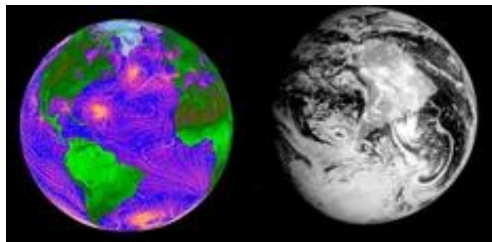


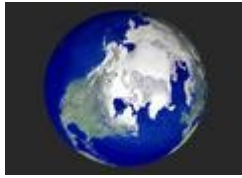
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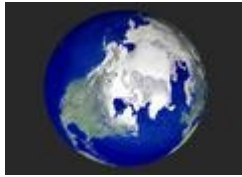
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Development and dreams



Dreaming and praying

**I dream of no more wars,
No more discrimination,
No more sorrows,
No more humiliation,
Among countries.**

**I pray for more happiness,
More inclusion,
More tenderness,
More compassion,
Among individuals.**

**If that time one day comes,
Dreams would become reality,
Prayers would become solutions,
Leading to total harmony and equality.**

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Development and views on global warming



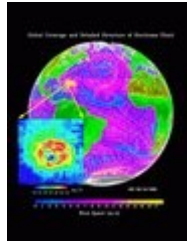
Different ways of facing global warming

**The official view,
Keep the oil economy running,
Just manage to minimize or neutralize new emissions,
Ensuring that those left without protection are few.**

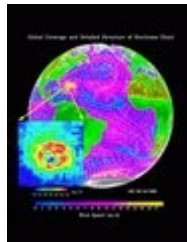
**The skeptical environmentalist view,
Forget emissions and invest in renewable energy technology,
The social and environmental benefits of doing so are many,
Yet the official supporters are few.**

**The true sustainability view,
In the short term, tax the oil economy heavily,
And invest the proceed to develop long-term the clean economy,
One where social and environmental externalities are few.**

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Development and discrimination



The need to avoid development discrimination

**Two main views on development discrimination,
One that it is driven by a random process,
The other that it is purposive marginalization,
Affecting the fabric of social classes.**

**If development discriminates randomly,
Then it is a matter of chance
For each of us to end up living in extreme poverty
Or extreme economic abundance.**

**But if development discriminates by design,
By a group or a nation
Then, the growing poverty gap is a good sign
Of increasing social exploitation.**

**Which ever the story behind reality,
If left unchecked, development discrimination
Leads to increasing economic inequality
And social alienation.**

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Development and sustainability



It is sustainability!

**It does not exist to the left,
It thrives under trust,
It does not exist to the right,
Cooperation is a must,
It values unity...
It is sustainability!**

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Development and your heart



It is your heart, not your brain

**It is your heart, not your brain,
the most reliable tool to use
when addressing issues of extreme abuse
and social pain.**

**It is a fact,
your brain,
like the market,
has no feelings.**

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Development and peace



What is the nature of peace?

**Can you tell me please,
What is the nature of peace?,
When it can be lasting
And when it can be lacking?**

**Peace is the combination of cooperation,
Accommodation,
Forgiveness,
And fairness.**

**As only under fairness,
Cooperation, accommodation and forgiveness
Become drivers of lasting peace,
As then they provide the symphony for a respectful human dance.**

**It is known that under unfairness,
And hate,
Peace can not be timeless,
As goodwill dissipates at the mediation gate.**

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Development and social responsibilities



Keep up your social responsibilities

**It is easy to lose your temper,
To forget the meaning of peace,
When living under injustice,
When witnessing social despair.**

**However, you can protest if you want to,
You can get emotional,
You can test your public discourse abilities,
But do not let those negative sensibilities to
Lead you away from your social
Responsibilities.**

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Development and type of leaders



Selfish and Unselfish Leaders

**Selfish leaders are expected,
When dealing with economic issues,
To put first their head,
Not their heart's wishes:
They know this is good for market's forces.**

**Unselfish leaders will put society first,
Not the economy,
As they think with their heart,
While ignoring their head's agony:
They know this is good to address the common good's calamity.**

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Development and poverty



The old paradox of poverty

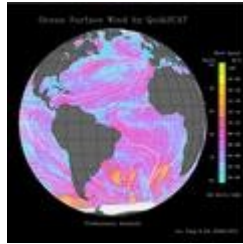
**A white dove,
Feeling upbeat, enjoying liberty,
Struck a conversation with a blue crane,
On the topic of how to eliminate poverty.**

**Said the dove with charming flavour,
" Take care of yourself first,
Then your close, far away neighbour,
The law of the market ."**

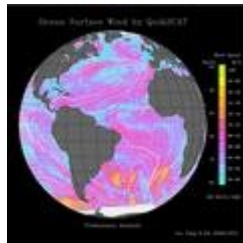
**No, exclaimed the crane with respectful gestures,
" Take care of our community needs first,
Then your family, personal needs,
The law of the human heart."**

**Then, they agreed,
They were facing the old paradox of poverty,
One that gives priority to individual over social need,
The other that places social over individual equity.**

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Development and market ups and downs

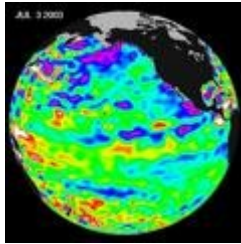


Economic coincidence or consequence?

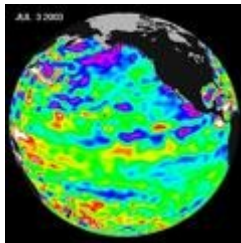
**The economic world is right now upside down,
As when you look up, down and around,
You can hear the heartless market that put you down,
Asking for social help to remain above ground.**

**Is it a coincidence,
Or a consequence
To become so needy,
After being so greedy?**

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Development and backward capitalism

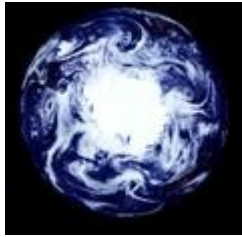


From Forward to Backward Capitalism

**A theoretical fact, under forward capitalism,
There is no altruism,
Financial bail outs of losers are immoral,
And the view that only the market matters is central:
When growth is always possible,
Backward capitalism is impossible.**

**A practical fact, currently the survival of capitalism,
Requires government altruism,
Financial bail outs of losers, except markets, are seen as non-essential,
And the view of nicely tying the invisible hands becomes primordial:
When saving the market is our moral obligation,
Then there exist a backward capitalist notion.**

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Development and the sustainability test



Human kind please hear the warning

**Development facts,
Global warming issues,
Sustainability limits,
The world is held by weak strings.**

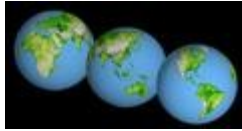
**Economies are growing,
Environmental quality is declining,
Social inequalities are deepening,
And therefore, the climate change box is expanding.**

**Human kind please hear the warning,
Under global warming,
Eco-economic agents can not pass the sustainability test
If they themselves become sources of deeper social unrest.**

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Development and the market that always wins

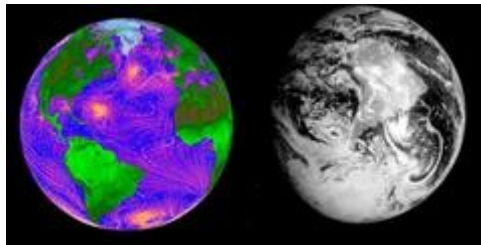


Economic hypocrisy

**Even when a society is about to be placed in a financial casket,
Marketers scream very loudly the word “bail out” is immoral,
The law of efficiency;
Now when the capitalist bull hits a red, not soft, but solid wall,
It is the moral obligation of society to bail out the market,
The new law of economic hypocrisy.**

**Hence, what we have today can be called “back and forth capitalism”,
A market that always wins,
In good times, it bubbles up social losers with its free invisible hands,
In bad times, when over-shooting its prey it demands government altruism.**

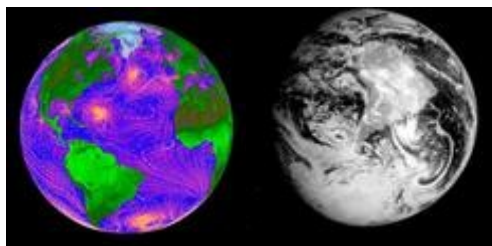
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