



## Good Luck, World!

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**C**AN man survive the next 70 years, recognizing his problems and finding solutions before he goes beyond the critical point of no return? We have inherited an environment which is being poisoned by people who are ignorant or do not care; we see murder being legalized through liberalized abortion laws; through television we are exposed to the needless death of thousands of children and adults because of disease, starvation, and war.

Growing up is confusing because of the distorted values of society—money before brotherhood, winning and competition before cooperation and consideration, greed in the quest and possession of material things, resulting in the misery of large numbers of people. Schools are not made to help the individual to develop but are designed to produce individuals who will fit into society as it is. Instead they should provide learning environments where one can explore and discover his talents, abilities, and what he wants to become.

Politicians seem to us to be less concerned about the needs of the people they represent than they are interested in power and reelection. We are daily confronted by the wearing away of the possible mutual

understanding among groups from different cultures, races, and social and religious groups due to stubbornness, pride, ignorance, insensitivity, and selfishness. Business interests more often seek profit rather than the welfare, safety, and health of the consumer. We are bombarded by evidence of the rotting cities, while we attempt to find meaning in suburbs that are built for the convenience of the builder, rather than for living.

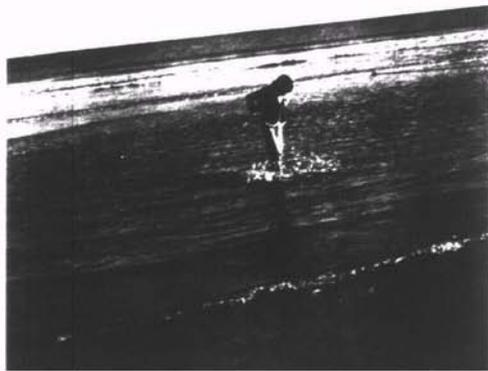
Overpopulation will be a great problem in the future. There will not be enough food and medical treatment for the millions of new people. We will have to find new ways of getting food from different sources.

These are a few of the problems of today. In the next 70 years can we recognize these problems and resolve them?

### **Directions We Must Go**

Our environment can be improved by the cooperation of large oil and car companies in producing nonpolluting cars and fuel. There should be stiffer controls on

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Man's pollution of the earth's natural resources threatens the future.

factories which pollute the air, water, and land. The individual should be able to bring lawsuits against large companies which pollute and make living conditions difficult in his home. World cities should have pollution-free transportation; quick, safe commuting to the city; as well as noise-free vehicles.

In the future we can hope for a business world which is concerned more with the needs of the people rather than their own corporate needs. The manufacturers should put the contents of their product on the package so that the consumer can more fully understand what he is purchasing. The government should expand its inspection of factories for unsanitary and unhealthy conditions.

World governments should direct their main concern away from space exploration and more toward the concern of the world at large by appropriating money for medicine, food, and low cost housing.

The world should set stricter controls on the distribution of useful drugs and the banishment of all dangerous non-useful drugs.

Stronger efforts should be made to re-

habilitate criminals in the prisons. They should be treated as human beings with unique problems and needed help should be given.

Churches should relate to life the way it is now rather than as it was in biblical times. They should provide moral guidelines for living. The real problem is confused and mixed-up people who have no moral guidelines for living.

Education should show the real meaning of life, which is happiness through love and cooperation and the emphasis on the worth and self-respect of the individual. Education should also emphasize understanding of people's problems through communication, which is developed by seeing things from both sides.

Everyone should get a fair chance to find out what he wants to do in life. There should be opportunity to sample occupations through experience. Everything to be learned should be approached through a view of real experience. For example, if you wanted to study the ocean, you would go to the ocean. If the experience is to learn about tragedy, one should go and talk to people who have suffered tragedy.

Racism should be eliminated through the working together and understanding of the various races to achieve unity. People should be accepted for what they are rather than their cultural background or physical characteristics. The "They Groups" should be eliminated and the world should just be one big "We Group."

And finally, we will need a world where people can live in peace without the constant threat of war, a world where all people are involved in decision making instead of just a handful of men. This will require a world where countries have united in one single government which regulates and gives them a free life and where everyone is treated equally. This will be accomplished through representatives from all over the world who can communicate problems of their own area; so that such problems can be dealt with by an international government.

Good luck, World, you'll need it!

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