THE PERSPECTIVE OF FREEDOM

DOESN'T IT ALL COME DOWN TO MONEY, IN THE END? HAVING ENOUGH INCOME? EH?

YOU NEED WEALTH TO ENJOY THE 'GOOD LIFE'!

WELL, IT DOES AND IT DOESN'T! WEALTH IS ONLY USEFUL TO ALLOW YOU TO DO SOMETHING ELSE...

WHAT REALLY COUNTS IS BEING FREE TO DO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO! IF YOU ARE CAPABLE OF DOING SOMETHING?

YES! THAT'S THE KEY - CAPABILITY! WHAT A PERSON CHOSES TO BE AND TO DO, ALONG WITH OTHERS TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS IN LIFE, TO FULFILL THEMSELVES!

SO WHAT IS ALL THIS DEVELOPMENT FOR, THEN?

I MEAN, IF IT ISN'T ABOUT MAKING MONEY AND PURSUING ONLY ECONOMIC GROWTH, WHY DOES IT HAPPEN?

ECONOMIC GROWTH CAN'T BE AN END IN ITSELF - THAT'S JUST GREED! INSTEAD, IT SHOULD BE TO ENHANCE THE LIVES WE LEAD...

...AND THE FREEDOMS WE DESERVE - ALL OF US!

SEAN SAYS THAT BEING POOR IN A RICH COUNTRY, CAN BE A HANDICAP, JUST LIKE LIVING IN A POOR COUNTRY!

YES, THAT'S TRUE! EVEN THOUGH THEIR INCOMES ARE HIGHER! SO, WHILE POVERTY IS SIMPLY A SHORTAGE OF INCOME, THAT IS NOT ALL IT IS!

WHAT ELSE CAN IT BE?

YES, THAT MEN IN HARLEM, USA, DON'T LIVE AS LONG AS MEN IN KERALA, INDIA, FOR EXAMPLE!
"But—most fundamentally—political liberty and civil freedoms are directly important on their own, and do not have to be justified indirectly in terms of their effects on the economy."

Amartya Sen,
"The second reason for taking substantive freedom to be so crucial is that freedom is not only the basis of evaluation of success and failure, but it is also the principal determinant of individual and social effectiveness. Greater freedom enhances the ability of people to help themselves and also to influence the world, and these matters are central to the process of development. The concern here relates to what we may call...the 'agency aspect' of the individual."

"The motivation underlying the approach of 'development as freedom' is not so much to order all states—or all alternative scenarios—into one 'complete ordering', but to draw attention to important aspects of the process of development, each of which deserves attention."