In this work those human duties which human rights possibly implicate are studied. As the background of this discussion is, first, the state of our natural environment, ie. the whole biosphere of the Earth and, secondly, the globally gross inequality of the distribution of human rights. The ultimate question in this thematics is: can we still add the number of rights and liberties, when even in the welfare societies the polarization between well- and ill-living people is sharpening?

As, empirical data have mainly been the contents and interpretations of international human rights conventions (esp. The Law of the European Convention on Human Rights), reports of the state of the environment and "vox populi" ie. usual citizens-opinions concerning the problematics of these questions. All other contents of this study are grounded on the conclusions given by the author's own conscience and reasoning. Naturally the ethical and moral codes of classic philosophers are also used. A throughgoing theme has also been the critique by some visioners (Orwell, Huxley, Bradbury, Lorenz, Postman, and Seiskari, Linkola and von Wright in Finland), aimed at man's both physical and mental degeneration, due to excessive amount of welfare. Main question in this context is: which is more important - that I have welfare, or that we (ie., the whole mankind) have welfare? -This question is approached from the point of view that the uncontrollable increase of the world population simply compels us to take some stand on it.

As the result is insisted that today there exists no other solution to this problematics than training, schooling and education: people should be made to understand that the ideology of continual growth is no more sustainable. If this opinion of growth is still held, we have to bargain, perhaps even totally give up, some human rights. Most important sources of this work have been The European Convention on Human Rights and its interpretations, Basic Rights (Henry Shue), The Ethics of Human Rights (Carlos Santiago Nino), and Property Rights (Lawrence Becker).

Avainsanat-Nyckelord-Keywords
- rights - duties - conceptual analysis
- human rights - environment
- inequality - human rights

Säilytyspaikka-Förvaringsställe-Where deposited
Philosophica-kirjasto, Siltavuorenpenger 20 A, 3. kerros, Puh. 09-191 29247