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ECONOMIC-SOCIAL STRATIFICATION BETWEEN EXTRAVAGANCE AND HARMONY

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Abstract: *The work highlights the fact that the ordering of individual values is supported by the act of Divine creation. The Star of David is the source of inspiration and action strategy for achieving an optimal structure of human society based on cooperation. The hexagon in the Star of David is an ancient symbol that points directly to high concepts and valences, with magical force and special energy charge. The powerful energy of this symbol – associated with perfection, peace, tranquility, fulfillment and eternity – generates a special state of well-being, a balance between the physical body and the spirit, a harmony between the outside and the inside. Deciphering the meaning of the Hexagon of Harmony represents the path to the pure consciousness of good. Recognizing the meaning of such a symbol, man becomes aware and discovers his role in the great universe and on earth. We worship, by relating to the Hexagon of harmony, the great and the small universe and become aware of the finite and infinite limits of our destiny. The Star of David symbol instills in us the strength and wisdom of the hexagon, being in sacred geometry one of the most powerful, fascinating and beneficial symbols. Both the rich and those who populate the base of the social pyramid can campaign for the elimination of excesses using the sources of the Hexagon of harmony as a source of shaping the spirit. This also taking into account the context of the abusive realities faced by the contemporary social system. "And what is chosen of the poor"? Foreign support can be helpful, but, like fortune falling from the sky, it can also harm. It can discourage effort and instill a crippling sense of incapacity. According to the African proverb, "The hand that receives is always below the hand that gives" (Havinden and Meredith, 2013).*

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INTRODUCTION

Hierarchies represent the externalization of the biological substrate, present throughout the universe of the living world. Consequently, hierarchies can be solutions for mobilizing biological energies in making leaps and bounds. The question with an objective substratum that concerns enlightened minds is: "why does economic stratification get wild accents?" (Merce E., Merce C. C., Mihaela Mihai, 2015). The natural answer for any connoisseur of human nature is the absence of education. Man himself, dominated only by the instincts with which the creator endowed him, is an animal dominated by slips to cultivate characteristics that undermine social harmony, such as: pride, greed, debauchery, waste, pride, zeal, anger, hula, confrontation, flattery, quarrel, murmur. Man can become a "SOCIAL MAN" only through education, a mission through which he can acquire constructive qualities, among which the most important are: temperance, altruism, modesty, tolerance, and patience.

Starting from this fundamental reality regarding the organization of the living world, the work is elaborated on the principles of universal harmony, which the Star of David consecrates. The Star of David is considered a symbol of divine protection, harmony, and peace.

Literally called the Shield of David or the 6-pointed Star, the shape of the star is an initiatory symbol of the macrocosm. Symbolism promotes the union of the forces of heaven with those of earth, under a great power of divine protection with beneficial effects on the design and organization of social and economic systems.

The six corners of the two overlapping triangles in the Star of David symbol correspond to the six days of creation. They also represent the six gifts offered to man by God: **love, power, wisdom, mercy, greatness and justice** (Genesis 1:26) and which by cutting and inserting the soul represent the way through which we can discover the Hexagon of social harmony.

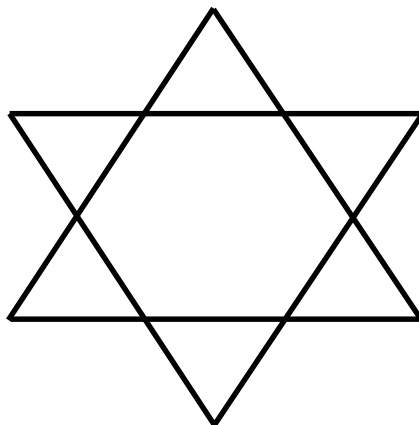


Fig. 1 - Star of David

Even the organization of the living world is dominated by its presence by the hexagon of universal harmony. Molecular structure, the relationship between molecules, respects this symbol! Nature, through countless examples such as honeycombs in beehives, by placing all the molecules in the chemical structure of matter convinces us of the energy carried. Through this sacred symbol, through the awareness of its power, it can guide us in the design of development strategies, based on behavioral harmony. Any initiative penetrated by the presence of the hexagon as a symbol of universal and social harmony can become an option with positive effects on all levels of our existence.

MATERIAL AND METHOD

Man is free to choose between the two classes of qualities, to choose between harmony and confrontation, between beneficial stratification and tension-generating stratification. The analysis of statistical data from the last centuries proves, unfortunately, that the human species is not fully capable of ensuring moderation and altruism in significant proportions. As a consequence, at one pole of society, an increasing number of people have an increasing wealth, and at the other pole an increasing number of people become more and more needy. Worryingly, as the world's population becomes increasingly interdependent, with increasingly sophisticated technological and computer tools, monopolized and used by a minority, polarization is gaining alarming accents. *"In 1820, the average standard of living in the richest country in the world, then the Netherlands, was about three and a half times higher than in the poorest countries in Africa and Asia. But in 1910 the distance between the richest and the poorest increased to more than 800%.* (Angus Maddison, 2003).

To mitigate such excesses, man has received throughout his existence, through intuition, several symbols. The Star of David is a form of association of balanced solutions for the development of a harmonious society. A source of inspiration in this regard is that of the Jewish people. In order

to reveal the levers of action in order to design a breathable society, the Star of David was built on the basis of the two triangles encountered within the contemporary social system, triangles susceptible to socio-economic improvements. It is about the triangle of social hierarchy (figure 2) and about the triangle of social gains (figure 3),(Stegăroiu C. Dan,2018).

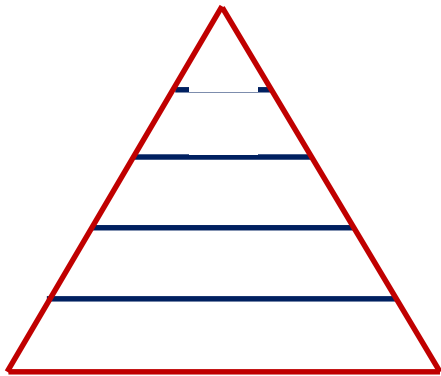


Fig. 2 - The triangle of social hierarchy

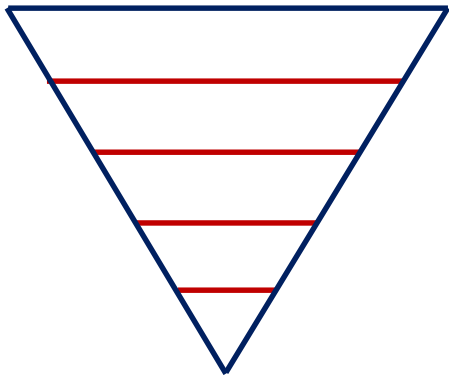


Fig. 3 - Earnings triangle

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The juxtaposition of the two triangles in the shape of the Star of David highlights the major trends of the contemporary social system, as can be seen from the legend of triangles that exceed the hexagon as a symbol of harmony.

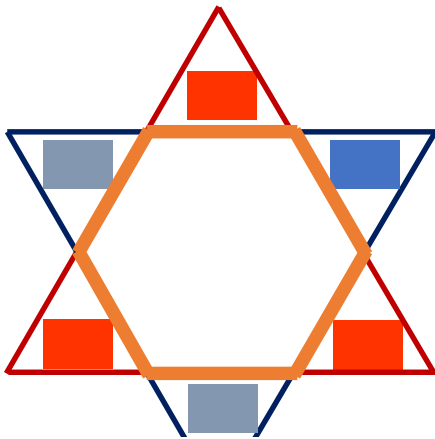


Fig. 4 - The legend of triangles that exceed the hexagon

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|----------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Excess power | 4. Excessive |
| 2. Excessive subordination | poverty |
| 3. Excessive subordination | 5. Excess wealth |

"Of course, people favored by globalized capitalism want it to be perpetuated. However, the course of history, including in the current era, is not done according to these desires, but according to the requirements of economic and social progress at each stage. Or, in the current era, a huge mass of negative effects generated by globalized capitalism is already accumulated, which affects the majority of humanity. As a result, the objective need to move from globalized capitalism to a new

economic and social system is obvious. "Our current system," said American economist David C. Korten, "is destined for social and ecological collapse. That is why there is an imperative need to conceive a new system ", a humanist economic-social system"(Adumitrăcesei I. D., 2017).

In such a context, "We Romanians did not know that Darwinism is the essence of capitalism, regardless of the ideological nuances in which everything is reduced to" which on which "and where only the interest in power and money prevails" (Blidaru Ioan, 2018).

The sacred geometry of the Star of David resulting from the overlapping of the triangle of social hierarchy with the triangle of income reveals the most common form in the universe: the hexagon as a symbol of harmony in the elaboration of strategies for humanizing human society.



Fig. 5 – The hexagon of social harmony

The reality of the wild polarization of the population according to the size of GDP per capita demonstrates, without denying power, that the contemporary social system will have to be reset by the harmonious combination of private initiatives with income balancing measures. The statistics of income polarization by groups of countries according to the conventional amount approximately equal for each group, are presented in table 1.

Table 1 Excessive polarization of the world

| Groups of countries | Număr de țări | GDP/grup | Media GDP/capita |
|---------------------|---------------|----------|------------------|
| Very large | 4 | 325511.3 | 81377.8 |
| Large | 5 | 295246.6 | 59049.3 |
| Large means | 7 | 336607.7 | 48086.8 |
| Medium sized | 8 | 325633.7 | 40704.2 |
| Small means | 10 | 318670.8 | 31867.1 |
| Small | 16 | 316395.5 | 19774.7 |
| Very small | 29 | 323957.4 | 11170.9 |
| Very, very small | 116 | 318012.3 | 2741.5 |

Source: processed data, see ANNEX I

The hexagon of social harmony is a source of inspiration and the elaboration of strategies to avoid excesses in social coexistence within nations, but especially between the countries of the world.

By eliminating the six angles of the Star of David, the hexagon of social harmony is highlighted, implicitly resulting in concrete strategies to be followed for the elimination of excesses in the design of social economic systems, as follows:

1. Excess of power under control by collective leadership;

2. Excess social polarization under control by expanding the middle class;
3. Excess social polarization under control by expanding the middle class;
4. Excessive poverty under control by social regulations;
5. Excess wealth under control through progressive taxation;
6. Excess wealth under control through progressive taxation.

CONCLUSIONS

1. Since the 1990s, the world has evolved, regardless of system, under the impact of unprecedented technological progress. Given that the information has become more and more fluid, among the beneficiaries are the less developed countries, but without the power to become significant competitors of rich industrial countries;

2. There was an obvious reality, but overlooked for centuries, according to which the peoples of the world live in two classes of countries: dominant (about 20%) and dominated. The well-known aphorism, according to which **"La raison de plus fort est toujours la meilleure"**, enlightens us that the rich industrialized countries will continue to dominate the field of information and will reap its fruits;

3. Certainly, the circulation of information is done under the command of polarizers that belong to the same great powers of the world. In this way, through much more refined methods, the benefits of progress preserve the world hierarchies, the little ones remaining vitally dependent on the strategies of the great crystallized centers of power worldwide. The statistical data on the size of GDP per capita within the eight groups of countries analyzed are evidence of this. Four of the first countries in the world, which achieved an average Gross Domestic Product of \$ 81377.8 / capita, have world values equivalent to those specific to a number of 116 countries at the base of the world pyramid;

4. Reducing such excesses is possible only by establishing educational standards designed to instill in human behavior harmonious qualities such as: temperance, altruism, modesty, tolerance, patience, love of truth, the power to combat passion, wisdom, empathy, prestige in the service truth;

5. The reference point for the crystallization of such positive features of nature is the Hexagon of harmony inserted in the Star of David. The hexagon of harmony is an ancient symbol that refers directly to high concepts and valences, with magical force and special energetic charge. The strong energy of this symbol - associated with perfection, peace, tranquility, fulfillment and eternity - generates a special state of well-being, a balance between physical body and spirit, a harmony between exterior and interior;

6. Deciphering the meaning of the Hexagon of harmony is the path to pure consciousness of good. Recognizing the significance of such a symbol, man becomes aware and discovers his role in the great universe and earth. We worship by relating to the Hexagon of harmony, the great and small universe, heaven and earth, and become aware of the finite and infinite limits of our destiny. The symbol of the Star of David centers in us the strength and wisdom of the hexagon, in sacred geometry, he being one of the strongest and most fascinating symbols of the educated man;

7. The decipherment of the organization of the living world confirms the presence and importance of the Hexagon as a patent of Divine Creation. Cellular memory structurally includes the hexagon symbol. Molecular structure, the relationship between molecules, respects this symbol! Nature offers us convincing examples of the presence of the Hexagon as a structural element of life.

Honeycombs in beehives are a reason and starting point in strengthening the belief about the importance of the hexagon and for those less initiated in deciphering the secrets of life.

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ANNEX I¹

| GDP – total pe grup și per capita | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Country | GDP \$ |
| GRUP FOARTE MARI | 325509.0 |
| Luxembourg | 100738.0 |
| Switzerland | 79887.0 |
| Macao SAR. China | 74017.0 |
| Norway | 70867.0 |

| Country | GDP \$ |
|------------------|-----------------|
| GRUP MARI | 295244.0 |
| Ireland | 64175.0 |
| Iceland | 60529.0 |
| Qatar | 59324.0 |
| United States | 57638.0 |
| Denmark | 53578.0 |

| Country | GDP \$ |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| GRUP MIJLOCII MARI | 336604.0 |
| Singapore | 52962.0 |
| Sweden | 51844.0 |
| Australia | 49755.0 |
| San Marino | 47908.0 |
| Netherlands | 45637.0 |
| Austria | 44757.0 |
| Hong Kong SAR. China | 43741.0 |

| Country | GDP \$ |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| GRUP MIJLOCII | 325631.0 |
| Finland | 43433.0 |
| Canada | 42348.0 |
| Germany | 42161.0 |
| Belgium | 41271.0 |
| United Kingdom | 40412.0 |
| New Zealand | 39412.0 |
| Japan | 38972.0 |
| United Arab Emirates | 37622.0 |

¹ GDP per capita (current US\$). World Bank national accounts data, and OECD National, 2016.

| Country | GDP \$ |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| GRUP MIJLOCII MICI | 318667.0 |
| Israel | 37180.0 |
| Andorra | 36988.0 |
| France | 36857.0 |
| Guam | 35562.0 |
| Puerto Rico | 30790.0 |
| Italy | 30669.0 |
| Bahamas. The | 28785.0 |
| Korea. Rep. | 27538.0 |
| Kuwait | 27359.0 |
| Brunei Darussalam | 26939.0 |

| Country | GDP \$ |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| GRUP MICI | 316395.5 |
| Spain | 26616.5 |
| Malta | 25145.4 |
| Cyprus | 23541.5 |
| Bahrain | 22579.1 |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 22572.4 |
| Slovenia | 21650.2 |
| Saudi Arabia | 20028.6 |
| Portugal | 19871.7 |
| Czech Republic | 18483.7 |
| Greece | 17890.6 |
| Estonia | 17736.8 |
| St. Kitts and Nevis | 16596.8 |
| Slovak Republic | 16529.5 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 16040.5 |
| Barbados | 15891.6 |
| Uruguay | 15220.6 |

| Country | GDP \$ |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| GRUP FOARTE MICI | 323957.4 |
| Seychelles | 15075.7 |
| Oman | 14982.4 |
| Lithuania | 14912.7 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 14462.2 |
| Palau | 14428.1 |
| Latvia | 14071.0 |
| Chile | 13792.9 |
| Panama | 13680.2 |
| Hungary | 12820.1 |
| Argentina | 12440.3 |
| Poland | 12414.1 |
| Croatia | 12149.2 |
| American Samoa | 11834.7 |
| Costa Rica | 11824.6 |
| Turkey | 10862.6 |
| Maldives | 9875.3 |
| Grenada | 9841.8 |
| Mauritius | 9630.9 |
| Romania | 9522.8 |
| Malaysia | 9508.2 |
| St. Lucia | 9364.8 |
| Russian Federation | 8748.4 |
| Equatorial Guinea | 8747.4 |
| Brazil | 8649.9 |
| Lebanon | 8257.3 |

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| Mexico | 8208.6 |
| China | 8123.2 |
| Dominica | 7906.7 |
| Nauru | 7821.3 |

| GDP – total pe grup și per capita | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Country | GDP \$ |
| GRUP FOARTE, FOARTE MICI | 318012.3 |
| Kazakhstan | 7714.7 |
| Bulgaria | 7469.0 |
| Gabon | 7179.3 |
| Montenegro | 7028.9 |
| St. Vincent and the Grenadines | 7006.6 |
| Botswana | 6924.1 |
| Dominican Republic | 6722.2 |
| Turkmenistan | 6389.3 |
| Peru | 6049.2 |
| Ecuador | 6018.5 |
| Thailand | 5910.6 |
| Suriname | 5871.4 |
| Colombia | 5805.6 |
| Serbia | 5426.2 |
| South Africa | 5274.5 |
| Fiji | 5233.5 |
| Macedonia. FYR | 5237.1 |
| Iran. Islamic Rep. | 5219.1 |
| Belarus | 4989.4 |
| Jamaica | 4878.6 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 4808.4 |
| Belize | 4744.7 |
| Iraq | 4609.6 |
| Guyana | 4529.1 |
| Namibia | 4415.0 |
| El Salvador | 4223.6 |
| Guatemala | 4146.7 |
| Albania | 4125.0 |
| Jordan | 4087.9 |
| Paraguay | 4077.7 |
| Samoa | 4030.0 |
| Algeria | 3916.9 |
| Azerbaijan | 3878.7 |
| Georgia | 3865.8 |
| Sri Lanka | 3835.4 |
| Tonga | 3748.6 |
| Mongolia | 3694.1 |
| Tunisia | 3688.6 |
| Marshall Islands | 3665.2 |
| Kosovo | 3661.4 |
| Armenia | 3614.7 |
| Indonesia | 3570.3 |
| Egypt. Arab Rep. | 3477.9 |
| Angola | 3308.7 |
| Micronesia. Fed. Sts. | 3143.7 |
| Bolivia | 3105.0 |
| Tuvalu | 3083.6 |
| Cabo Verde | 2997.8 |
| Philippines | 2951.1 |
| West Bank and Gaza | 2943.4 |
| Morocco | 2892.8 |

| GDP – total pe grup și per capita | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Country | GDP \$ |
| Vanuatu | 2860.6 |
| Bhutan | 2773.5 |
| Swaziland | 2770.2 |
| Papua New Guinea | 2500.1 |
| Sudan | 2415.0 |
| Honduras | 2361.2 |
| Lao PDR | 2338.7 |
| Ukraine | 2185.7 |
| Nigeria | 2175.7 |
| Vietnam | 2170.6 |
| Nicaragua | 2151.4 |
| Uzbekistan | 2110.7 |
| Solomon Islands | 2005.5 |
| Bermuda | 1902.4 |
| Moldova | 1900.2 |
| Sao Tome and Principe | 1714.7 |
| India | 1709.6 |
| Kiribati | 1587.1 |
| Cote d'Ivoire | 1535.0 |
| Congo. Rep. | 1528.2 |
| Ghana | 1513.5 |
| Kenya | 1455.4 |
| Pakistan | 1443.6 |
| Timor-Leste | 1405.4 |
| Cameroon | 1374.5 |
| Bangladesh | 1358.8 |
| Cambodia | 1269.9 |
| Zambia | 1269.6 |
| Myanmar | 1195.5 |
| Mauritania | 1101.9 |
| Kyrgyz Republic | 1077.6 |
| Venezuela. RB | 1072.4 |
| Lesotho | 1039.7 |
| Zimbabwe | 1029.1 |
| Yemen. Rep. | 990.3 |
| Senegal | 952.8 |
| Tanzania | 877.5 |
| Tajikistan | 795.8 |
| Benin | 789.4 |
| Mali Mali | 779.9 |
| Comoros | 775.2 |
| Virgin Islands (U.S.) | 744.6 |
| Haiti | 739.6 |
| Nepal | 729.1 |
| Ethiopia | 706.8 |
| Rwanda | 702.8 |
| Chad | 664.3 |
| Guinea | 661.5 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 641.6 |
| Burkina Faso | 627.1 |
| Uganda | 580.4 |
| Togo | 578.5 |
| Afghanistan | 561.8 |
| Sierra Leone | 505.2 |
| Gambia. The | 473.2 |
| Liberia | 455.4 |
| Congo. Dem. Rep. | 449.4 |

| GDP – total pe grup și per capita | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Country | GDP \$ |
| Somalia | 434.2 |
| Madagascar | 401.7 |
| Central African Republic | 382.2 |
| Mozambique | 382.1 |
| Niger | 364.2 |
| Malawi | 300.3 |
| Burundi | 285.7 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 187.5 |