

Wishing You an Inspiring & Illuminating 2017



*Let the colors and waves of
nature color our hearts for a
Great & Gorgeous New Year*

*A view of the sky captured in our neighborhood - signifying how waves of light, sound, and gravity express the beauty of nature
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As we welcome the New Year it is indeed a great time to reflect on the events of the year 2016, so that we could draw strength and courage from our inner conscience to trigger a few positive processes for a wonderful and a meaningful 2017.

The most significant perhaps in all our thoughts is the complex perhaps bit viscous Presidential election in the US, and how the

untested leadership instincts might play out to shape domestic and international social, political and economic constructs. Particularly concerning is the narrative behind Internet hacking compromising the democratic process in a nation which the world has looked up to in advancing the governance of nations, while unsettling geo-political dynamics between Russia and the West.

At the same time, - the continuous massacre of human dignity in Middle East, particularly in Syria and Iraq, Israel's confused stance towards two state solution, the rising challenges of mass movement of people across borders leading to rise of nationalism in Europe, are today putting an average person in a continuous state of despair and fear. All of such set backs, underscore the need to rethink what must constitute Leadership in the years ahead?

The big question that might haunt our minds is how well are we equipped to harness the power of technology for safer, secured, sustainable & equitable socio-economic advance? We too often are drawn into the narrow dark lanes of being, to serve our own personal agenda, not too infrequently distorted by myopic instincts. In the process divides between people only widen, value of human conscience only diminish, great possibilities fragment & scatter, and most importantly our inner spiritual & intellectual energy only dilute.

During such moments could we draw inspiration from science? In 2016, the discovery of gravitational waves has transformed the contour scientific thought process in a most fundamental fashion. During the first half of 2016, physicists announced that they have sensed subtle rumbling of ripple in space-time, because of the collision of two black holes some 1.3 Billion years ago. As our understanding of radio to light waves opened up vast universe of opportunities, it is my hope gravitational waves will help us to understand more subtle powers of nature to explore more profound possibilities that will celebrate goodness of humankind.

We should be thankful to mother nature that time to time she allows us to observe and perhaps understand the subtle but powerful forces of the universe, which open up new possibilities in advancing of our civilization. After all, as the sphere of our knowledge expands, the surface area of unknown dark space only expands. As long as we remain humble and inquisitive, we could build on the wisdom of today to explore the waves unknown. For sure with the goodness in our heart, we could well orchestrate our different tendencies towards a “human symphony”. A universal music, which Vedas have captured in the sound “Om” (ॐ), - that everyone in the planet could celebrate. Let’s pray when wise thoughts come together, the ripples on our space-time canvas like gravitational waves created by the collision of black-holes, will always illuminate the nature of human.

We must not doubt the genuine power of inner being so that with the courage of humility we could together celebrate the spiritual and ecological beauty of the Universe.

With this spirit in our hearts, please permit me to wish you, your family and friends, and your colleagues

A Great 2017.

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