Ethical and moral scenario planning for orthodontics

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In order to begin, we will examine five arbitrary, but timely, critical uncertainties, which will be plotted in 10 two-dimensional X/Y matrixes:

1. Education/faculty
2. Education/global economy
3. Education/insecurity
4. Education/healthcare
5. Education/technology
6. Faculty/global economy
7. Faculty/insurance
8. Faculty/technology
9. Greenhouse effect/global economy
10. Education/global economy

Of these 10 possible two-dimensional views of the world, let us narrow them down to the five “highlighted” two-dimensional X/Y matrixes:

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Of these five possible two-dimensional views, let us select one two-dimensional X/Y matrix considered to be arbitrarily the most important:

one: education/global economy.

This matrix was chosen as the most important scenario logic in 2009 in order to predict what effects the global economy will have on the future of education, possibly 10 years from now.

Education is far by far the most important threat for human existence and survival. The world economy is the other most critical issue.

Question: “How do we protect our future generations to exist in a happy and healthy environment?”

By ensuring that both these factors remain stable and strong, and that the future of mankind will be positive for a happy and healthy existence.

To plot the X/Y coordinates, education (+) is placed at the top and (-) at the bottom of the Y-axis. Global economy (+) is placed on the right side of the X-axis and (-) at the left side of the X-axis. Thus, our four named quadrants are:

• Upper right — rise of education: Both education and global economy are strong and thriving.
• Lower right — renaissance of education: Education is high and global economy is weak and in trouble.
• Lower left — death of education: Both education and global economy are weak and bleak.
• Upper left — decline of education: Education is strong and global economy is weak.

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By using inductive and ablative abilities, we can imagine future scenarios that our technology decision may have to play out by choosing global economy and education as the X- and Y-axis, respectively.

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