

## **New Year Aspirations.**

***"...the most exciting breakthroughs of the 21st century will not occur because of technology but because of an expanding concept of what it means to be human".***

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Global economic, socio-political and climatic changes are forcing each of us to seek new ways of building our lives and financial security. The incredible changes we are witnessing, from the upheavals in the world financial systems to the overthrowing of political regimes without forgetting the climatic catastrophes that have spared no corner of the globe, all have a common thread. They are all human made and as such are all encompassing. They affect the richest and the poorest, men and women, business owners, politicians, employees and students. They affect you and me.

Concurrent to those upheavals, we have witnessed a series of actions, decisions and directives from an array of people in leadership positions whose foremost motives have been their own personal gain, often at the expense of their fellow human beings, their country and our planet. We have seen our ever-expanding progress and prosperity begin to contract and many of our systems fall apart.

The pressing question of the twentieth century was about who should control raw materials and the means of production. The political and economic systems that emerged to cope with this change in production varied in their answer to this question but were unified in recognising and adapting to this change. Whether in America, Europe, Russia or Asia, though much later China; every part of the world participated in the reorganisation of society to optimise industrial production.

As we enter the second decade of the new millennium, the next transformation is under way. Those who do not choose to be an active part of this reorganisation will be dragged along regardless, often with painful consequences. Unpredictability, now more than ever, continues to be the only certainty.

The winds of change blowing across our planet are toppling dictators, causing upheavals in the corporate world, in families, in schools and in the very fibres of our political systems. Kevin Rudd, the Australian Foreign Affairs Minister, in a speech on 22 February stated:

*"...the social revolutions sweeping across the Arab world, the wider Middle East and perhaps beyond....reminds us once again that we have not seen the end of history. For many countries, we may in fact be seeing an entirely new history being written.*

*...So creative middle powers have an interest in pooling their economic and political standing and bring their intellectual efforts and critical mass to bear in responding to global challenges. To this end, Australia always stands ready to propose new partnerships to tackle new problems, or to tackle old problems in new ways...*

*...Australia is a middle power with strong values, significant capacity and global interests..."*

To ensure outcomes that will bring about growth, peace and political stability around the world, political leaders will need to break away from the nostrums of 'Realpolitik' and via genuine consultations, come up with a vision that will give the world hope and inspiration.

For business leaders to succeed in this uncharted new world order, a fundamental 'cognitive restructuring' is required of us. We need to recalibrate our energy and vibration level which will demand that we do battle with our subconscious and create new neural pathways. It requires a deep rethink of organisational beliefs and leadership style. It demands vigilance from each of us to continuously review and realign our beliefs and values, and use those values as a compass in all our decisions, personally and professionally.

As the chaos unfurls around us, we require some permanent markers that will serve as beacons to guide us back onto the path of hope and inspiration. Values and principles are such markers.

Outlined below are 6 aspirations that herald a new paradigm that will align our energy and vibration with an expanding concept of what it means to be a human being in the new world order.

- 1. Are our key performance indicators good for the people around us, the planet as well as the company's bottom line?**
- 2. Are our strategies, policies and practices designed to inspire our people, our clients and our shareholders?**
- 3. Do our work standards raise the bar for our employees and our society at large? How hard are we playing when no one is watching?**
- 4. If 'Wikileaks' distributed our emails, would we be proud and serene?**
- 5. Are our daily decisions fostering the development of a common vision and are we constantly walking our talk?**
- 6. Are we being heroes to our children, our colleagues and ourselves?**

We invite you to consider each of those carefully, individually and also with your work teams, and come up with an action plan that will align your organization, your team, your family and yourself with a world that is inspiring, challenging and ever growing.

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