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Sommario/riassunto	The increasing number of people being dignosed with autism spectrum disorders cannot simply be explained by changes in diagnostic criteria or greater awareness of the condition. Richard Lathe contends that the recent rise in cases of ASDs is a result of increased exposure to environmental toxicity combined with genetic factors.