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Human Greed and Human Need

This morning, on CBS' Sunday Morning show, host Charles Osgood reported the following three figures, compiled by USA Today:

First, the median pay of Chief Executives at 158 top corporations, including salaries, bonuses and options, was 8.6 million dollars in 2010, up some 27% from the preceding year.

Second, the average major league baseball player was paid 3.3 million dollars this season.

Third, New York Yankee third baseman Alex Rodriguez is set to make 32 million dollars this season.

One day, maybe one day, we may live in a world in which at least some of our global, human priorities will be to eliminate hunger around the world, to eradicate as many human diseases as possible, to educate every child on the planet and to work on our human nature - with the goal of purging murder, rape and all other violence from all of our societies - India to Greenland, England to South Africa.

One day, we may view the practice of paying people multi-millions of dollars to serve as the figure head of a corporation, or play a game, while simultaneously allowing basic human needs to go unfulfilled around the planet, in the same manner as we now view gladiator sports, the burning hundreds of thousands of women at the stake as witches and the institution of human slavery.

One day - maybe.....we will mature.