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During the late century the problem of resources fading has become more acute, considering that the globe population and the use of prime resources continues to grow. The expectations of each individual are actually higher than ever! You may think this is an exaggeration, but have you ever considered taking the bus or the subway on your way to work instead of driving or even taking a taxi! As far as I am concerned, it is up to us! After all we are part of the problem as well as it is in our strength to make a difference.

Essay:

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Have things got so far without us even noticing? That is a serious problem that should be taken into consideration because the effects of things changing already determined us to change aspects of our life, some of us being preoccupied of what is to come and others being overwhelmed by their daily concerns. It might be better for those who live for present without caring for what it is going to be, because they do not have to worry for what future has to offer not necessary for them but for generations to come. At the same time there are people that try their best to make the world a better place by doing their part and adding a little more to that, like a positive attitude and offering support, even by being there for those around them. So what I actually mean is that every individual should take a step ahead and do something instead of waiting for someone else to do it for them, because that is the best way one could help society to be a better one or simply to be good!

Although it is widely accepted that we are confronting a crisis, consisting not only in rapidly extinguishing raw materials, but things as we know them are changing forever, it does not seem like we are attempting to change much. We are not aware of what the future is going to be like, but would we be ready to face that if we knew it? Everything has to do with the way we see things. A good, optimistic and at the same time realistic way of taking your calls is a good start for things to get better. As writer Somerset Maugham once said " it is bad enough to know the past; it would be intolerable to know the future", but it could be a good head start, because knowing things from the past helps by preventing us repeating mistakes others did, meaning that the past is always a good experience to be learning from. Having an idea about the future, on the other hand, could show us where to head in order not to cause irreparable harm. So an optimistic, responsible way of doing things might not be the answer to all the problems, but it is a start, or else said, a first step for a better world. The fact is that one's future is what one

makes it and we should consider what kind of architects we are in order to design a suitable place for us and at the same time environment friendly!

In the film "Pay it forward" directed by Mimi Leder, a motion picture after the book by Catherine Ryan Hyde, it is presented the case of a middle school boy that designs a plan to make the world a better place. He develops an idea to help three people that have to do the same thing for other three people without receiving anything in return. His social science homework turns out to be a life changing experience that turns every individual involved into a better person without even realizing. It is one of the elements that might have a crucial role in upgrading people and people's life in general, doing altruistic things that have as a first result people becoming better. That is what makes the difference after all, things that help a person step by step, gestures that add just a little bit of color in ones life and in time turn to be the exact element needed in order to push things toward brighter horizons. At the same time the solution to some problems could be sharing, no matter if it is the material possessions, thoughts, feelings never knowing what combination turns out to be the one that heal the soars of the society. More important than all is communication because without a proper dialog between one another it is impossible to figure out what the problems are, not mentioning solving them! So it might turn out that communicating with each other and listening at the same time is the key towards a solution.

Moreover is widely known that every person's expectations grow according to the things one gets to do, meaning that one acts in order to obtain more and more for him not considering the 'big picture'. We are designed to fight for what we want and knowing we possess all the skills needed for indulging our 'vices', we should aim for the 'big picture' and concentrate our abilities in turning everything and everyone in something better. It seems to me that taking a step forward and actually proceeding instead of discussing ways on how to act in order to improve is what it is all about!

All in all, as writer Eldridge Cleaver said " you are either part of the solution or you are part of the problem", so it is in our power to make a difference and offer a solution, god or bad as it is and more than that, proceeding and not keeping everything in project stage, is the answer. The welfare of the society is identified with the actions of the individual, so a healthy optimistic attitude in all things one does is a safe way towards better in general, all depending on us.

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