

100 People in the World

If we could reduce the world's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all existing human ratios remaining the same, the demographics would look something like this:

60 Asians
12 Europeans
5 US Americans and Canadians
8 Latin Americans
14 Africans

49 would be female
51 would be male

82 would be non-white
18 white

89 heterosexual
11 homosexual

33 would be Christian
67 would be non-Christian

5 would control 32% of the entire world's wealth, and all of them would be US citizens

80 would live in substandard housing

24 would not have any electricity
(And of the 76% that do have electricity, most would only use it for light at night.)

67 would be unable to read

1 (and *only* one) would have a college education.

50 would be malnourished and 1 dying of starvation

33 would be without access to a safe water supply

1 would have HIV

1 would be near death

2 would be near birth

7 people would have access to the Internet

If to take a look at the world from this condensed perspective, the need for acceptance, understanding and education becomes evident.

If you woke up this morning with more health than sickness, you are luckier than the million that will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced a war, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or famine, you are luckier than 500 million persons in this world.

If you are able to go to church, mosque or synagogue without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death, you are luckier than 3 billion persons in this world.

If there is a meal in your refrigerator, if you are dressed and have got shoes, if you have a roof above your head and a bed to sleep in, you are better off than 75% of people in this world.

If your parents are still alive and still married, then you are a rarity.

If you have a bank account, money in your purse and there is some trifle in your coin box, you belong to 8% of well-provided people in this world.

If you read this text, you are blessed three times as much, because

- 1) Someone has thought of you,
- 2) You do not belong to those 2 billion people who cannot read, and
- 3) you have a computer.

Someone once said:

Work like you don't need money,

Love like you've never been hurt,

Dance like nobody's watching,

Sing like nobody's listening,

Be surprised like you were born yesterday,

Tell the truth and you don't have to remember anything,

Live like Heaven is on Earth.

This is your World! You are able to make changes! Hasten to do good works!

Think of it!