



WISDOM



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Welcome

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Justice

REFLECTIVE INTEGRATION

— BREAK —

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Preliminary Reflection

What does
“justice”
mean to you?

Have you ever
experienced
an injustice?

What is justice?

*That each
receive their
due.*

- ❖ Justice in general: “the will that each receive their due”
 - ❖ What is my due?
 - ❖ Who decides?
 - ❖ On what basis?

- ❖ Justice, the common good, human dignity and equity
 - ❖ Justice and health care
 - ❖ Macro issues
 - ❖ Micro issues
 - ❖ Emerging issues

A Jewish view of Justice

Tzedakah: a combination of charity and justice based on the fact that ultimately all things are owned by God, creator of the world. What we possess we do not own, we merely hold it in trust for God.

Tzedekah signifies “social justice” meaning that no one should be without the basic requirements of existence and those who have more than they need must share some of that surplus



Justice: A many splendored thing

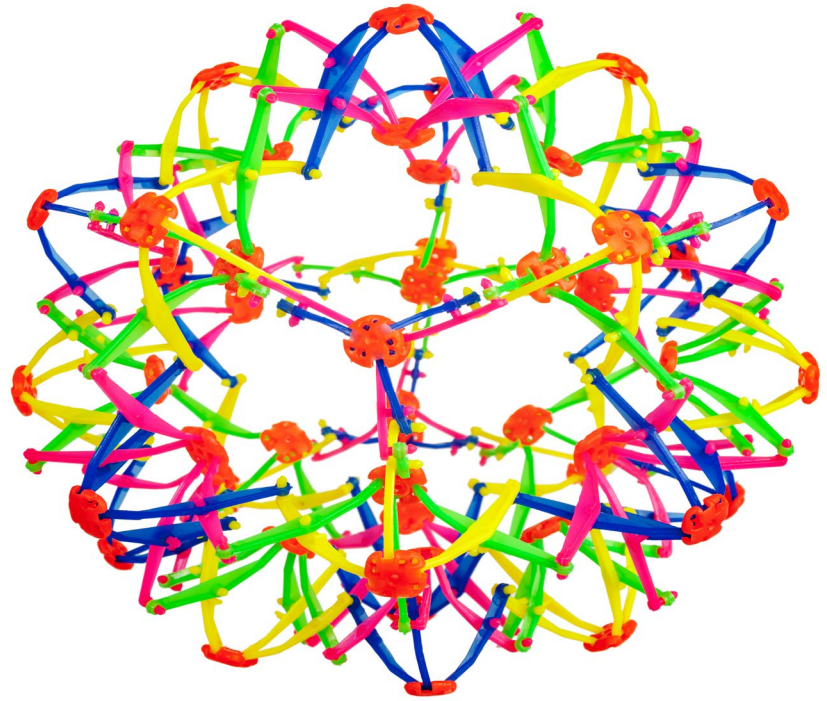
Kinds of Justice

- “Transactional”, (legal)
- Distributive
- Contributive
- “Social Justice”



Justice is
fundamentally
relational.

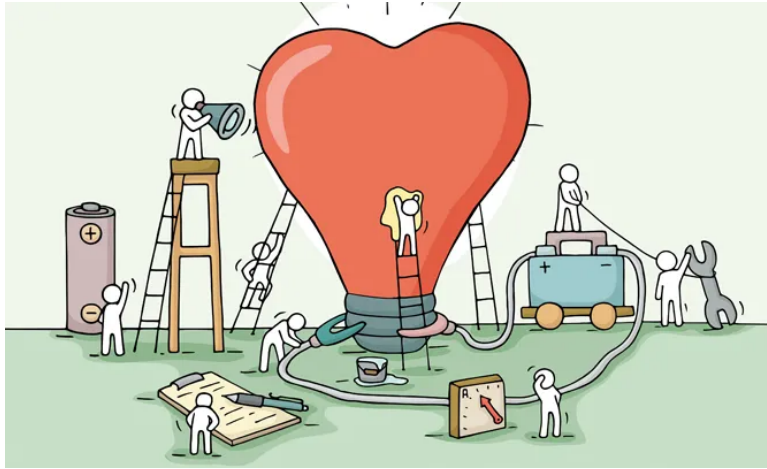
*We strive to create
structures that
support relative
equality (equity), but
this is an
eschatological project.*



JUSTICE AND THE COMMON GOOD

Justice aims at the common good, “The sum total of social and economic conditions that....

The common good, to the extent that we achieve it, is a foreshadowing of the Reign of God.



Justice as participation



“Basic justice demands the establishment of minimum levels of participation in the life of the human community for all persons.

The ultimate injustice is for a person or group to be actively treated or passively abandoned as if they were nonmembers of the human race [or what we often call marginalization].”

- David Hollenbach, “Justice, Peace and Human Rights,” quoting U.S. Bishops, “Economic Justice for All,” #77.

Justice in health care



Justice in health care

MACRO ISSUES

Allocation of resources – global, national, regional.

- Supply problems
- Distribution problems
- No return on investment (profit)

Access to resources limited by socio-economic disparities (poverty, race/gender, geography)

MICRO ISSUES

Allocation (e.g., ED triage); distribution or supply problems

Disclosure/transparency, IC

Truth telling and medical errors

Billing and collection

Organized Labor

Respect (e.g., Patient Financial Services)

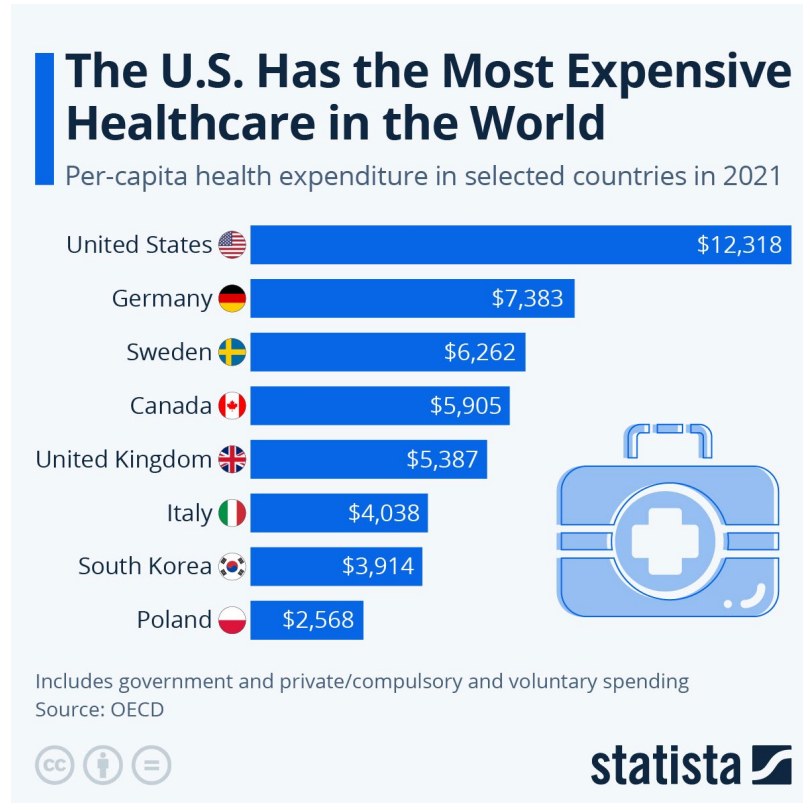
Allocation: India vs. the United States

•Per capita

- The United States spends over \$10,000 per person on healthcare annually, while India spends less than \$100.

•GDP percentage

- The United States spends 17% of its GDP on healthcare, while India spends around 4%



Is there a right to health care?



Non-Interference Rights

“[In the American view], our only rights are the rights to *life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness*. That’s all...

The American rights impose no obligation on other people, merely the negative obligation to *leave you alone.*”





2. Rights are not free.

“[These are] rights the Founding Fathers never dreamed of... rights which require no earning, no effort, no action on their part at all.”



3. A right to health care is too expensive

- How much do you have a right to?
- Who decides?
- Where does it all end?

**4. People
will get
free stuff**



Opposition to justice

“Free stuff...people get health care who don't deserve it, who don't work for it. It is just a government handout.”



6. The “R Word”

Universal Access will lead to **rationing**, like CANADA or the National Health Service in Great Britain.

**SOCIALIST PARADISE:
British National Health Service Cancels
50,000 Surgeries**
By [Jacob Airey](#)

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Daily Wire.com (Jan 5, 2018)

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In a stunning move, the British National Health Service, which operates the government-run medical system, ordered the cancellation of over 50,000 “non-urgent” surgeries in every hospital across England, leaving sick patients in limbo as they wait for procedures.

The power of religious institutions

“Great religions do more than just *offer a vision* of the good. Philosophical systems do that as well.

Unlike philosophical systems, great religious traditions *embody this vision* in the life of a community.” (Jonathan Sacks, *The Dignity of Difference*, p. 82)

Institutions as **incarnational**

Institutions as **enduring**

Institutions as an **ongoing physical presence** in the world.

Institutions as **sacramental**, that is, they are concrete tangible things that make present, here and now, a transcendent reality...



Justice as a virtue

A virtue is an inherent, acquired personal quality.

There are no virtuous organizations without virtuous persons.



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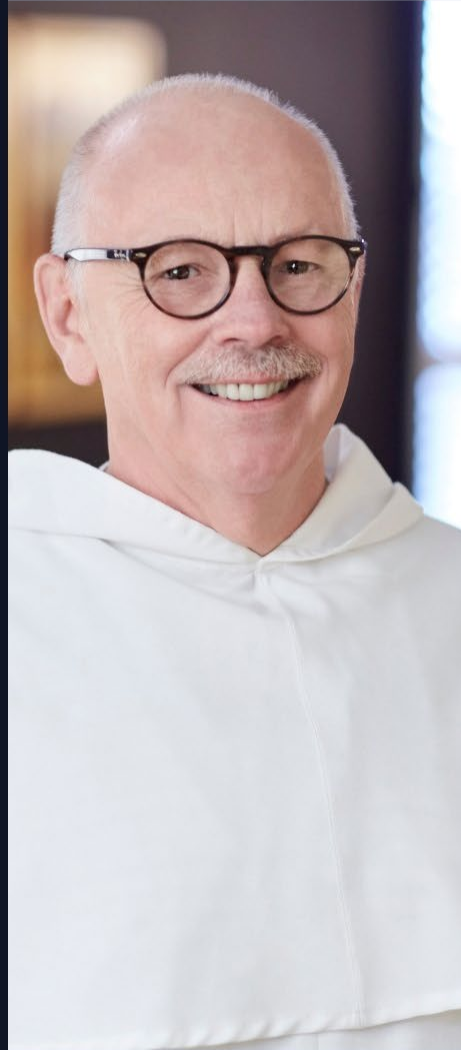
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Sense Experience

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Wrapped within
young leaves:
the sound of water.

-SOSEKI