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**Carlos** is the Secretary General of The Club of Rome, where he leads The Fifth Element programme, promoting mutual transformation across disciplines, cultures, geographies, and generations, towards equitable wellbeing for all on a healthy planet. He is also a co-founder of The Earth-Humanity Coalition enabling the highest ambitions for the UN Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development 2024-2033.

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Making sense of current global developments is a challenge. Most explanations try to interpret changes without questioning usual frameworks of thought. On the contrary, time has come for deeper learning. Sticking by our assumptions is no longer adequate, and expecting accumulating catastrophes to be a powerful incentive for change is riskier than ever. This lecture invokes the potential of mutual learning and metamorphosis across the chasms of today. At the origin of our existential crises is the accelerated fragmentation created by Modernity. Could a reconnection with our relational nature be the catalyst for planetary reconciliation?

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