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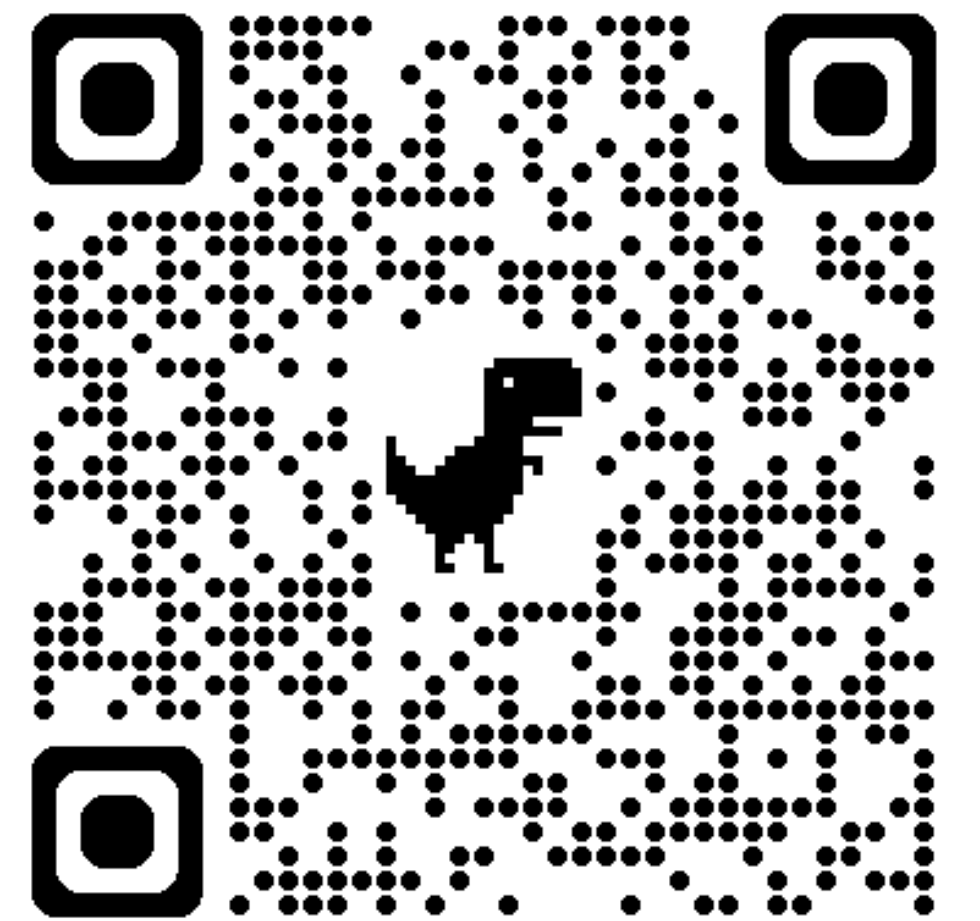
## UNSTOPPABLE: INNER RESILIENCE AND GENERATIONAL LEADERSHIP



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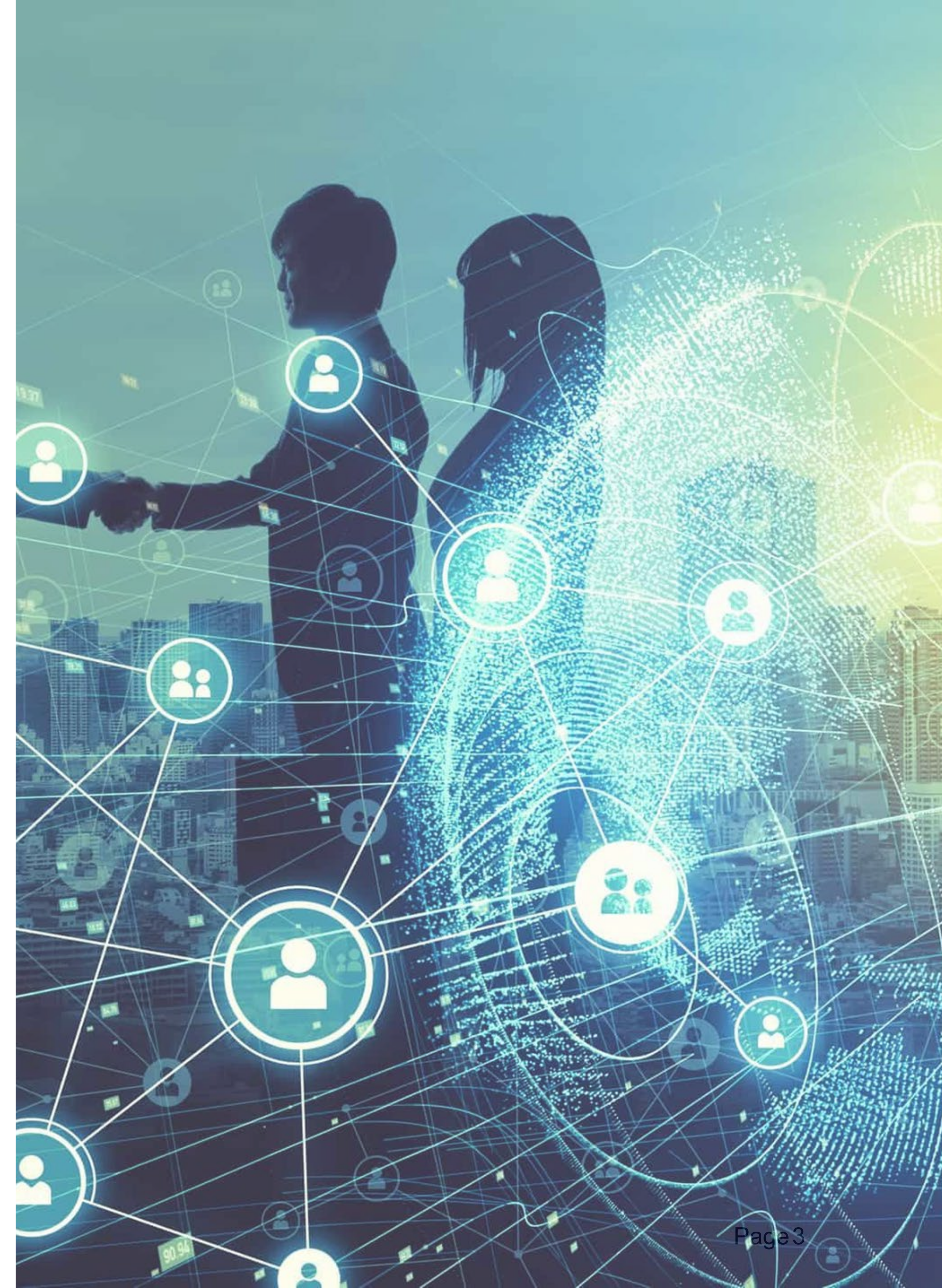
The Inner Migration To Profound Environmental Change



## Living in a BANI World

- **B**rittle – sudden shocks with global ripple effect
- **A**nxious – feelings of powerlessness, fear
- **N**on-linear – no more law of cause and effect
- **I**ncomprehensible – complexity almost beyond human mind to grasp

Ref: Jamais Cascio, Distinguished Fellow at Institute for the Future, Named Top Global Thinker by Foreign Policy magazine



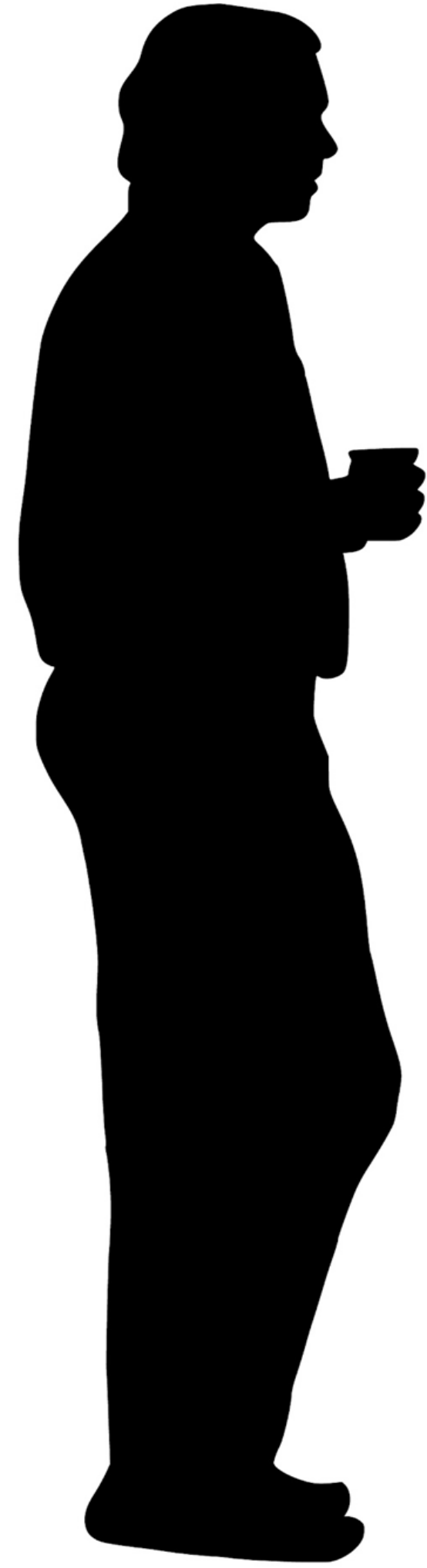
*“Intelligence* is the ability to apprehend and perceive what is.

*Imagination* is the ability to perceive what could be.

*Creativity* is the combination of both intelligence and imagination.”

Source: Scott Barry Kaufman, author of *Transcend: The New Science of Self-Actualization*, as described in Sam Harris's *Making Sense* podcast





**Future**



**Present**



Ancestor,  
I greet you...

Future

Present



Present Day Person answer the question:

**“How does it feel to be you right  
And to be living in this time?”**



Ancestor,  
I thank you....

Future

Present



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Present Day Person answer the question:

**“Where do you find the strength the power to keep going despite all of the obstacles, the challenges, discouragement and all of the uncertainty that you're facing?”**

Future

Present



Future person speaks:

**“What would you like to tell your ancestors before they go back to the current age of uncertainty, and challenge?”**





# Reflection

How did this exercise impact you personally?

What thoughts, images, metaphors, sounds are popping in?

What are you ready to let go of?

What is the new that is emerging for you?

## Tomorrow's Child

Without a name; an unseen face and knowing not your time nor place  
Tomorrow's Child, though yet unborn, I met you first last Tuesday morn.

A wise friend introduced us two, and through his sobering point of view  
I saw a day that you would see; a day for you, but not for me.

Knowing you has changed my thinking, for I never had an inkling  
That perhaps the things I do - might someday, somehow, threaten you.

Tomorrow's Child, my daughter-son - I'm afraid I've just begun  
To think of you and of your good, though always having known I should.

Begin I will to weigh the cost; of what I squander; what is lost  
If ever I forget that you, will someday come to live here too.

Written in 1996 by Glenn Thomas, an employee of Interface, after hearing Ray Anderson speak.  
Ray then read it after every speech.