

Epilogue

Humanity is closer than ever before to activating the most extreme consciousness and reality-shifting possibilities. As of this writing, the level of tension between catastrophic change by human or natural origins and the influx of higher consciousness has grown to a truly unprecedented magnitude.

We have before us a very simple proposition: *If a sufficient portion of humanity as a whole* proves unable to voluntarily make *new* choices based on a *greater level* of discernment on behalf of a spiritually-based and life-affirming future, then events will rapidly catalyze this process for us. However, there is no principle that says we must allow ourselves to fall into a catastrophic abyss first before deciding it is not in our best interests as human and spiritual beings.

Our ultimate destiny is that of spiritual beings occupying a unique medium between the solid physical matter of planets and the non-physicality of pure Spirit. This is the purpose of human biology: to provide a distinctive interface between these two aspects of creation. Our destiny is to discover the possibilities available within the magnificence of Creator consciousness.

The human species is a young species by cosmic, as well as human social-psychological measures. We have *so much potential* that is far beyond that which seems, from our limited perspective, to be an endless array of material and social failures and successes at personal or global levels. The relationship between consciousness – especially that anchored through human form – and our natural and synthetic environment is truly an intimate one. This is gradually being discovered through many of our physical and biological sciences, and is something that people focused on the spiritual sciences have known for a long time. We are indeed a vital part of an entire planetary organism, whether we see this clearly or only vaguely. By the brief measure of a few thousand years and now by an even briefer measure of decades as we face impending planetary climate change – it would seem that we have lost our way. Not so – *if* we only intend and choose differently – *right now*.

Humanity has reached a point wherein we have devoted our resources toward destructive conflict among ourselves and with our natural world.

This cannot continue unabated. We can and must make new choices and act upon them. It is within our grasp and capacity to do so. The first step is to wake up to this option. We have so artfully managed to distract ourselves with personal and collective pleasures and power-seeking that we, as a species, seem hopelessly *unconscious* to an impending dramatic crossroad in our reality.

An enlightened future *is not* about polarities. It is not about who we do or do not vote for, democracy or plutocracy, or war or peace. It is not about differences between various religious texts and what various groups of people think about them. It is not about capitalism or the corruption of society by the “commodification” of our personal and social relationships. These are all the short-term choices that we seem to have already made by default and for which we now seek remedies.

An enlightened future *is* about how diversity and contrast can truly function as part of a coherent and unifying whole that is greater than the sum of its parts – and that at the same time benefits each unique part with the perspectives of all parts. Our challenge now is to facilitate ways for the greatest number of people to see this as a choice for themselves and to act accordingly.

What is before us is the emergence of an evolutionary shift in our physical, social, psychological, and spiritual existence. This shift benefits everyone, regardless of their personal circumstances or belief system. All that is needed is to surrender our ordinary personal and societal “ambitions” to welcome the adventure beckoning to us more powerfully every day from our future selves. Thus, we can find resolution to all aspects of ordinary human suffering and our seemingly endless conflict with our natural environment.

Can we open ourselves to the possibility of something wonderful? Can we let go of the old long enough to intend for ourselves an enlightened future?

This is truly the choice before us now. It has always been our choice to make.

What matters is *now*. Always.

“...After mastering winds, waves, tides and gravity, we shall harness the energies of love, and then, for the second time in the history of the world, man will discover fire.”

– Pierre Teilhard de Chardin