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As our world evolves in connectivity, consumerism, capital investment and development, issues of our global history become more transparent, and our awareness and understanding of them sheds new light on what was once, perhaps should not be again. Our responsibilities become more complex and our cultural admissions challenged by new thinking through the growing collective conscience of a modern world built on economic growth and lifestyle improvement aligned for all humanity.

I believe all of humanity should be given the opportunity to embrace our future, through access to education, barrier breaking cultural understanding and an egalitarian conscience that provides opportunity for all to succeed. I do not believe this can be achieved if the haves of humanity gain at the expense of the have nots. The governments of our world and the businesses that benefit from its social evolution must ensure that opportunity is not the privilege of a favoured few or a social construct for dominance over the less fortunate.

In business, shareholders need to balance expectations of performance, with a value system congruent with a future that embraces all human beings. In government, stakeholders need to balance economic development, with a melioristic belief inclusive of all levels of society. All children, women and men, must be given the opportunity to succeed in the life we share, and it is our responsibility and the will in our lifetime, to make that a reality.