

# A WONDERFUL VILLAGE TO LIVE IN!!

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## Intent of these notes

- ✓ *To become aware of the Injustice and exploitation going on in our Global Village – Our Planet Earth.*
- ✓ *The Social Problem. Ills and Remedies.*

## The Allegory.

Lost in a charming corner of the world, unknown to all and even unmapped, there was a small beautiful village. Rich and fertile fields surrounded that village. The countryside was loaded with flocks and herds, the land around were fruitful and cool, the crops yielded a hundred fold. The valleys and prairies around were punctuated with small lakes and springs of crystal water. The subsoil beneath the village was hiding untold riches of minerals and precious metals

Some social scientists that discovered the village and its wealth made a thorough survey of its inhabitants, its resources and the social conditions of the village.

## These were their findings

- In that village there were only 100 families.
- Out of 100 families, only 35 were somewhat literate.
- 70 had no available drinking water at home.
- 7 families out of 100 owned 70% all the lands and forests.
- Those 7 families consumed 90% of all the available energy in the village.
- Only those 7 families enjoyed all the luxury articles available in that hamlet.
- Only the children of one family in the entire village secured higher education.
- 60% of the population lived in the outskirts of the village in unhealthy shanty huts.
- 60% of the villagers had no electric light, running water, toilets and sanitation.
- **Only one family had the power to make rules and regulations to govern the life of the villagers! All the rest had to submit!**

(Adaptation of the "Secular Parable" of Dr. Karl Sagan.)