

Introduction to Panel

# Looking at the Future of our Societies

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# Who is right?

## Peter Drucker (2002)

“We can be sure that the society of 2030 will be very different from that of today, and that it will bear little resemblance to that predicted by today's best-selling futurists. **It will not be dominated or even shaped by information technology.** IT will, of course, be important, but it will be only one of several important new technologies”

## Bill Gates (1999)

“Here on the edge of the twenty-first century, a fundamental new rule of business is that **the Internet changes everything.**”

Both are right!

An old wisdom about change  
prays for ...

“ the *serenity* to accept the things we cannot  
*change*, *courage* to change the things we can  
and *wisdom* to know the difference”.

# Our technological civilization is not very good at accepting we can't change something

- most of the talks in this session will be about what **can** change, **will** change, **should** change.
- I would like to point out there are also things that **will not** change, that **should not** change.



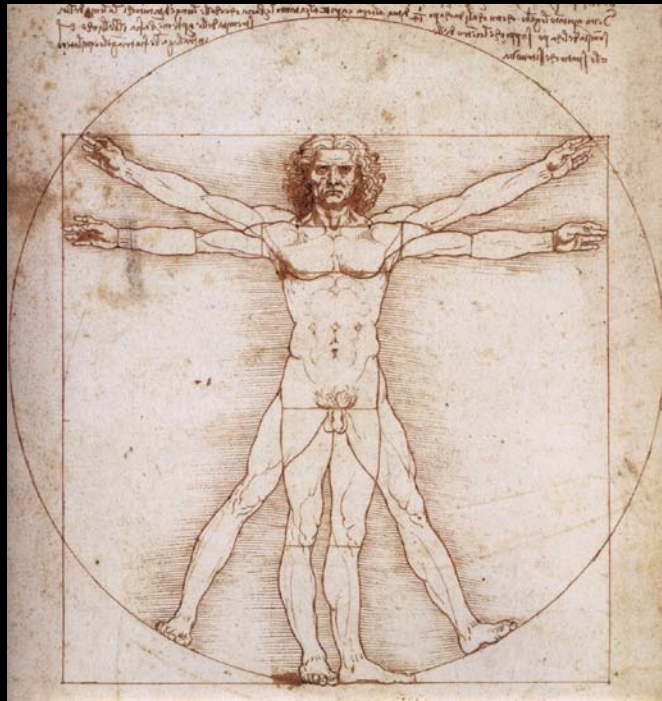
# In fact there are ...

things that ...	should change	shouldn't change
can change	courage, and will	restraint, using ethics and values
can't change	accept with serenity / not accept, do research, innovation	thank God!

# “Can” and “Should” are determined by Man’s and Society’s ...

## the man

- hardware
- operating system
- the apps



## the society

- hardware (men)
- network operating system
- the apps





Hardware in the genes

# Network Operating System



Haidt's Sense of right and wrong

1. **Harm/care.** Feel (and dislike) the pain of others.
2. **Fairness/reciprocity.** "I'll scratch your back if you'll scratch mine."  
... justice, rights, and autonomy for individuals.
3. **In-group/loyalty.** Amity for our fellow tribesmen, enmity for anyone in another group.
4. **Authority/respect.** A natural tendency to defer to authority, show deference to leaders and experts, and follow the rules.
5. **Purity/sanctity.** Toward the clean and away from the dirty.

Liberals strong in 1 and 2

Conservatives strong on 3, 4, and 5.

in genes and in memes!

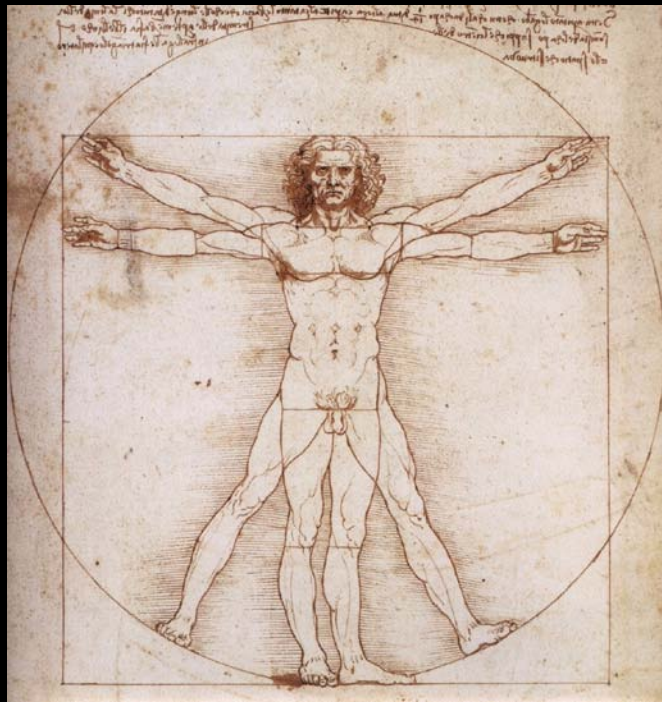
# The apps

- technology, innovations
  - habits
  - regulations, rules
  - institutions
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- a lot of study about this

# We are changing the apps!

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# A look at the change of the apps!

- automation and abundance
- BRICs and globalization
- climate change and energy
- demography
- e-everything
  
- The issues are global!



CHANGE  
AHEAD

A look at the change of the Network Operating System:  
“Deepening Sense of a Single Humanity”  
“Changing global consciousness”

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CUISINE  
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There is only one past ...

... but there is an indefinite number of  
futures.

Lets hear what these can be!