Money, one of the words that have the highest frequency of being told among people, is an essential part of modern society. As the lyric goes, “Money makes the world go round”, this proverb can be explained in several ways. In this essay, I will first explain the definition of this lyric, then I will discuss the arguments for and against its validity. At last, I will draw my own opinion for the lyric.

To begin with, the lyric “ Money makes the world go round” speculates the notion that money serves a pivotal role in modern society, mainly as a driving force that is able to influence the behaviors of individuals, and can also affect societal improvement and progress.

Proponents of this lyric state that money has sunk in every corner of people’s life. Buying necessities such as food, clothing, housing, and other basic needs for living. Money also serves as a necessary for accessing healthcare, education, entertainment, and other needs above living needs in Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs Pyramid. Besides, money also provides opportunities for people to pursue their dreams.

On the other hand, people oppose the statement by arguing that although money is important, it does not mean everything. People who see money as the most important in the world may turn greedy, which may lead to negative consequences or in extreme circumstances, depression or hatred the rich. What is more, when focusing merely on accumulating wealth may sometimes overlook other aspects in their life, such as their relationships, family, or social participation.

Moreover, people who hold a large amount of fortune may not feel happy either, as the only benefit that money gives them is more choices not happiness. For example, *Eugénie Grandet*, a character in Balzac’s book, has a whole bunch of money. However, he is not happy at all, as he is never fulfilled with the amount of money he got.

However, it is understandable why the lyric sings like this, as modern societies and families often perpetuate the idea that the ultimate goal of life is to accumulate money. As the saying goes, “You may not achieve things with money, but without money, you can not achieve anything”, some may misinterpret this as the most important thing in the world is money, and money is the thing that makes the world go round.

In conclusion, the statement” money makes the world go round” has some truth to it. However, wealth alone is not able to guarantee happiness and fulfillment, while a good mentality can.