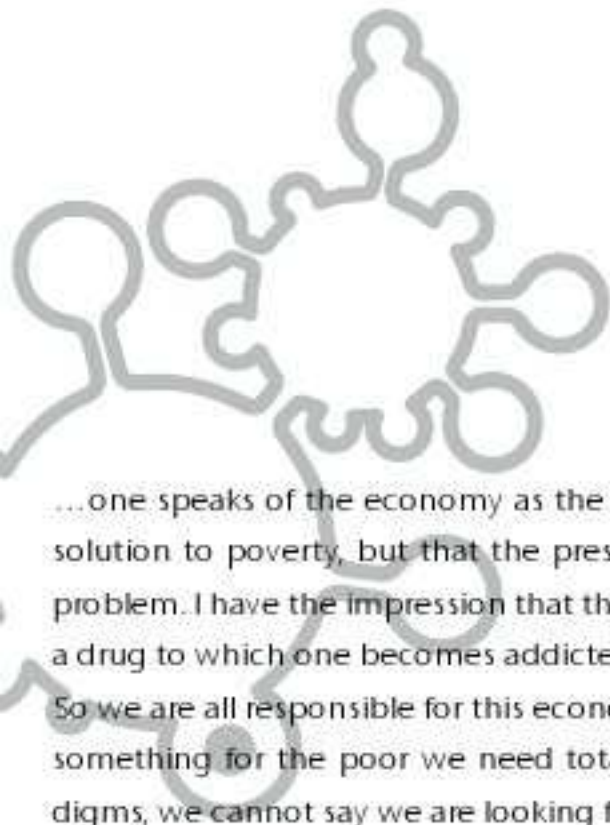


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...one speaks of the economy as the only solution to poverty: well, I say that it is not the solution to poverty, but that the present economy, because of how it works, is itself the problem. I have the impression that the economy has become a drug, growth has become a drug to which one becomes addicted and cannot do without...

So we are all responsible for this economy that creates poverty, and if we really want to do something for the poor we need totally different paradigms. Until we change our paradigms, we cannot say we are looking for the solution to poverty...

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