My choice was to ruin my son's life by giving him money or giving 90+% to charity. Not much of a choice.

Service to others seems the only intelligent choice for the use of wealth. The other choices especially personal consumption seem either useless or harmful.

The projects our foundation works on are defined only as alleviating human suffering. We have adopted over 400 charities from schools and hospitals to women's career education in rural India. We are also working on desalinating water cheaply, reducing fossil fuel emissions by 50%, cleaning mercury and sulfur dioxide from coal and a revolutionary medical technology that will improve overall health for the poor and the not so poor.

For us, all of this falls under reducing human suffering. We may not be able to affect human suffering on a grand scale but it will be fun trying.

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