

Review of: "How can Ecological ethics assist in the progress of man? Towards a reflection on the Encyclical letter Laudato si'" data-bbox="58 105 926 184"/>

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The paper is very interesting because it proposes a new paradigm for the relations between society and economy. Actually, after the industrial revolution the economic paradigm became more and more relevant even if it was based on a reductive framework that can be summarize as follows:

- self interest is the main motivation and the engine for the development
- welfare is positively related to the availability of goods and services while human relations became weaker and weaker.
- rational choices based on scientific positivism prevail on other behavioral factors like emotions, culture, ethical and religious issues, mindfulness
- knowledge specialization causes a fragmentation of the individual roles in the society: workers, consumers, savers, investors that generate conflicts

I consider that the main contribution of the paper can be summarized as follows:

- reconstruction of the relations between humankind and nature
- shift from the concept of development that underlines the economic dimension to the growth that underline the human, relational and societal dimension
- to propose a paradigm according to which anthropological, philosophical, ethical, religious values of each person contribute to define societal, institutional and organizational rules that influence actual behavior: so the rational choice approach is overcome and the focus is back to the people holistic approach.

Last, but not least, i would like to underline that the analysis of Laudato points out the personal responsibility towards new relations between economy and society as a whole.