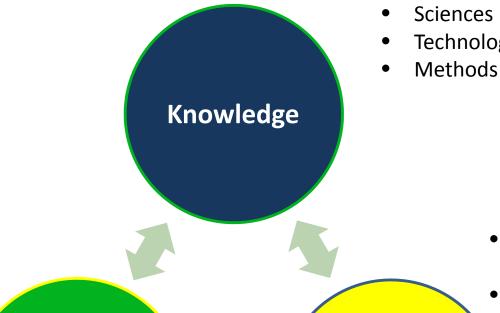
What Constitutes Progress?



Economy

Technology

- **Less needs** for resources:
 - Work, efforts
 - Capital
 - Raw materials, energy
 - Time
- **New and better** results:
 - Useful products and services
 - Improved usage

- **Less constraints** from ignorance or obscurantism
- More room for action



Freedom

Caveat to Progress

- Any change is no progress but any progress implies a change.
- Progress procures more well-being to people but not necessarily their happiness.
- Progress must be lasting.
- Any associated negative side effect should be correctable.
- Progress shall not be made for the benefits of ones on the expenses of other ones; a win-win situation must result.
- Moral rules and ethics provide limits to progress; they don't authorize or prohibit it.



Lack of Progress = Regression

Regression takes place in case of

- Prevalence of obscurantism, including religious dogma;
- General impoverishment;
- Access to the benefits reserved to parts of society;
- Promotion of futilities, modernism, etc.;
- Mental domination, brainwashing and disinformation;
- Economic failure due to bad governance.

The motivation of adversaries to progress lies in their struggle for power.

Good news: regression is not eternal!



No End to Progress

- Human mind without borders.
- Human beings can improve, but not to perfection.
- Future generations will surpass past and present ones.

At the end everything will be OK, and if all is not well then it is not yet the end.

