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GLOBAL OVERPOPULATION AND SCARCITY OF RESOURCES

It seems that our population grows evenly. Every person who didn't think about problem of overpopulation will say that for example in 1000 there was about 3-4 billion people, but can you believe that our population stepped over 1 billion only in 1820.

Our population increased by 6,5 billion only in last 200 years and the graph is really daunting, because to the beginning of our era the graph line was almost flat and parallel.

The next steps were 2 billion in 1927, 3 in 1960, 4 in 1974, 5 in 1987, 6 in 1999 and finally 7 billion in 2011. As we see the Earth population is growing exponentially and a lot of scientists and doctors worry about this problem.

There are some proposed solutions:

1. Nothing to do. Many people believe that the planet will cleanse itself if it's necessary. It can be earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes and other natural disasters.

2. Create a virus. Someone believe that if we create a deadly virus, we will thin out the population. For example, there is a book "Inferno" by Dan Brown and there mad scientist created a virus due to which every third person became barren. He believed that the most optimal number of population is about 4 million.

3. A war. Of course, it's the worst choice, but in this case there will be fewer of us. Also there is a case in which we can all die.

4. Space exploration. Personally I believe that in space there are some planets where we can live and we must find it.

I'd prefer the first variant, because people often dramatize everything. This fear accompanies us all history. How many people do you think lived on the planet when these words were written: "Our population is so huge that the Earth can hardly support us"? They seem to have been said quite recently. But these are the words of the Carthaginian writer and theologian Tertullian, who lived at the end of the 2nd - the beginning of the 3rd century AD. They were uttered when the world's population barely reached 300 million.

But these fears are not taken from scratch. Stocks of minerals, metals and fossil fuels are limited and not renewable. Population growth and growing demand for industrial and consumer goods lead to a shortage of natural resources. Nevertheless, I think it's not scary. All of these recourses can be replaced. We can stop to use metal goods and make a choice in favor of another fuel.

But the big deal is a pollution of the environment. Other natural resource s, such as water, air and soil, may deteriorate due to industrial use. With increasing and often uneconomical exploitation, these high quality resources are also becoming increasingly scarce.

So, in my opinion, we must take care about our environment more and think about future, because the main problem isn't over population, the main problem is our irresponsibility.