



Listening points

Q:Witness

Q:Witness is a podcast from Quakers in Britain in which people involved in acting on issues important to Quakers talk about the work they are doing and how people can get involved. There are episodes on subjects ranging from peace education and forced migration, to fracking and nuclear weapons. This podcast is available to listen to or download here: <https://www.quaker.org.uk/our-work/podcast>.

Listen as a group to a clip from episode 11 on 'Money & Banking in The New Economy', starting at 2.15 through to 3.30. This section of the podcast introduces a thought experiment, inspired by the American philosopher John Rawls, which provides a way of engaging with the idea of economic inequality and how to create a fairer system. You can explore this experiment with the participants. To accompany the clip, the text of the thought experiment is:

- Imagine reincarnation is real and it's happening next year. In fact it's happening to everyone at midnight on 31st December.
- You won't be reincarnated as an animal, but you could be reborn as anyone of the 60 odd million people in Britain – in fact any one of the 7 odd billion people on Earth.
- You will still be you, but you can't take any economically useful skills or knowledge with you into the next life.
- You have no control what life you'll be born into - it will be totally random.
- Now, how would you use the rest of your year to re-jig the economic system?