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Appropriate Technology and Sustainable Development: Real or Fantasy?

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Sustainable development requires us to preserve the ability of future generations to flourish while reducing the environmental footprint of citizens of the global north, and raising the quality of life and standard of living of currently underdeveloped, underserved and previously (and currently) exploited communities and environments. Given the tremendous inequity in resource allocation and availability, truly sustainable development that empowers communities must bring under-developed communities equitable resource access, particularly for clean water, sanitation, renewable energy, organic and low-impact agriculture, and connectedness to the internet. **Appropriate Technology (AT) must become our technology paradigm for the 21st century if we are to make any headway in leveling the unsustainable discrepancies persist.** AT is rooted in technology selections and solutions that empower individuals and communities in the developing world and at the local level, while reversing and reducing the adverse and sometimes catastrophic environmental impacts of the developed worlds' past industrialization practices and policies. AT strives for technology impacts that are environmentally additive and beneficial. **Is this real and possible or are we fantasizing in our ivory towers?**

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