

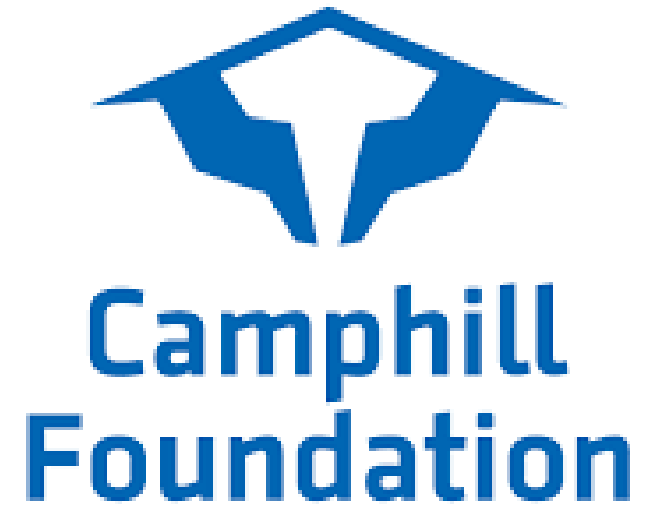
A rural landscape with a field of cows and a person in the distance. The scene is captured in a soft, slightly hazy light, possibly during dawn or dusk. The cows are in the foreground, and a person is visible in the middle ground. The background features a line of trees and a clear sky.

Looking Beyond Productivity: Camphill Communities and the Question of Living Socially Well

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The Primary Question:

- Is Camphill a good alternative model for living well socially?
 - Well Partially – Let me explain



Camphill as an intentional community

- A community which formed for the purpose of living a different way of life than larger society.
 - The way of life structure under an *Ethos* perceived as more valuable
 - Social life organized under an alternative Logic

A Social Logic

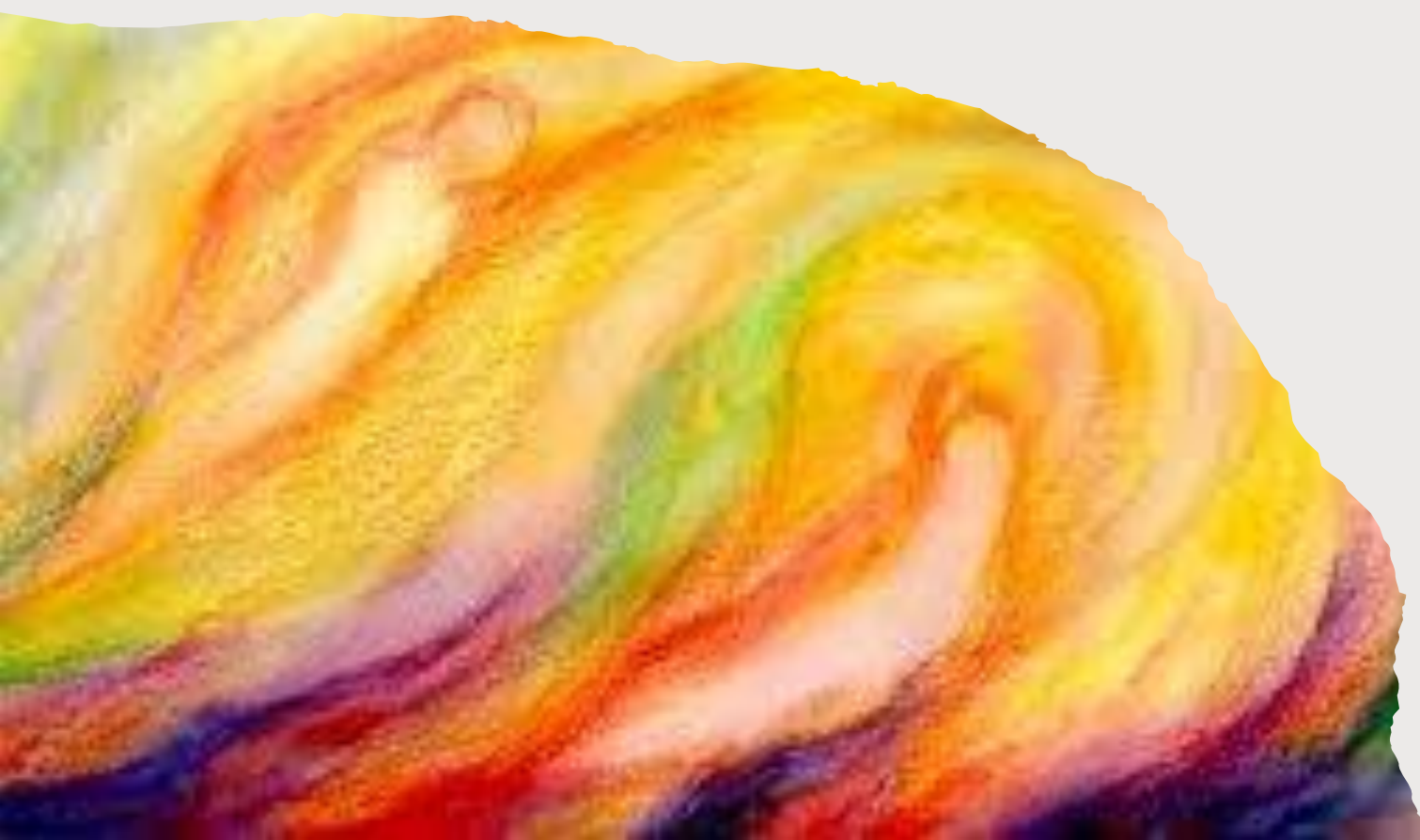


The Foundation

Pragmatic Philosophy: Response into Paradigm

○ Key Figures:

- Rudolf Steiner
- Karl König



Rudolf Steiner (1861-1925)

- Father of Anthroposophy (Wisdom of the Human Being)
 - Also known as *Spiritual Science*
 - Places intrinsic spiritual value onto all beings
- Fears the limits of science to account for Human Dignity

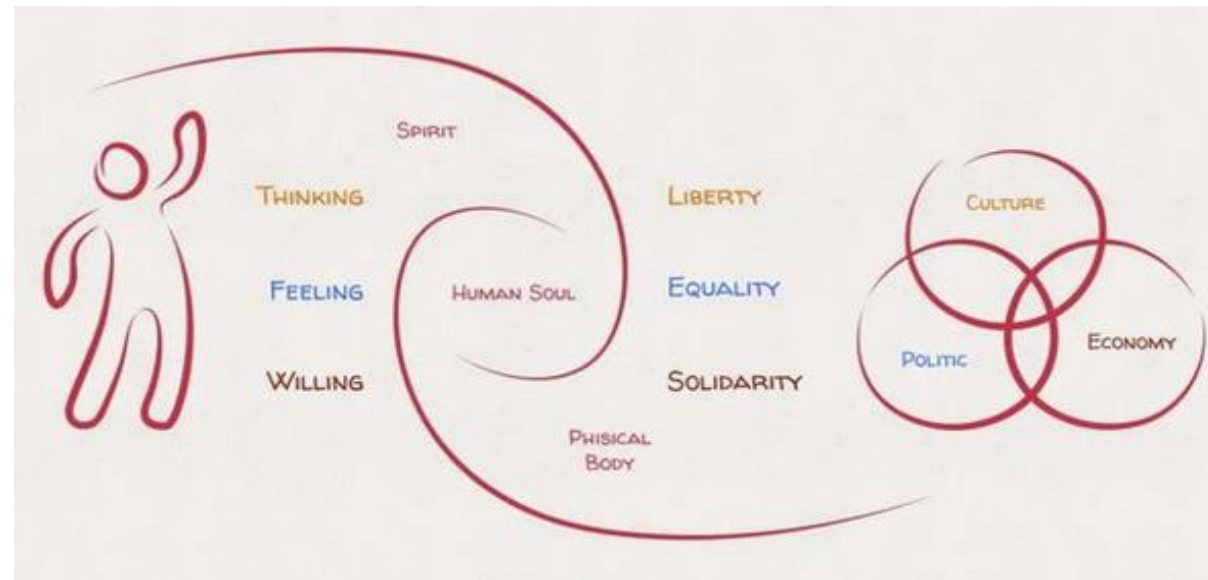


The Anthroposophical Movement (1912-1925)

- **The Fundamental Social Law**

"The more an individual works for the benefit of society or the needs of others, and the more society ensures that each worker is supported sufficiently to lead a dignified existence, the greater the well-being and prosperity of society will be."

The Threefold Organism:





Karl König (1902-1966)

- The Father of the Camphill Movement
 - Builds first Camphill in Aberdeen Scotland (1939)
- A scholar of Anthroposophy
 - Camphill works to express the principles through:
 - Curative Education
 - Life Sharing
 - Social Therapy



Purpose of Camphill

- To recognize that every person holds spiritual potential.
- Organizing life for the development & discovery of that potential.
- A place for expression not exclusion.
- A Day-to-Day Philosophy

Yet... There exists limits

- What Camphill is not:
 - Fully Self-Sufficient
 - Utopian
 - Free of Systemic Problems



However...

- Camphill does show that Social Flourishing need not be exclusionary.
 - Instead, it emphasizes the benefit of the opposite.

"Work as Reciprocity"



A scenic landscape featuring a group of people in the foreground, a large tree with red leaves on the left, and a vast green valley with rolling hills and a forested ridge in the background. The sky is overcast. A large white text overlay is centered in the image.

Thank You :)