

The Spiritual Revolution

Sun shines at the top of the sky, and the house on the hilltop is occupied by a family. Spring break has finally arrived. Jack's family has decided to stay at his grandparents' house for few days. Jack loved his grandpa and his stories. Grandpa always told stories to Jack about how the old days were, and how easy the current lifestyle is. His dad often joins the story and tells his stories about the lifestyle back then changed into the lifestyle of now.

The sun went beyond our sight, and after the dinner, Grandpa started talking about the life of old days. Back then, people were still fighting. The wars between nations were continuous on the face of earth. People actually thought violence was the solution to the irresolvable conflicts. One of the last major wars was the Iraq War. Grandpa hated it. He said that the war took place because of the oil. Jack wondered if people had stopped using oil now, then why did people use oil in the first place? Jack knew that oil was not the smart choice of an energy source. Everyone in his class knew that. Grandpa got really emotional when he starts talking about oil and its relationship to politics. So Jack's dad started talking to Jack. He said that in the 2000's, the governments had strong power over its citizens. People in the government were too busy protecting their money and power. Jack just could not understand why anyone would do anything like that. Money and Power sound childish. Why do you want more money if you have enough and someone else needs it?

Dad continued and started talking about the Spiritual Revolution (SR) that took place in 2028, the beginning of the new age. The universal problem before the SR was the environmental problem. Many people around the globe started approaching this problem consciously. To respond to their citizens, governments started taking action and setting up policies for independence from the nonrenewable energy source, mainly fossil fuels. Then, there was the Spiritual Revolution; the mentality of "we are all connected" has spread. With this, the United Nations was given a stronger and more active agenda to institute peace on the earth. Due to the peace movement, many countries realized that they do not need huge funds to support the military system. This fund has been mostly used for environmental engineering. The scientists around the world established a communicating network, which provided almost all of the data from every scientist in any field. This network contributed to a PV cell with high efficiency, multi-layered wind power plant with great durability, and smaller scale hydro. After these breakthroughs, to get fossil fuels out of the people's life cycle was easy. The worldwide scientists' network communication has spread to the public and is used as the tool to share anyone's experiences and solutions for any problem from their daily lives. People started caring about each other. You are not alone to face any kind of problem. There were many people out there in public or on the network willing to help you out. Thou it did not prevent some of us from being old-fashioned. The ones with wealth and power in

previous society have attempted to ignore the human rights of people on Earth, and ignore the beautiful quality of nature. Eventually, they died out. The idea of taking advantage of someone got outdated as everyone else succeeded by corporation.

The population used to be a significant issue back in 2000's. Now it is not. We have renewable energy supporting us that is sustainable. The challenge of transportation was the hardest to overcome. People debated about which type of automobile to use. There were two most practical types. One was electrical and the other ran on ethanol. Developed countries pushed for electric cars, arguing that the monoculture for producing ethanol would not even be enough to support all the cars in the world. Developed countries urged the corporations to stop producing automobiles. It was obvious that there were enough in the world already. Also, people started to use public transportation more because people became more conscious about importance of their actions. After the SR, people knew that a person did make a difference. After the invention of the environmentally friendly batteries and more efficient and cheap renewable power plant, the leaders from both developed and developing nations finally ended the debate to shift to electric cars. The government support eased this transition. With less energy consumption and more renewable energy sources, the global warming and the global temperature increase has almost stopped. Through this global experience, people realized that if everyone on the planet made an effort together, then they can do whatever they wished.

Grandpa started talking again. He always said that he loves the changes that he faced in last fifty years. He said it was a miracle. Fifty years ago, people dreamt and talked about world peace, but many of them actually thought it was impossible. Today, world peace is here. Grandpa says it is a life without fear. Due to the advance of medical science, most of the diseases were curable. The injuries were often fixed with a shot of engineered enzymes. Grandpa told me that death used to be a scary thing in the old days. Before the SR, everyone taught their children that death is an unknown and scary thing in your life. I am glad that my family never taught me anything like that. It is almost hard to believe that death is scary. Grandpa said that he feels little scared about death. I felt sorry for him that he was going to die having an old mindset.

At night when I look up in the sky, I saw my grandpa and his stories. The 2000's is considered to be the most interesting part of the human history: The chaos era. Now in year 2055, many of Grandpa's stories seem so different that you never know if he is telling the truth or not. Fifty years ago, there was no peace on earth. There was no global community. What is going to be on our planet after fifty years from now? I could barely imagine what would happen. I can choose how I want the world to be in fifty years; let there be harmonious peace.

Afterword

In this story of a child in the 2055, I placed my design for future. No more usage of fossil fuels, and sustainable relationship of humans and nature without lowering the living standards or even better. My biggest point is that we can do it. Our dream will come true. However in order to do so, we must cooperate. We need to treat each other and everything as we would like to be treated. The Spiritual Revolution mentioned in the story is a change of mentality among the human beings. The SR is the time when people started to think that we are one; when we all want the same thing and if we act for it anything will come true. Currently, many of us have decided to act to harm nature, and we are successfully doing so. If most of us started to act like we wanted harmony between nature and humans or peace among the humans, then they will come true. Nobody knows what is going to happen, but you have the power to decide what you want for future and act for it.