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Program: Money and Power

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C: Well, you have thousands, millions of people with no work, like doing nothing. This is an enormous richness being held back because our true richness comes from work. So you have thousands of things to be done and you have millions of people with no work at all. And they can't work. There are things to be fixed, to be restored, to be created, inventions to be put into practice to improve the quality of life. So, humanity is getting poorer and poorer. This idea that the first world is growing and experiencing economic growth, this is pure illusion. This is deception because in reality what we see is that humanity is becoming poorer and poorer. Our quality of life: poorer and poorer. We see in the weather, injustice, wars ... everything is going down and being destroyed. And money is the main tool that is been used to destroy humanity. Now, we don't say money in itself is a wrong thing, but we do say that money should be an instrument for humanity. Humanity should not be enslaved just for the sake of money.

R: You know, if we look the dominant philosophy around money today, Claudia, it is very much based on the speculative idea. Make money on your money. A smart person gets money to work for him. Make money while you're sleeping. You don't get rich working for money. This is how we see economic growth and developing financial independence in our society. How do you see all this?

C: If we don't stop this kind of growth, we are going to die for sure. Collectively. We are dying. Nature is dying. Humanity is dying. Every 5 seconds a child is dead because of hunger. They create wars to sell weapons. So, if we don't stop this mentality of false growth, stop this deception, then absolutely we are going to see humanity eliminated.

Now, we want to conscientize people that if humanity wants to survive, we need to stop now and see what we are working for. Who is being benefited by this growth? When you say that a country had this certain percentage of growth, do you see this been past to the people? Very rarely. You just see the numbers of the big corporations growing, and this does not mean that the people are being

benefited, that humanity is being benefited. So if those groups would stop now it would be much more beneficial for humanity, because then humanity could have a chance to reorganize itself in a more balanced way. And we have already philosophical and economic concepts to organize a society in a much more balanced, healthier and prosperous way. Now, right now in the world. But those groups don't let this come to the surface.