green" NGO's

Investing according to your values -- it isn't easy, but it is doable, and it's critically important. Naomi Klein helps take the pillars of the environmental NGO movement to task for their lack of due diligence. Klein quotes Dan Apfel, executive director of the Responsible Endowments Coalition, "All investors are basically invested in fossil fuels," "You can't be an investor that is not invested in fossil fuels, unless you've actually worked very hard to ensure that you're not."

Need a little kick to examine YOUR investment portfolio? Read [The Guardian article](#), and then find out who has managed to make real commitments at [GoFossilFree.org](#), then check out the [many values-based investing resources on our site](#).

The Economist: Peer-to_Peer Rental: The Rise of the Sharing Economy

Why buy when you can rent? It doesn't just apply to cars at the airport. Why rent from a corporation when you can rent from a friend? The power drill you need may be on your street. "Now websites such as Airbnb, RelayRides and SnapGoods match up owners and renters" - This Financial Integrity / Simple Living concept must be a real trend now, if even [The Economist](#) is writing about it!

Facebook Highlights

Upcycling

See some really wild possibilities for "upcycling" on our [Facebook page](#).

Quote of the week:

"But we live in a truly confused age. The market model seems to have infiltrated so thoroughly into human lives

and medicine that in certain circles . . . economic rationality with its imperative of containing costs and maximising efficiency has come to mute the moral, emotional, religious, and aesthetic expressions of patients and caregivers." - Arthur Kleinman in The Lancet.

The Best of Simple Living Forums

May No-Spend Days

A challenge was raised on the forums! How many days in May could you spend nothing out of pocket? Join the conversation about [May No-Spend Days](#). And then, how about June?

Come Join Us

Transform the World's Relationship With Money

As a community-edited "wiki", content is constantly being updated at www.FinancialIntegrity.org. Come cruise the site for the latest entries, add new resources you've found, and let us all know what you're doing to increase financial integrity in your lives and in the world. If you're having any problems using the wiki, please let the moderators know at info@financialintegrity.org. We're here to help!

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