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compassionate, rational and humane engagement with the global economy does hold the promise of a better, more equal life.