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The Nice Human **Generation**

**A Children's Book FOR ADULTS
Living in the 2020's**

Prologue

THE NICE HUMAN® GENERATION

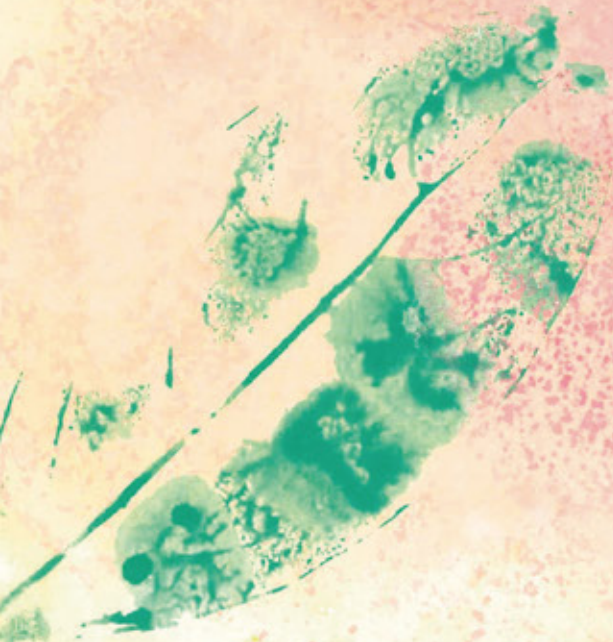


**THIS SMALL BOOK IS MEANT TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS -- WE'RE ALREADY TECHNOLOGICALLY
IN THE FUTURE, AND RETHINKING AND REDESIGNING SOCIETY IS POSSIBLE.**

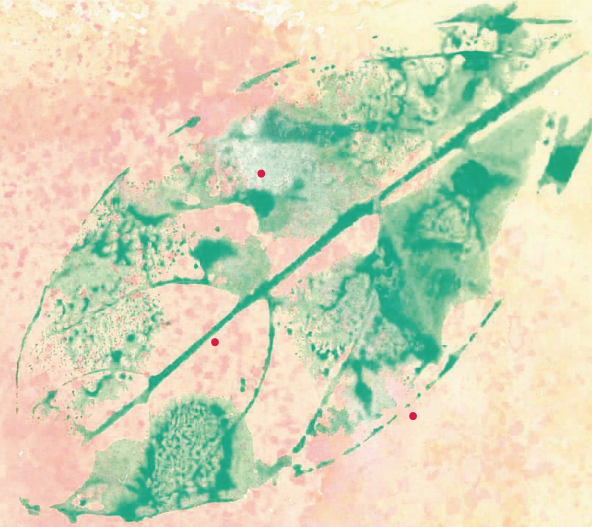
This narrative is a thought-experiment for **YOU**.
NICEHUMAN.ORG is an action-experiment for **US**.

In memory of Willie Tichenor, an artist, a dreamer, and a doer.

Welcome to earth, you're
successfully a **HUMAN**.
There will be low times
and high times to come.



When you're building towards
change, make the low times not so
low and the high times not so **high**.

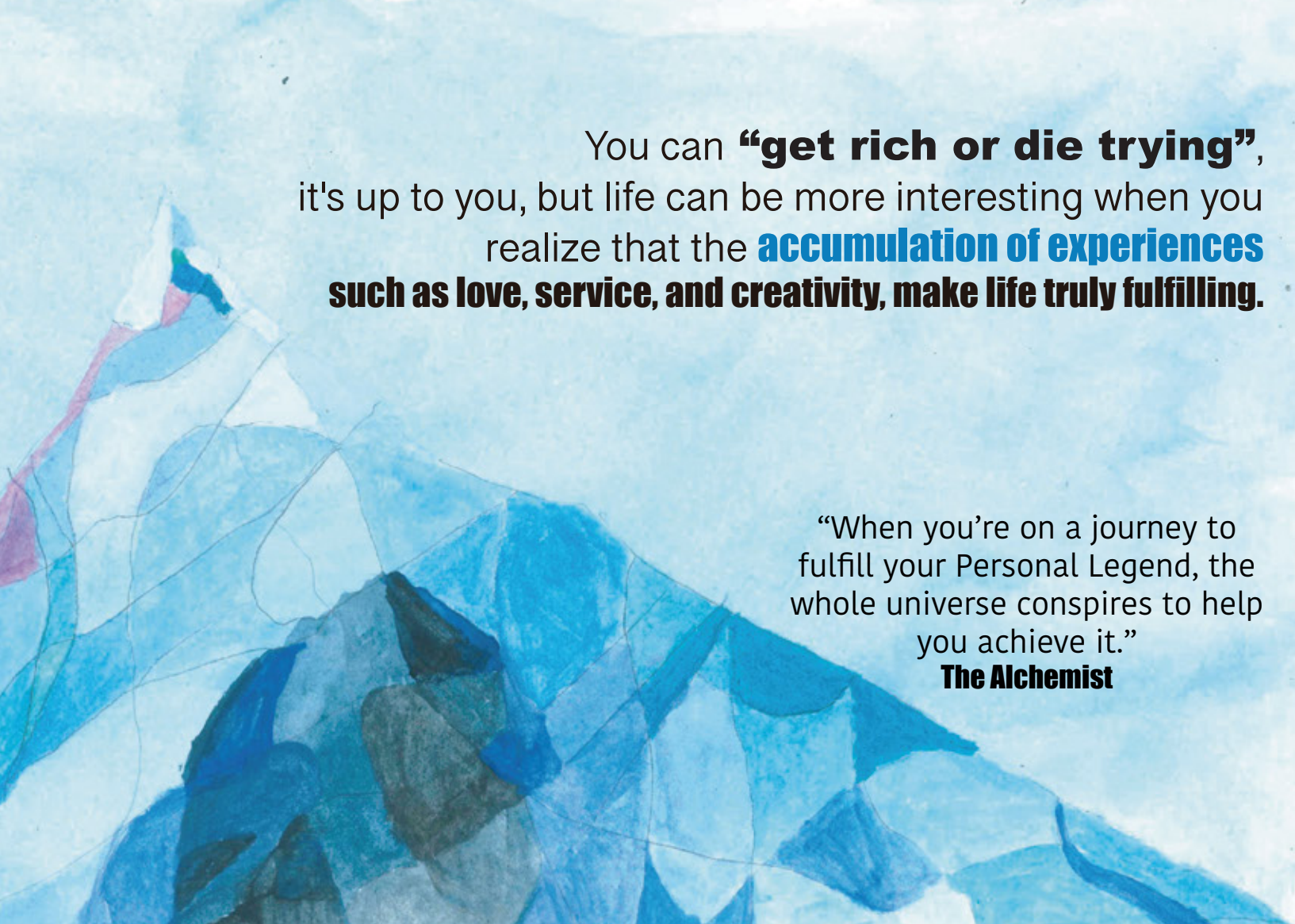


**“Take a deep breath. Inhale peace.
Exhale happiness.”**

A.D. Posey

You'll be told many **missions** in life...
the need to accumulate material things, win
trophies, or build an identity to impress people
you may not like.





You can **“get rich or die trying”**,
it's up to you, but life can be more interesting when you
realize that the **accumulation of experiences**
such as love, service, and creativity, make life truly fulfilling.

“When you’re on a journey to
fulfill your Personal Legend, the
whole universe conspires to help
you achieve it.”

The Alchemist

We humans are made up of *different* cultures,
colors, languages, opinions, and interests.

Nobody is just one thing; each individual is made
of millions of elegant components.

**This wonderful diversity
should be celebrated daily,
not used to divide and conquer.**



**No matter who you are, if you're on
this planet today, you're part of
THE NICE HUMAN GENERATION.**



In the last 100 years Earth's population **exploded** from under 2 billion to almost 8 billion, **driven by the technologies** of four separate industrial revolutions

(yes, there was more than one industrial revolution).

These revolutions
reshaped society
economically,
technologically &
most importantly,
socially.



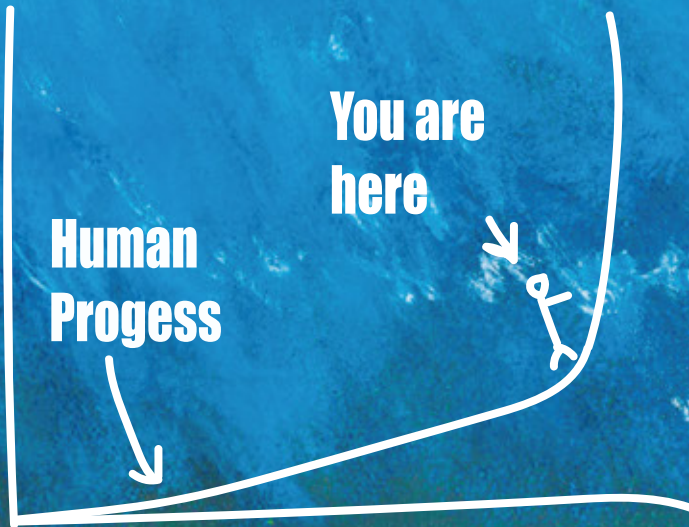
The steam engine ignited the **1st IR** in the late 19th century,
the **2nd IR** was led by the factory assembly line in the early 20th century, and
the computer changed everything for humans in the **3rd IR** starting in the 1960s.

IR = Industrial Revolution

The Fourth Industrial Revolution has arrived,

and “**exponential** technology”

changes **EVERYTHING** about **LIFE!**



Exponential can be understood with simple algebra.

Each number **doubles** itself -- 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128...

The 29th step is over **A HALF BILLION**

The 30th step is over **A BILLION**

The increase seems slow in the beginning,
but **SUDDENLY** there's a cusp followed by an

EXPLOSION of rapid acceleration.

“Competing for a job with a robot or AI will soon
become as illogical as trying to outrun a car.”

Jack Ma

In this decade, the average PC becomes more powerful than
1,000 human minds, combined!

And so begins the **“Age of Abundance”**.

With advanced artificial intelligence,
a surplus of renewable energy, and robots,
the production of almost anything becomes

extremely cheap and abundant. ← **the new
roaring 20s!**



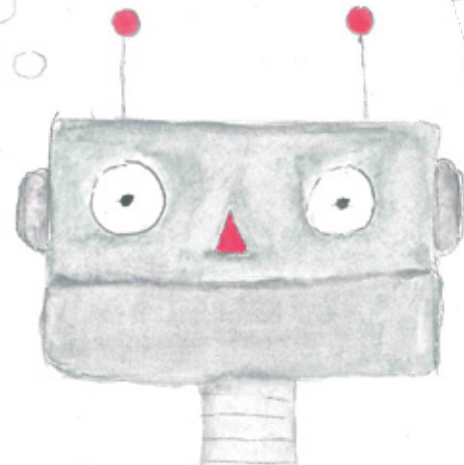
Robots do human manual-work & **A.I.** does human cognitive thinking work; from boardrooms to factories, and even the work of doctors and lawyers.

This sets the stage for a **much higher quality of life for humans:** **shorter** work weeks, more play, and where **YOU** can follow purpose instead of a soul crushing repetitive job.

Or on the flip side, society falls into mass-poverty, mass-unemployment, and utmost uncertainty.

“There had never been a time of greater promise, or greater peril.”

Professor Klaus Schwab



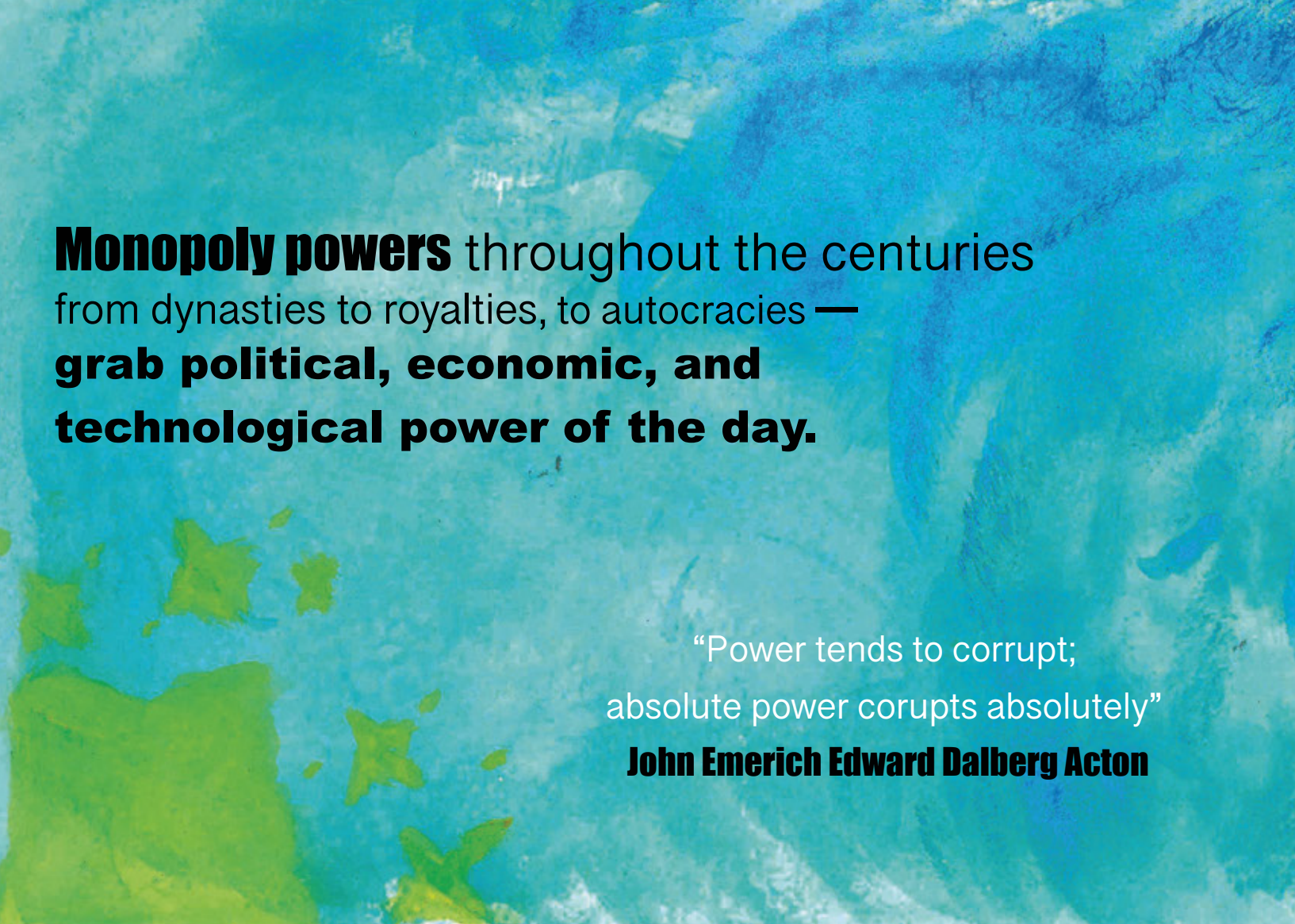
The Age of Abundance is actually
already here (but for now, just for a few).

Just 26 individuals have more money than the bottom 50% of the **ENTIRE** population of Earth, and just 2 people have more than the bottom 50% of the United States.

The background is a watercolor-style illustration. The upper portion is a light blue wash, suggesting a sky. The lower portion features stylized, overlapping mountain shapes in shades of yellow and orange, with dark orange outlines. The overall texture is soft and painterly.

This **extreme inequality** is converging with an
environmental emergency, and the
development of **alarming technology**.

YOUR individual awareness and decisions today
now become **THE MOST IMPORTANT IN THE
HISTORY OF HUMANKIND.**

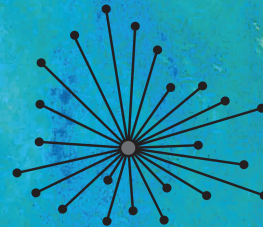


Monopoly powers throughout the centuries
from dynasties to royalties, to autocracies —
**grab political, economic, and
technological power of the day.**

“Power tends to corrupt;
absolute power corrupts absolutely”

John Emerich Edward Dalberg Acton

**Will the powers of the
2020'S TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTION
be for the many, or for the few?**



Centralized
Monopoly Power



Decentralized
Democracy

Let's "get realistic"...

Modern attitude has trended **cynical** --
"being realistic" is considered to be
intellectually superior.

It's often admired to stick your proverbial head in
the sand, while being hopeful and purpose driven is
**largely considered just
wishful thinking.**



However, history has told many
“unrealistic stories” of
HUMAN PROGRESS

Civil rights began with the 1st IR

Political rights expanded in the 2nd IR

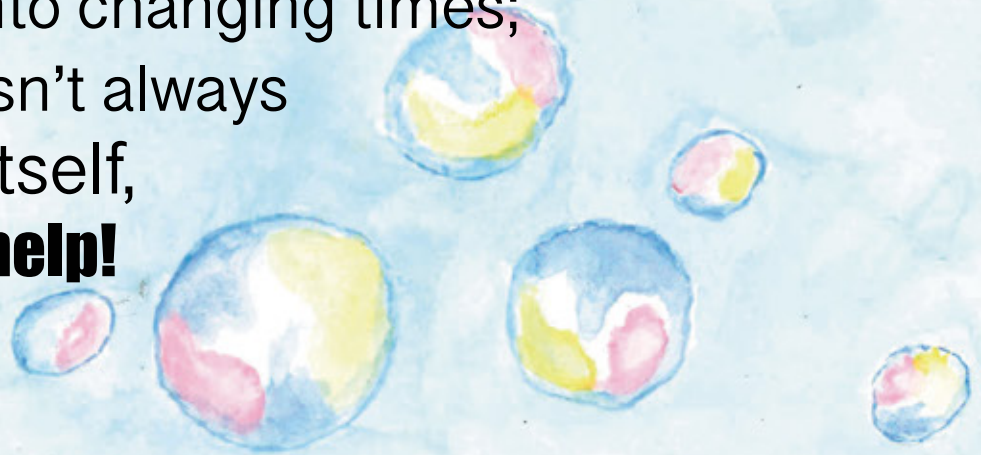
Social rights through the 3rd IR

“We are called to be architects
of the future, not its victims.”

R. Buckminster Fuller

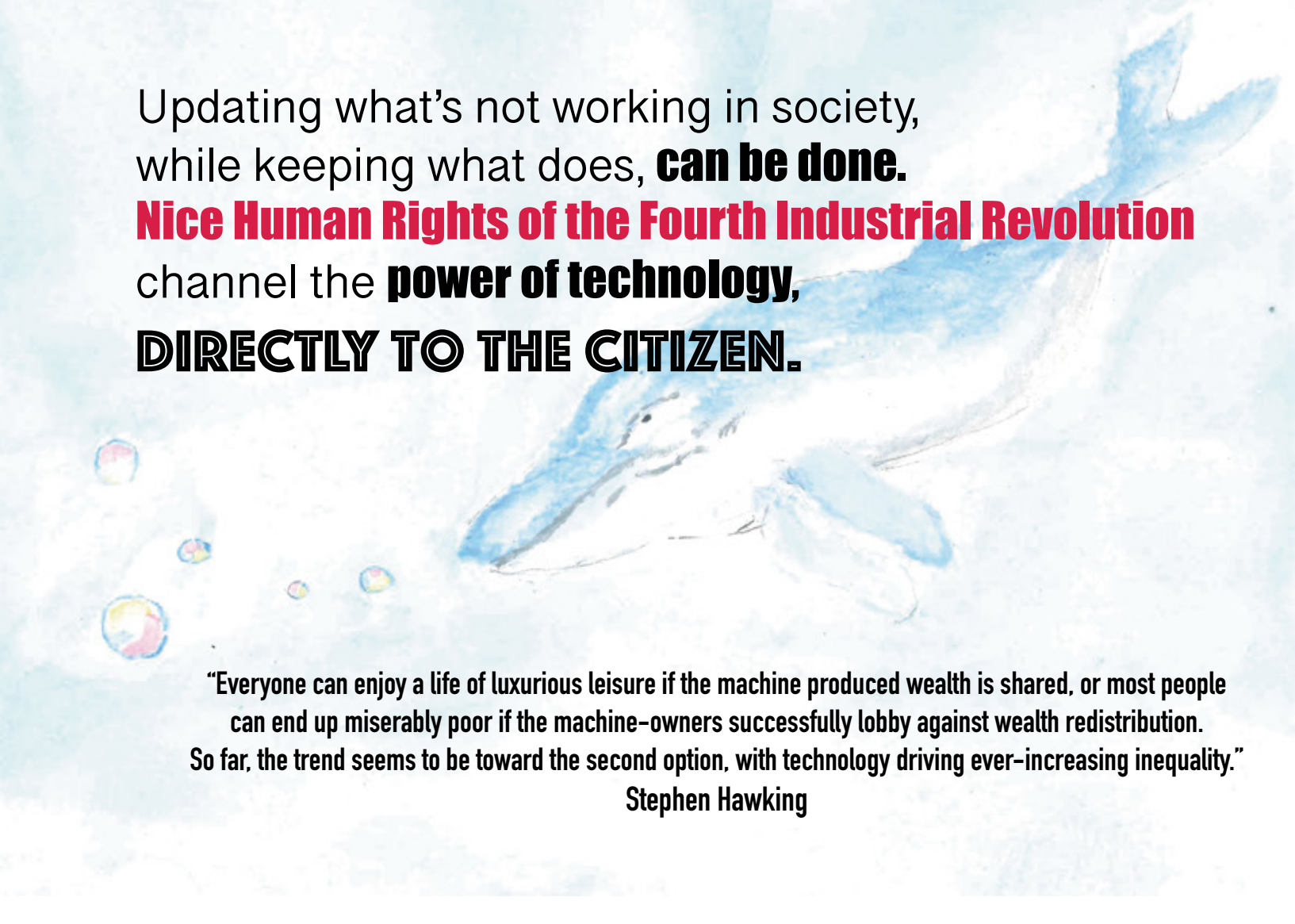
The project of each generation

is to better society and help guide
the next one into changing times;
the future doesn't always
take care of itself,
it needs YOUR help!



“Every **GENERATION**
needs a new revolution”

Thomas Jefferson



Updating what's not working in society,
while keeping what does, **can be done.**

Nice Human Rights of the Fourth Industrial Revolution

channel the **power of technology,**

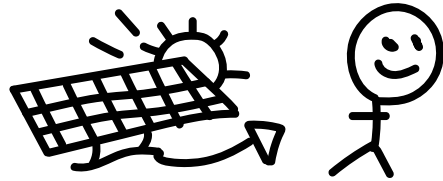
DIRECTLY TO THE CITIZEN.

“Everyone can enjoy a life of luxurious leisure if the machine produced wealth is shared, or most people can end up miserably poor if the machine-owners successfully lobby against wealth redistribution. So far, the trend seems to be toward the second option, with technology driving ever-increasing inequality.”

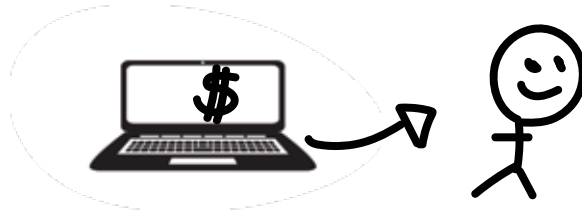
Stephen Hawking

Nice Human Rights of the Fourth Industrial Revolution

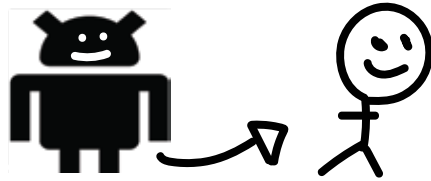
****if you want them...**



I. **“Sustainable Energy”** exponential solar & battery technology are becoming extremely cheap in the next months and years, allowing for a few panels to power an entire house, car, and business. A significantly reduced energy bill makes **living costs far less** and the **production of everything far more affordable.**



II. “Universal Income” (for example, 300 bucks a month that could increase exponentially) can be funded by the **wealth surplus of advanced technologies** -- the **profits off YOUR data** & automation replacing **YOUR human jobs**. This update protects the free market by empowering consumer demand, while expanding individual freedom. **Past generations built this technology -- our generation can benefit.**




III. “Democratized Technology”

friendly advanced technology should always be accessible to as many people as possible, it will **improve life in unimaginable ways.**

Inversely, weaponized, manipulative, and polarizing ***unfriendly technology***, should be monitored and regulated by democracy (assuring the greatest good for the greatest amount of people.)

Learn more about these proposed rights at NiceHuman.org or in the epilogue



“We think of capitalism as being locked in an ideological battle with socialism, but we never really saw that capitalism might be *updated and improved on* by its own child — technology.”

- Eric Weinstein

**NICE HUMAN RIGHTS IS WHERE
TECHNOLOGY AND HUMANITY MEET.**

They decentralize power to the people
flourishing economic growth, ending scarcity,
while allowing individuals to live their best lives.



The VAST MAJORITY of people
are **NICE** in environments
designed for humans to prosper.



It's not left **vs.** right.
Or us **vs.** nature,

it's not even
us **vs.** robots.





**It's ultimately
us **VS.** us.**

The status quo or
The calling of a generation

“If nothing ever changed
there'd be no butterflies”.
— **Wendy Mass**

THE ACTION EXPERIMENT

WHEN YOU IDENTIFY A NICE HUMAN -- a cool logo pinned to a backpack, or a friendly tee-shirt, don't approach the person with the typical **"what do you do?"** ...
get to know "WHO THEY ARE" and WHAT IDEAS YA'LL SHARE.

At NiceHuman.org

we want to promote connection and discussion of the ~~future~~ present .

Share this free book with a friend
+ pick up some Nice Human swag



This is meant to be a conversation starter, to motivate connection over division, & create a discussion of what we can agree on to better society.

We hope you're inspired to have new talks and new thoughts, because **POSITIVE exponential change** can't happen **WITHOUT US.**

NiceHuman.org

Thank you kindly for reading
the Nice Human Generation :)

The future truly is what we choose to make it.



Epilogue

The Age of Abundance led by Nice Humans is the good news.

The calling of our generation is to connect, to reimagine, and to design an exciting society in the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

NICE HUMAN RIGHTS empower what matters...

focusing on **our personal best**, caring for **our families**, building **fulfilling communities**, and **protecting life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness in the 21st century.**

(I) Nice Human Right: “Universal Sustainable Energy”:

This human right is one massive economic step to saving the climate, and making the production of things and living costs much cheaper. The price of solar energy has dropped exponentially over the past two decades and picking up speed... it's already cheaper than fossil fuels. The exponential curve of solar development can satisfy everyone's need on the planet with 100% renewable energy. **A moonshot size project can speed up your right to universal sustainable energy.** Your tank of gas and electric bills are still too expensive, and the primary cause of the environmental existential crisis — making Universal Sustainable Energy an urgent human right.

(II) Nice Human Right: “Universal Basic Income”:

A Princeton psychology study discovered an increase in IQ when the fear of scarcity is diminished. **Economic freedom... is human freedom.** Alaska has constitutionally established their own permanent oil dividend (similar to a tech dividend) for their citizens, and it's wildly popular. We are all citizens and consumers, & we all pay taxes and use the Internet. **Our personal data in 2019 became more valuable than oil, and nobody received a “tech check” in the mail.** Businesses with more and more machine generated wealth can significantly worsen the existential crisis of income inequality by eliminating human jobs— making the Universal Income an urgent human right.

(III) Nice Human Right: “Democratization of Technologies”:

Exponential technological breakthroughs create exponential inventions that free peoples’ needs, and increase quality of life. **A company or individual should not be able to patent, control, and kill technology that massively improves lives.** When democracy oversees technology for human abundance, we all win. “The least scary future I can think of is one where we have at least democratized AI because if one company or small group of people manages to develop godlike digital superintelligence, they could take over the world” -- Elon Musk

**TECHNOLOGICAL HUMAN RIGHTS IS THE SOLUTION TO KEEPING HUMANS FREE —
MAKING THE DEMOCRATIZATION OF TECHNOLOGIES AN URGENT HUMAN RIGHT.**

“The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
The second best time is now.” —Chinese Proverb

About the Author

My name is Steven, I'm Dolce's husband.

After growing up in Texas and graduating from UT Austin, I had the opportunity to live around the world and see the potential of this magnificent planet and its people. I've always been passionate about innovation, and believe our generation has to

THINK BIG, AND DO MORE.

Today, Dolce and I are back in Austin Texas, and we're here to Keep Austin Weird and Nice.

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“UNLESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot,
nothing is going to get better. It's not.”

-Dr. Seuss