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**INQUIRY INTO CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA
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I understand the need for digging up bodies considering that we will eventually run out of space. However digging up someone's remains to make space for someone else is not the right way to go about it and feels disrespectful. We instead should be encouraging people to be cremated instead of buried to save space. Cremated remains can then be placed in a wall behind a plaque, a wall that can be used for the cremated remains of multiple people. The form of encouragement can take the form of anything from pamphlets, through to making burials more expensive to discourage them.

While getting everyone to be cremated will only delay the problem further into the future, it will give us quite a bit of time to have some real societal change around how bodies should be disposed of. Perhaps future solutions would include things like releasing the ash into the environment instead (e.g. out at sea, in a forest, in the soil of a new tree).

We should also instead consider having dual use cemeteries. Cemeteries are often really nice places for picnics or for walks. By merging parks/playgrounds into cemeteries this will actually make more land available for cremated remains.