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## Understanding the Troubled World as a Harassed Family

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**ABSTRACT** Man's control over his environment and space and his power to create increased many folds in the twentieth century alone. Yet there is evidence that poverty and crime wave have been increasing in all regions of the world. Poverty in the world is at peak today. This paradoxical situation suggests that the great increase in man's ability to control his environment, conquer space and create, has not brought mankind correspondingly great happiness and lasting peace. This work examined the development experiences of nations. It also analysed the logic of wealth creation, with a view to providing a basis for re-creating a happy global family. Analyses show that man's increasing dominance over land and space and man's increasing power to create are the aftermath of his learning and the great improvement in the knowledge and skills he has acquired over centuries and now applies in solving problems, including production. Unfortunately current development theory paradigms erroneously claim that money, especially investment capital is the primary basis of economic growth. Consequently, the family, the basic unit of all societies has increasingly been neglected, harassed and moved away from the centre of focus in all societies. This sad trend must be reversed if mankind is to succeed in re-creating a happy world.