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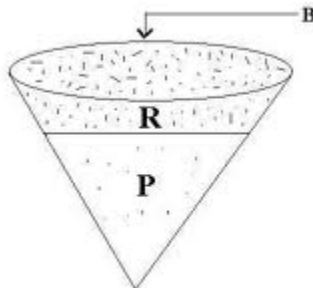


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The Feelings Of Social Struggles

**In politics,
Being socially aware
When those ruling are socially blind
Can make your life as fragile as thin glass; and the
Feeling you get under such pressures is as hurting as the one
You experience when listening to the most heartbreaking love song.**

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Reshaping Capitalism

**It looks like social movements,
Locally and globally,
Are behaving in the eyes of elites like irrational storms
When screaming “Occupy”.**

**It looks like a new and diverse social struggle has been born,
Which needs to go through evolving paths until the free
Interactions of similarities and differences; and clashes with the system
Lead to a common goal and journey against the same social threat.**

**Sustainability suggests that capitalism will be reshaped
Step by step the day those social forces everywhere unite along one common
Issue across local, national, and global systems,
This is the growing poverty gap.**

**If that day ever comes
Or becomes a reality,
Then at the end of the dark local and global social tunnel
There will be a system with the short-term goal of meeting basic social,
Economic and environmental needs;
And with the long-term goal of eliminating environmental,
Economic and social poverty.**

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Is Your Church Your Brain or Your Heart?

**When your church is your brain,
Then the bread you make will be used to satisfy
Your individual self-interest only
Regardless of social pain.**

**But if your church is your heart,
Then the bread you make, like Robin Hood,
Will be used in great part to meet the common good
From the start.**

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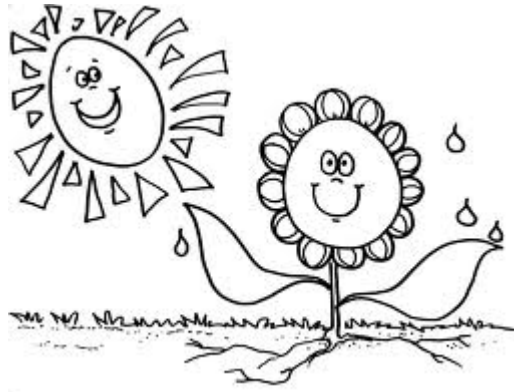


Where Did The Money Go?

**We hear about companies that are going bust,
We hear about places that are on the way to financial dust,
We hear about countries that feel they are not too close to the blast,
And we hear that global markets are now being ruled by mistrust.**

**We hear about social inequalities still rising,
And we hear about even whole countries collapsing,
But Bro,
Where did the money go?**

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Easy, Difficult, and War

**With clear or unclear motive
And even in the presence of wise men
It is easy to condemn,
But difficult to forgive.**

**Keep in mind
We take the destiny of others as a toy
Fully knowing that it is easy to destroy,
But difficult to build.**

**And when you feel strong
Especially feeling among the most dominant of all pies
It is easy to spread lies,
But difficult to say that war as a policy is wrong.**

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If We Could Squeeze A Selfish Heart

**If we could squeeze the heart of a selfish individual,
A rational man concerned only with himself,
We would probably generate a similar residual
As when a careless market turns on itself:
A poverty generating trap
Exponentially feeding the growing poverty gap.**

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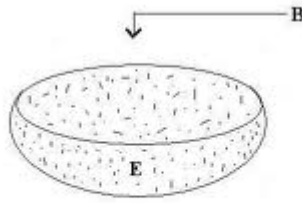


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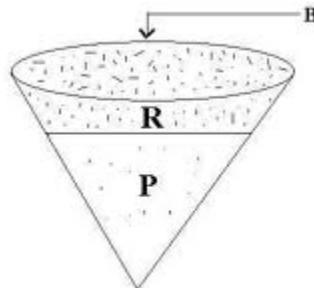


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