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The situation we face is neither an invitation into the most meaningful work imaginable nor a step-change towards climate change.

What are those fundamental shifts? First, a shift from doing to working towards an economy of need and the cultivation of meaning. This is the place of purpose. No more do we just go to work, but we contribute to the common good. This is a whole new economy that we need to move towards. We are seeing the beginning of this shift, with the rise of the commons. We are seeing the rise of the commons as a new form of economic activity. The commons is a space where people come together to share resources and to work for the common good. This is a shift from the individual to the collective.

Second, a shift from consumption to co-creation. This is a shift from buying things to creating things. It is a shift from consuming goods to consuming services. It is a shift from individualism to collectivism.

Third, a shift from economic growth to economic slowdown. We need to move from a growth economy to a steady-state economy. This is a shift from a focus on growth to a focus on sustainability. We need to move from a focus on economic growth to a focus on social and environmental sustainability.

Fourth, a shift from an out-of-control system to a system of self-organization. We need to move from a system that is out of control to a system that is self-organizing. This is a shift from a system that is not sustainable to a system that is sustainable.

Fifth, a shift from a system that is not inclusive to a system that is inclusive. We need to move from a system that is not inclusive to a system that is inclusive. This is a shift from a system that is not just to a system that is just.

Sixth, a shift from a system that is not transparent to a system that is transparent. We need to move from a system that is not transparent to a system that is transparent. This is a shift from a system that is not accountable to a system that is accountable.

Seventh, a shift from a system that is not participatory to a system that is participatory. We need to move from a system that is not participatory to a system that is participatory. This is a shift from a system that is not democratic to a system that is democratic.

These are the fundamental shifts that we need to make if we are to move towards a new economy. These are the shifts that will allow us to move towards a new economy of need. These are the shifts that will allow us to move towards a new economy of meaning. These are the shifts that will allow us to move towards a new economy of purpose. These are the shifts that will allow us to move towards a new economy of sustainability. These are the shifts that will allow us to move towards a new economy of justice. These are the shifts that will allow us to move towards a new economy of democracy. These are the shifts that will allow us to move towards a new economy of accountability. These are the shifts that will allow us to move towards a new economy of transparency. These are the shifts that will allow us to move towards a new economy of participation. These are the shifts that will allow us to move towards a new economy of democracy.

The question we might ask ourselves is: ‘What would it mean for us — for me — to rise to the challenge of climate change and to lead towards a new economy of purpose?’

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