

THE PROBLEMATIC OF THE WATER IN CURRENT TIMES



Actually the society is facing diverse global environment problems, and one of them without a doubt none is water scarcity. The constant population growth and development of the activities human, with distributions almost always not homogeneous space, and also irregular water disposal, contributes for the pressure increase on existing springs. Thus, the water scarcity in the planet becomes evident as a world-wide concern.

Universal Declaration of Water Rights in its Article 1 says that "Water is part of the planet's patrimony. Each continent, each people, each region, each city, each citizen is fully responsible to the eyes of all".

As all other natural resources, water also meets threatened by pollution, contamination and changes that the human being has provoked. Basic to the maintenance of biodiversity and to all natural cycles, food production and preservation of the proper life, water comes becoming each time more a strategical resource for humanity. The great civilizations already depend and will go to depend, each time more, of the water for its economic and biological survival, beyond economic and cultural development.

Currently, more than 1 billion of people lack of regular access drinking water to drink, to take bath or to cook, and two million children die to each year because your families do not have access to drinking water or due to basic sanitation. The Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) estimated that 3.9 billion people in the world can suffer with water lack up to 2030, being 1.7 billion more than today. This represents 47% of the world-wide population estimated for 2030.

And, although projections are more dramatic to poor nations, 2.2 billion these people will be distributed by emergent ones as Brazil, Russia, India and China.

In sight of its scarcity, the theme "water" has become each more time polemic and there are forts rumors on possible wars where water will be the main reason. Thus, to give just prominence to these numbers and projections we choose to speak in this issue on this precious liquid, which drop by drop is becoming a scarce resource and badly distributed.

Profiting the main theme we speak of the curious aspects concerning precipitation measurements and, at Reading Room, we suggest two books so that our readers can extend your knowledge on this subject. Also the events that had been prominences on environment, World Meteorological Day celebrations in Brazil, and many other information enough useful that certainty will go to be agreeable them.

Make good use and have a Good Reading!

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