



What are the biggest problems in the world today?

Economic Collapse :

Fragilities in the current global economy could tip the developed world into conditions not seen since the 1920s.





Peak Oil :

Petroleum has powered the modern world for almost 100 years; today, many industry insiders say the we may be reaching a permanent peak in oil production.

Global Water

Crisis: Over the last 50 years the human population has nearly tripled, while industrial pollution, unsustainable agriculture, and poor civic planning have decreased the overall water supply.



Species Extinction: Certain species that human beings depend upon for our food supply are going extinct; if their numbers fall too low we may face extinction ourselves.



Rapid Climate

Change: While the debate rages on about the causes of climate change, global warming is an empirical fact. The problem is both a curse and blessing, in that people from different cultures will either have to work together or face mutual destruction.





Population:

What is the role of population in these problems? 6.5 billion and rising by the second.

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