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Never before in history has the future of our Planet Earth been the subject of such intense debate. At the end of the day, the truth may elude humanity. Yet, facts abound that something horrific is happening with more on the horizon.

Precaution is a faculty reserved for mankind. It need not stifle human activities. It means better polices and cleaner technologies. It means further emancipation and increased opportunities.

Hope truly exists. Human actions can be environmentally caring and economically sustainable at the same time. A broad consensus can be built globally. Hundreds of colloquia worldwide now narrow the divide. Pocantico stands among the most prestigious. No doubt its contribution will be immense as the world now traverses the most critical juncture in human history. Hence, my heartiest applause.

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