

The Economics of Religion in Perspective of Christianity.

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Abstract: The 21st century is an era of dynamic competition in all fronts. we are living in a selfish world: 'You' have been replaced by 'I'. He/she/they comes later or remain silent, in this connection, the economics philosophy of wealth and human behavior, together with Christian doctrine in regards to moral and spiritual values that are deteriorating and the need for revitalized is the essence. Social evils like rapes, corruption, domestic violent and sexual intercourse and immoral activities etc., are growing rampantly and life has becoming less important and meaningless. Men greed or hunt for wealth's are sky rocketing. The economics science teaches us how to maximize profit, how to make consumer a sovereign, with ultimate goals of attaining maximum happiness and welfare to all peoples by efficient use and proper provision of the available resources. Vilfredo Pareto defines efficiency as the point where somebody gain off without hurting someone or kept somebody worst off. This logic is correct, but the ideas are that all production theory, consumption theory and distribution theory of economics etc., are working at the efficiency point, below it or above it. This is a task to be addressed in my paper, making stress on fundamental economics and religion philosophy. The Biblical law and Economics law, so as to maximize happiness and satisfaction of the masses with changing dynamic technology driven and knowledge driven world. On account of stiff competition in the international arena of manufacture goods and agriculture goods along with robust growth in tertiary sectors like tourism, hospitality etc., indeed people have overlooked the weak and the less privilege class. Sustaining life are being becoming worst off ever than some century ago. Which means the gap between have and have not are ever expanding. In fact, the doctrines of physio-crates who believed in the law of nature has gradually declining. Mankind are more aggressive and irresponsible for negative externality and religious philosophy are merely confine to positive externality but focus more on negative externality with the profit and self-center activities of human kind. How far have Christian philosophy help to make changes to the world and people around them. What about human unlimited want, are they ever widening or in tune with the carrying capacity of the biosphere. Mahatma Gandhi Father of our Nation had rightly pointed out that there are enough resources for the country but People are selfish and are not willing to share, rather keep up storing to make themselves rich and richer and self-centric. With the huge incremental demand of the global world and its markets due to growing population, most non-renewable resources are depleting and the global climate issues are put to greater risk. The paper will throw light by using deductive and inductive logic with certain assumptions. The following assumption are:

1) All things are created by God

2) There is less competition in the beginning of life on earth

3) There is a divine power behind natural law which science cannot explain and beyond human mind. For instances, the story of creation of the universe and all forms of life as mentioned in the book of Genesis in the Holy Bible.

4) Man is the most intelligent creation of God transforming from immortal life leading to mortality by the sins of Adam and Eve our Biblical parents. With these certain assumption, Others argument will be taken into consideration.

In any literature, the state was born due to the need of mankind according to Aristotle, all together with the invention of wheel, fire and arts of cultivation, along with the growth of money, transaction and exchange comes into the economy, specialization and division of labor arises due to human limitation and different resource endowment and with the industrial revolution that gave rises to colonization and international trade.

The main discussion of the paper would be rational human being, Scarcity of resources, unlimited human wants, Rise of competition, Externality of growth and development. And the last is to address a mix of material world which are temporary and the Ideal world which are of permanent in nature from Christian perspective.

An attempt will be made to link prosperity in materials world together with nether world (Heaven) which is of permanent nature in Religious Ideology and faith of Christianity. The externalities issues that arise because of human behavior in tandem with natural resources and unique planet earth. After death where will our soul be? since Biblically fact recorded that we are destined for either Hell or Heaven. The choice is absolutely only one but the beauty of that is during our life span when we reconciled our wrongdoing and accept him as God. If so people have opportunities to shift from Hell towards Heaven by the Love and grace of God. And there is no way to go back from Heaven to Hell, both are eternal bliss or eternal damnation for every actions of ours in this

present world for things we do during our life spans, for things that we do either noble deeds or evils deeds. What about richness in the world as well as in Heavenly abode. It's all depends on how we live our life on earth. Are we selfish? or are we generous? How do we live our life here on earth decides the fates of the nether HeavenlyWorld i.e. the spiritual world where we shall all be like angel of God? With perfect happiness, no sorrow, no pain, no injustice whereby God himself with be with the chosen races and his faithful and selected people of His and his kingdom shall have no end.

The conclusion will be an insight of economics ideology and religious ideology when upholds together will let us live happily here and after life on earth. That is God first love us, so all we need to love him back by keeping his Law for getting divine life. The Bible is the word of God that dwelt deeply on Love Story of God and his redemption of all his creation especially human kind. So to get into Heaven, we must live a life of perfection by following the Law of God and remained pious and holy. We must have personal relationship with God who creates us and had first loved us with non-limitations. We are called upon to be humane and try for reduction of poverty, corruptions, unemployment and go for equal and just world where the maxim is one people, one world and happiness of all.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The economic activity of man's life began from day 1 of his appearance and creation by the divine power and will of God. He was created in the likeness and images of God. God gave first man Adam the breath of life(soul), called the soul of a person. He gave power over biotic and non-biotic components and are about all others creation. He was the special and loving being having life in unity and fellowship with God and became the dearest and the loveliest living being for God. Adam and Eve, the first parents were forbidden to eat the fruit of the middle garden meaning forbade sexual intercourse between them. They are immortal like God himself at first before committing sexual immorality. The devil was so cunning and jealous of man who are immortal and started evils plan to destroy and separated man relationship with Holy and perfect God. Both had fallen a prey to devil ways of projecting themselves as equal to God the sooner they will eat of the forbidden fruits. The knowledge of good and evil had transmitted to them from the very moment, they ate the fruit. The original sins committed by them brought us death. God chase them out from garden of Eden. Since from that times onwards man began to work for bread, he needs shelter and clothing etc. This were basic elementary need of first human being, he gathered and wander from place to place in search of food, clothing and shelter before knowing the method of cultivation and before knowing how to make fire. Thus, that was the traditional ideology of economics science was borne in getting wealth for food, for living and for survival. The notion of living by way of production, consumption and distribution were the rudimentary form of using resources to meet the goal of survival. In the Genesis, we came across vividly the offering of first fruits of every kind by Abel as offering to God as thank giving here come the ideas of tradeoff between God and Man. As recorded in the Holy Bible, Abel himself was upright and pure heart and love of God. God perceived his heart and activities and bless him abundantly. And God had looked upon Abel with mercy and not upon Cain because of his wicked heart and for cheap offering to God, not giving the best he had. God were not happy with Cain. So, Abel paid a price of his life to the hands of his wicked brother Cain who had face off Abel out of hatred for receiving God's favor. This is how the Christian Ideology of virtues and vice, the concept of right and wrong came into decision making and thought process of human kind. In economics, i.e. every action produced positive as well as negative externality. In science, we are familiar with Newton third Law that is every action has opposite and equal reaction. Thus, the very foundation of economics lies ingenerating positive externality, negative externality, rational decision making in consumption, production etc., rational choice, the theory of production, consumption theory, distribution theory, notion of equilibrium, efficiency and marketable surplus etc., were generated in the primary agrarian economy. The fundamental economics question like how to produce? What to produce? For whom to produce? Where to live? what to eat and what not? Etc. made them developed deductive methodology and inductive methodology of Human behavior in relationship to his taste and preference, his method of production, his method of making a living, etc., the very idea of wealth getting economy was imbedded upon agrarian economy and allied activities of early man ever since the evolutionary history of mankind. The subject economics also discussed the positive aspect and normative aspect of utilization of scarce resources for many with self-motivated and selfish interest of a person makes other benefit in the form of externality. Undoubtedly, man self-interested individual in the long run promotes the society wellbeing as a whole. The maxim of early days' people was that, He who worked shall eat and have right to eat and lazy people should not eat and go hungry. So work culture and time utility, place utility and satisfaction of man, many unlimited want can be

increasing met by hard work. As it is also said, 'God help those who help themselves' was an axiom of the real world of tough and stiff competition in all fields. God himself let us make free will, to have our own freedom but told that we must earn bread by the sweat i.e., hard work to make a living. He allowed us to make decision for ourselves by doing noble deeds or evils deeds which we called sins that detached us from God for God is holy pure and perfect and Sins is the work of Devils and separation from God like the way pure water and dirty water cannot be mixed together for drinking purpose. God redemptive plans is for people who abides by his commandment, good people shall inherit heaven and sinners who do not keep his commandment, shall be condemned to Hell along with Satan and his angels.

In economics terminology, human kinds are given freedom to do productive and unproductive works that have produced externality. In the ancient civilization, competition was lesser in degree as of now due to surplus resources and less human's need. The natural resources like land, water and air were abundant to them. Population were also thin, the so called 'the supply side economics' were more than the demand side economic of the ancient civilization. Man prime motives was to earn a bread and have sound physical body rather than more knowledge and Ideas of the mind as of now. With the passage of time and ages; humans have come to discover the knowledge of making fire, making wheel and producing tools and equipment's beginning from stone age to brown age and then to Iron age etc. The concept of classical economists like labor market, land market and product market were basically embedded in the agrarian economy and its allied activities from that very first day when Man were thrown out of the Garden of Eden.

In the light of present world which are vibrant and dynamic nature in term of technology and dynamic knowledge driven world, comprising lot of cut throat competition. Where the survival of the fittest according to Charles Darwin theory of Evolution were almost in perfect tune with the wealth earning activity of the present economy of the world. Time are so scarce where one human has to do more and more work and got less leisure time and human's behavior are so self-motivated and search for self-perfection and self-happiness. Dashing with the unlimited human wants and limited scarcity of resources; due to population explosion and excessive utilization of the carrying capacity of the biosphere and planet earth. We are living in an era with so many rich people breathing polluted air, consuming polluted water and bearing the fury of nature and the global drastic climate change and emission of poisonous gas and carbon dioxide by industrial origin and automobiles have cracked the Ozone Layer that protect the Infra-Red Ray coming to the surface of the earth. The present world has shown phenomenon deteriorating moral values, discipline towards elders, loss of moral ethics and civic sense, fair competition is undermined by foul competition using corruption, nepotism and favoritism other than on account of abilities and capabilities in getting government, Jobs of mostly developing nations. False measure and price discrimination, inflation and unemployment have become the social norm of most nations. The world we live now is in danger of carrying capacity and Global Climate change, nature fury becomes the hallmarks of unexpected and unpredictable like volcanoes eruption, earthquake and floods are common things which were not very common phenomenon in the past. Economics issues like poverty, unemployment, inflation, preparation for war, crimes, injustice and the gap between have and have not are ever widening and constantly with the high income economy, medium income economy and low income economy are distinct features of all nations. There are no nations without economic issues.

II. LINKAGES OF BIBLICAL FACT FROM CHRISTIANITY PERSPECTIVE TO ECONOMICS SCIENCE AND ITS IDEOLOGY.

Holy Bible is the treasure house regarding soul that will inherit heaven and no more second death. Bible revealed about materials and spiritual welfare, happiness and permanent peace and bliss and perfection of life. Which we have experienced now by keeping his commandments and to get on to future world (Heaven), where God's governed and his reign over his people will be forever and ever along with him and his angles in heaven. Christianity are those peoples or followers and believers, who have been following the Goods News that are being written down in the Holy Scripture all about eternal love of God for humanity. Even the dot mentioned in Bible won't go without its fulfillment. Everything will come about? what will happen to the world? For God is Alpha and Omega.

Christianity are those people who have been believing and have faith in Jesus the savior of the world. The teaching of Jesus is all about the kingdom of God Heaven and Hell. Those people with virtues are destined for heaven and vice people will go to Hell. Jesus himself declared that none of the people see God except Him, who had come from God for He is the only begotten son of the sovereign God. He has the authority to grant eternal life and death to soul and body alike, yet all human being cannot have killed the soul of Man even when they killed the body. That is why he warned all humans to worship him and keep God's commandment that will keep the soul eternal salvation. Christ will not Judge our past life, wicked life and blotted out our sins when we are really and sincerely feel sorry and ask forgiveness and repent and sins no more than God shall reward with everlasting life. But to the wicked generations committing all crimes like lies, corruption, fornication, murderer, serving and worshipping the false God without repentance and ignorant and rejection of Jesus and his mission of

divine love and grace (the Good News) will be condemned to endless torment in Hell for ever and ever. The mission entrusted by Jesus to all Christian is spread the divine message of love and grace of God. But any human can go for his own way whether to accept or reject it. His Mission is to make himself known to all people that He is the Savior of the world and of human for He was He is and He will come for his chosen race, He had purchased us all with his precious bloods that was flowed down in Calvary cross to save many people from hell and give life to its fullest beyond measures. His message revolves around love, mercy, grace, repentance, forgiveness, reconciliation, worshipping, faith, hope etc., and about peace in the world and peace of heart and soul.

The Holy Bible clearly tell us that ‘The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom’ It has two meanings:

1. Fear stand for loving and serving God with all heart and soul and not to do wrong.
2. To stop doing evils deeds like fornication, murderer, vanity, corruption, etc.,

Secondly It is written ‘seek first the kingdom of God than everything shall be added unto You’.

The statement clearly told us to stay connected to God and have personal relationship by communicating through the worship for He created us and we are his people. When this is done the materials need and requirement of life wealth, money, house, knowledge, peace, love, joy, wisdom, power etc., shall be added unto our life. On the condition that we keep all his commandments. Again it is also said that ‘seek’ you will find. ‘Knock’ the door shall be opened. And ‘Asked’ it will be given to you, for a father knows very well that his sons desire and want. Gods knows and perceive our heart even before we speak out. So justification of the about statement must be done with genuineness and pure and holy heart with devotion and search for truth. Many people complaints that they want to see God but can’t that real truth for not finding and seeing Jesus himself is because of doubt and faithless heart and stubborn heart that really needs to get true transformation. If our heart is holy and pure and humble down ourselves before God. We can be 100 percent sure of seeing God and experienced him in our day today life.

III. THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS OF ECONOMICS.

What to produce? How to produce? For whom to produce? These three basics questions should be asked from God after acknowledging as our true God. For he knew the scarcity of resources, tries to tremendous expanse needs of humanity and of growing population. The major economic problems all over the global economy and nations were inflation, unemployment, poverty, less income growth, health, diseases, natural calamities, bad monsoon, competition of resources, market failure, eternity etc., From the perspectives of economics, trade-off, between demand and supply exists, exchange exists, Rational decision and rational choice were the epitome of modern days economics, Both the Biblical facts are recorded in the Old Testament and New Testament that dealt with God love story for Jews and Gentiles together and by becoming universal God and deals with King making. Sending of prophet to reveals about the love of God for humanity and spoke more about his kingdom of Heaven and not of this temporary world. God want all his people to worship in spirit and not to Idols or manmade or false Gods. Because they are powerless and cannot take souls to Heaven since they are not the God who creates all things under Heaven and Earth. The feast of Passover in the history of Jews focus on God’s leading his chosen race to the promised land which he promised to give them a land flowing with milks and honey to them from under the ruled of Egyptians who were Godless and adore false God.

Role of Christianity in Nation Building.

- ✚ God gave them Kings like Solomon to rule like the elected president and prime minister of all nations.
- ✚ Christian try to spread Ideal education and literacy to all people to make transformation within themselves and to become an Ideal citizen.
- ✚ Spread of medical science and technology: the missionary knew very well that health is wealth. So they try to reduced infant mortality, mother mortality and ensure longevity as one strongest ideals of running mission hospital to alleviate poor health and provide good health to the people.
- ✚ Spiritual growth of humanity: The Goods new is to be spread and speak to and share to all people for God so love the world. He is the savior of all people from time immemorial. For the Gates of Heaven and that key of heaven are given and all authority are given by Jesus our Lord and God to his followers and his peoples.
- ✚ Miracles took place when science, technology, and doctors fails to treat and diagnose the ailments. We have seen rising of the death, walking on water of Galilee, chasing out of demon from man and giving sight to the blind and helping the cripples walk again, healing of the Epilepsy etc., are some recorded episode in the Bible.
- ✚ Sending of the Holy Ghost: All scriptures are written by the influence of Holy Ghost and the Twelve apostles who suffered pains and deaths for the spread of the Good News is an act of Holy Ghost and divine power of God.

- ✚ Entrusting the very mission of love: God's word and Biblical message is to love all equally not only to our own family, community and society even to those distant neighbors and enemy who takes our life on account of faith in him.

IV. CONCLUSION

The Bible is the most reads book in the world. Whatever recorded in it were 100 percent true and all about God's divine theory of giving salvation to Mankind. The Bible tells us to be upright and remain Holy all the times. It makes us known the power of Grace and mercy of God. Even the dot mention in Bible won't go unfulfilled. It is the books of two worlds Temporary and divine world where man shall inherit after life on earth. Bible talk about human mind, heart and soul to accumulates wealth and riches both on earth and on heaven. All economic activities of economic ingredient were also written. So the purpose of life is mentioned. Lastly, let us get transformed in the light of Bible and economic growth and economic development will soon achieve by keeping the Lord Commandment. The universe is not at all comes out of sudden but there lies behind anything and everything's that had existence in the real world. So God exist and he is supreme, holy and perfect God.

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