

Factors influencing my wealth and monetary status.

"Money is the root of all evil."

- Money is a tool, neither good nor bad. In fact its neutral. So it really doesn't matter how little or how much money you have it is in no way a reflection of your character or your worth.

"Save your money for a rainy day."

- You can save your money or spend it. It really doesn't matter. The possibility that you could die today as well as tomorrow is just as real and true as the possibility you will be alive when that rainy day comes around. So use your money for the things you wish for now rather than hoarding it for a time that you may never see. Believe in abundance rather than scarcity.

"Rich people are greedy."

- This is a value judgment. People who are greedy are greedy because they are or choose to be greedy not because they are rich. Some poor people are extremely greedy while some poor people are exceedingly generous. Again the presence or absence of wealth is neutral here. Its people who make people greedy not money

"You have to work hard to make money."

- Well, yes and no. Some people can work very hard all their lives and make very little money. While others can sit back make lots of money for little or no effort. Alternatively, some people work hard and make lots of money and some people don't work at all and make absolutely no money. So this is one of those truths you have to determine for yourself. As all are equally true or valid.

"Money doesn't grow on trees."

- Yes, this is true. But even if it did would that mean everyone would have access to it? And who would want money if it was accessible to everyone in this way?
- Money is not scarce or in short supply it is abundant. How you choose to perceive this directly influences how you receive it. Again both perceptions are equally valid.

"You can't be rich and spiritual."

- This depends on how you define spiritual. If you believe spiritual to exclude all that is material then yes this will mean you can only get rich at the expense of diminishing your sense of spiritual integrity. If on the other hand you see no difference or separation between material and the non-material, i.e. incorporate both as aspects of spirituality, then you will not believe this to be a contradiction.
- Therefore, you will be able to perceive poor people who are less than spiritual and rich people who are very spiritual.

"What am I made of.... money?"

- If you were made of money you wouldn't last very long as everyone would want a piece of you!! And if you were made of money would you be happy to give yourself away?
- Well, yes and no. If you believed making money was dependant on you having enough food and water to produce it. And you had an abundance of food and water then you might well be happy to give yourself away many times over. On the other hand if food and water were scarce commodities then you may be slightly more reluctant to entertain this. Again this depends on your perceptions of scarcity or abundance.

"Money doesn't buy happiness."

- This is true from experience. But it is also true from experience that money may or may not help you on your way to achieving this. Happiness is a state of being. It is independent of money. You can be happy with or without money.
- Again this sets up the false dichotomy between the material and spiritual. A non-material lifestyle may not necessarily provide you with happiness. While a material life style may well provide you with all the happiness you desire.

"Money talks."

- Yes, again true from experience. But this can also be said of Power and Influence. It all depends on where your perceptions lie. Presently we exist in a society where the dollar is seen as king. Anything else is regarded as less than. But many times experience has shown the great feats achieved through individual personal power and influence alone. The presence of money can either assist or detract from this. Money is simply a tool. Power and influence resides within the person not the other way round. Unless, that is, you perceive otherwise.

"The rich get richer and the poor get poorer."

- Again, this does seem to be true from my experience. But again this is only one perspective. It is not an absolute. Many rich people have become poor and equally many poor people have become rich. Generally speaking though in this society the richer you are the richer you become and the poorer you are the poorer you stay.
- What most people fail to recognize is the determining factor in most people's cases here is the mental state adopted. Being poor and getting poorer is a mental state of mind just like being rich and getting richer is. Both are re-enforcing of the initial state to begin with.
- If all around you is perceived abundance you can use this to increase your mental state of becoming richer. Alternatively, if all around you you see poverty or scarcity you can use this to reinforce your mental state of staying poorer. However, your perception can also be used to change either situation regardless of your conditions.
- This is because its not the conditions determining your mental state. It's the individual. This is not easily perceived in a money dominated society.

"That's not for people like us."

- This is a good example of re-enforcing a state of a poverty mentality. In other words other people are rich or wealthy. We are by default poor and not able to become rich or wealthy.
- From experience, this is continually being disproved. Individuals move from "rags" to "riches" This is because it is the individual persons mental state of being and not his/her conditions which determine it to be so.

And the "infamous"... "we can't afford it"

- Another example of poverty re-enforcement. Because of the powerful influence of monetary beliefs. It is difficult to act against them particularly when the majority of people all seem to follow them. Challenging these beliefs does rely on an ability to act and think independently and not allow oneself to dwell too much in areas re-enforcing the opposite of what you are trying to develop.
 - A crucial point here is that it is possible to develop an abundance mentality have more without necessarily restricting or exploiting other people in the process. Sadly, this is most often taken for granted that it can only be this way.
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