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Joseph E. Stiglits reviewing Benjamin Friedman Book "*The Moral Consequences of Economic Growth*", stresses that "growth has not only obvious economic benefits but moral benefits as well; he argues that growth has the potential to improve the environment, reduce poverty, promote democracy and make for a more open and tolerant society".

However "Stiglits" realizes "that growth has not always brought the promise benefits"... The market economy does not automatically guarantee growth, social justice, or even economic efficiency; achieving those ends requires that governments play important roles."

Focusing on GDP solely does not ensure that growth is accompanied by societal goods, such as greater equality, access to services and better environment.

“The debate should not be centered on whether one is in favour of growth or against it. The question should be, are there policies that can promote what might be called moral growth?... Growth that is sustainable, that improves living standards, and that leads to a more tolerant, open society”.

“Stiglitz” continues “Also what can be done to ensure that the benefits of growth are shared equitably creating a society with more social justice, and solidarity, rather than one with deep refits and cleavages of the time that became so apparent in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina?”

Growth and Environmental Degradation

“Mahatma Gandhi” was once asked ; would you like free India to be as developed as the country of its colonial masters Britain? .. his reply was a stunning NO: if it took Britain to rape half of the world to be where it is, how many worlds would India need? Indeed this question and answer confront humanity today.

Today it is more clear than before how the western model of growth is intrinsically toxic .

It squandered the resources of our planet: materials and energy and it generated enormous waste. The model could not have been possible had it not been accompanied by the immorality of imperialism, colonization and capture of the weak world's resource.

The toxic emissions from the so called civilized world have put the entire world's climate system at risk, *externalizing the illicit consequence of their attained prosperity to the less fortunate and less able to deal with its implications.*

This is not the *Model of Growth* for the new world to emulate and the culprits must come to terms with a new world where rape of resources and markets is no longer feasible.

Biological Base of the Economic System:

After all we should not lose sight of the *biological underpinning of our economic systems.*

Today the economic signs of ecological stress are visible everywhere: soil *erosion of the croplands, grasslands, deforestation, declining fisheries, destroyed wetlands and flood and droughts.*

The stresses would at the next level manifest themselves in economic terms: *social distress* and *eventual civil strife and political unrest.*

New Model of Development

Humanity has no choice but *to reinvent a new human development model.*

The strong and rich must restrain their *excessive demand on our planet resources* and the *new model must* ensure equitable

redistribution of our planet resources ; Humanity should wisely seek to harness energy and material supply from our universe, as well together with renewable resources of our planet.

The New Model of Human Development entails low-cost engineering and lean production processes, focusing on material and energy productivity, and restraining wasteful consumption and greed. (The Economist No. dated).

The core of the New Model would enhance "global environment justice"; This notion of justice demands in the first place outright enforcement of prohibition of dumping of toxic waste in the poor world.

“ Global environment justice” , demands secondly, adhering forcefully to the principle of “Polluters Pay the Price” “PPP” so as to support the helpless victims in Africa and elsewhere by comprehensive remedial measures: capacity enhancement to deal with the adverse consequences of environmental degradation , revival of crop lands , grass lands and afro-station, enhancing rain-fed farming, organic pastures and rural water harvest.

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