

# ADDRESSING OUR GLOBAL CHALLENGES

## ***A Note from Patricia***

*The times couldn't be better – for change – and YOU are the key to the changes needed. Change that will reframe the way we first see ourselves and our work in the world.*

*There are desperate needs in so many pockets of the world and, if we want to bring about positive change, where do we start? We start with the person closest to us, ourselves, because we truly can't change anyone or anything but ourselves.*

*Once we change, we can influence others by modeling a new, more enlightened way of operating in the world. Each of us has a role to play, others to influence and a new chapter to live. If not now, when? If not you, who?*

*The time is now! Don't let fear get in your way.*

*Please keep reading.*

Sincerely,

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*"Time waits for no one. You can use it wisely or waste it. The choice is yours."  
— His Holiness the Dalai Lama*

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## **A New Mindset for Addressing Our Global Challenges**



**AWAKEN**  
*by Alex Vidales*

### **THE TIME IS NOW!**

The human race is facing some of its most complex and hardest challenges ever. We need to evolve at blazing speed to affect dramatic shifts in our attitudes and then behaviors around climate change, equality for all, global stability and poverty, just to name a few. The path to addressing each of these is rooted in basic human nature. The problem is, we haven't been living or working true to our nature for a very long time.

It can seem like we don't have the same sense of community as we had in the past, work and careers have taken precedence over family, and our sense of profit before people and our planet remains too commonplace.

We can't afford to keep repeating the past. The traditional patriarchy mindset of power over others, profit at all cost or just plain ignorance has no place if we want to have a future -- let alone a healthy one.

Insanity has been defined as doing the same thing over and over again expecting new results. So, are we insane or just creatures of habit? A bit of both, perhaps. It's not easy to shed old skin when it's the only coat we've ever worn, even when we know it's for the best.

Yet, there are changes on the horizon. A recent report by the Atlantic Council, Africa Center called, “Addressing the Food, Water, and Energy Nexus – Transatlantic Perspectives and Africa’s Great Chance,” by Peter Engelke, talks about how the interdependencies between these resources are fundamental to all human endeavors on Earth. This is the enlightened mindset needed. For a copy of the report, go to [http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/images/files/Food\\_Water\\_Energy\\_Nexus\\_re-numbered.pdf](http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/images/files/Food_Water_Energy_Nexus_re-numbered.pdf)

## So what is your next ‘right’ step?

You can start by asking yourself a new set of questions -- questions that evoke a deeper set of answers. Following are a few to move you forward:

1. *What would happen if you started acting from your truth -- from your wisdom?*

*Patricia:* Personally, my wisdom is telling me to ask for input in the development of Global Purposeful Business Circles, the details of which you will see below. I cannot nor want to pursue this alone.

2. *What are the higher-level risks that you can no longer shy away from?*

*Patricia:* One such risk is my own pursuit of work with Dr. Mayaki, CEO of New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), an African Union strategic framework for pan-African socioeconomic development. I met Dr. Mayaki last year. By exposing this potential new work continent-wide, we could influence many across Africa. My personal risk is extending myself beyond my comfort level, but I am up for the challenge of the unknown!

3. *What not-so-politically-correct action must you stand up for -- NOW?*

*Patricia:* I’ve recommitted to publishing this newsletter bimonthly – and to point out what many of us know but are afraid to say in the world of International Development.

In your heart of hearts, you know that change is necessary. It’s critical. So take the first step and answer the questions above. Let us know your answers -- and your successes! -- by emailing us at [office@internationalpurpose.com](mailto:office@internationalpurpose.com).

Take action and start shaking the world!

*"You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete."*

-- Buckminster Fuller

Regards,

**Patricia**