

FROM GROWTH TO EXCHANGE OR FROM EXCHANGE TO GROWTH

The philosopher Gabriel Marcel shows that the human being has to experience three "value-states", namely: **having, being and giving**, within a society of exchange and growth.

In order to make an exchange one must **have** something to trade (material goods, affective riches, cultural worth), and **be** in a differentiated culture which allows one to trade the best of oneself (**giving**).

And, it is the economic situation that remains the point of departure towards the blossoming of self and growth.

"One can't live on love and fresh air." To be and to give requires one to own something of basic value (purchasing power) which allows one to undertake economic, social and other exchanges.

With this evolution towards globalisation, there are three models to choose from:

1. That of neoliberalism such as we experience today, which in the longer run produces poverty, injustice and turmoil.
2. That of an economy which is so planned (through supervision and high taxation) and so regulated (e.g. 35-hour working week, fighting irregular (black) labour, etc.) that society gets stuck.
3. That of a "mobile" society at the level of people and jobs.

We believe this third model should be chosen, while adding to it **an important corrective** feature which is the unconditional BASIC INCOME.

Plunging the citizen into mobility of work and choices without some security (safety net) merely makes security and initiative the privileged preserve of the rich.

Giving everyone a Basic Income provides a safety net which allows humanly bearable risks to be taken.

Furthermore, guaranteeing an asset (Basic Income + minimum income) and providing freedom of action allows the citizen to take command of his destiny, to trade with others and enrich the lives of himself and those about him ...

In this way, based on a secure platform, growth of exchanges can be guaranteed and become a source of enrichment for globalised humanity.

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