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Let's Talk

A CONVERSATION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF CONVERSATING

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A person's domain is a mystery. Who and what we really are is as of yet unknown. We think, communicate, act, create, dream, wonder and learn. Where do these amazing talents emanate from? Some say it is the brain. Where in the brain? There are no filing cabinets that I know of in there. Some say in the brain cells. Where in a brain cell are my thoughts? Some may say in the atoms that comprise our brain cells. This may be. Maybe our information is stored in electron configuration. It is a mystery. What is clear however, is that we as people, the

important parts, who we are inside, has nothing to do with the exterior flesh which transports it. Yet we judge people by their appearance, possessions, disabilities, birthplace and a myriad of other nonsensical points. These judgments have historically lead to violence, wars, famine, racism and death. Can we move past this or will we fail in our pursuit of happiness? Who we are inside is hidden from others without communication. It is only when people lay down their judgments and let their minds communicate free of distraction that we may move on as people. Understanding each other is a human project in which we are all involved in. For an individual it is a lifelong journey with either idealistic destinations or tragic legacies. Mankind simply will not survive the future unless people realize that a simple conversation is more important than the air we breathe.

COMMUNICATION

The point here is the endless need for communication. It is essential to our growth as a species and even for our own survival. Without it, we regress to a lack of understanding which will fan the flames of hate and violence. This is because humans are inherently harmful and cold hearted. If there were no police, no written laws with threat of punishment to govern our actions, then most believe there would be murders, rapes, riots and many other horrible outcomes right on our very streets. This

doesn't paint a pretty picture of who we are as a species. Without the threat of punishment or death, we will lose control. We have the potential for kindheartedness, however that potential needs nurturing. Laws and punishment serve to control us enough to stop, listen and learn, but the nurturing comes from other sources. Some may get this from family and friends, some from religion or other sources and some are able to nurture it mostly on their own. Some avenues of nurturing may be dangerous because they can be completely false or misleading. These avenues are guiding mankind toward their own destruction. Those of us who develop these ideas on our own, however close to the truth we may be, are the most vulnerable members of this dangerous community. This is because everyone else is completely crazy and we are hopelessly surrounded by them.

RELIGION

People who choose to allow a religion to play this role sometimes let their chosen religion rule their life completely. They may believe without waiver that they are correct in their beliefs. They form a love for their god and place their deity above anyone or anything, including family. At this point, communication becomes one sided. They will proclaim their belief, but will not be receptive to any other idea. Some will dismiss science, math and hard facts. They may become angry if

they feel you have insulted their god. For some people, their supposed bond with their god is so strong that attacking their deity with only words will anger them enough to become violent at times. This is madness. This anger has brought pain and suffering to humanity for thousands of years. One would think this god could express its anger without anyone's help. It would be nice if these gods would pull their own weight. More importantly, it will produce a safer society.

Those who do not become violent, but become offended by a perceived insult to their god and react with verbal retort show hope for communication lines to open. Words are powerful and can change the world. People however, are not very receptive. Sometimes it seems we must say things that are controversial to provoke and distract people from their life's path in order to create a dialogue. Nothing offensive, but something to snap them out of it, or wake them up if you will. Then more meaningful and powerful truths can enter, without the wall their path forces them to build right in front of them. Once the wall falls, they may actually have a conversation and grow instead of proclaiming their views to others with no two way learning system in place. Or, they may remain angry. In either case, bringing out emotion is the only way to wake some people. For some, they feel their views are helping to save you in some way, ironically, you may

be trying to save them from the inability to listen. What a paradox some beliefs create; two people arguing with words, trying to save each other from beliefs. This is truly fascinating.

The problem here is that you can't choose a guidance system and then shut down your ability to understand, perceive and learn. This does society no favors. Without open minded two-way communication, there will be no advancement in understanding. These individuals are missing out on so many beautiful aspects of life within humanity. We have been studying space for hundreds of years. So far what we have found is gas, rocks, ice, liquids and many other things we can find right here on Earth, just floating around according to a set program known as physics. Right here on our own floating rock is by far the most amazing discovery in the known universe, life. It is completely separate from this physical program. It seems to follow its own, using the physics inherent in it. In all the life forms on this planet, none are more amazing than humans. No other life form can possibly hope to compare to our abilities. We have gained great power with our talents. Although, power can become dangerous without understanding. Understanding comes from open minded communication and experiences. Religion is one of, if not the foremost enemies of this. We can never truly all progress as

a species as long as it persists. It is not any particular religion that holds us back or even the followers of any religion. It is the idea of religion itself that can be dangerous. The faithful followers are victims of its hold on humanity. Countless wars have been the result of religions and World War III may very well start with religious belief systems. We will all become victims if this happens.

Some of these religions have been used in the past to control the masses from falling into chaos. Sometimes it worked, most times it did not. We certainly don't need them today. We are developed societies with multiple lines of communication available to us. Internet, phone, mail, television, books and many others. But, beliefs are powerful. With an estimated eighty-five percent of all humans believing in a god, it follows that many will search for this god. In that search an individual may come across a book belonging to a specific religion or hear someone talk about their own religion and decide it is the religion that supports the god they seek. I find this very interesting. If someone were buying a car, they may look around at different car dealerships or perhaps search a website. Afterwards, they decide upon the best deal for them and choose to buy a car at one of the locations. With religion however, there may be no window shopping at all. I have found it rare to

hear someone say that they studied or read material from numerous religions and chose one. Most seemed to have butted heads with one and decided it was truth. They may even proclaim all others to be false, never having read any of the material they are dismissing. Real truth is not handed to you on a pamphlet, but learned through communication and real world experiences. Is there a god? I don't know, does anyone really? Whether a god exists or not is not the issue here however. The issue is whether religion as an idea is truly gods voice. There are no guidebooks, only people, and we are charged with guiding each other.

People who practice these religions may have only good intentions and seek truth with love in their hearts, but remember what I stated earlier, humans are inherently harmful. With improper guidance, danger lurks. An idea is powerful with people behind it and if the idea is false or misunderstood, people can become dangerous. Ironically, some may have read the material of their chosen religion and felt it spoke to them as an eternal truth. Some are based on a form of god that spoke great truth. This perceived truth can convince some that their religion must be correct. This is a misunderstanding however. The truth did not originate in the material or from the person the material claims first said it. Truth has always existed. It

is true that if I hold a marble up and let it go, it will fall down. It is true that we will one day die. It is also true that physical violence hurts us and we don't like it. It is true that we can love and prefer to be loved rather than hated. We know what is right in our hearts without any religion telling us. We know how to hurt and how it feels to be hurt. Religion is late on the draw in this regard. We already know. Communication is what is needed to develop this knowledge into something productive to us. These religions are serving as that communication for some and while the message may have good intent, people are interpreting it. Interpretations are different from person to person and that is dangerous. A book cannot communicate its intent. I believe we need to stick to talking to each other person to person.

When the development of our mind's belief system comes from friends and family, this is usually beneficial because it is usually seated in love for us and our well being. However, no one is immune to false belief systems and family and friends may possess some, thereby passing them onto you. Parents may be members of a religion and bring up their children to follow their beliefs. Some parents may support stereotypes and even racism and teach their child the same. Friends may be overwhelmingly distracting to reason and speak misguided views

while trying to discover who they are and pass their views on. It is important to understand that communication of all kinds is relevant, especially from a person's family and friends that love them. Inevitably however, people are wrong at times, even parents. We must take what our loved ones say and test it in the real world. We must learn from other cultures and communicate with other people, then we can form our own ideas. We must find our own truth. Being an individual implies that a person has formed their own views and has become separate from society as a whole, being a unique person.

Our love for our friends and family blinds us sometimes from truth. We sometimes feel they can do no wrong and make no mistakes because we care for them so much. obviously, this is incorrect. No one is without confusions and misunderstandings on a wide range of subjects. This is why constant communication is completely necessary. The more material we uncover in life, the closer we come to achieving understanding of life and people. That is the struggle, life and people and living life with people. But, people come and go and friends and family sometimes argue and separate indefinitely. Sometimes, they pass on. Some people find suddenly that the relationships they thought were carved in stone, never even existed in the first place. What one can learn from this is that you can't count on family and

friends to personally house your beliefs for you. Still, while these relationships exist, a person should gain any and all available knowledge and views possible. Don't however walk away as an extension of that person, but hold that knowledge for testing and careful study within the world. Every statement should be placed under an microscope if it is aimed at your development.

The same dangers religions impose are present in people carrying on the belief of their family and friends into their own life. This is one mechanism that drives racism. Racism has lead to incredible violent acts. Even a belief from family can actually cause violence on a large scale. Riots, murders, assaults and countless other injustices have at many times been results of the passing of false belief systems from someone's own family. People take these beliefs and let them grow into hate. Then one day, some act on this hate and cause harm. Families must be careful what they teach their loved ones, but more effectively, individuals must be careful what they decide to believe in. If a message is comprised of hate, is it productive? Parents often want only what is best for their children. They love and nurture them well into adulthood. That is their job as parents. The child's job is to learn and grow into an individual and prepare for life as an adult. The parent

is usually doing the best job they can in their task. The child must do the best they can in becoming an individual, free to formulate their own ideas apart from their family.

Once an individual becomes an adult, they may move away from home. Reasons may include furthering their education elsewhere, finding a career far from home, or a number of other ways. Learning and understanding, growth and development, communicating and taking in cultures, should not end there. In fact, as adults, people now have a responsibility to their community to promote communication and understanding, especially when in the presence of children who may learn from them. As individuals, they can have more meaningful conversations with other family members and friends, contributing to the growth of their loved ones. An open dialogue is the key to advancing our species and it starts at home. We then carry it with us throughout our journey in life. This is the cycle of ideas and belief systems in most if not all societies. People are either carrying around olive branches or atomic bombs. Some carry a combination of the two. Families need to end nuclear proliferation and spend more time in the garden. Only then, will we survive the future and move on to the next phase of the human story.

We are separated by an endless supply of borders and lines. There are many countries with many interior states, cities, principalities, etc. If you visit one of these lines on a map you may find a fence or a wall. Perhaps a fortified structure with guards or soldiers meant to keep some people out. If your belief system is similar to theirs and you have paperwork required for travel, the soldiers may let you cross this border. If your belief systems differ dramatically, they may not. As an example, an American might find it hard to walk over the border from South Korea into North Korea to see the sunrise over the mountains. In return, someone from North Korea might find resistance in taking a flight to San Francisco to visit a local coffee shop. Those countries that seek understanding, peace, advancement, a stake in the global market and freedom usually allow visitation to and from other countries that possess similar ideas for their own future. Those that promote violence, preach hate, abuse the people within their government, or lie to their people and other countries around the world, usually do not allow travel in and out of their country very often. The politics of our belief systems have a global effect on our ability to communicate with each other. The effect is devastating to our advancement as a species and extremely dangerous to our survival.

Lack of communication on a global scale involving countries in a time of advancement in technology can one day give rise to a catastrophe of planetary proportions. A country that hides what they do within their borders may be building a nuclear arsenal in secret. They may be planning attacks on countries with different beliefs. The absence of dialogue in this case is so significant, it can actually cause a war the world may not recover from. Just a simple conversation or series of talks can prevent or prolong this in time for other avenues to be explored. Communication's importance in politics cannot be overstated. Most of us have heard the term "diplomatic solution". It means in simple terms communicating, diplomacy, coming to an agreement. The alternatives are sanctions, threats and wars leading to many deaths. In this, communication may be the single most important tool to our survival. At the very lowest threat level side of this scale, two countries ignoring each other does nothing for the advancement of our species. Concordantly, the advancement of our species may be necessary to survive the surprises our future on Earth may bring. Some believe there is life on other planets and that they may one day visit us. If this is true, I'm embarrassed for us. What they would find is arguing children. Putting aliens aside though, if you step back and view us with alien eyes, don't you see the same? We cannot survive like this.

On September 11, 2001, America suffered a major terrorist attack that brought down two skyscrapers in New York City, a portion of the pentagon was completely destroyed, and many people were killed. It was done using airliners from within the country itself. Lack of communication between government institutions was cited as a contributor to the failure of the government to prevent the attack. The attack was deemed by many to be the largest attack on American soil in history, rivaled only by the attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. America is believed to be the most powerful nation on the face of the planet and it may have received its greatest attack in history because people weren't talking to each other! This is a clear lesson that when the lines of communication break, the effects can be absolutely devastating. This outcome was within a single country. Imagine the affect between two countries, three countries, or on a global scale. The potential danger grows seemingly exponentially with more people involved. Viewed in this light, simply talking is keeping us alive. This of course starts on the scale of the communities that we live in. This is where the potential for furthering our species begins. Your community is on the front lines of a war that will decide whether humanity passes or fails, whether we push on into the next age or perish. It is the basic understanding of each other

within our own towns and cities that prepare us for communications throughout the world.

In business, communication is tremendously important in order to compete in a local, national, or global market. There is even a course in college specifically called business communication. If a person cannot communicate well with others, that person has little hope to grow in a business setting. Business is by nature people dealing with people. Failed communication attempts in business can result in huge profit losses and can even cripple a corporation. This can have serious consequences to the financial strength of a nation as a whole. Failure of huge corporate entities and banking systems can cause economic collapse. This in turn can cause poverty, hunger, job loss and failure of community infrastructure. How delicate is the global market when you may not eat tomorrow because someone didn't get the memo? We have seen these dangers in the so called "housing crisis".

The mental health of an individual is dependent on the ability of the individual to communicate feelings and emotions. When this ability is absent or halted, an individual may become suicidal or may cause harm to others. Countless times we have heard reports of teens taking their own lives following a period of solitude. They were described as loners or they kept to

themselves and didn't talk much. There may have been an emotional distress weighing down on them. Without communicating their feelings with others, this distress grew within them and lead to suicide. It seems without the ability for some individuals to talk to each other they will simply self destruct. So even on a the level of a single human being, communication is paramount to success. What causes this emotional distress? It may be fueled by a feeling of separation from humanity, a feeling of great loss, verbal or physical abuse and several other reasons. All of these reasons are side effects of one or more failed communication systems. We are all responsible for these results. We are responsible for communication with our children, with our community, with our nation, and with the world. When we as adults fail at this, our children suffer. If a child is verbally bullied in school and decides to take their own life, what insulting word was last thrown at them before they crossed this line? If that one word was not spoken, would the child still be alive? Is the word that powerful? People give words power by affecting emotions. Are the children then responsible? Perhaps their parents are to blame. But, the parents are products of their community which in turn is a product of the nation. The nation is a product of the world. If we are looking for a scapegoat in these tragedies, we need a planet sized mirror. We are all failing the youth. Our

weapons of choice against them are our belief systems. Our emotions are one of the more beautiful aspects of being human, a gift we receive at birth and we are so unappreciative of it. We constantly attack and abuse it.

Mental health is the most overlooked field in medicine. We seem more concerned with healing physical wounds. Some people may avoid seeking mental health occupations for fear of embarrassment. Ironically, there are incomparably more mental wounds in the world than physical ones, so not only is there nothing to be embarrassed about, but that embarrassment is actually a mental wound. People fear being viewed as vulnerable. Vulnerability is what we are made of. It is not a failure of character, it is what builds character. Our mental strength is built with communication, brick by brick for as long as we live. Sadly, mental health fields would not be as vital if communities were doing a better job at communicating and at compassion. Compassion is something you learn. You are not born with it. It may take a lifetime to master or you may never master it. Some never learn it at all. I highly recommend trying though. If everyone on Earth were compassionate, we would all be at peace. We would all listen to each other and grow to understand each other. We would begin to work together and solve our greatest problems. Compassion is the cure for mankind. Anything that

opposes it is our disease. No mental health clinic or hospital can rid us of these diseases. It is up to us through communication.

CHAPTER 2

MONEY

Human survival is dependent on food, water, shelter, oxygen, health and of course, communication. These things are rarely handed to us. We must seek and obtain them. In the past, humans have hunted animals for food and either found shelter in caves or built a shelter with their own hands. The advancements of the industrial age and new discoveries in technology have created means to obtain these things in new ways. Now a person can go to a store for food and purchase a house. To do this they need money. Money is also very rarely handed to us. Once again, we must seek and obtain it. The principle hasn't changed. What has changed is the work involved. The work involved is adequately labeled work, also known as a job. Now, most people do work for other people in exchange for money that can be used to buy the items they need. A person no longer needs to find these items on their own. They no longer need to build their own houses. But, they still work. The difference is, now they are

working for someone else. This gives that employer great power. The employer has an endless supply of people who need a job, but the worker is completely dependent on the employer.

Different jobs pay different amounts of money to employees. Some jobs may be considered easy, while others can be very physically demanding. Some jobs can even be dangerous. Some may be willing to hire you and others will turn you away. These jobs will usually ask for a specific amount of your time within a day and a certain amount of days within a week. These jobs are usually businesses that sell a product or service. Many sell the very products and services we need. Therefore, not only do we need the job, but we need the products they produce. Many of these businesses have grown into huge corporations that earn vast amounts of money and employ large numbers of people. They have become very powerful. Most people in industrialized nations would find it very hard to try out the previous system of self survival. Many may not know how or where to hunt or how to build a house. On top of that, land has been claimed seemingly everywhere. There is little space where one would be welcome to do so. We have become very dependent on this new system of money and business. However, this system does have adverse effects for some. Inevitably, some will acquire vast measures of money, while others will struggle to collect even enough to survive.

This means there will be poverty in some cases, as well as homelessness.

Some governments collect a percentage of earnings from their people and the businesses within them. The people make small amounts of money and then they are expected to give a portion of it to the government. The businesses make huge sums and therefore give a considerably larger sum to the government. So much in fact that they may support a huge stake in the governments income as a whole. So not only are the individual employees dependent on the employer, but the governments financial stability is just as dependant. That is a dangerous power. Huge corporations can and do use this power to affect government policies. Politicians in government offices often try to pass legislation that was solely drafted by a corporate entity. There is a saying that money rules the world, but money is a lifeless object. It is the people who have it that are doing the ruling. In this case, it is large corporations and banking institutions. What effect does this have on the people? War costs a government huge amounts of money. This is because the weapons and gas needed to support armies is not cheap, especially in the modern age. The companies that make these weapons and sell the gas benefit incredibly from war. What profit can a weapons manufacturer make from global peace? If

these huge corporations are interjecting there will into governments, people will most assuredly die. Many policy makers themselves have started their careers in some of these businesses. Those that have not may be offered huge amounts of money to play along. Money plays a dramatic role in a governments willingness to go to war. If the people within the government remain silent, they will play the role of the victim.

Why would the people of a government remain silent on such a serious issue? Money is the answer to this as well. People can claim ownership of many modern luxuries today. They can buy cars, jewelry, houses, furniture, electronics; The list is endless. Modern societies are interested in the buying of goods. We are addicted to shopping. This is a major distraction of important issues. We become so concerned with our comfortable lives that we ignore the system providing it. Modern electronics, while helping to spread information and allowing us to communicate with each other, also distract us and can even persuade us to accept decisions we may not agree with otherwise. Many people have televisions that broadcast news and current events, but these news stations are riddled with opinions and commentary. Because the people do not control the honesty of these news stations, they are free to stretch the truth and even lie. In fact, some news networks are owned by the same powerful

entities that would benefit from war. We are also bombarded by commercials from companies trying to sell us something. Many have become blinded to worldwide issues because they are too wrapped up in the comforts of their modern lives. Lesser industrialized societies that are in poverty are more aware of the hardships of life, but may be without access to information on global issues so they are helpless to intervene in any way. They are usually more concerned with feeding their families.

Monetary systems of governments can become a serious enemy of humanity. They are fueling a global greed that is actually creating a class system within nations. The richest members of society are becoming richer while the poor are a growing number. These poor members of society will be expected to do all the work and serve in all the wars. They will essentially become slaves. It is not so hard to see how the dangers of a monetary system can lead to a ruling class and even strip away at the rights of a nation's people or the principles a nation was founded on. People work, businesses grow to large corporate empires, these empires buy news stations, the empires bribe government officials, they push their own legislation, they gain seats in government. At this point, they control what the people who comprise the government hear and see. They can dramatically affect national policy and can even stage events to point blame

at a supposed foreign enemy, effectively recruiting the population to support a war. If big business has a very close relationship with military branches of the government, the possibility of this outcome is seriously increased. One way to prevent such events is a greater commitment to government oversight of corporate power. However, once corporate entities have infiltrated the government leadership, they can fight back. The fight may even be an easy one to win because they are holding the most powerful weapon, money. There is a saying that states money is the root of all evil. What if the people holding the majority of it are already evil?

As a hypothetical scenario, if a particular war happened that cost a nation 3 trillion dollars, the deaths of 5,000 of its citizens and helped large corporations to profit and gain more power, how could we prevent this? This is a complicated question. Off the top of my head, take the 3 trillion dollars, give it to the enemies poor, the poor become rich, they stop working, the value of the enemies money plummets, the opposing nations economy crashes, nobody dies and war profiteers are deleted from the equation. I'm not sure this would actually work, but it is an interesting idea. It would be nice if nations could fight wars using nothing but the paper money that drives them.

Money itself is a belief system. Some people believe that gaining money is what is important in life. They believe that the more money they obtain, the happier and more comfortable life will be for them and their families. Money and the pursuit of it can become some people's religion. Even some religions require their followers to give a portion of their money to the religious establishment. Members of society who are able to obtain large amounts of money may be viewed as successful and productive members of society, while those who do not have much money may be viewed as degenerates or a drag on the economy. The character and self worth of people in the world can actually be called into question by others on the grounds of how much money they have accumulated. This adds insult to those that are already struggling in poverty. In some cases, the pursuit of money can give rise to crimes and murder. Groups of people of all sizes can be exploited and criminal organizations, as well as established institutions can become more powerful. Greed in the pursuit of money is an enemy to mankind. Unless a different system arises, or the checks and balances on the system are changed, mankind will not advance into the next era in peace or even at all. The system will eventually come crashing down and many if not all will die along the way.

The value of money fluctuates and therefore what people are able to purchase with it can change. If the value can fluctuate, then it is possible for the value to drop to a point where the money itself has no value. The cost of products however, seems to steadily rise as time passes on. Eventually there can come a time when money is useless because products are too expensive to purchase. If this occurs, people will still require some of these products to survive and will have no choice but to obtain them. This will result in either massive riots and anarchy or death from starvation and exposure. Help could take too long to arrive or may not come at all. There are numerous charity organizations that rely on donations to function. People asking other people for money to help other people. I find the idea of this to be exhausting. There are so many ways to help people with their needs, but one way or another it always seems to come down to money, as if money was mankind's hero. If the money that mankind currently depends suddenly disappeared, what would they do? Humans in developed nations do not usually possess the training necessary to survive on their own. Humans in some underdeveloped nations may already be struggling to survive. A situation of this type could cause all the developed nations to face that same struggle. This would leave the entire world struggling to survive because they don't have a piece of paper. Seems pretty stupid to me. Unless mankind develops a way to help

each other without money's approval, we will not survive the future. As a worst case scenario, we will enter a future that nobody would want to see their children living in.

CHAPTER 3

RACISM

Humans began their journey spread out throughout the globe. Advanced civilizations grew in different regions of the planet. Technological, geological and mathematical discoveries occurred at different rates and in different proportions within each region. The people comprising these separate regions developed different characteristics in their facial features, different heights, varying levels of skin tone, different hair colors and different languages. They also had different political views and belief systems. Eventually through travel and the human instinct to explore and discover, the people of the separate regions found each other. If this were an idealistic story with characters built on a foundation of love and peace, we may expect that these meetings between regions led to an overall feeling of happiness and joy in finding other humans and an immediate need to learn from each other. Obviously, this was not the case.

The real history of mankind is a story of hate, distrust, torture, slavery, misunderstanding, destruction, murder, sexism, biological warfare, oppression, persecution, conquering, thievery, bullying, back stabbing, atomic explosions, suffering, industrial espionage, forced famine, raping, pillaging, genocide and an occasional hand shake. Let's face it, we just haven't gotten along very well. Interestingly, if you placed a group of young children from these different regions inside a room, they would most likely play together and enjoy each other's company. However, if their parents were placed in the same room, they may kill each other. This says something profound about our inability to get along with one another. What it says is that people are not born with this problem, it is developed over time, learned if you will. Who or what is teaching this to us? Obviously we learn anything in life from people and experiences. When we are young, our developing minds soak up everything in their paths, good or bad. Bad experiences in life can teach us both helpful and harmful ideas. The same is true for good experiences. As was discussed in the first chapter, family and friends can give us both loving and misguided ideas. How can we properly define which is which? It is done with understanding, compassion, empathy and humility. Unfortunately, these are also things that we must learn through life experience and the teachings of others. This seems an impossible cycle to break

from. Most likely, the outcome is that most, if not all of us, will develop both some humility, leading to understanding and some stereotypes, leading to racism. Each single individual must decide which ideas to keep and which are simply not based in truth. Those of us who are able to chip away at the untruths have a responsibility to teach what we have learned to others.

The enemy here is racism. This is the most unfortunate result of any misunderstandings between humans. It is racism that leads to an unwillingness to see the value of a human life and may eventually result in violence. Racism is a virus of humanity, transferred from person to person. There is no cure for a virus, it must run its course inside a person. We can only treat the symptoms. Much of these treatments come from self medication. The most effective medication is simple conversation. This is not meant to seem too optimistic in assuming that a conversation can stop a weapon, although it has in some cases. Those of us who are able have a responsibility to protect others from the violence this virus brings. But repelling violence is only crowd control and does nothing to treat the problem. The underlying virus will still persist. So, to put it bluntly, this is going to be a very long conversation. It may take an incomprehensible number of generations to master this issue, but we absolutely must try. Racism comes in many

forms and we are coming up with new ones every day, molding it into an epidemic. This virus may reach a critical mass in which fighting it becomes futile and it will eventually lead to our downfall as a species. We have to stay ahead of the curve if we hope to end this infliction. We as a species have made several strides in this endeavor and some may feel that we are winning. Don't be fooled and take no comfort in this thought, because it could not be further from the truth. Racism still exists wherever there are people, in every community and human stronghold on Earth . It has been here since the dawn of man and has no intentions of leaving.

One major problem is that there are realities of living in this world and in some communities in particular that many try to avoid in a conversation on the subject of racism. To leave the reality of modern living and real person views and concerns out of the conversation does us no justice on this issue. Not having a real conversation about racism and its forms within our community is just walking on egg shells. Some people have real fears in life such as becoming the victim of violence. Fears of violence, as well as violence itself can fuel racism. We must not have these fears when having a conversation about racism though and must be honest with each other if we are to find out from one another where the strongholds of this virus lie. A

person may be afraid to walk through a particular community that is predominantly occupied by a specific race of people. If crime rates are high in this community, it is natural to have this fear. Should this person specifically fear the people from that particular race however? Would this be reasonable, or is this the virus coming on? What if the person is walking through another community and a group of this particular race was passing by, should that person feel the same fear because he is aware of the crimes committed in the community with a larger population of people who are of this race? Does this person though? If the person does, is this a bad person? Perhaps a member of the community with the high crime rate has picked up the virus through the experiences in their life. What if that person commits an act of violence on someone of a different race who is walking through their community? May this strengthen the fear of the victim of this crime, thereby passing on the virus? Real experiences have real consequences to our understanding of reality. We are building our own prisons out of fear and becoming victims of this virus because violence is a real thing.

Some races of people have histories involving slavery. Slavery is a result of a serious onset of the virus of racism. It is natural to view the slaves as the only victims of this onset, because they suffered this crime the most, but sadly,

every race involved will end up a victim and the healing process could take many generations. Some countries were built largely with the use of slave labor. While these countries may have ended behavior of this manner many generations ago, should people of these countries simply move on, seeing it as a long past issue? The answer is most certainly no. They could not if they tried. Slavery is at the worst end of the racism scale. Once it has occurred it must be discussed for generation after generation. The healing process can take seemingly forever to run its course because as the healing process is taking place, there will still be remnants of the event that will linger within the countries indefinitely. There will be leftovers of hate that will be passed on through generations and consequently violence as well. The virus is very powerful. It is only through frequent national level and community based conversations that the leftover feelings can be brought to light and healing as a nation or community can occur. Most importantly, these conversations will build understanding and can help to prevent this onset from ever repeating itself in the future. Our only defense is open communication comprised of realistic conversations free of fear. We have to be strong together and let each other express our honest feelings. Honesty is the best policy here.

Racism is attributed often to racial relation problems because the ism follows the word race. Yet, words can take on many meanings and conversely, what the word represents can embrace many perceptions. Race is not the only consideration when discussing racism. Intolerable verbal or physical behavior against a person can be aimed at a person's weight, disability, financial status, region of origin, political affiliation, religious belief system, sexual orientation, attractiveness, interests or hobbies and even their intelligence. I find the last one, intelligence, worthy of note. Many consider racism to be ignorance and those that apply it to be ignorant. I have even heard people say that they hate racist people because they're ignorant. What a contradictory statement. We must remember that the enemy here is racism and not the victims of its grasp. We are all ignorant in one way or another. No one knows and understands everything. Even an exceedingly intelligent person can exercise racism. Even the racist is a human being and has the ability to learn and overcome their illness. People can be egotistical and judge others on a range of issues because they feel that others just don't measure up. Someone with lots of money might view those in poverty as beneath them or simply as lazy. A thin person might view those with obesity as disgusting gluttons and call them ugly. A gay individual might be seen as a sexual pervert. These are all misguided stereotypes built from

misunderstandings and lead to varying levels of racism. They keep humanity separated into little boxes labeled, shelved and ready to ship, all going to the same location. Ironically, we need each other to get there. One box contains the truck manufacturer, another contains the driver, yet another contains the gas attendant and so on. If we cannot end this madness, we're not going anywhere and the shelf will only hold us for so long.

The most distressing form of racism is between males and females. The historic and in some regions present treatment of women is borderline lunacy. If humans cannot even accept the opposite sex, whom they need to reproduce, as equals and human, then we might as well blow ourselves up right now. No particular group of humanity has suffered the effects of racism more than women. The psychological damage humanity has caused to women alone is one of the greatest crimes of our species. Amazingly, women can still show unending love, compassion and strength. Women are a living proof of our ability to overcome the virus.

CHAPTER 4

TECHNOLOGY

Humans have made remarkable discoveries and have used these discoveries to create amazing inventions, some of which have changed the face of the planet. Our inventions fly us around the globe, transport us great distances across continents, allow us to leave the planet into space, help us to communicate seemingly instantaneously with anyone anywhere, entertain us, heal us, protect us, allow us to peek into the unknown and most significantly, kill us. So many amazing advancements have been made that allow us to do what may have been viewed as impossible before and have given us great power over our environment. We have broken through barriers that were only dreamed of in science fiction novels. Nevertheless, there is always a line of caution in great discovery and invention. Some discoveries whisper promises of remarkable and profound benefit to mankind. Alas, the very same discovery can hold the faculty for unprecedented colossal devastation to everyone and everything in

its path. Hence we must be vigilant in our management of a discovery's potential uses and communicate them to each other.

Most humans on the planet are aware of the dangers of nuclear capability. The ability to split atoms can power the entire world and ensure our dominance over electricity for ages to come. The same ability used in a different way, such as a bomb, can cause vast destruction and leave a deadly radioactive debris field for ages to come. This discovery was inevitable as humans discovered more about the fabric of the universe. The uses of the discovery were also inevitable when considering our nature. The universe and all of its physical laws have existed for an eternity in comparison to the timeline of our existence. As we peer into its underlying structure, we are in essence children finding strange objects on the ground. We can be unprepared for the power of what we find and mishandle it at times. We can plausibly presume that our road to discovery has not ended at this point in history. Our findings in the future could overwhelmingly rival nuclear power in both its great benefit and great destructive force. We may not be prepared for the inevitable invention that will follow such a thing, although we can learn from our past discoveries and inventions in the hopes to mentally prepare ourselves with maturity on the dangers technology may lay at our doorsteps in years to come. We must

have conversations on the pros and cons of discovery and all of humanity must decide together what the best course of action is to protect our prosperity and our very existence. If the discovery is dangerous, it makes no sense to simply decide to turn our heads and walk away from it, leaving it a secret to the rest of humanity. Someone else will eventually find the same thing. No one can hope to control every human everywhere. Our forthcoming doom may be eminent. There may be nothing we can do, but we have to try. Global discussion is necessary in this effort.

Our current technological communication system is massive. Our televisions can broadcast local and global news to us in the comfort of our own homes. Our computers can give us access to the internet which has become a powerful tool for communication and learning. Our cell phones have become inseparable tools of communication and access to information and the internet, rendering landlines nearly archaic. Our satellite system transfers information almost instantaneously around the world and can even pinpoint our position on the planet and help to direct us. The world has become smaller and more accessible to everyone in terms of the transfer of information and communication. This is of immense benefit to our species and has helped us to grow and learn together as a world population as

opposed to a single nation. The ability to communicate is the recipe for our success in surviving the future.

As with any advancement in technology, there are concerns we should have. We have become entirely dependent on these technologies in order to run our daily basic lives on the planet. We are putting all of our eggs into one basket. This could become a catastrophe for us in due course. This global communication system is dependent on one single discovery, electricity. Some solar flares from the sun can devastate anything with a wire in it, including the satellites orbiting the planet. What protects us from these solar flares is the magnetic field of the Earth. The magnetic field surrounding the Earth has been found to be changing and may even be weakening. If a large solar flare hit Earth at a time when the magnetic field is weak, it could cripple the entire planet. What would humanity do when all the lights go out? Currently, our most widely used method of producing electricity involves the need for oil. It is believed by many that oil or the ability to obtain it will eventually run out. This is not unreasonable considering that it is a nonrenewable resource and there is a finite amount of it. If we did run out in the future, what would we use to turn the turbines needed to power entire nations and continents. Our dependency on technology can become our

downfall. We must come up with practical solutions to this problem and steer our dependency to either other technologies or become more dependent on each other or ourselves.

We have made many medical advancements. Some illnesses that would have previously become fatal can now be cured or prevented. We can look inside the body with advanced diagnostic imaging and find problems before they become too large to control. Countless lives have been saved through the advancement of medical professions. The practice of medicine is one of the most honorably noteworthy achievements of mankind. Its successful purpose has been to heal our sick, prevent the outbreak of illness, turn our disabilities into ability, prolong our lives and preserve the quality of life. It is clear that the intent of medicine is compassionate. The intent of an individual who works in some form of the medical industry may not be as humane. When a vial in a medical laboratory is created with the intended purpose of biological warfare for instance, we can pay it no tribute. Medical professions, no matter how cherished, can be misused and lead to our extinction. Ironically, this would be the complete opposite result the medical field set out to achieve. We are also bombarded by commercials advertising different types of medications promising help on a wide range of problems. We seem to be taking pills for everything. While some

of these pills may be helpful, we must take care not to become overdosed by our love for medical pharmaceuticals. The companies that sell these medications are in business to make money and the drive to obtain money can take precedence over a person's well being. On top of all this, it may not be helping our immune systems to do its job or even develop properly. These medications may also be causing other problems overtime within our bodies. We must be cautious with scientific inventions and similarly, we must be cautious and skeptical about medical advancements as well.

Our global internet is quite an achievement of humanity. It is a mammoth network of connectivity, giving anyone access to so many types of media. It seems to be connected to everyone and everything everywhere. There is not much that a person can't find by searching the web. It has made the entire world seem accessible. Unfortunately, it has also given rise to cyber hacking and attacks. A nation's major infrastructure is connected to the internet. If a hacker finds a way to gain access to this infrastructure or simply plant a virus into the network, it could spell real problems for a nation and possibly the world. Hacking into computer systems has been used for corporate espionage, government attacks, stealing money and numerous other crimes that can be done without a computer

network. People are now able to commit these crimes while sitting in front of a keyboard from anywhere in the world. Any dangerous information has the potential to be stolen on the internet, even government plans for building nuclear technologies. The internet has caused a whole new level of global security concerns.

The most unfortunate technological advancements are those that serve the purpose of killing people, such as weapons. We use technology to come up with so many ways to kill each other. The amount of time, money, labor hours, effort and trial and error that is devoted to this is appalling. It is a reality we live with and except as a necessary means of protection and security. Defense of nations is important. Wars and attacks do occur. The question is, are humans putting too much effort into finding new ways to end life and not nearly enough time on diplomacy. What is our goal with technology? Are we trying to make advancements that will benefit mankind or is our technological drive all too often aimed at war? If we don't have real discussions on where we want to be in the future and aim technology in that direction, technology can and will end us. The ending will be cold, calculated and very scientific.

CHAPTER 5

THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE

Many of the great achievements of humanity, especially those in science, exist because of a very special form of communication. It is a language that is used by practically everyone. A universal language that when spoken correctly, tells only the truth. It can help us to predict the future, see the universe before our existence, tell us what is possible and what is not, solve the great mysteries of life and propel us into the next age of humanity and all subsequent ages to come. No other language or form of communication in the known universe can hold the same promise to humanity. It is the language of mathematics. In fact, if there is an intelligent life somewhere else in the universe, they would without question speak this language as well. It is as if the universe itself has a universal translator inherent in it. It is such an unparalleled form of communication that I felt it deserved its own chapter. Those who are fluent in

this language have great power. As with any power, it can be used with good or bad intentions.

The value of a number does not change, it is constant and unwavering. Numbers guide us in our journey just as they guide the planets in our solar system. Most theories became fact when they were proven on a piece of paper using numbers and the ability to manipulate them in equations to find specific answers. It is amazing that without even having to run any tests, simply jotting an equation down on a page can tell us whether or not a theory is true. It is clearly a useful language to know. What's even more amazing is that humanity did not start out speaking this language, but taught it to themselves. Imagine if the English language had never been spoken before and you were asked to teach it to yourself. This would be an absurdity. The reason humans were able to learn the language of math is because humans did not create it, they discovered it. Math has always existed in the universe.

Mathematics is a close partner to scientific innovation and is necessary for any nation's industrial growth. The space age is entirely dependent upon it. The medical fields require its assistance to function and economies would be helpless without it. After all, of what value is money without numbers? It is clear that the progress of our modern world could not have

occurred without mathematics. With this in mind, the power of math can be more significant than the power of technology, because it is the underlying fabric of scientific expansion. Therefore, we need to be just as cautious of numbers. It is obviously not the number that is dangerous, but what a person can do with it. It is a tool that anyone can use in creating world changing ideas. Math is based in logical arguments between numbers that will prove either correct or incorrect. Humans can choose to use it incorrectly however and feed each other half truths to drive an agenda. Here in lies one peril to our future. The only way to prevent this is to have an educated population. If a person does not understand the math, they may be easily fooled.

Math is often misused to lie to people and this is a shame considering the honest foundation of mathematics itself. Communication is helpful in quelling this flame of dishonesty. The more people that view a mathematical supposition, the better the chances that someone will recognize a falsehood in its design. We should not take an equation at its word, but instead test its validity. A company that sells oil may produce a mathematical report using complicated calculus and physics equations to prove that global warming is a myth. Many people who do not understand calculus and physics will not be able to

refute it. It may seem so advanced to them that it must be true. Some may understand calculus and physics and if they check the equation, it may prove to be correct. They may then decide that this position must be correct and help to support it. The trick here is, what is the equation really describing? It may have nothing to do with debunking global warming at all. It can be a simple card trick used to fool those with either limited information on the subject, or to fool the latter by leaving out important information. If global warming is a real threat, the effect would be to stop us from trying to prevent it, leading to the eventual disaster it would bring.

As you can see, information is power and those without it can be easily persuaded. Mathematical education is an important tool to have. Education itself, is a form of communication. Quite simply, it is the passing on of knowledge and ideas. This is the definition of communication. The universe has passed on knowledge to us through this universal language, in all intents and purposes, educating us. If there is a god, it is clearly speaking to us with this language. It would seem that if someone were searching for truth from god within the many religions of the world, they would be overlooking his obvious voice inside a simple high school or college text book.

Even using math honestly can cause serious chaos within a nation or even the entire modernized world. Mathematicians have discovered that every number can be broken down into a string of special numbers called prime numbers. This break down is unique for each number, like a fingerprint. There are also an infinite amount of prime numbers. There is currently no useful equation in existence that can give all these prime numbers in order. One use of this knowledge has been in the coding of ATM banking cards. Banks will code these cards with very large numbers because without the equation, it is practically impossible to find this code, thereby keeping them secure. However, if a brilliant mathematician should one day stumble upon this equation, the entire banking card system would be rendered obsolete. This could prove ruinous to the world banking system and possibly the world economy as well. There is no crime here, only a discovery. One human, maybe sitting down at a table and scribbling equations onto paper with a pencil in their hand can cause that much trouble. This shows how a simple mathematical discovery can change the world.

Many people would consider a conversation about mathematics as boring. This must be so frustrating to mathematicians because with a little interest and study, most people would find that mathematics is a conversation. A person can ask an equation

questions by moving it around a little on a chalk board. A person can consider a problem they are interested in answering and in a sense, ask an equation for the solution. It is a strange language in which the language itself can speak to you and converse. You may ask a simple question and manipulation of an equation will respond with something profound. For those that understand mathematics disciplines deeply, they know that the conversation can be beautiful. Here is what most mathematicians consider to be the most beautiful conversation in the world, $e^{i\pi} = -1$. To most, this may be a collection of useless symbols. To anyone who is versed in the language of math however, this is a discussion on the strange nature of the universe itself and how nothing is impossible. It says that no matter how separate we may seem from each other, we are all connected in surprising ways. It also says how powerful communication can be. It actually says so much more, but it is a long conversation.

CHAPTER 6

EDUCATION

There are some things in this modern world that are not only valuable to humanity, but are in fact crucial to our growth and development. Education is one of those concepts. Any society that does not have a rigorous education program will be left behind as the rest of humanity thrusts forward into the unknown. Education is simply indispensable to our survival as a species. The passing on of information through education is the very process that has carried humanity into the present. It is more than important, it is our survival instinct. Just as a fish knows it must swim, humans know they must learn and teach. There are two ways for us to fail at this venture, we may simply not learn enough, or we may teach the wrong things. Both can and will produce grievous results.

As time has passed, we have created a complicated world. The more simple we have tried to make it, the more complicated it has become. It takes education and hard work to become successful in our modern surroundings. Technology is advancing and being integrated into most employment fields. Employers will

expect prospective employees to understand these technologies before they even consider them for a job. If an individual has not received the proper education, they may find employment options limited to fields that may not pay enough to comfortably survive. These technologies are still advancing and will be constantly upgraded within the working environment. Those that do not get the proper education may simply be left behind to struggle on mediocre pay. As the costs of living rise, it will take more and more money to afford the basic needs in life and a mediocre pay may not be enough to afford them. A lack of education can seriously harm an individual's future.

On a national scale, lack of education can be even more harmful to not only the nation, but to its citizens as well. Nations compete with each other in a global market. Two nations may sell the same technology. If one of these nations has a well educated people they may create new technologies and at lower cost. That would make it easier to sell the technology around the world. If the other nation is lacking in educated people they may lose buyers for their product and the nation's income will decrease. If education continues to decrease within the nation, they may fall dramatically behind in the global market. A further danger for a nation's lackluster education is to be left behind when a world changing discovery is made. For

instance, what if Hitler had created the first atomic bomb? The world would be very different today. It is imperative that individuals receive a competitive education and the nation must help to facilitate this need. The alternative is to fall to the bottom of the evolutionary scale.

Just as it is important to procure an education, it is equally important that the education system used is honest in its teaching and does not interject belief systems into teaching. Some societies or nations may teach their population local or world history events that never occurred. They may even teach an entire history that is completely false. One goal of studying history is to become aware of where we came from and to prevent repeating the same mistakes we made in the past. Making the story up defeats this purpose and helps to ensure that mistakes will be made time and time again. Some education systems include religious and idealistic beliefs in their course. This is not the goal of a basic education. This is a distraction from the importance of gaining the basic and necessary knowledge needed to compete and survive in the world. Ideals and religion are things a person needs to find for themselves, not something that should be taught in school. Schools have a responsibility to teach facts and nothing but the

facts. Beliefs are not facts and teaching them will distract a growing mind from learning necessary skills.

On a global scale, basic education can help to ensure that populations do not slip into poverty and that there are enough educated people to fill the jobs required in today's world. Some countries need to outsource jobs from other countries because they do not have enough educated people to cover some high level positions. These are important positions such as doctors, scientists and engineers. The most highly educated are the most needed around the world because there are a limited amount of them. Therefore, it is important for people to attend college and study advanced subjects in order to prevent such a shortage. Many people would not be interested in going to college and studying physics or mathematics because they are tough subjects to conquer. Some people find them to be boring. Because of this, the amount of people who actually go to college and complete their study in such subjects is limited. Some nations may not have the facilities of learning to accommodate this type of education. If this shortage becomes a growing trend. World populations might become overwhelmed in these fields.

It is important for communities to provide access to educational institutions. This includes making education affordable. There are some who can only dream of attending a

college because they can't obtain the large amounts of money required. This is particularly true in poverty stricken nations and communities. Some societies may not even have a college for people to attend. Through communication, humanity needs to find ways to solve these problems. We must find better ways to provide access to higher learning for all of mankind if we hope to progress together. At the very least, every nation must improve educational reach to their own people.

It is clear that education is important to our basic survival, our need to keep up with technology, and our need to fill important job positions. Education is not an individual, community, or national issue. The need for education is a world issue. The more educated people there are in the world, the better chance we have of overcoming problems that mankind might face in the years to come. An educated world population may also help to generate a maturity around the world that may promote peace and understanding. It may help us to come up with solutions to our differences together and look to diplomacy rather than war to obtain our goals. An educated population could mean the difference between passing or failing at surviving the future.

CHAPTER 7

BEING HUMANE

By far, the most perilous restraint to mankind's happy ending is in fact mankind. Our devious nature has the potential to rip our humanity from our inner beings and render us compassionately blind and morally crippled. Though we have already proven that we can overcome and achieve anything we set our minds too, we have also shown epic violence and worldwide insanity. We are dangerous and we must be prepared to protect ourselves from ourselves in the future. If we can't manage communication within our species, our ticking time bombs may take over the task. The bottom line is, we have to control ourselves and restrain from using violence as a first resort. If we cannot do this, all the talking in the world will not matter because no one will be listening. Failure to curb this may one day lead to our demise.

One reoccurring theme in humanities episodes of insanity is known as mob mentality. When humans are in a group and one or more people suddenly become violent, the rest of the group sometimes join in. Sometimes this is backed up by a mutual anger within the group. One example of this behavior was the LA riots in California. Mob mentality is something within us that appears just often enough to be of great concern. Life is frustrating, complicated and emotionally taxing. We walk through it trying to be civil and humane, even when we are angry. This causes a built up frustration that if poked in the right way can explode. A mob acting out gives people an excuse to explode instead of having to wait for a reason. Massive riots and looting in communities give us a peak at what this could become if it spread into a worldwide event. This would be complete anarchy and an abandonment of our humanity.

In our communities we have serial killers, rapists, pedophiles and all sorts of people who are capable of committing horrendous acts against others with seemingly no heart at all. These problems are not new to our century. People of this nature have always been around. It is safe to assume then that this type of behavior, though vile in content, is actually a normal occurrence within our species. Therefore, we can't kid ourselves into believing it will go away. This type of behavior may always

be with us. It is an ugly reality of being human. We have seen news reports of individuals entering schools and killing everyone they see, even children. Unfortunately, while we can probably be sure that we will not start committing mass murder, we cannot say we would never commit a murder. Consider that we have also heard of average law abiding people lose control and kill husbands or wives that have broken marriage vows. We all may possess the possibility of losing control.

Our history is littered with wars. Billions of people have died throughout history on the battlefield. Humans have made going to war a safe ground for killing everyone in their sights. No other situation allows us such a thing. For some reason however, it is ok if it's a war. But the title war has nothing to do with why people are dying. People are being killed for what the country wants from the war. This could be for conquering, land, resources, power, money, security, or just to kill. So this is what the soldiers are really killing for. If someone in a community suddenly decided they were going to war and began killing people in the street, it would be considered crazy. But in war, that's just what a soldier does. In my view, either the leadership of the countries are crazy, or the soldier is crazy for not questioning why he is killing. Obviously some wars are necessary and the soldiers are only doing their jobs.

The point here is that we have grey areas for violence and grey areas can sometimes shift. We must take care of what we come to accept. Killing people should never become normal in any category. War should be an absolute last resort and a national discussion should precede such a decision.

As we move further from our primitive constructs and mature emotionally and psychologically into an advanced, civilized species, we are going to have to come to terms with our inner violent natures. We have to fight the urges that compel us to fight first and talk later. It will be an uphill journey. These instincts are part of who we are. Regrettably, as long as these instincts continue to overpower us, we can never really achieve any form of world peace. Disagreements will always exist and these are healthy when in the form of a good debate, but with this underlying problem shadowing an argument, many disagreements may end in violence. We must define what it means to be humane. Many may like to define it as being a peaceful individual with compassion and understanding, but this is not the reality of being human. Our history shows that humans can be brutal and unkind. So being humane is not a natural undertaking. It is something we must strive for by breaking free of the way nature has designed us. This task is best approached by communicating with each other and finding out what we all have

in common and how we all differ. Only then can we tackle our petty arguments as informed individuals. If we fail at this, being humane might take on a whole other meaning entirely.

CHAPTER 8

CONCLUSION

To spite how far we have come, we will never break free of the metal prisons that keep us separated without the power of words. We will never empower ourselves with enhancements and restrain ourselves from misuse without discussing the possibilities. We will never discuss our origins in the correct light and find our true maker if we don't ask questions to our own logic. We will never make a peaceful world for our future generations if we do not communicate with each other whole heartedly. We will never develop a kind heart if we don't have a serious talk with our own morality. In short, we simply will not beat the odds of survival in an advanced civilization if we do not all sit down from time to time and have a simple conversation. It's time to get serious and really try to secure our future. It's time to talk maturely about real problems and cast aside trivial arguments. It's time to grow up now, let's talk.

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