



A Letter to the Children of 2024

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Dear Children of 2024,

Do you want to be like your parents, or do you want to be different and change the way things are?

Fine. But before you change the world, stop, and think for a moment. There are **3** things to think about.

1 Change itself is accelerating. Things are changing faster and faster. Even the old people are changing. When the old people try to be young, they try so many types of fun, food, and fashion that by now, you can see just about every style that has ever been. **So, think hard - must your new way be different - or have you considered a combination of old and older?**

2 You are not like them. Every generation before you saw people going places without cars - they used their legs and horses. Before you, before technology, television, and telephone, people had to go out of their houses and talk to their neighbors to find things out.

You are different. There has never been a generation like you. Old people did a whole lot of things the way it has

always been done. But not you. You are not held by custom, contract, or convention. You are free. You do not share their traditions. **You are freed from the past.**

3 Because things are changing and because you are not held back by tradition, you must lead the old people. Yes, for the first time, ever - young must lead old! It is not their fault. As they grew up and had one trouble after another, they slowly traded boldness, bravery, and bluster for consistency, constancy, and control. **You are their only hope.**

So, go ahead. Come up with something new. Have fun. Undo what has been done. Throw out old ways if you do not like them. Help old people to become unstuck from the old ways.

But remember to be gentle - when a tree falls in the wood, everyone scatters so they do not get hurt. Be gentle - change from the old to the new with compassion, concern, and consideration.

You are the NEXT VERSION OF HUMANKIND.

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John Bickart, Ph.D., likes to work in the background and let good ideas speak for themselves. He believes that children, and sometimes adults, know what they want and that they empower themselves when they listen to their hearts.

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