Inequality in Income; an Environmental Problem

WHY ARE SOME PEOPLE RICH, AND SOME POOR? ; A question with multiple answers but none which has been certified. Some say the reason is because it helps to keep balance in the world, while some believe that it’s so that humanity doesn’t forget compassion and care for one another. But whatever the reason maybe, one thing is certain, the disparity between their incomes has damaged and is still damaging the society and environment at large. Inequality in income is the extreme gap of income distributions with a high concentration of income usually in the hands of small percentage of a population. It occurs when there is large gap between the wealth of one population segment compared to another. This then brings about various problems in the society where only the wealthy can rule, subsequently giving the wealthy the power to preside over what happens to the poor in the society. It also has to do with how their income determines their way and standard of living. Also it gives way to threats and corruption of the poor. Inequality in income also brings about death and complete unhappiness to a lot of people in the society. So one may say that inequality in income does more harm to people in the society than good.

Just as with knowledge comes power, with wealth comes good living. The poor have to limit their standard of living due to the fact that they do not have the means to improve it or change it. These are cases where the wealthy dominate them and control them. The poor are made to work menial jobs, jobs that pay very little while the wealthy hold jobs that keep them in command and pay heftily. In Nigeria, it is said that five of the richest men – worth $29.9 billion – could lift 86million Nigerians out of poverty. There are a lot of reasons for inequality in income but few that limit the standard of living of the poor. One of which is taxation. The tax system is perpetuates inequality. Taxes placed on its citizens by the government benefit only the poor because they are the ones in the position to pay unlike the poor who are unable to pay, forcing them to limit their standard of living as well as their wants and desires. It is usually said that money is the solution to almost all earthly wants and desires. Due to inequality in income, there is a disparity between the rich and the poor making it so that the rich are capable of attaining almost all that they desire which then gives them the ability to hold power and achieve the respect they solely wish for. The poor on the other hand, are unable to achieve what that they need or want thereby making them submissive to the wealthy. The poor in the society have almost nothing for themselves which makes it hard for them to complain when they are being wronged or held in contempt. It is known that the world is made up of the good and bad people. So imagine a situation whereby the poor ones are surrounded by inept men and women who are wealthy but have no sense of compassion or love, they will be forced to endure all kinds of misery and pain all due to the fact that they do not have money and thereby have to stoop low to survive. This therefore strips them of the notion that every human being is or should be seen as equals.

They pollute the environment with their inhumane behaviour; threatening the poor and reigning corruption down on the society. They make the poor do their bidding leaving them with no one to turn to for help. They get away with all their sinful acts, paying of those in command, assuming they decide not to assume command, to allow them get away with their sinful acts. They make their way into power just to allow themselves to get intoxicated by it and inflict misery on those who are innocent and are forced to abide their statues. The wealthy live corrupt lives, going around giving bribes, sleeping around with different women while tossing them money as complement. Threatening the poor and making them do their dirty work while at the same time paying them off for their evil services. They are also made to watch in envy as the rich live life expensively, buying for themselves and loved ones exotic cars, stylish clothing and massive houses. They are made to long for these sort of happiness which later causes some of them to commit suicide, go into total depression and misery all because they could not be wealthy or because most of them are tired of their standard of living. Some maybe tired of doing the biddings of the wealthy ones and may tend to take their own life, some maybe fed up with providing for a large family with little or nothing and decide to end their life or may continue to provide for them but be filled with total unhappiness or total misery for the rest of their life. It makes up a society filled with unhappiness and misery on one hand and corruption on the other.

Inequality in income has proven to do more damage than good. Lives have been said to have been lost due to the disparity between the rich and the poor. Some lives destroyed due to this environmental problem. An example of this is when a man who could be considered in the society falls in love with a woman and after the man has given her from the little she has, she doesn’t choose to be with him instead, she decides to be with the man who is considered as wealthy in the society. Inequality in income has led to a lot of corrupt practices, it has made people do a lot of illicit things just so they could be classified as part of the wealthy people in the society. Inequality in income is a serious environmental problem that needs to be curbed. The gap between the rich and the poor needs to be reduced to its barest minimum because the more the gap increases the more the disadvantages increases. In short inequality in income is an environmental problem that must not be allowed to strive by all countries of in the world.