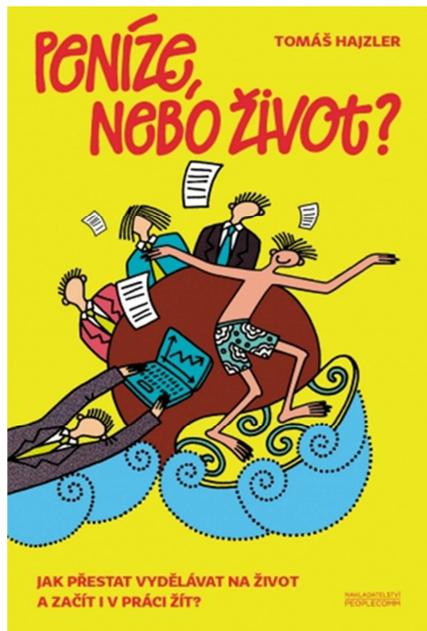


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Tomáš Hajzler – Peníze nebo život

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The book, which is reviewed on the next lines, is very interesting one in many aspects.

It brings new way of thinking about work, money but mainly life. In some way we can call it philosophical literature, because it deals with a lot of aspects of social standards or dogmas and distinguish them all as myths of last century. Whole book is concerned about “the new 21st century”, which brings us new thoughts and totally new priorities not only in the business, but also in the matters of life.

Design of book is rather simple, but with playful monographical illustrations. Author Tomáš Hajzler has divided “Peníze, nebo život?” into three parts. Each part deals with another issue and they together create complex view on the topic. The first part is about his life and events which influenced his interested in the field of work. The second part studies current state of work and its relationship with people. The third part is focused on the new way of working and how to create job for ourselves.

The first part consists of three chapters. They are mainly about life of author. As the text continues, reader discovers some details from authors life - why he has decided to quit his well-paid job, why he studied so many universities, why he was rather unhappy than happy. Then there is explained his attitude to current state of business and relationship between employees and employers.

Four chapters are included in the second part. Main topic of it is nowadays life and work. Author has focused to all things which are necessary for living. He starts from the old ages and brings to reader some interesting stories. Then he continues with describing “rebels” who changed old dogmas and traditional ways by creating new styles and forms in their field (e.g. sport, education and business). After that there is discussion about current education system, whether it is useless or not and how to change it from “unhappy factory-like place” to “place for free people”. Last chapter is connected with companies. There is explained how they developed through centuries and which bad aspects persist from the history until today.

The third and last part of the book is divided into three chapters. Readers discover what new 21st century means. That manual work moves toward developing countries, where it can be done for less money and also that people should create their own job instead of waiting if anyone will create it for them. To support this idea author shows some ways, how to find area, where reader can be successful. On the next pages is described something like “guide” for freeing oneself from employer to self-employed man or woman. People who succeeded in this way are shown as a proof of possibility of change in the end.

The whole book is written well and enriched with examples not only from author’s life, but also life of others. However declared ideas might be difficult to accept for some readers. Even though old and traditional ways of working are changing, the whole process is quite slow. Book represents radical new concept of work and connected areas including education. Author himself agrees that this new way

of thinking may not be suitable for everyone at all. It depends on environment, where people have grown and also how they are open to changes. Thus book can be categorized into philosophy.

We can recommend "Peníze, nebo život?" to all whose job is connected with business, education or philosophy of life. We feel that at least a few ideas from book will be interesting to everyone.

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