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Many **Japanese** intellectuals believe that societies do evolve. History would be very long.

In the British author Olaf Stapledon's book *Last and First Men*, he expounds on two billion years of the future evolution and the "ups and downs" of several consecutive human species. He wrote it in 1930, when there was not much pollution on the Earth. The Thai author Somtow Sucharitkul's book *Starship & Haiku* expounds on a bleak future, wherein war and pollution would have degraded the Earth. He wrote the book in more polluted times, more recently.

Is there really enough time for humanity? Is the Earth's biosphere really resilient to ongoing pollution? Is a big war probable?