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In today's day and age, there are many problems facing the world. Problems that we've been challenged by for generations, and problems that are arising anew. But what is the biggest challenge we face today? It is ignorance. Ignorance is the biggest challenge the world face's today because of its alarming and threatening effects; because of its influences; because of its global scale.

Ignorance has many alarming and threatening effects. Ignorance leads to racism. It leads to the spread of hatred. It leads to the closed minded 'Islamophobics' that can't even bare to deal with a human being just because they follow a religion different to theirs, one they deem inappropriate or wrong. How are we suppose to love and unite with one another to work towards a better future and achieve that dream, if we are all divided by our hatred and judgement for one another?

Ignorance influences people in horrible ways. The ignorance of a child to world horrors is different than the ignorance we see in people casually and carelessly walking the streets. Ignorances influences others to judge without learning and understanding the truth. It makes people jump to conclusions and create terrible images to represent something they no nothing about. When has it ever been acceptable to judge a book by its cover? From a young age people are taught that you can never know or really understand what others are going through; why does this notion fly out of their heads when they're older? Ignorance enters the brain when logic and contribution is needed, and blossoms like a planted seed, only to grow and grow and never stop.

This problem cannot only be found in specific areas regarding specific things; it can be seen everywhere on a global scale. Its enormity is frightening, and it brings fear into the hearts of those who are educated in these matters and those who are in need and can't seem to get the help and strength they need to fight and survive.

How can we solve this problem? We need to educate the masses. The people deserve to know what is happening around the world. We need to educate the people and encourage them to help and make a difference in this world. Find trustworthy and informative magazines, companies, and other cooperations to produce and spread. Articles informing people on global affairs and informing them on the best websites for further information. Any way to spread global awareness will help reduce ignorance and its effects on the people.

Ignorance has changed people. It has made them judgmental, racist, and closed-minded. It has affected their behavior and actions towards others. Ignorance is the biggest problem the world faces today because it changes people for the worst; and the people are all we have to make this world a better place.

A wise man once said:

"Where ignorance is our master, there is no possibility of real peace." -Dalai Luma"

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