

“My hopes and fears concerning the future with the approach of new era of mankind”

Von Rafal Sikora

Gimnazjum w Szczucinie, Szczucin



What is my vision of the future? Well, I am not prepared enough to say how it will be for certain. The bigger point I do need to emphasize is that it is hard to describe the real vision of the future, provided you make predictions about the right things. You know, things like: In this life only two things are certain --- death and taxes. Dose it really make sense to predict the future? I've never considered living, for example, in the year 2015. The most important thing for me now, which is connected with the future, is my education and knowledge. This is the edge of my predictions. These are my most significant fears and hopes.

I wonder if I present my point view, will it turn out to be true? We will see that later. From the other hand, I find it very amusing and I strongly believe it gives free rein to our imagination.

First of all, we have seen a lot of science fiction films that present future life style, even sometimes unrealistic and beyond our wildest dreams. I hope and pray for transformation in the way which people become more and more connected to Nature, they will expand the Rainforests, stop using so much petroleum and take care of animals. But I think that Human's effect on the natural environment is so vast and impossible to stop. It is hard to stop a development. As a result we will have no farm lands, no forests, just cities built over farmland. The pollution level will be dramatically higher and many of our few remaining natural habitats will be gone. If we don't do something to save our Mother Earth, people will not be able to breathe the air. The water will be polluted, people will get sick very easily and more dependant on

medicine than now. The population will explode, the forests will not exist and there will be less oxygen.

Secondly, it is possible that by the year 2015 we will have found cures for cancer, heart disease, and several other major diseases. Medicine will make great progress. Unfortunately new illnesses will probably appear, but maybe we will develop a cure for ageing. It will be nice to live longer.

Thirdly, I hope that traveling will become more comfortable, gasoline-powered automobiles will be eradicated. I hope the roads and highways will be torn up and replaced with the original plants and trees. My dream is that we will travel in vehicles that are suspended several inches above the ground by powerful electric engine, thereby decreasing air pollution and eliminating the need for ugly roads. Large metropolises like New York City and LA and London will start building skyscrapers in harmony with nature.

Considering all these things right now, I have a very vague vision of what the world will look like in the future. Maybe people will soon realize that we are harming the environment and turning things upside down and on this rate, I would say that we would be in a deep trouble in the future. If we continue the way we are doing now, I am not glad that I will be alive to see what the world will look like in the future. If we don't take drastic action I can see a time when the only animals we can see will be in zoos. If things continue on their current path I believe there will be a steady rise in disease and other cataclysms