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Dear Matt

Thank you for taking time with me this morning ... I realize you have a big job and your time is precious.

It is tough to summarize where I have come from, where I am, and where I would like to be going in a rather brief telephone conversation. I hate telephone communications anyway, and texting is worse ... Skype on the other hand is emerging as a real communications tool!

I recall pretty much what I got to say this morning, and a pile of notes about what I did not get around to saying! But I am really curious about what you heard? In my experience what I thought I said, and what was heard can be very different things.

At one point we touched on 'anger' and I said that I introduced that word a couple of weeks back in some part to get some attention. I have been quietly raising my concern about the under 35 age group's lack of interest in the Church (not just CHR) for a long time, and tried to have this included as a focus of the Third Founding during the various Town Halls that were held ... including writing this on the feedback sheets two if not three times. Quiet apparently didn't work!

I have been very disappointed and indeed quite frustrated that the issue of young people and the Church, while it is on the Third Founding agenda, is not currently in 'game changer' mode ... and it is game changing initiatives that are needed. You were quite diplomatic about the idea that someone who is 75 years old is not going to be much of a focus for the 25 year old cohort ... and I understand this view. However, my undiplomatic retort could well be that I now spend 100% of my time trying to figure out what I have learned in my lifetime that will help society get through the next couple of generations without some sort of a cataclysmic disaster ... and for example, I want to see the global accounting profession embrace a framework of true value accounting that will give as much emphasis to people and planet as is now given to profit. ... accounting for everything in a meaningful way ... accounting for the 21st century.

The Church has an immense potential to be a power for GOOD ... I see a foundation on which something amazing can be built for the 21st and 22nd centuries ... a runway to launch something spectacular ...

The distant past is interesting ... but the priority for me is to understand why the Church has significantly declined in influence over my lifetime, and then, how to turn this around. As you may have gathered I am not at all impressed with my generation of leadership ... we have squandered a huge amount of wealth in the past 40 years, and in the process have set up all sorts of dysfunctions in the modern global socio-enviro-economic system that are pretty scary. Many of the issues that are emerging now are going to be much bigger in the years ahead. How do we get ahead of these waves?

I may be old and out of it ... but there is no need for young folk to follow in the steps of my generation. As things stand, they will do so, because essentially there are no alternatives being offered!

What are young people thinking? In the comfort of a university they are thinking a lot about GOOD. Five years into a career they are thinking about paying their bills and doing what they have to do in a money dominated materialistic system. Young people leave the doing GOOD world to migrate to the making MONEY world quite early in their career simply because that is how the system is structured ... changing the system is a challenge. It can be done ... but, where O where is the leadership to do it? And 10 years from now the employment situation

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for everyone and especially young people will be a whole lot worse than it is now ... we need some serious systemic disruption ... but I want it in the middle of the political divide ... not left not right.

Next steps ... a place and time to talk about all of these things. Agenda: Religion / Society / Investment / Environment / Risks / etc ... and how all of these things are part of a very complex man built system that needs fixing.

The possibilities are huge ...

Thank you for your time

Peter

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Dear Peter,

This is very well written. I think you will get his attention now.

Regards,

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