

## **1. Introduction**

What do you think is the most significant discovery that humans have ever made? Was it the fact that the earth is round? that it moved around the Sun? How about the greatest invention? Was it the wheel? the printing press? the computer?

The greatest discovery thus far is how we human beings evolved over millions of years to be the way we are. The greatest invention will be ourselves – the next generation human being.



This book is about the past, the present, and the future. We ask where humans came from and who we have become. We reflect on where we might go and on the decisions we face in doing so.

We ask these questions at a crucial moment in human history. Ours is a time of wonder and excitement. We live in a time when the possibilities of our lifetimes are beyond our parents' dreams. But these possibilities are not all positive. We've learned that our actions can cause great harm. More than ever before, the choices we make today will either open or close the future of humanity. It's up to us!