

5.0 ECONOMICS AS TUBERCULOSIS

Meaning and Measure of Progress and Development

Are the countries of the UK, USA and Japan examples of developed economies? “Yes, of course!” Why? Because they consume more?

Is consumption not the measure and model of ‘economic development’ for the rest of the world? Yes it is. Economic progress and development is measured according to the mythical level of per capita income and in the corresponding levels of consumption. What did we say is another word, a synonym of the word ‘consume’? Waste.

Let us define the meaning of ‘Economics’.

The textbook defines

Economics as:

“The efficient use of scarce resources.”

Why are some countries called

‘Developed’ and ‘Developing’?

Answer:

Because the ‘developed’ countries consume more Energy and materials.

Consumption, therefore, meaning ...

The volume of energy and materials used and used up,

Is the sole model and measure

Of development.

This model and measure of development have _? two very dangerous meanings.



THE UK, THE US, AND JAPAN THROW AWAY 220 BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF FOOD EVERY YEAR.

Is waste good economics?

FIRST:

'Developed' countries
Are superior to
'Developing' countries.

SECOND.

'Developing' countries must copy the
'Developed' countries and must therefore
Consume as much, if not more,
Energy and materials
In order for the 'developing' to become
"Developed".

Discussion and Argumentation

Argumento Uno: Are Developed Countries Superior?

Are 'developed' countries superior and
'Developing' countries inferior?

Excuse me.

The 'developing' countries had
Highly-developed civilizations
When 'developed' countries
Were still killing each other.

They killed their own people and
Then they killed each other
And their neighbors.
In never-ending wars
In killings so brutal and so vile,
And for reasons so silly,
The stories cannot be told at
Dinner with the family.

Oh by the way,
Who started the two WORLD wars?
Last century?

That killed more than **100 million human beings?**

Was it the 'developing' countries?

Argumento Dos: One Earth

The second meaning is more
Dangerous and Disastrous.

If the 'developing' aspires to be
'Developed'
Must the 'developing' look at the 'developed' and
Copy Conspicuous Consumption?

Scientific studies show that
If all of us
MORE THAN SEVEN BILLION PEOPLE
On Earth
Were to copy the lifestyles and
Wasteful Ways of the
'Developed countries'
We will need the resources of

... NINE EARTHs.

Excuse me,
The last time you looked,
How many Earths
Do we have?

Another Unhealthy Meaning

By the way,
The word 'consumption'
Has two other meanings
Called
'Synonyms'.

The dictionary defines the
word

'Consume' as -- to use, and use up.

Another word – a synonym – of the word consume is to



Picture of the one and only Earth (___ Change better
picture of a whole Earth

Waste.

By definition therefore, to 'Consume' is to 'Waste'.

In medical terms, the word
'Consumption' means
'Tuberculosis'.

It refers to a serious disease where a
bacteria

The *tubercle bacilli*

Eats up and wastes away the

The Lungs and the heart,

And then the

Other life-giving organs of the

Human Body

_____ (put a line here
from the work of
Charles Dickens
describing the terrible
life of 19th ___- century
England,

Remember comparing the Earth to the Human Body?

With the trees and forests being the

Heart and the lungs of the Earth?

Who and what is the bacteria that is

Eating away and wasting,

The trees and the forests?

Who is poisoning the air that we breathe?

Who is poisoning the water that drink

And who is scraping off the life of the soil?

For a few drops of oil?

In medical language, this disease is called

Consumption tuberculosis!

What is the bacteria that causes the disease?

We must search for it -- *pronto!*

Ahora mismo!

There it is. The bacteria is called?

It is the supposedly thinking animal

That is acting like a bacteria that is eating away

At the vital organs of the Earth

The land, the air and the waters upon which it depends for Life

The bacteria is called

Tubercle homo-cilli

This bacteria must be ___ given some thought
 It is in its nature to think
 If not
 It will end in killing off itself.

An Oxymoron and a Moron

To repeat, 'developed' economies are called such
 Because they consume more,
 And waste more
 Energy and materials

Of the one and only

Earth.

Is waste good economics?
 By definition, a developed economy is that which
 Is most efficient in the use of scarce resources.

Is a wasteful economy
 A 'developed' economy?

Or is it a 'contradiction of terms' –
 An oxymoron.
 And the economist who will dare continue to call it
 A 'developed' economy
 Is an oxygen-deprived
 Moron.

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So, from now on, let us call out the culprit:
 Let us please stop calling these wasteful countries as
 'Developed' economies and us
 'Developing'.
 Let us drop them as models and measures.

From now on, let us call them
 'Over-Consuming' or 'OC's.
 OC also means 'Obsessive Compulsive'
 A psychological disorder
 Exhibited in the symptom of
 Excessive hoarding of material things.

From now on, let us call the
 OCs
 Over-consuming Countries.

So, from now on,
 We in the thousand islands of
 Pretty Perlas
 And others like us who they dare to call
 'Developing'

From now on,
 Please stop calling us
 'Developing' country.
 Instead, please call us
 LCs
 'Low-consuming countries' –

From now on,
 OCs must copy the LCs
 Instead of taking and taking as
 what OCs do
 LCs will teach them the art of
 giving,
 And of the other meaning of
 LC –
 Loving and Caring.



A Call to Action

My friend, I call upon you to take action.
From now on,
If you hear anyone call countries
Developed and
Developing

Please raise you right hand
Like you would in the classroom
And then say,
Like a top-caliber lawyer in a
Court of Law

“Objection, your Honor, misleading!”

Then, you may say:

I respectfully beg your pardon, Mr. Speaker.
I do not mean to disrupt the discussion.
But I must disrupt the kind of thinking
To today’s great miseries that this is causing.

And then you can read excerpts from the
Argumentum Uno and Dos
They are your weapons of choice
Words and meanings
That shift thoughts and actions

*When we change words,
We change meanings.
When we change meanings,
In the end, we change the mind.*

EX-CON and CPR ECONOMICS

If EX-CON economics –
Progress and development measured
In reckless extraction and
Mindless consumption
Of today's thinking
Is not is bad news,
What is good news?

It is the exact opposite of
Extraction and Consumption

It is Conservation, Protection, and Restoration (CPR)

It is the Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation of the
Vital organs and
Sources of Life on this one Earth
The Land, the Air, and the Waters –
The LAW of Life.

It is also called Restorative Economics. It is the kind of
economics that seeks to restore:

1. The LAW of Life.
2. The lost connection between man and Nature,
3. The threads in the fabric of human society.
4. The common sense goal of Life – the Experience of
Happiness!

On this
A story will be told better
A bit later

One day, the national newspaper had a banner headline.
The President of Perlas reported that the GDP grew by 7%.

At the lower half of the front page,
A news article said that the
Richest man of the country has just increased
His net worth.
From only 10 billion dollars three months ago,
It is now 12 billion dollars.
A 20%. Increase!

Is this economic progress?