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Business guru Peter Drucker provides an incisive analysis of the major world transformation taking place, from the Age of Capitalism to the Knowledge Society, and examines the radical affects it will have on society, politics, and business now and in the coming years. This searching and incisive analysis of the major world transformation now taking place shows how it will affect society, economics, business, and politics and explains how we are moving from a society based on capital, land, and labor to a society whose primary source is knowledge and whose key structure is the organization.

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### Clint says

Written in 1993, this book has proven itself to be a prophetic vision of the changes the world continues to undergo and the challenges it continues to face. It presents clear, concise, cogent arguments for that we are transitioning from a capitalist society (a society built upon the acquisition and use of capital -- labor, hardware, land -- in production) through a post-capitalist society into a knowledge based society (a society where the creation and application of knowledge drives the production of wealth); that we are transitioning from a nation-state based world order to a world where national economies yield to larger regional economies, national political leadership yields to both transnational organizations and local tribalism (read diversity as opposed to integration), and highly integrated generalized companies yield to specialized organizations that outsource everything that is not their speciality; that the greatest problems we need to address at the transnational level are the environment, terrorism and global arms control (the military-industrial complex demanded by perpetual cold war in the absence of arms control, requires too many resources especially in the form of lost scientific and engineering research and development); that state governments must abandon their futile attempts to manipulate economies so as to prevent every little recession and redistribute wealth and instead return to financial positions that permit them to address seemingly inevitable major recessions by pouring massive investments into infrastructure (roads, trains, utilities, internet) and restrict itself to laws and regulations that promote long-term growth in production and recession resistance which is the only proven way to increase total wealth including the wealth in each class; that state governments must abandon complicated tax systems which have driven the development of special interests and pork-barrel legislative spending; that state governments must outsource every activity, apart from its natural role as regulator, to private specialized organizations held accountable by the combination of competition and profit; that organizations must transition from a hierarchical authority-based structure where supervisors assign work to a horizontal responsibility based structure where the manager communicates the goals and the specialist employees figure out how to accomplish those goals.

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### Bryan Holmes says

Peter Drucker is one of the most clear thinking and prescient authors I have read. While this book now seems as if it might be dated, it still provides insight into how our modern society has evolved into what it is today and what it is becoming. Thought provoking and illuminating!

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### MisterFweem says

Oh, these futurists. Or present-ists. Maybe that's the best made-up word to use to describe Peter Drucker and his "Post-Capitalist Society." Lots to think about in this book. Lots that needs updating, frankly. Though this was written in a 1990s perspective, it's clear that enough has changed in the past 20 years that if Drucker were alive, he'd still be writing about these things.

I'll be honest and say this is a book I'll have to read again to really understand the implications of what he's writing about here. He lays out a lot of recommendations for government and schools, with a sprinkling of advice for businesses, on what they need to improve their leverage of knowledge. It's heartening to see that

I'm doing some of what he advocates -- continuing my education beyond an undergraduate degree -- and working to gain an understanding of other knowledges. It's also good to see that the university I may or may not be teaching at (one bonehead English class, online) is taking an approach similar to what he advocates for education.

But there's still a lot out there that not a lot of people are doing, and certainly not doing in the arena of politics and making government work more efficient (and I can say that since I am a government worker). Anyway, a good read, and one I'll have to read again.

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### **Jerome Moore says**

#### **A preview of the Knowledge Society.**

Peter Drucker talks about how the management of the work place and society will change and is changing in a post Capitalist or Knowledge society.

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### **Tom Ryker says**

The Post-Capitalist Society was a very thought provoking read.

Tom Ryker (author - <http://tomryker.com/>)

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### **Sjervey says**

Drucker wrote this in 1993 and pointed out that the means of production had already shifted from capital to knowledge and that knowledge was owned by the worker, not the capitalist. He went on to describe the impact of this transition on society and ultimately raised the question, still to be answered, of what is a well-educated person in this new world. While the forces pushing education for strictly vocational purposes will always be with us, Drucker recognizes there is a much larger question. Everyone needs to know they are making a contribution to the world around them, but that contribution is rarely satisfied merely by work, which changes dramatically over the course of a lifetime. Education must help the individual to know their own calling while also preparing them for the changes they will see in the world. Drucker was one of our greatest thinkers and I recommend this book to anyone who hasn't yet read it as a challenging look at our world, still relevant because Drucker sees and writes with clarity and has raised questions that still need serious consideration.

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### **Sigit says**

well..because i'm international relation graduate, this book is a great deal for me. it opened my horizon as a person who lives in a developing country

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### **Leonardo says**

Peter Drucker entiende el pasaje hacia la producción inmaterial en términos extremos. “El recurso económico básico- ‘los medios de producción’, para utilizar el término de los economistas-ya no es el capital, ni los recursos naturales (la ‘tierra’ de los economistas), ni el ‘trabajo’. Es y será el conocimiento”. Peter Drucker, Post-Capitalist Society (New York: Harper, 1993), p. 8. Lo que Drucker no comprende es que el conocimiento no está dado sino producido, y que su producción implica nuevos tipos de medios de producción y trabajo.

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### **Ron Davison says**

Drucker could make the profound seems obvious and the obvious seem profound. He wrote about a new economy while most were still trying to figure out the old one.

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### **Prince Samuel says**

The post-capitalist society- the knowledge society- as argued by Peter F. Drucker needs exactly the opposite of what Deconstructionist, radical feminists, or anti-westerners propose. It needs the very thing they totally reject: a universally educated person.

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### **Preston Malone says**

Many Drucker books demonstrated his remarkable ability to forecast major trends and problems beyond the horizon. This is one of those books. Others include The End of Economic Man, The Future of Industrial Man, The New Realities, The Unseen Revolution (where in 1976 he predicted trouble ahead for pension funds and Social Security with an aging group of baby boomers), The New Society, The Age of Discontinuity, etc. etc.

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### **Shahrulrock says**

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### **David says**

Found this book in local library book sale. Feel like reading an old SF novel. Written in 1993, Drucker

expected knowledge-driven society to be firmly in place around 2015. Of course, he proved correct, in most part, I think, due to his more Utopian desire. Now, the corporations are completely fixated on short term financial results - long term is for the suckers. A great book on business history and fundamental concepts of modern management.

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