

"The Planet of Eternal Abundance"

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Imagine a planet similar to Earth, which we might call the *Planet of Eternal Abundance*. It has comfortable living conditions for humans like us. The average annual temperature is around 15°C, there's plenty of water, and about 21% oxygen in the atmosphere. The planet is rich in resources, including energy sources. There are seas and forests teeming with life, high biodiversity, and fertile soil that easily sustains everyone. These favorable conditions have led to a rapid increase in the human population, which has doubled in a short time.

However, the Planet of Eternal Abundance hasn't felt the effects of this growth at all. The resources extracted from beneath the surface never seem to run out. Their processing, including burning to produce energy for transportation, heating, or electricity production, does not affect the atmosphere or cause temperature fluctuations. People were delighted, especially when they noticed that for every tree cut down, two new ones would grow in places that didn't interfere with human life. These trees grew at an unnatural pace, fully mature and ready to absorb large amounts of pollution and gases generated by civilization.

The oceans and marine life remained unaffected, despite a surge of waste appearing in them, and the glaciers enchanted with their unchanging beauty, perfectly balancing the water cycle in nature.

Only scientists were puzzled by how this planet managed to balance the visible impact of civilization. But no one else worried, because life was just so good.



This is the end of the story of the Planet of Eternal Abundance.

I'd like to ask you:

What doesn't align with our Earthly reality in this story?

What seems familiar?

What in this story was true?

And what was completely fictional?

SUMMARY

1. The current climate crisis caused by human activity is a fact.
2. Earth's population has now surpassed 8 billion. How big is 8 billion?
3. Do Earth's resources suffice to meet the vital and consumer needs of 8 billion people?
4. The final and key point of this short lecture is crucial: what must be done in light of all this?

Thank you for your attention.

We wish you successful tree planting!