



# Picture it . . .

IN A HIGH mountain redoubt above the Alenuihaha Channel, seventeen megamillionaires and billionaires sat on a wide balcony overlooking the lush green island of Maui and the far Pacific Ocean.

“My friends... the world is not doing well. Its inhabitants have allowed greed, power, ignorance, wealth, science, technology, and religion to depreciate reality and deny potential. Never in history has there been a greater opportunity to effect change.

“I’ve been thinking hard about what I want to do with my remaining years, with my capital, credibility, and hopes for coming generations. I have been described as the investment world’s ‘big bang,’ and I do not want to go out with a whimper, if you’ll pardon the cliché. I suspect that similar feelings are stirring in your minds and souls as well, and that’s why I put out the call to you.

“It’s the beginning of a new year, my friends, and this gathering, I hope, is the beginning of a new direction for our planet.

“Here’s to you all. The floor is open.”

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