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Visioneers Newsletter



An Overarching Vision for Global Peace In Our Time

The Visioneers Waging Peace Initiative A Plan of Action in Three Parts:

3. Enlightened Philanthropy (this edition)

Leadership in the new reality, a new definition, making miracles the plan in detail... first steps outlined, your participation is invited.
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2. Humanity's New Reality

Volume 4, Edition 1

1. Global Citizenship:

The new literacy of the generations of the third millennium, we are ready to win, here is why.

Volume 4, Edition 2

O, generations of the third millennium, pay heed...

When leaders of the great powers on Earth are focussed on dominion, territorial aggrandizement, economic superiority, while the Earth cries out in pain.

Hear this, O hear this, children of the Earth, reject the false leadership that the world has seen before which brought only the ashes of despair...

...Cry out in protest, not of the right on one side or the other, but in demand for righteousness for everyone.

**From The Book of Prophetic
Verses by Dr. Desmond
Berghofer**



Leadership in the New Reality

An overarching vision
and plan of action
for a thriving Golden Peace in our time.



A Message from Gerri

Good morning, good afternoon, good evening,

This edition of the Visioneers newsletter includes **the knowledge newly revealed of planet Earth's place in a two trillion galaxy cosmos**, our change in citizenship patriotism from national to global and the need for a new literacy as Earth citizens, **making education at all levels a primary source of renewal.**

This edition calls for a **profound upshift to a new kind of leadership** and provides the strategic steps to transform the central ethos of our civilization from darkness to light and from fear to love so that we may take agency to inspire and enable the miracles we need as stewards of humanity's golden future to secure a thriving peaceful civilization for our descendants.

Your participation in the charter cohort of a new kind of 21st century leaders is invited.



***Leadership in the New Reality
A new patriotism
Falling in love
passionately and on purpose
with
the exquisitely beautiful
planet Earth
and
our common humanity
in all its awesome diversity***

For the first time in human history **We**, the generations of the 21st century, all of us,

living at the Hinge of History,

at a time of no return to an imagined ideal past, are so empowered and dominant that the future quality of life on Earth for our descendants will be determined by the choices we make...

We who live on a borderless planet, as citizens of an assembly of nations are

**the stewards of a global future
for ourselves and the descendants
of our human family.**

In spite of the darkness of war, environmental ravages of wildfires, floods and great storms and multiple examples of very bad action, **there has never been a time in human history when so many billions of us have lived in such comfort, safety, and well being...** or when we can be brought to our knees and have it all swept away in a moment.

The risk may be greater than we realize.

For this reason, **We** will need to reinvent, recreate and lead our communities, our neighbourhoods and our countries to make choices that are decent, rational, emotionally mature, especially wise and often outside the margins of what we now know.

We few to start must enable and engender millions of applications of

**a new central ethos
based on service to others
and on
love**

because we must truly build a new civilization with an evolved culture based on the very best possible thinking of our time as if we were creating thousands of orchestras, each playing new symphonies where the music tells the love stories sung as anthems in every language of the new patriotism for this precious Earth and its people, our family.

**Our actions must be courageous,
transformative and soul deep.
There is no time to waste.**

The key question is...

How do we begin to transform a global culture whose leaders are deeply embedded and benefitting from what is currently in place, and whose practices are deeply anchored in an ethos of growth at any cost and a profit motive that supports greed, bullying, and bad action of every kind, reported by a global media as 'The News' that actively disempowers the people of the world by promoting a fear based passivity that supports all of the above?

Any thinking person would say

It would take a miracle!



Transformation



What then are the elements of a miracle powerful enough to apply to our current circumstance that would provide a step by step process that could actually provide a present day miracle?

The elements of making miracles

1. **Miracles seem to take place at a very dark time when a great disaster seems to be imminent. Great evil is present that seems to have no end. An existential threat to survival is present.**
2. **Suddenly... a surprising event, natural or human caused appears in a form that needs no translation, (i.e. it is very clear) that signals an important energetic symbol is coming that will require acute human intervention.**
3. **A deep collective passion is present that needs human agency and a responsive action appears with the qualities of leadership primed for the task.**
4. **If the hero or heroine or group responds... the situation is saved and the 'Hinge of History' opens the door to a new time when the possibility is created for an upshift in the society's central values** (sounds like a project for the Visioneers).

What is needed is a quick look on how to make miracles in our current times. To begin, let's take insight and lessons from this well know example in history.

3000 years ago...

From an ancient source buried in deep antiquity a story, first told orally and later written in what we know as the 2nd Biblical book of Exodus we learn about how a small band of slaves, held captive for hundreds of years by Egyptian Pharaohs (a common practice in ancient times) escaped, according to the story by 'divine intervention', into the desert and eventually to freedom and a new life in the promised land.

Since these events are commonly known by billions today, let's compare the story to the criteria for making miracles to see how it matches the elements described above.

1. **Miracles appear at the darkest time...** In this story a generation earlier, the Egyptian Pharaoh fearing his slaves were getting too strong decreed that the first born sons of the slaves should be killed, the society was in deep despair, **a great evil was present that appeared to have no end, an existential threat to the community's survival was present.**
2. Human intervention began a generation earlier when one heroine, **Moses' mother, so passionately loved her child she devised the cleverest of plans to save him, no matter the risk. Can you imagine the qualities of leadership or the courage to defy the Pharaoh's decree, or the intelligence or engineering skill to create a floating arc to carry her child safely in the flowing Nile river and the understanding to intuit a moment when it would float downstream to where an Egyptian princess would see the beautiful child as a gift from her gods** thus providing the opportunity for Moses to grow to adulthood as a prince of Egypt, a member of the royal household with access to the Pharaoh at a later time.
3. A generation later, Moses as an adult prince of Egypt sees a man killing a slave and intervenes. This takes him out of Egypt where he becomes a shepherd. One day while tending his flock **he sees a fire in a burning bush that doesn't extinguish, a surprising natural signal to pay attention.** When he approaches, the story says he hears the voice of God telling him to go home to the Pharaoh and demand he let his people go.

Can you imagine the courage this must have taken to respond and the qualities of leadership he probably had trained for his whole life?

4. **These miracles led to the adoption of a new guide to human behaviour where the ten commandments** that has been the central ethos or value system to three major religions was so evolved for that time that they still remain in practice today.

Let's consider these elements as lessons of how to make miracles moving forward to our time.

In our time

While I was absorbed in writing this newsletter, Artemis II blasted into space carrying four incredible astronauts different by gender, race, faith and country of origin, supported by a crew of thousands to fly around the back side of the Moon, to a distance further than any human had been before, watched in awe by billions of people everywhere on Earth.

**Everything had to be perfect, what courage!
What intelligence of heart, mind and spirit.
What an achievement. What a miracle!**

So in our dark time, when evil casts a dark shadow on humanity, we pay attention to a signal that a miracle is coming. As this rocket is blasted into space by a fire of extraordinary proportions, a symbol of what we can do if we work together multiplying our energy and intelligence by a million fold. (And they got it exactly right landing their precious human cargo back to earth on time within a mile of target.)

Surely all the elements we need are now present. All we have to do is gather our forces, our human agency and our intention to change the central ethos **to service to others**

to claim our heritage as Earth citizens.

The key to all of this is to identify the qualities of leadership in our newly revealed cosmic reality to gather those who are ready, willing and able to achieve this outcome for ourselves and our descendants.



A New Kind of Leadership in the 21st Century

Enlightened Philanthropy

Creating miracles

Human agency... Raising our Response to the Sacred

In this existential moment, a time of chaos and instability that generates fear there is also a need for a kind of human greatness that arises and generates a need for leaders that put service to others before themselves - and to give willingly of their talents and resources. Such leaders seem to have a great ability to see what is needed and rise to the occasion. This insight and emotional intelligence and love of humanity often turns out to not only serve the urgent need but to provide the greatest, most meaningful reward to the giver.

Here are the qualities of leadership that are required:

Thinking power of the highest order.

The courage to act in a heartbeat when the need arises.

The willingness, eagerness and passion to work together to find the millions of amplifications that fit together as pieces of a puzzle to create what now seems miraculous.

The knowledge to apply the best in science, technology and strategies available.

The emotional intelligence and open heart to know the right thing to do, while acting with loving kindness, integrity, honesty and fair play.

The creativity to push the margins of the known far back enough to imagine what these new solutions could be.

The wisdom and spiritual power to guide us in solutions beyond the known. The spiritual mind open to past sacred thinking and to the new ideas revealed in science about the consciousness of all humanity.

The overarching power to consider solutions to problems in our complex entangled reality with the larger picture in mind.

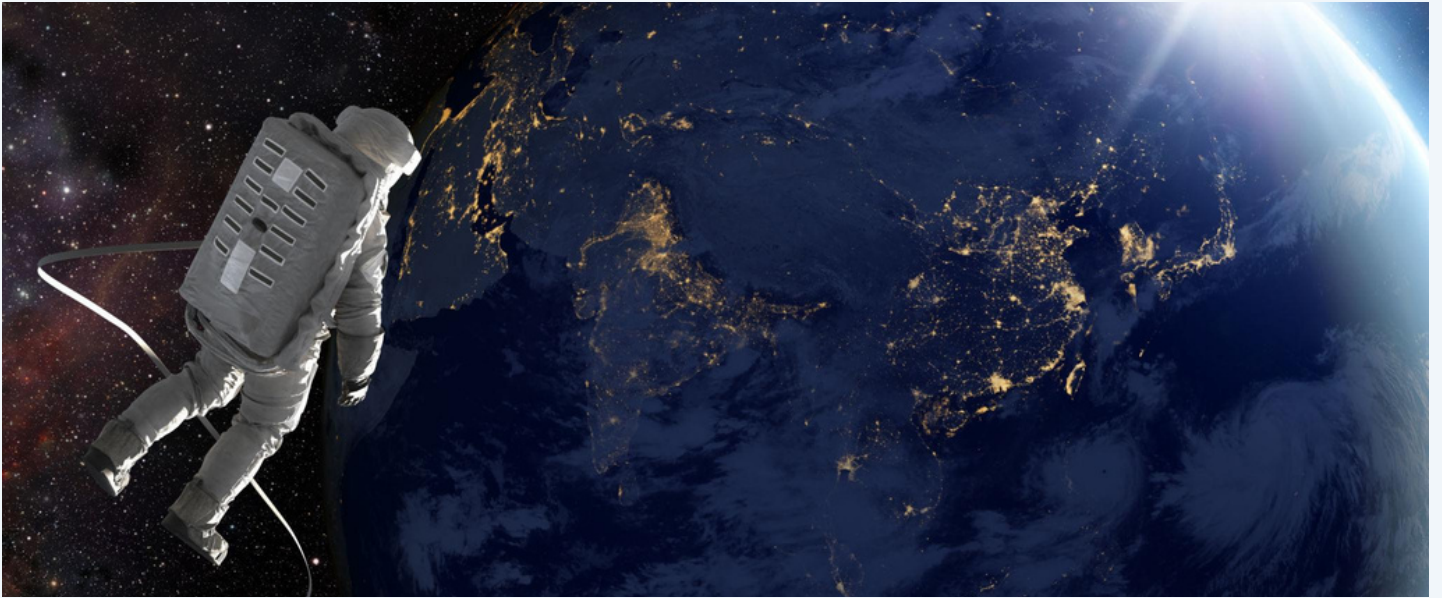
Enlightened Philanthropy

The key to success will be determined by the historic requirement for all miracles - the human agency acting willingly with passion, intention and purpose.

Here is a more formal definition of this concept:

In these dark existential times when the human project on Earth is itself under threat, there is a great need for individuals whose fortunate circumstances, education, experience and enterprise have provided special high order talents and the resources to act, to step forward to support those working to create a better, safer future that we all share.

Moving forward The Visioneer plan of action for our current time



This is a personal invitation.

We need to create a new model of excellence. We are millions already working who care passionately about our future.

We invite all global stewards, parents, grandparents, teachers, scientists, entrepreneurs, authors, artists and musicians, etc. and students of all the above to step forward to participate in humanity's charter cohort, as patriots and Earth citizens to declare their readiness to act together to create a miraculous peaceful future.

To decide to act in whatever way you can.

The Visioneers are working to provide the digital platform, the gathering place, the plaza, the square for our contributions in the Web of Good Work to provide hope for the future and a place to celebrate our humanity together.

To participate just say YES, click <https://thevisioneers.ca/participate>

Here is a vision of what we are working to achieve.



Let us Catch the Wind

*Beyond the binding limits
of an earthbound species
Our spirits soar over
virgin wilderness
to breathe in joy
the rarefied air
of a new time.*

*Looking over mountain cliff
into the distant earthrise
We see a vision...
of a mostly future place
where sister nations
live in peace on a healthy planet.*

*Granaries and storehouses
overflow with produce
flourishing enterprise
provides dignified work for all.
Learning places of every kind
dot each neighbourhood
in the free air messages crackle
across global networks in a
universal tongue giving
voice to songs of love.*

*Earth citizens engage
with vigor in our
infinite diversity
of action, of work
and play and thought.
Thus weaving a mosaic
of human design
awesome in beauty and power.*

*May the universal
spirit of all of us
inspire our captains
of nation and industry
to set sail... to embark
to turn the rudder towards a new horizon
to catch the wind and discover this place.*

– Geraldine Schwartz

Can you imagine how achieving this vision would change our economies worldwide and uplift our view of the future?

What if we aimed the growth of our economies to achieve this vision and to nurture the planetary systems to support the vibrant life described in this poem?

Visioneers Call to Action

First Steps

Leaders of the 21st century... stewards of humanity's golden future

...with ears to listen to the sacred call across the millennia
...with hearts touched deeply by the dangers to our precious Earth and its people
...with brilliant minds and matching talents who understand the consequences of our current behaviours to our descendants
...with souls who understand the connections between all of us

And as enlightened philanthropists willing to step forward to begin.

Here is the message -

The sacred call to act to save humanity has been issued in the universal common symbolic language that needs no translation as a powerful signal of fire that a miracle is coming that needs human agency...

3000 years ago Moses saw the fire as a burning bush that would not burn out...as he stood on sacred ground.

Today the symbol of fire blasting a rocket into space that spills into the airwaves is the call to act to save the future for planet Earth and the need for a miracle is very real.

In our time as wild fires burn our forests, our towns and even our homes and the fires of war destroy our hope for peace and the images of the consequences break our hearts, we could despair, just talk, do nothing – yet at this moment of examining the part humans play in the making of miracles, Artemis II is launched into space by fire that has been created by extraordinary human thinking of the kind just described, created by the very kind of teams working together called for in the creation of miracles our generation will inspire. While billions actually watch in real time with the greatest possible excitement. Is this then the potential breakthrough demonstration we need to create the millions of acts of human goodness and nobility the Visioneers want to celebrate?

Here too are some amazing images, just sent by Artemis II that need no translation, saying that if we can send a team of humans diverse in gender, race, faith and country of origin to do this incredible thing, why should we not be able to save the precious planet Earth and its people?



A miracle is underway! The symbol, the launch caught the attention of the world media and humanity. Four astronauts different in every way in gender, faith, race and country of origin are blasted into space.

The main event The extraordinary ten days going to the back side of the moon, the furthest humans have ever been in space. Returning safely right on target was seen with passionate excitement by hundreds of millions of us on five continents.

So it appears the Hinge of History is opening a new future...

The astronauts returned transformed, bonded forever, speaking of their new sacred purpose and the need for all us to care for each other and our precious Earth. They are saying they speak to and for humanity and a new human civilization...

Are we listening to their message?

Is this the breakthrough we need to work together? To create the world peace we need to begin?

Here are the first steps and the call for taking the sacred agency to bring in miracles

1. As a steward of humanity's future decide to participate in the charter cohort of Visioneer leaders. To accept your invitation to join the team click here <https://thevisioneers.ca/join>
2. If you are not yet a Visioneer click here to begin <https://thevisioneers.ca/join>.
3. Help us enlarge our community of worthy and ready participants by sharing this newsletter and invitations to join and by nominating worthy participants for awards with the [Visioneers International Expo Web of Good Work](https://thevisioneers.ca/virtual-expo) <https://thevisioneers.ca/virtual-expo>
4. Volunteer your talents or resources of any amount as Enlightened Philanthropists. Please email gerrischwartz@thevisioneers.ca and copy Tatiana speed.tatiana@gmail.com
5. Support the Visioneers Global Citizenship course for high school students by spreading the word and/or by providing the resources or any amount to allow the course to be twinned to other schools everywhere. **[A Course in Becoming a Global Citizen](#)**
6. Help us raise the funds we need to offer our services without cost to those who need it.
7. Introducing us to philanthropists who could help who have the financial resources to sustain our operation into the future.
8. Donate any amount yourself to the campaign matching fund provided by Gerri to honour Desmond.

Visioneers Strategic plan of action

In response to this call to action:

1. Form the first cohort of leaders willing to collaborate.
2. Create a new publishing company for Little Books... Big Ideas (see edition 2) that can be read in an hour to express big ideas. LINK
3. Revenue for the future. Plan to publish the first Little Books in print and digital format for launch in October 2026.
4. Put together a fund raising team lead by Gerri and others.
5. Support the Global Citizenship High School Education project.

At Last We Have Come To It

by Desmond Berghofer

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Director General of UNESCO

(a collection of reflections and prayers from leaders and visionaries around the world)

*No flash of transformation is pending.
The way of evolution was never thus.
But always in the sheltered margins
of the main event.*

*The questing mutant messengers
have formed, secured their strength,
and waited for their moment
in the light.*

*So will it be again, as the pressure
builds for the consciousness to hear
the higher call,
then reach,
transform,
and finally transcend.*

*So, at last we have come to it.
Whether to fashion a value shift
among all cultures,
replacing sense of separation
with understanding of the all,
or lose our gains
against a higher hand.*

At last we have come to it.



A final message from Gerri

It is my greatest hope that you have chosen to take the time to read to this point and are now willing to act. As you can see this task is not one for the faint of heart. It invites your participation in the sure knowledge that those who are ready will step forward and ask themselves

What can I do?

No act will be too little,
no act will be too much.

With respect and love,

Gerri
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"In the end, it will not be what we talked about,
but what we did, how we acted,
Where we put our time and energy,
because everything we do
we model and mentor what we value. Our lives speak loudly."

– Geraldine Schwartz

Local Core Team



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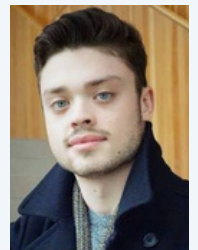
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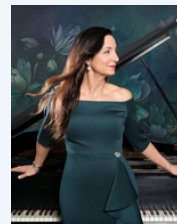
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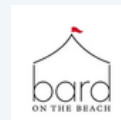
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Over the years from 1983 to present time, the IFL hosted over 70 events that had important impacts in education, business and the community. These events were sponsored by community organizations in business, finance, education, government, and the public domain, who also believed in the need and possibility of transformational change.

