

# COMPASSIONATE MANIFESTO

## About

### The Compassion Manifesto

#### *Reimagining a shared humanity*

From the Encyclical on Climate Change and Inequality, by Pope Francis:

*“Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. We lack an awareness of our common origins, of our mutual belonging, and of a future to be shared with everyone. This basic awareness would enable the development of new convictions, attitudes and forms of life. A great cultural, spiritual and educational challenge stands before us, and it will demand that we set out on the long path of renewal.”*

We stand at a crossroads in history, on a planet as pregnant with opportunity as it is plagued by threats. We are challenged not only by rising inequality, volatile financial markets and ineffective political systems, **but also by dwindling bio-capacity and the relentless drill of hyper-capitalism.**

But in many ways there has never been a better time to be alive. Technological, educational and medical advancements and global communications promise a world overflowing with opportunity and equality. **Not just a better world; a remarkable world.**

The world is at a turning point and we are living in a time of consequences. For the longevity of the human race we need a radical shift in mindset. We want to invite you onto a journey where the future looks neon bright. **We invite you to envision a new world with the ancient golden rule of compassion at its core.**

For this book, the world’s top thinkers have united in the belief that compassion will steer the way to a better planet. The solution to all of the earth’s challenges is simpler than you might think. **We must anchor ourselves in shared values globally and engender a compassionate mindset shift in how we interact across politics, business and society.**

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