



WORLD IN THE BALANCE

-The People Paradox-

1. What is happening to the birthrates around the world? Give examples.
2. What is the over global population moving towards?
3. What country will surpass China as the most populous country?
4. Fertility rates went from 6 children to 3 in each family...what could this mean to the future in India?
5. What is considered the main reason for larger families in India?
6. In this patriarchal society, what percentage of marriages are arranged by the parents?
7. Daughters are considered an economic liability to the family? Why?
8. How many women are killed or maimed each year? Why?
9. Why was it important to teach the women how being educated could help their lives?

10. To keep pace with the population increase, how many new jobs must be created each year?
11. Why must the fertility rate be controlled in countries such as India?
12. Japans fertility rate of 1.3 children per woman could mean what as far as their population by the end of the century?
13. “Parasite singles” means what in Japan?
14. Japanese men live at the office and commute home? What does this mean?
15. By 2050 what percentage of Japanese will be over the age of 65?
16. How does the population pyramid in Japan compare to that in India?
17. What will happen in these aging countries?
18. A child in the U.S. will consume and pollute in a lifetime more than how many children in India?
19. One of the fastest growing areas of the world is where?

20. What is happening to the environmental resources of Africa?
21. What percentage of Kenyan's are infected with HIV/AIDS? What has the average life expectancy rate done?
22. What does the population pyramid look like for Africa?
23. What are "microbicides"?
24. What role did the Bush administration play in the world's view of birth rates?
25. What population will stabilize at what number if fertility rates are controlled?
26. What decisions do we need to make if we are to have a sustainable environment?