

Epilogue

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The art of progress is to preserve order amid change and to preserve change amid order.

Alfred North Whitehead (1861–1947)

Abstract Interacting, networking and communicating are essential components of everyday life. Finding solutions for peaceful co-existence between all the world's peoples is fundamental for better lives and the preservation of planet earth.

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Interacting, communicating and networking are key dimensions for enhancing global understanding. The histories of the world's peoples are a rich source of wisdom for how to achieve contentment in everyday life. Customs passed on through the generations give purpose to our experiences and guide us towards wise decisions. However, whilst the traditions and values of our forebears are a vital source of learning and knowledge, the past alone is seldom enough to satisfy human appetites. Curiosity about the world around us is a constant source of wonder, creativity and discovery. New knowledge adds to the available tools at hand to solve new problems and improve lives. Whitehead's words on progress and change capture the dynamic of existence and serve as a reminder of the duality faced during the change process. Change during this millennial period may have disrupted many of the old order customs – especially in relation to communication and mobility options – but the future is ours to create.

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