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themselves for their genuine strengths, and the men, for theirs. But after all these many years of taking part and observing, I am certain that part of our deep discomfort in this most comfortable of all possible worlds has to do with our having fallen into a potentially very dangerous combination of arrogance and deep bewilderment Perhaps if this society as a whole spent some part of its time in a state of simple gratitude for the beneficence bestowed upon it; and perhaps if we individuals were daily to remind ourselves that this beneficence is a gift, not a mere entitlement, we might at last assume the posture necessary for finding our way out of all the treacherous byways of this new territory and back to where our nature truly beckons us—and lead our bewildered children behind us.

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