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In view of the new possibilities presented by the continuing and deepening challenges that Humanity is faced with, my sincere hope as we enter the New Year is that we make an extra effort to find ways to fundamentally change our mindset. We can each take individual actions, however small they might seem, to make changes in terms of what we value, how we engage with each other, and more important, how we revere the forces of nature. Without such a shift of thinking, the progress civilization has witnessed in the last 50,000 years could be rapidly drawn to a halt.

At the same time that we face unprecedented challenges, advanced technologies have presented us with unprecedented opportunities to address the current turbulent state of our planet, if only we can apply our intelligence and creativeness to settle down to a social dynamic that celebrates a cherished ancient ideal. By realizing the power of
self-expression and by serving the environment around us, we enable equitable opportunities for collective advancement.

My strong conviction is that a deficit of leadership and not a deficit of means is constraining humanity from making the next big leap. Through improved understanding of nature, we have learned that microscopic changes, natural or human-made, have triggered evolutionary mega changes.

History has repeatedly taught us that, in times of crises, a few small communities and even a few courageous individuals have triggered large-scale social changes. At a time when we particularly need compassion, imagination, and mentoring of goodness in people, we can realize the profound power of working out of the unlimited reservoir in our heart and head. When we share our individual passion and intellect, we can affect countless numbers of people.

At the individual level, we often doubt or forget that we have the power to assemble and disassemble our outer conditions—by our inner thoughts, by choices we make, by actions we take—for the greater good of civilization. As we step into 2011, we should remind ourselves of the power we have within us, which could indeed open up new vistas full of possibilities.
I strongly believe that the time has now come when:

- We have to agree, beyond the conventional constructs of capitalism and socialism, to a new dynamic enabled by the fusion of micro-volunteering, micro-venturing, and micro-finance on top of the base of the “inverted socio-economic pyramid.” Only though such a paradigm shift will we be able to unleash the powerful forces that will move humanity towards a more sustainable and harmonious future. Perhaps in the absence of a better word, we could call the new dynamic “cellularism.”

- We must apply our scientific and technological genius to re-engineer our industries to create future products and processes that are ecology- and energy-friendly and, most important, to enable equitable and sustainable wealth creation processes.

- We must forget our self-interests in the grandeur of our vision, in a larger ideal, in love of truth and love of humanity. We are indeed at a point in time in the development of a global civilization when we need a
generational shift in our state of being, in our ways of becoming, and in our fundamental modes of thinking.

Let us together make Twenty Eleven (2011) the year we secure the will and the courage to begin a New Era, by embracing our nobler motives to serve the long-term good of humanity and nature.

Wishing you, your family and friends, and your colleagues a Great 2011.

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