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What are the really **BIG ISSUES?**

You know-those ones that **KEEP YOU UP AT NIGHT.....**

Those ones that make you think **I CANT DO ANYTHING ABOUT THAT!**



ISLAMIC TERRORISM

CLIMATE CHANGE

EXTINCTION OF SPECIES

ACUTE POVERTY

CANCER

DONALD TRUMP

BREXIT/NATIONALISM

NUCLEAR WEAPONS

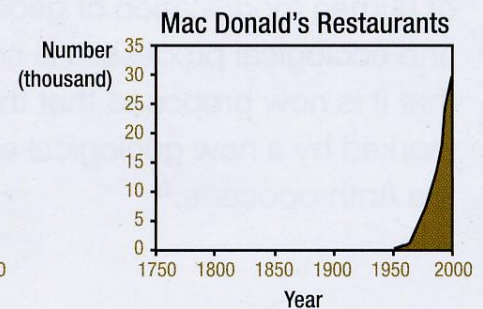
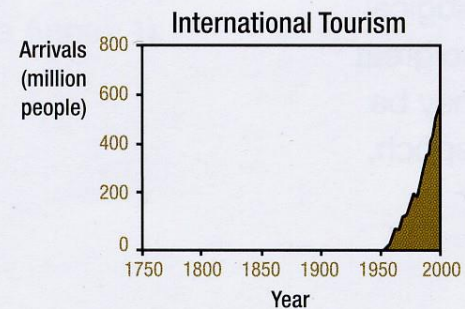
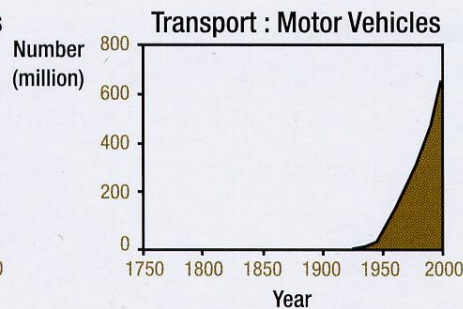
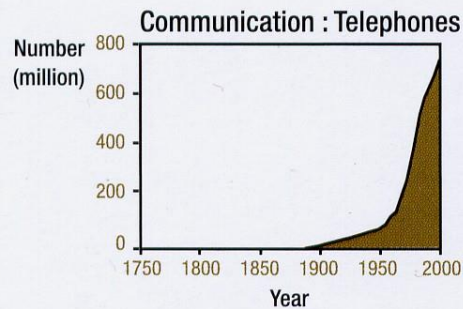
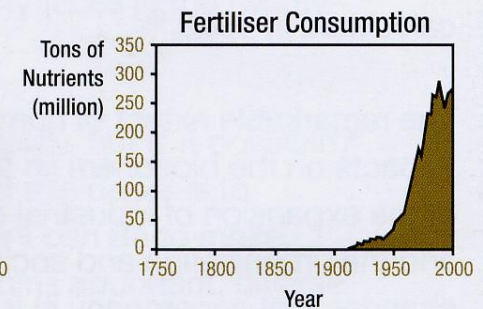
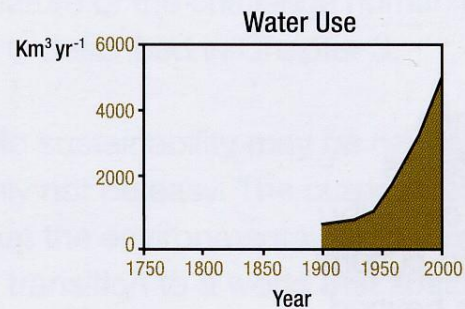
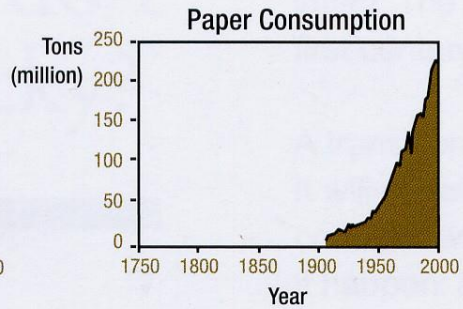
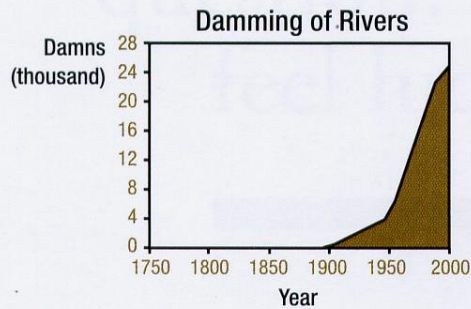
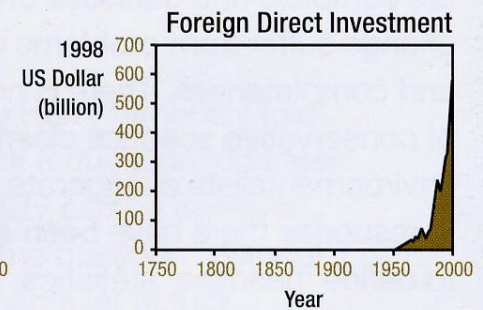
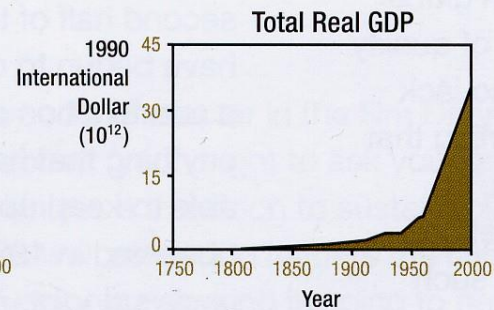
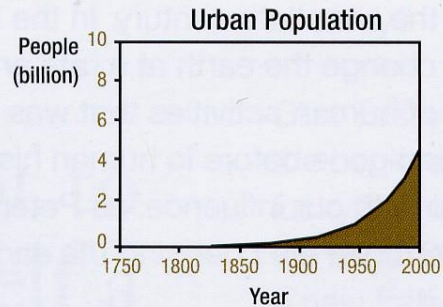
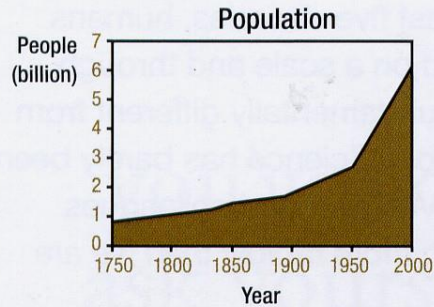


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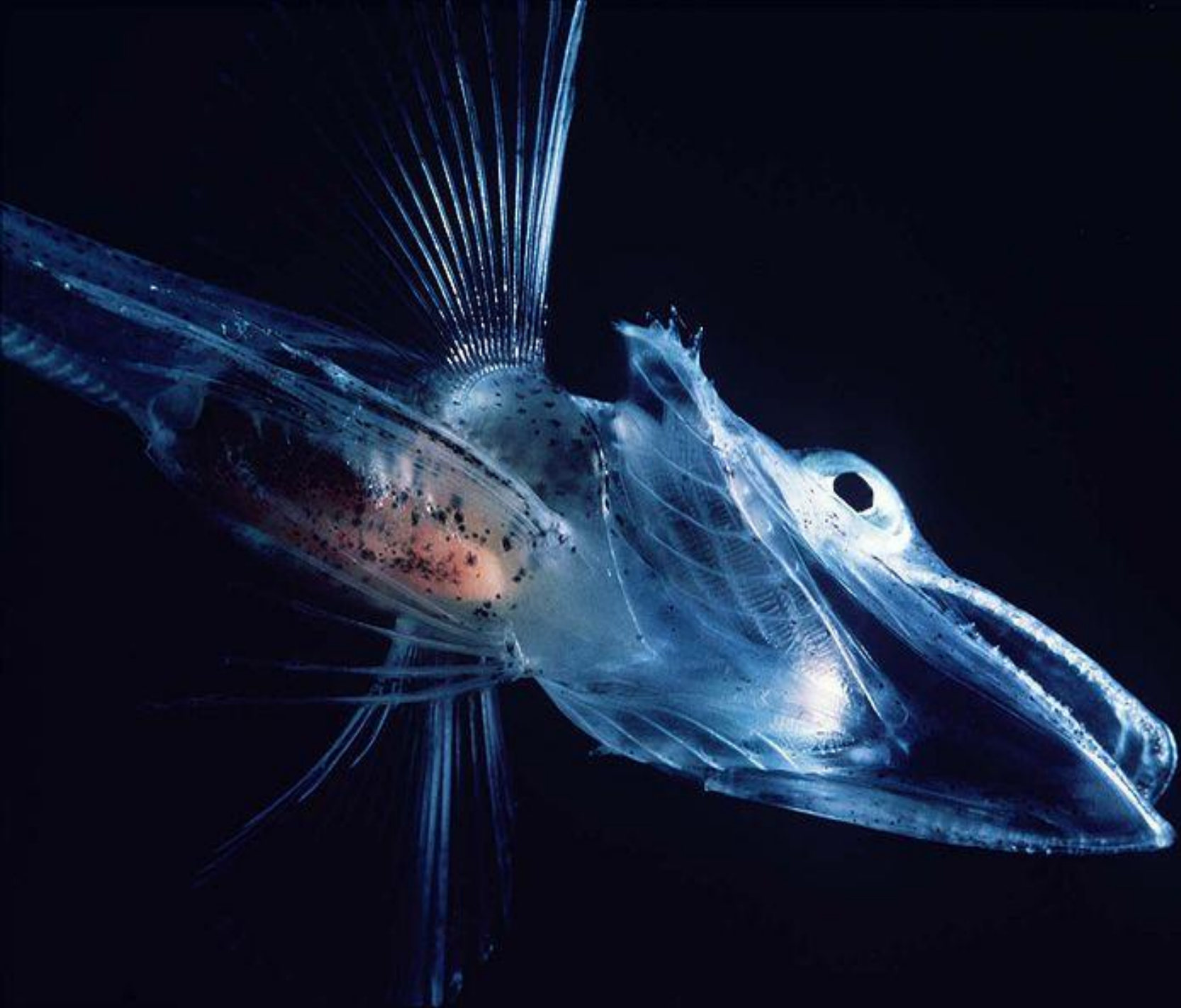


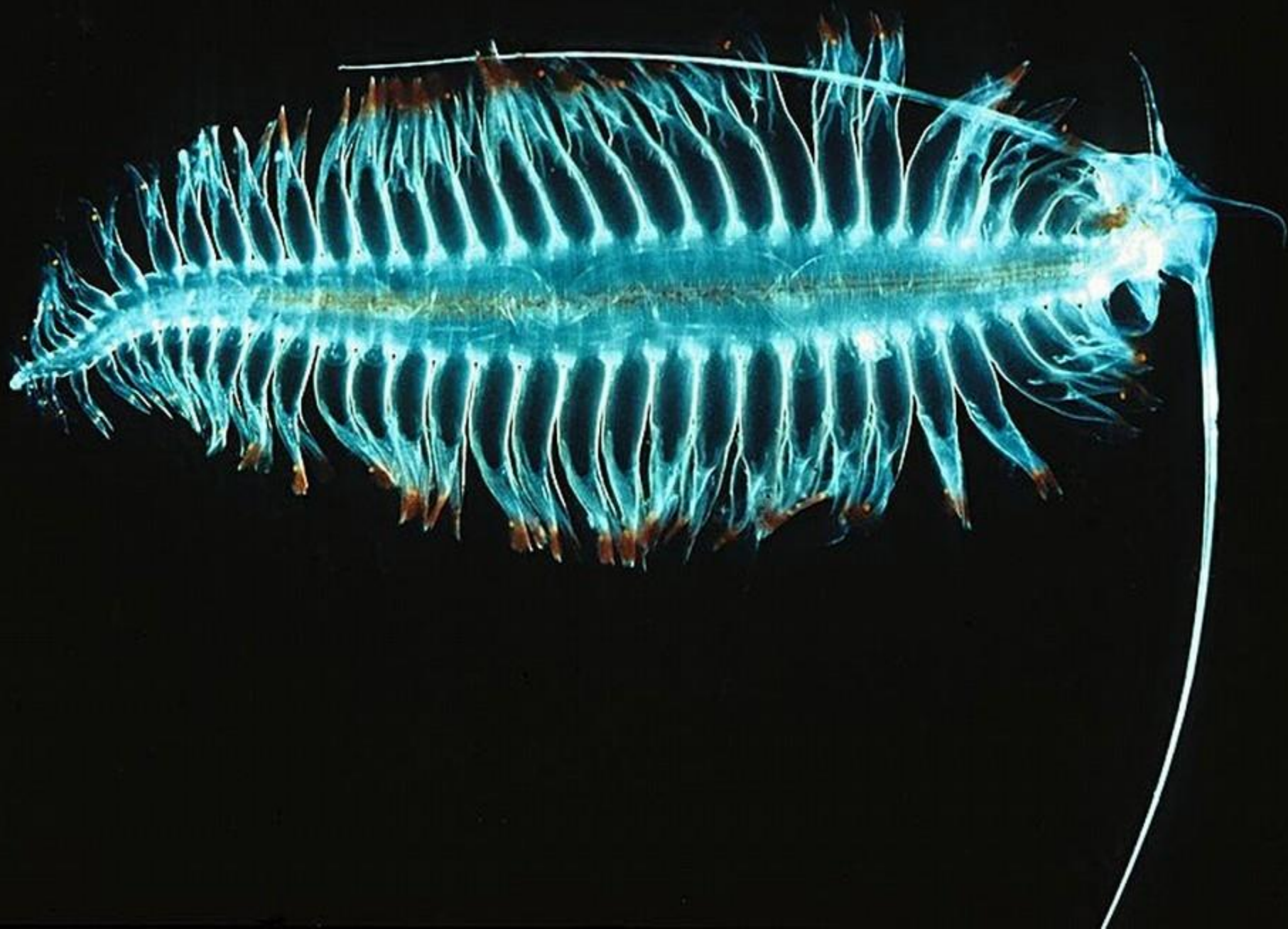
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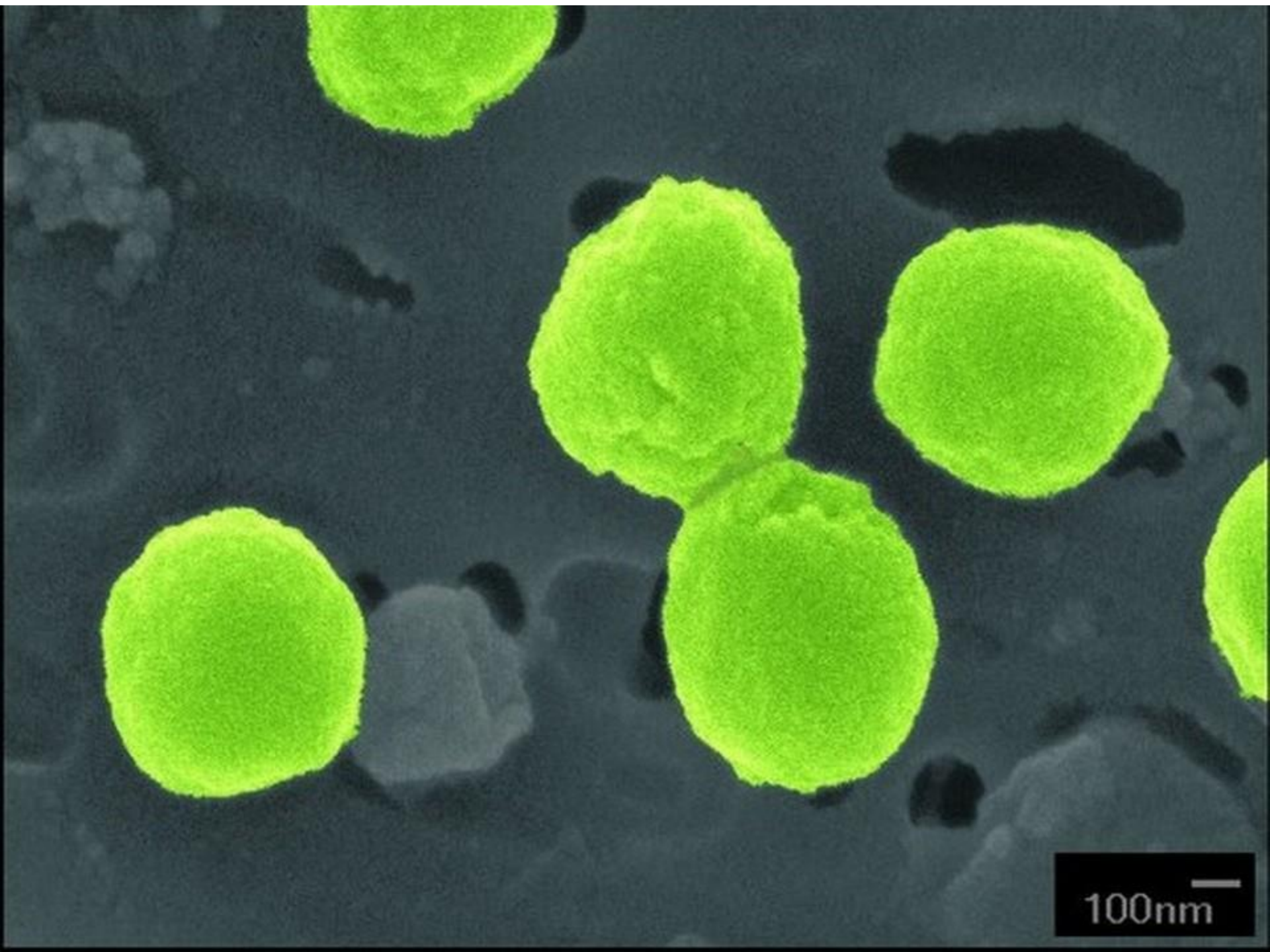
The 'Anthropocene': BIG TROUBLE!



Source: Steffen et al. (see note 20)







So what's in the water?



In the bottle is sea water.....1 litre of sea water can contain over one million plankton!

Many of these plankton have only one cell-but are able to produce 70% of the oceans oxygen

The two plankton in the pictures are smaller than a pin head-the only way you can normally see plankton is through the colour of the water



Garden peas?

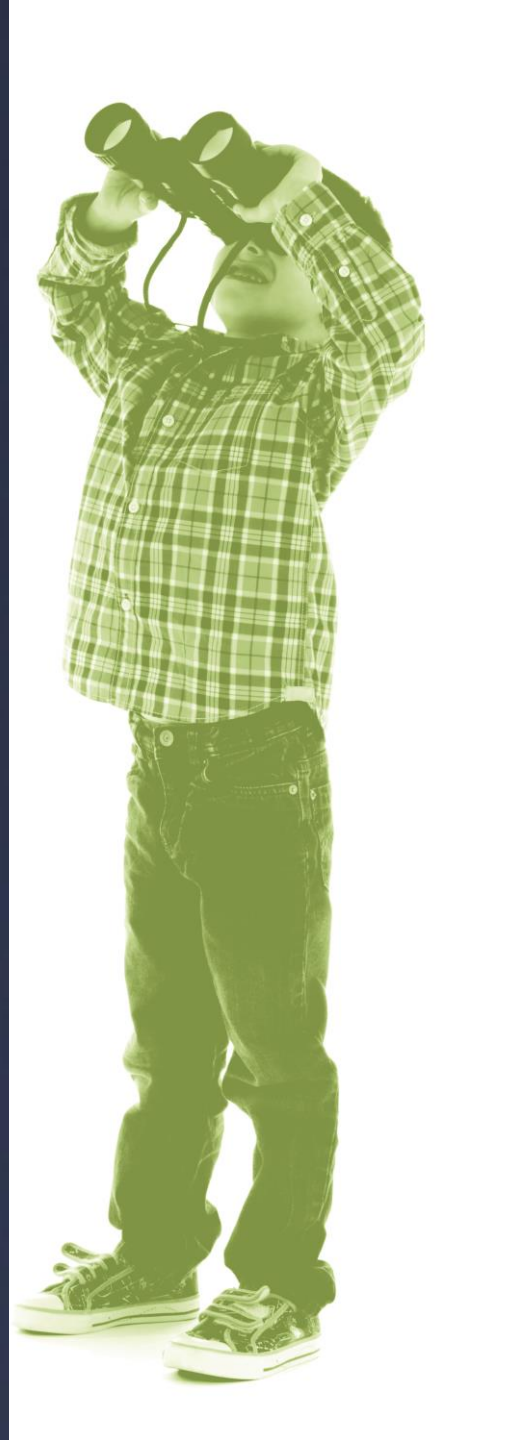
Nope-these are Prochlorococcus-

100 end to end would be
the width of a human hair and only discovered in 1979

There are an estimated 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000
Prochlorococci in the oceans

By themselves they produce over 20% of all the atmospheric oxygen

And they get rid of vast quantities of carbon dioxide-
Without them we would all be dead!



A speck of dust?

Nope

This is planet earth and the moon

Taken by the Cassini space craft

July 19th, 2013, 12.00pm

898.414 million miles from home

Why does the invisible matter?

What have phytoplankton got to do with prayer and mission?

- 1) Seemingly insignificant prayers can have massive collective results.
- 2) In order to transform the world acting in the space you have been given is critical
- 3) As plankton is the life blood of the ocean so prayer and local action is the lifeblood of the Christian!

TOMATO STORY!





Colossians 1:16-17

**“For by him all things were created:
things in heaven and on earth, visible
and invisible, whether thrones or
powers or rulers or authorities; all
things were created by him and for him.**

**He is before all things and in him all
things hold together.”**



So what is A Rocha?

OUR PURPOSE

**Mobilising Christians to care for the
natural environment
(For God, nature and everyone)**

OUR LONG TERM VISION

ARUK as the natural home for all UK Christians to be informed inspired and equipped to care for the natural environment in and for their communities.

The UK's natural environment thriving again

The public enjoying, nurturing and defending nature

Communities finding unity and resilience in caring for their environment

Christians leading the way, caring for nature as a core expression of their love for God

A Rocha believes



It is possible to make a difference

The Church should be leaders not followers

Caring for the planet is a core part of Christian mission









So what does radical mission look like?



What can I do? What can my church do?

Join Eco Church

Coffee cups!

Community groups

Single use plastics

Food!

Campaign

Join A Rocha

Pray



Above all **DON'T GIVE UP**

“Command those who are rich in this present world, not to be arrogant not put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God...”

“Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.”

“Guard what has been entrusted to your care.”
1 Tim 6: 17-19