A piece of the universal presence is buried deep within all of us.

When I was at the age to venture out on my own, there came a time. I was with a group of friends, crouched on a hill in a different continent. Just seconds ago my hand had plucked a berry from the ground and carried it passed my lips into the maw. Without chewing, I rolled it across my tongue, pressing the juice and soaking my mouth. I looked across the landscape and up into the sky. And I found myself in one of those "permanence between moments" experiences all of us have had sprinkled through our lives.

Everything came together for an instant. My squatting posture: the incline of the ground: the seasonal angle of sunlight: triggered a connection. I was a meeting point for all the angles and vectors of physical existence; a part of archetypal arrangement of elemental forms and energy in our life-including universe. I felt the contentment of being in the place I was meant to be.

Whether or not it registers on our cluttered minds, we have all been inside such grand moments. How often is hard to say. This one certainly wasn't my first dip in the mystic sea. In fact, when it comes to touching something archetypal, you and I are not the only ones. Across time, our forefathers, ancestors, back to antecedent life all sorts of sentient creatures crossing earth's surface probably paused in much the same way and ran into an ever recurring moment of revelation.

Humans are a form of being meant to exist in Earth's biosphere. We are in our proper place. Our minds a blessed instrument of perception. We were bestowed capability to look at and find patterns in our immediate surroundings and see them repeated across the unfolding universe. We have also rearranged all sorts of objects, altering our individual and collective manifest destiny.

### I hope this basic truth will revolve and resolve us to make profound changes in our daily and societal activities.

We had better look beyond the immediate horizon. The epoch moment is approaching when our human population will swell beyond what our global civilizations are designed to support.

It is left to us to grant our direct descendants as well as the masses of individuals to follow their time and special path across the fabric of life. The activities our species continues pursuing into the future, cannot just be intended to sustain a faction of this nation or that civilization for the next 5 to 25 years. We certainly can't survive guided by the current corporate quarterly profits mentality.

We need to start thinking, understanding and acting with such deep transformative convictions that, in two or three generations, when the population reaches fifteen or twenty billion, we will have the beginnings of massive new systems already in place.

Recent human progress has been rapid and amazing, especially in the last few hundred years. We have developed sufficient skill and knowledge to understand our basic connection with all biological life and to systematically reinforce human societies' naturally-nurturing behavior. Devoting our minds and actions to our world’s care and maintenance connects us to the web of life.

We need to start now. Crucial decisions have to be made. And yet, while our body politic competes for power, the outstanding question somehow remains unnoticed.

### How best should everything we know be applied to our future?

I hope we're going to get there in time. We will need strong systems that will maintain and uphold our human presence at the highest level of population possible. Enough minds and bodies so that we can engineer, expand or adjust the earth's complex biosphere.

### Either that or:

Just when our population is about to hit its natural peak: the surface, water and air of our planet will be contaminated by our biological and chemical waste, industrial discharge and leach, mining slimes and tailings, and noxious or inert combustion particles. And the great web of biodiversity will be too degraded to absorb or buffer their combined effect.

### Following this line of fate:

When society is in crisis and empirical logic fails, primitive impulse and atavistic superstition arise. Humans will quit advanced coordinated activity in favor of individual survival. No collective environmental solutions will get implemented and no common agreement will control global population or the marauding hordes they spawn.

Barbaric attitudes and practices on a modern scale would result in such random death and destruction; it would force social disintegration. War privation and disease might kill off the overflow population, but its methods are without regard for how it ruptures the great civilizations that support our earthly inhabitation. Science, agriculture, industry, and philosophy will be lost. Problems will not get solved. Disease will run rampant.

If we don't turn the effects back, toxic tides: microbial infections: civilization-wide collapse: cultural disintegration: immunological surrender: will be stations suffered on the road to extinction.

### Will sentient life abide? Does it actually matter if people stay or go?

It may be possible or likely that there is no other form of existence capable of our role as witness to creation. We are transiting a temporal realm of the universe in corporal form. Each of us is a living being, receiving and sending out the particles, waves and pings. We affect and are affected by the surrounding forces at play.

### Please consider:

Our minds allow us to see patterns: whether among friends and compatriots, in heaven's seemingly chaotic drifts or in life's organizing of molecular energy. Who knows? Our collective mental channel, properly developed, may someday shield the area around our galaxy from the forces of entropy.

We carry the hard tested knowledge we were given by nature. We add our bit of experience to the successions of civilizations. And we hand the package of quests over to the next cohort. If what we have accomplished in the last five hundred years is any indication, the next five centuries will open horizons and will achieve great endeavors as well as provide ourselves experiences and insights beyond our wildest imaginings.

If we continue the journey ahead to complete a thousand years, will it be enough of a fractal of time to achieve our destiny? Will we connect yet unknown networks and pathways? I think it is actually possible for our consciousness to ascend and take in higher dimensions: to make our microscopic earthly life-forms experience this universe and participate in the great grandeur of its macroscopic totality.

So don't keep asking why or if we need to begin actions to keep these sentient lives going. In our era, earthly humans have no higher calling.