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Dear Professor Klaus Schwab!

Imagine if your wife would always get the weekly shopping for free from now on. Everything you need every day would be free. The reason for this could be that everyone would be working without pay because money has been abolished. Of course, you don't have to worry about your property. That has nothing to do with it. It's really just about the means of payment.

The many people who are now at a loss and do not know what the next step will be in regards to climate change or with the industry in the corona crisis would then no longer have to worry. All people, all employees continue to work normally. And the managers do not have to worry about how investments are carried out, how the loans are payed back or how the taxes are best distributed, but they can concentrate entirely on optimizing the conditions for their employees. The only important thing is that the moment the money disappears, people are so motivated to just carry on as before. As motivated and disciplined as all people on earth right now when complying with the Corona measures.

Perhaps the economists are now saying - but that's not how it works. There are no laws for it. But of course there is a law. There is the law of reason, which is above all artificially created laws. And the law of reason says that we are given raw materials from the earth and, through our labor that we, say, received from God, process them for our good until we can enjoy them together.

Everything is free. We get the natural resources from the earth and the labor costs only the daily supply that we and others create. At the time when money disappears, we are all equipped with food, clothing, energy, water and technical equipment. And the amount of people on earth don't increase regardless of if the money disappears. Everything stays as it is in the moment, only the money is gone. It's no problem, because money is not a protective helmet without which one cannot enter the construction site.

But things are gradually changing. Advertising is superfluous, so less people buy things. It does no harm if fewer clothes, shoes, suits or handbags are bought, or if the washing machines and printers last a few years longer. But this saves resources and people have more free time. The employees in the advertising industry are still being supplied because there is still enough food, clothing, energy and water. And all other people are still being supplied with everyday goods. Perhaps people who are no longer needed in the advertising or financial sector go to the food industry and help out there. Or in the social or educational system. Why not? When you only have to work three days a week? Or they set up shared apartments for older people. Starting something new doesn't cost anything. And so it goes on and on, in a more humane direction.

Now comes the economist's raised index finger: But what if there is no competition!

My children are studying architecture and industrial design engineering and they are dying to create sustainable houses and an intelligent aid for people with dementia. They would love to turn their ideas into a finished product! As quickly as possible. The technical progress happened in the market economy but it is due to our knowledge and our innate creativity and drive.

A very common question is what happens to the unpleasant work. Today we are able to make most unpleasant activities more pleasant if one is not under the financial pressure that unpleasant activities must not cost anything. Sharing and togetherness also makes unpleasant things more pleasant. When I was still living in Utrecht on the Nieuwegracht, the fortnightly cleaning of the streets and front doors was celebrated almost like a residential area festival, where neighborly relationships are also cultivated. If the garbage disposal is not left to the cheapest provider, the residential areas think about how to achieve that as little garbage as possible is generated and recyclable materials are separated and transported as well as possible and trouble-free. Of course, all of this has to be well organized. But for that we can use this marvelous thing that we currently use mainly for exchanging cat photos and streaming videos, the Internet. That too is finally free.

Even biblical riddles would be deciphered. The mammon just disappears, it dissolves into thin air, so to speak. And it even explains the riddle in the parable of the vineyard workers. If everyone had worked voluntarily, the confusion with the talents would not have arisen in the first place. There would also finally be a Jubilee that everyone in the world could really enjoy. And it doesn't harm anyone, because after that you don't need any more money. All countries that are now groaning under debt burdens could breathe a sigh of relief. They will be grateful and behave that way. We will all be grateful because we are given everything we need for life and are allowed to give it to each other.

And our entire political landscape is given a real task. In order for it to work, everyone must be motivated to carry on with everything just as before, so that the supply flows are not disrupted and contracts are adhered to. To do this, all politicians have to pull together and it makes no difference whether you have right, left, green, conservative, liberal or socialist views.

Please try to dream with me.

With best regards

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