

Speech to make people act to master climate challenge

What are human beings?

Well, technically, we are animals, monkeys, right? Nevertheless, human beings have created so many things in this world with their superior intelligence that it almost sounds like an insult describing us as monkeys. We are so much more, aren't we? Definitely, we are something else than monkeys. But what? Are we spiritual beings coming from a place bigger than us? No, listen, in my opinion we are nothing else than an Ebolavirus.

See, an Ebolavirus is infecting a body to reproduce itself and he is doing that to survive. The second thing, this virus does is to destroy its own host, Ebola is killing the body it needs to survive. That sounds paradox in a way, but in fact, human beings are doing exactly the same thing.

Right now, while I'm speaking, every US-American is producing so much carbon dioxide in one year that 10.000 tons of arctic ice are melting. One American... melts 10.000 tons of arctic ice every year. Of course, there are people who believe climate change does not exist or at least does not affect them. But in fact it will affect us all. Right now, there are tremendous wildfires near San Francisco and L.A. – in November. As you see, climate disaster is not a thing we have to believe in, everyone is able to convince him or herself by watching wildfires destroying forests and cities, by watching hurricanes devastating areas bigger than ever, by feeling the hottest temperatures ever recorded. If every country will do everything the agreement of Paris requires, the earth will still become 3.2 degrees hotter, and this will make the earth to a hell on – well – earth.

Starting with diseases of which we believed we defeated them, e.g. Pest which was found in arctic ice or already existing diseases like malaria, that will kill millions, if not billions of people, going over wildfires, floods and hurricanes becoming stronger and stronger every year, ending up with megacities like Shanghai, Hongkong, San Francisco and others completely sunken in the ocean and not enough food and water to feed the growing population of the earth.

Imagine: you go outside but instead of complaining about pouring rain you now complain about the next hurricane destroying your city although you weren't able to fix the damages the hurricane of yesterday caused. And two weeks later your house –if it still exists – is burned by a wildfire that has taken over. You are afraid and you have nothing to eat but all the others can't give you anything as well because they are also hungry and don't have enough for themselves. This could be our everyday life of the future. Congratulations!

I want to give a warning. A warning about a huge tsunami called climate disaster. In the beginning, a tsunami is a very small wave, the dangerous part of this wave comes when it reaches the beach. Then the wave becomes bigger and bigger and finally it becomes unstoppable and kills thousands of people and destroys whole civilizations. Climate disaster is a huge tsunami, a tsunami we discovered already thirty years ago and now, when we see the first consequences of the disaster, when the tsunami is already convulsing, we are still sitting in our private jets talking about business and stuff not helping our planet to be healed.

Come on! Is this everything the human species is able to do when the tsunami is already convulsing?

Most of us will still be fine right now, otherwise you wouldn't be able to listen to me, but we'll be extinct when we are not acting right now! We'll be extinct when we aren't building a barrier against the tsunami! We'll be extinct when we don't start with long term thinking, when we don't stop valuing money more than our planet, when we don't start thinking in global frames instead of stopping people trying to immigrate in our country. Come on! We came so far; progress is the thing that distinguishes humans from other beings on earth. We seem to get greater technologies every year and every day, we will have artificial intelligence, self-driving cars and other things that will

represent human mind and then there comes a climate crisis that wants to stick a knife into our back, while we are so close in front of the finishing line? Come on! We can't accept that!

Nevertheless, we say we want to stop climate change but what are we doing instead? We build walls against migrants; we build new coal power stations and improve our methods of getting methane and oil out of the soil! This shows: To master this climate challenge, we have to change ourselves first. We need to start acting together as a global community, need to come to the realization that we are all humans on this beautiful blue planet and that we have to focus on similarities instead of our differences. We need to start thinking for ourselves what we can do to heal the world. Each and everyone of us has a great potential no one else in this world has. And it is about us to use this potential to create a world better than today, not worse. We need to ask ourselves what is happening in this world. We need to start searching for solutions and stop blaming people for what they did in the past. We need to start thinking selfless instead of egoistic, we need to stop thinking that competition supports the progress because real power comes from the synergies. We need to invest money, passion and time in solutions and helpful technologies, but most of all, we have to believe in ourselves that we are able to master this challenge with labor and community.

Come on! Humans are not like viruses! We are the most intelligent being on the earth! We can change the world. We want to live in a world that we can be proud of. We want to be able to admire nature and not a coal power station in a desert.

Let us create a world we want to live in, a world full of joy, passion, community, peace and love. Let us create it together by helping and supporting each other, not by insulting others because of competition reasons. Let us create it for us, our children and for everyone we love. Politicians, entrepreneurs and all the others! We want you to give 150% to do everything to make human life better, not worse, to create a world we want, not fear, to master the biggest challenge of human life successfully. Found companies and organizations, stop flying so much, visit demonstrations, do whatever you can!

Thank you.