

Affluent Social Status

Display of Wealth: Much of the attraction of money comes from the way it can be used to acquire power, material comfort or social status. Many people, both rulers and individuals, have felt the display of this wealth improves their position. In many societies people have been reluctant to show off personal wealth, because of moral objections to moneymaking. For this reason, Wealth is frequently displayed indirectly, for example by erecting a magnificent building rather than flaunting a great heap of money or banknote. Money & religious beliefs are both central to how society works. Religion provides a moral framework for how we believe, while economic theories also provide a pattern for behavior. Money and belief do not necessarily conflict. The giving of money plays an important part in a variety of rituals. The power of religions has been built in part on their wealth. However, most religions have been concerned about the moral implications of the use of money.

Money and Entertainment: Money is often, linked with entertainment. Sometimes this is because of what money can do. It allows us to buy things we want to have, or to pay to go to a concert or a foot or baseball game etc. Money can be a source of entertainment in itself. The idea of wealth is seen as very attractive, and many of us enjoy watching game shows with big cash prizes, even though we don't share to gain.

Money and War: Warfare rarely occurs without the involvement of money. Simply because, troops have to be paid, weapons and provisions have to be bought. The effects of war also have their costs, both in repairs to physical damage, and in damage to the economy caused by the instability of war. War also affects the way we use money. People may save their money rather than spend it, prices may rise because of shortages of goods and labor, and unusual types of money have to be created to provide for temporary emergencies.

Money and Politics: Money and politics have always been closely linked. In many political systems, political power has been restricted to the wealthy. Equally, political authority has also been an opportunity for people to get rich personally, while working for the state. A large part of the government is concerned with money, which then pays out money in defense, hospitals, and other services. Political theories are increasingly linked to theories of how money works.

Social Status: Status is a key idea in social stratification. Statuses that are inborn are called ascribed statuses while statuses that are individuals gained own efforts are called achieved statuses. Certain behaviors carry social stigmas that can affect status. Max Weber distinguishes status from social class, but, some contemporary empirical sociologists fuse the two ideas into "Socio-Economic Status," usually operationalised as a simple index of income, education and occupational prestige.

To ponder: You have to ask yourself how insignificant all the above paragraphs are and mean to **God** and **Jesus Christ**. We contrived all the above paragraphs to live by. **Jesus** himself spent all his time with common, ordinary, and poor people alike and what did he want in return, an **Integrity minded Genuine Sincere Felt heart** from us as found in the essay composition of (**Religions 4 W's**).

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