

Thematic 1: Greed

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Greed is a positive force influencing current business decision-making practices. Although you might hear from others that greed is a negative force that is impacting current business decisions, you might want to think of what comes from greed: Work Force, Market Place, Discovery, and Standard of living. If there was no rich in our society what and who would supply the jobs to our work force?

Huan-Chang writer of *The Economic Principles of Confucius and His School* in 1938 agreed that Greed is what helps with the funding of business and the economy. He says "...The employment of the poor depends upon the rich" (pg 101). Greed is what takes hand of people inspiring them to make more or start companies. Through employment of the poor a city and economy can flourish. Employment can only happen when there are rich people with ideas to hire people in exchange for services. With the exchange of time and services for money, this also creates a market because not everyone will be able to do everything for themselves.

Plato (349BC) asks us, if the farmers are also meant to make their own clothes? The answer to that is simply no, because not one person is able to have the knowledge of how to do everything needed for them to get by. Plato said "They must wait there in the agora and exchange money for goods with those who wish to sell, and goods for money with as many as desire to buy" (pg 86). Greed is what brought

the idea to mind that why should one person have to travel to each individual place to get what he needs, why not have them all in one place for easy buying and traveling. Although without traveling most of the places habited now would not exist.

Heilbroner (1953) said gold or wealth was is the reason for all the adventures and discoveries. He stated “At first the wretched struggle for existence found its be-all and end-all in the accumulation of gold. Christopher Columbus, Cortez, and Francis Drake were not only state adventures; they were thought to be the agents of *economic progress* as well” (pg 170). Without their Greed for Gold, more land, and faster trade routes, our country would have never have been discovered. With the cause of greed for gold and more money comes the increase in standard of living.

Aristotle said that with greed there will also be more things wanted besides the necessities of life. He stated “The requirements we first mentioned, houses and garments and shoes, will no longer be confined to necessities, but we must set painting to work and embroidery, and procure gold and ivory and similar adornments, must we not?” (pg 86). With greed comes the necessity to keep upgrading the objects around you with both the necessities in life and the wants. With upgrading also comes the needs for jobs and helps boost the economy.

In conclusion greed has a positive force on the advancement of business. This is through Work Force, Market Place, Discovery, and Standard of living. These all in one way or another effects each other. The work force affects the standard of living and also the market place, and discovery through the hiring and trading of trade for money.

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