

CONCLUSION: A RICH AND VIBRANT FUTURE

There's no question that we're living in a time of accelerating change and disruption. We have an increasing social divide, we have conflict across the globe, and our environmental footprint is increasing at an utterly unsustainable rate as our population and affluence increases.

The overwhelming reaction to this at the present time is denial.

That's the Titanic Factor – and we all know what happened to the Titanic.

However, I believe that the exponential pace innovation gives us the opportunity to create a rich and vibrant future for all.

But we've heard all that before. Back in the 'Fifties and 'Sixties there was a vision of a technocratic society where everyone worked a two day week and spent the rest of the time doing important stuff, like improving their golf handicaps.

What's happened instead is that a few are earning way more money and working way more hours, leaving others struggling to keep up. In other words, as efficiency and wealth increased it wasn't shared fairly.

But things are different now. We've got increased democratisation being facilitated by the web, and we've got new technologies coming through that the old, cumbersome structures of the past will struggle to keep up with unless they can develop ways of becoming more adaptable.

That means businesses, governments, and other institutions will need to reinvent themselves to become responsive to the changes going on in technology and, therefore, in society, as well as the environmental and resource challenges. They'll need to be able to freestyle, and surf successive waves of change, if they are to ever stand a hope of becoming relevant again.

My sense is that most of these archaic systems will fail to meet the challenge and find themselves becoming obsolete as a new order – or a new disorder – takes over.

I say a new disorder because the future is going to be less certain and we, as individuals, will have to grasp the concept of continual, life-long change. I find that really exciting.

The old systems, where they're doing anything at all, are trying to create a future in the image of the past. They're using the same old thinking and coming up with the same old, tired solutions.

As Einstein pointed out, that won't work: we have to use a whole different level of thinking to create something new and fit for purpose in the 21st Century. That means being more conscious of our individual roles in creating the current reality, so we can swish to new and better ways of being in the world.

When we're connected to our highest version of ourselves, we are amazing. We have such potential to do good and great work. We can – and will – transform this fragile world of ours.

You are amazing! Yes you!

This is my final message to you, with love:

*Shine your light,
Step into your greatness, and
Make your difference in the world.*