

IS MONEY A SHADE OF HAPPINESS?

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Abstract:

Money is a subject that we continue to take into consideration as everything revolves around it. The relationship that man has with money is forever as it gives colour to its identity, shapes our attitude to the others, links and separates generations; money is found in the arena where greed and generosity play against each other and wisdom has its role. Freedom, desire, power, status, work, possessiveness are being reflected through money. Money feeds our vanity, gives us status gets a value that we give. When we depend on it for success, career, prestige, then it gets an exaggerated importance and hence the fight to own it. From an energetic point of view it is neutral and loads positively or negatively according to its origin and use: clean money and dirty money.

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1. Introduction

The world is moving forward but in what way? This is a question we have to ask ourselves. We are the witnesses of a technological evolution. In

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exchange we are powerless at the involution of the spirit, at the decline of some feelings and human principles, we are losing our consciousness, we abandon everything that is human, everything that differentiates the human being from the other beings. It is rather bad to lose the soul in this century.... Or? the human society is changing. It is a normal thing, a permanent metamorphosis, an infinite search for perfection. We are advocating for changes but we are nostalgic for worlds that were infinitely cleaner spiritually and more human. Changes took place, social differences, evolution of social structure on a financial, technological plan..

The new millennium has brought not only marvelous technological discoveries, but also the removing of the basic moral and social principles. The relationships among people are based more and more on the financial interest and life has become a source of wealth, a phenomenon that we witness our days except the fact that now we what we wish is not exactly land but papers that give us power and value but that infringe our feelings, principles, any shade of morality or culture.

The value of man is being given by the things he owns. Cleverness and wisdom is meant to be seen as the ability of man to get profit regardless the methods used. The richer you are the cleverer you seem. This is linked to the fact that money offers notoriety, a way to entail fear and respect in front of those people who have an upside down scale of values.

Cleverness, comprehension, wishes, dreams, culture- all these have altered and have shaped taking into account the false value of money. Everything is being related to these papers. This everything is summed up as: the wish of the financial power. The world, man, the universe are now revolving around money. No society can be imagined without this stimulus, but how is it that a world had been created where the most precious thing is a paper, a coin?

What does money bring? A complex question but simple at the same time as it creates in our mind wishes, disappointments, dreams and excitement. Money brings happiness. This means a lot: a good life, with no worries, our dreams come true and we are happy. We become money addicted and we trust its power. If I ask 100 people what they need in order to be happy, the answer

will be the same: money or an interminable list of wishes that can be accomplished with the power of money.

But something may happen to very many people: money takes away our soul and mind, what is human in us. Money has become a financial Santa Clause that brings us less feeling and love. Money lures and deceives minds and souls that are powerless and dominated by promising happiness. And it can also do more...it can buy everything, it offers everything we need in order to live a glamorous life. The modern man has become more and more haughty, greedy and convinced that money can buy happiness and that this = luxury,.....It guarantees the accomplishment of any wish, it buys honour, trust, favour., everything except.....time . We have two resources that we play with: we are born with one resource, namely time and the other is given by society and can be obtained by offering the only viable, that is you can get money by offering time.(when we work 8 hours daily offering them to get money at the end of the month) when you have money you can spend it to obtain, to get time. This goes like this: you are born with time, you buy money, with money you buy time, with time you buy money again, then you buy time again, and money again and at the end you remain without time andyou die! This game is called life and there is only one resource that can keep you alive: time

Time never leaves empty handed but it always takes large luggage with deeds, names and it leaves us sad and lonely. We must save time, be careful not to lose it.

Money is asking for sacrifice. And first it is about time. My time means family, friends, health. Time is money. Time is an expensive resource and its price is being formed according to what dominates a certain situation. Some habits you have at the place of work cost. Others are being done out of habit. You can slow down the clock that wants “to eat” your money. It is used either rationally and efficiently or it can be wasted for ever. The time consumption cannot be optional but it is mandatory. Time costs as it is a resource with absolute limit and an economic asset with maximum rarity.

Time costs due to the fact that its price is formed under the conditions of monopoly and no other alternative offer exists, the need for time being irreducible and practically unlimited as it is being continuously consumed regardless the purpose.

Everything can be measure in time unities, the output, price, efficiency, income, the degree of civilization, consumerism, the differencies of development among fellows and societies. therefore, time must be reconsidered in the analysis, assessments and projections regarding the planning, organization and evaluation of each process.

I would agree and add that happiness = trust, less emotional problems, new experiments, and in this respect we are money addicted.

Money is passing through the power of the mind, knowledge and brilliancy. Clever people attract money. All activities we unfold in life are money addicted. Our society gave it and man made use of this symbolic reality to give goods, assets.

Happier people gain more money and the link between personal happiness and greater income can be good news for the countries with economic problems. A happier society must be one with more gains for its citizens.

2. More Money More Worries

Worries can say more about the person who lives them than about the surrounding world.

So often we deceive ourselves when we believe that a better financial situation may entail lack of worries. Money and worries are in a tight relation as our ideology and culture must be taken into account. Education and training are important when speaking of money(training teaches people how to carry off a certain task more efficiently and education enriches the mind)

Everybody can be dazzled by money whether rich or poor. Our worries are psychological and economic too. We need a relationship of friendship with money by having the same dynamics as an interpersonal relationship; it implies responsibility. Money can buy means to obtain a state of optimism(different things). It can buy the symbol not the real cause of optimism. Prosperity is related to things that are really important for each of us that we use our skills with and bring satisfaction, enthusiasm. And so

money is connected with prosperity as we can have important things for you and for others too. Money represents not the cause of prosperity but an ingredient that helps to make the life we wish. We have valuable lives as such as it can bring advantages.

- Why is money important for us?
- How much do we need to get what is important for us?
- Which is the best way to get money?
- Which are our economic responsibilities towards others when getting and using money?

In order to face the worries connected with money we must take into account an art –the art of personal finances. And we get the rewards.

3. The Crisis of Good Deeds

Our crisis today is the alienation of man from man. What humanity needs is something else. Our society lacks kindness, sympathy, and we cannot see the needs of the person next to us. And we do not care about them. To the economic and social prestige we add a moral and human richness. We do not blame the wish to enrich but the lack of measure, the exaggeration that changes things from means to be at the disposal of man to purposes in man's life and so man becomes the slave of things in the world. He no longer rules the world but the matter, and money leads him. And then man loses his tranquility.

The stingy man is delighted by the projects he can put into practice with the help of money. He has many possibilities to do good deeds but does not. So, the stingy is the opposite of the greedy (the greedy tastes and consumes, the stingy collects and admires the fortune by spending very little money). The greedy wishes to reign over everything but loses the essential things for his life and becomes mean, narrow minded. It is not the need that pushes the rich to be greedy but the power. The more he gains the more he can do whatever he likes with his life, eliminating the feeling of uncertainty.

Avarice shows a disorder in the inner feelings and the greedy is looking for a way to justify his behavior .

The financial and economic crisis is the result of avarice, of financial profit, tax evasion. The rush for profit obtained with no moral becomes a tyranny of the soul and then capitalism is savage and manifests as a passion of

greed, scientifically organized. But even the crisis can be a beginning for a much moderate and sober life for people who are to be more sympathetic and kind.

Money is important as instrument in life and becomes an end in itself. Businesses have as purpose profit but they also organize work and capitalism is thus not a creation of money but a model of social organization where the creative activity of man has attained the greatest efficiency. Money is important as the social differentiation among people and the rich ones have important instruments in their fight with life: economic power, financial independence, social influence, convincing ability, a large social network... And this is not enough because the economic elite of society become political ones with positions in society. These persons build and lead the society and direct the behavior of other members in society.

A negative significance of money is related to corruption when different favours are being obtained.

We were educated to make money. Even when we only write this word we can feel its power. The power to do, to bring, to change.

What can money do? Everything. It can change, ruin, improve,... because we allow it to do. We have created it, we have given it different names, power, and now we are being subdued by it. We look for it, we waste days on end for it, we cannot sleep at night, we forget about our parents and no longer care about them, we forget our friends....

We are running after it because we enjoy only material things.

It has a very great power, namely it makes you feel that no matter how present it can be it is never enough, there is always place for more and more...

Instead of conclusion: money entails something good for us:

- It helps us live valuable lives when it is being accompanied by the virtues we have
If we wish more money this is not called greed if see it as a reward
- Happiness belongs to the soul; love, fulfilment, accomplishments bring happiness; we create our happiness by giving and receiving....
- Happiness can bring money because if you are happy then accomplishments come in a natural way.

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