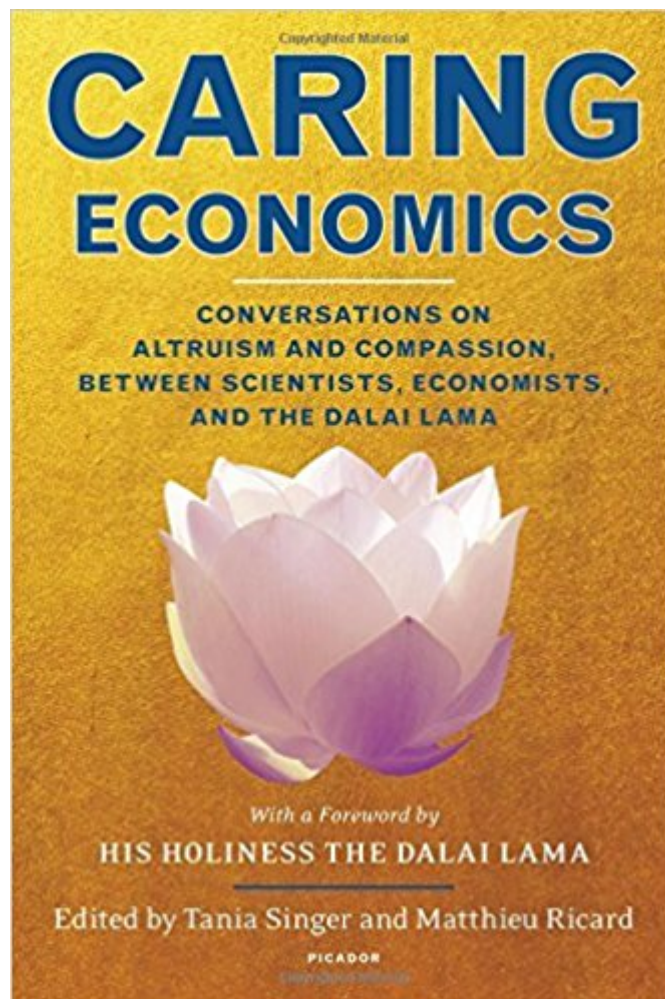


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# Caring Economics: Conversations On Altruism And Compassion, Between Scientists, Economists, And The Dalai Lama



## Synopsis

A COLLECTION OF INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED SCIENTISTS AND ECONOMISTS IN DIALOGUE WITH HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA, ADDRESSING THE NEED FOR A MORE ALTRUISTIC ECONOMY

Can the hyperambitious, bottom-line-driven practices of the global economy incorporate compassion into the pursuit of wealth? Or is economics driven solely by materialism and self-interest? In *Caring Economics*, experts consider these questions alongside the Dalai Lama in a wide-ranging, scientific-based discussion on economics and altruism. Begun in 1987, the Mind and Life Institute arose out of a series of conferences held with the Dalai Lama and a range of scientists that sought to form a connection between the empiricism of contemporary scientific inquiry and the contemplative, compassion-based practices of Buddhism. *Caring Economics* is based on a conference held by the Mind and Life Institute in Zurich in which experts from all over the world gathered to discuss the possibility of having a global economy focused on compassion and altruism. Each chapter consists of a presentation by an expert in the field, followed by a discussion with the Dalai Lama in which he offers his response and his own unique insights on the subject. In this provocative and inspiring book, learn how wealth doesn't need to be selfish, how in fact, empathy and compassion may be the path to a healthier world economy.

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Can altruism and compassion function in the world of business in today's interconnected world and global economy? This book takes a somewhat specialist retrospective look at this

question. Based on the 2010 "Altruism and Compassion in Economic Systems" conference (why wait so long?) His Holiness the Dalai Lama discussed this weighty subject with philosophers, scientists, economists and other interested parties. This book is the edited report of the event. In some ways this report felt as if it is searching for its identity and meaning for anybody who was not at the conference. The subjects raised are interesting and thought provoking, yet the book appears to be "singing to the converted". The conference could have been the basis for a more interlinked, focussed, outwardly accessible book. In its current guise, it just doesn't seem that inspirational and requires perhaps a little too much effort to go through. This is a shame. Quite why it took several years for this book to appear after the conference is unclear. It just makes things seem even more remote and less relevant. It would be wrong to characterise this book as being bad, but its relevance and impact could have been potentially much greater if it had been published a few years previously.

This is one of the best books written in the 21st century. Tania Singer has done it again with sharing insight from cutting edge science. We are so lucky to have such wise and clever people in our world, to share their research, their views and their conversations. This book encourages a holistic view of economics a view that perhaps has been hidden from mainstream politics and the market place. I am inspired from the work being done all over the world, work that highlights how caring, compassion, economics and science can come together to make the world a beautiful place. Dreams in this book come to life, if we choose to go down the path these leaders are showing us.

A little out of date, but still a good read.

Good book. Came on time. No problem

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