

Three Cities

Seeking Hope in the Anthropocene

Rod Oram

Teacher Notes

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‘Orthodox is obsolete; conventional is kaput.’ So writes Rod Oram about the world we live in. Increasingly we find that the rules of economics, politics and technology are failing us – or producing startling outcomes. Boom–bust economics, fractured and destructive politics, and a deeply degraded ecosystem are just some of the symptoms.

An acclaimed business journalist, Oram sets off to three great cities of the world (Beijing, London and Chicago) to explore these symptoms and seek answers – and hope. Because if ten billion people are going to live well on this planet in 2050, we have to fundamentally change the way we do things.

Three Cities concludes with proposed actions to reduce carbon emissions – and at the same time deliver economic benefits. The concluding message is one of optimism for the planet and its people.

2016 publication; 128 pages; includes sources, names of interviewees and suggestions for further reading.

THEMES

Future thinking; sustainability; future of New Zealand; world economy; climate change; persuasive writing

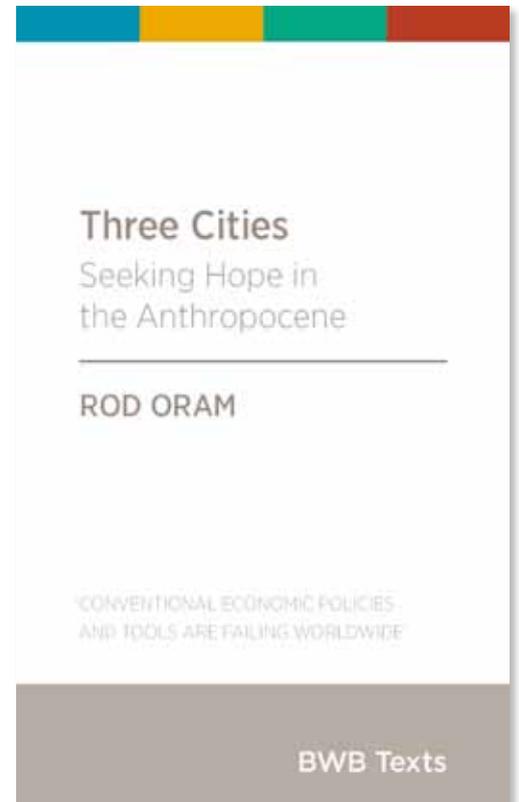
SOME CONNECTIONS

Other BWB Texts on economics, climate change and future thinking, such as:

- *Time of Useful Consciousness* by Ralph Chapman
- *Wellbeing Economics* by Paul Dalziel and Caroline Saunders
- *Towards a Warmer World* by Veronika Meduna
- *The Piketty Phenomenon*, by a diverse range of New Zealand economists and commentators
- *The Inequality Debate* by Max Rashbrooke
- *Wealth and New Zealand* by Max Rashbrooke

CURRICULUM AREAS

Social studies; geography; economics; science; English



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