

*Wishing You a Wonderful &
Meaningful Entrance to the next Decade
with a 20/20 Vision.*



Picture taken by Partha S Ghosh celebrating the play of “light of possibilities” through the clouds of challenges

*Let 2020 provide us the conscience and
courage to shape the future with higher level of
Leadership Expression.*

The most significant perhaps in all our thoughts is the continuous rise in narrow ethnic and nationalistic instincts across continents, - as manifested to name a few, the struggles of Rohingyas in Myanmar, the difficult immigration debates in South Asia related to independence and split of a region, which has been for more than 5000 years a cradle of deep philosophical thoughts centered around peaceful harmony with nature.

At the same time the tensions in the Korean Peninsular and in Hong Kong, to the unsettling dynamics between Russia and the West, and challenges of Brexit, to deep political divides in the US, along with the increasing distrust of public in institutions and media which shaped the modern society, together paint a picture which is bit fuzzy, if not foggy.

Even more significant is the failure of global leadership to sort through the complex issues in the Middle East and different parts of Africa. Of course we should not forget that larger percentage of the Global population is still struggling to have access to the basics of life such as clean water and food, sanitation and health care, while in developed and less developed economies continuous threats of cyber hacking and bio terrorism along with increasing challenges of climate change, - question how well are we equipped to harness the power of technology for safer, secured, sustainable & equitable socio-economic advance.

All of these unfortunate trends that got increasingly visible in the last decade, underscore the need to rethink what must constitute leadership in the years ahead, so that we could be better stewards of our global socio-economic and bio-atmospheric dynamics.

The challenges that we are facing today are indeed significant; equally significant are the possibilities ahead. Unfortunately we are too often drawn into the narrow and 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 consciousness only diminish, great possibilities fragment and scatter, and most importantly our inner spiritual energy only get diluted. In the process we miss out addressing the issues or serving important possibilities outside the scope of what we choose to focus on, - influenced by how the observers' mindset have been conditioned.

One very important source of inspiration that has emerged in 2019 is the Swedish teenager Greta Thunberg who has undoubtedly proven to the world that leadership is independent of age, background and title, it is all about purity of desire not for “self” but for the bigger purpose outside of the self.

So as we lift the curtain for the next decade, as we welcome 2020, may we build on the spirit of Greta to define greater heights that our civilization should work towards? At different levels of decision-making - from community level to corporate level to global level such as the UN, the World Bank, leaders will need to adjust the lens through which we observe the dynamics of life at work. We must find ways to submerge our egos to observe the possibilities without biases, experiment with ideas with courage & integrity - however humble, with the big picture in mind.

May we together pray that the New Year will give us the wisdom to open our eyes and gain 20/20 vision to observe the beauty of truth and goodness of our planet, and cultivate the intellectual and spiritual resilience to examine issues and design solutions from multiple perspectives? Let the new decade rekindle the courage in our hearts to break the constraints of mindsets to create a “plus sum” eco system in our communities, - which could on the long-term be inspirational for our future generations. We must not doubt the genuine power of inner conscience, - in drawing out the courage of inner self to cultivate and celebrate the beauty of the humanity.

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

A Great 2020.



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