

# A LETTER TO MY UNBORN CHILD

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*Beautiful yet blatantly honest self-contemplation of the young minds over the unforeseeable future of their loved ones, yet in the process, they have shared so much wisdom for a better world!*

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## **Dedication**

*These young minds were wondering how the future would be for their loved ones. Each letter was crafted with love and high hopes and wisdom. This book is dedicated to all the young minds and all the generations wishing for a better world to live in!*



*To the pure-hearted students with a flourishing  
future, you are our hope for a brighter future*

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# PROLOG

## AMELIA NAIM INDRAJAYA

This book is dedicated to the youngsters, the future leaders who will lead in the future and give a greater chance for a better and brighter future. As we all see, some of the current business leaders are not giving exemplary actions in terms of preserving nature and maintaining sustainability for the earth and the people. Yet, we have big hopes. The youngsters of today are going to be future leaders who have pure hearts and clean minds to be change-makers.

In Ipmi International Business Schools or formally known as Sekolah Tinggi Manajemen Ipmi, the sustainability mindset is embedded in character-building courses such as Outstanding Values, Global Outlook, and Business Ethics. Unlike traditional teacher-centered learning, the syllabus is designed with the students' centered experiential learning approach. The challenge is not to Inform the students, as they would easily get any information as easy as a touch of one fingertip on Google, but more to **Transform** the mindset toward sustainability, preserving nature and the people, and in a broader sense to support the Global Goals.

The Global Goals have been nicely developed by the United Nations Declaration in 2013, in the form of 17

Sustainable Development Goals (See: Figure 1) . As part of the country supporting the United Nations, we should together support these 17 goals and achieve the mission by 2030.

This idea is inspired by a dear friend who is the convener of a working group for Sustainability Mindset, Dr. Isabel Rimanoczy. She was researching Sustainability Mindset. In an endeavor to get mature thinking from the young minds, she tried this exercise to her students. And “A letter to the unborn child” serve the purpose. And of course, we would like to know, how if the same challenge is applied to the young minds in Indonesia. So here is the result, a book full of self-contemplation which leads to wisdom.

The memorable learning process should come through an integrated experiential learning process. The challenge of experiential learning requires the blend of the knowing (thinking) with the being (value-based approach) and the doing (action learning) approach. Students are going through action reflective learning to gain insights, feel the emotional values, and conduct the real action. For the action part, they have conducted community engagement activities applying what they learn in class in a real-life setting, be it offline or online. This way the students experience the process of implementing their knowledge and values to the communities. Another important aspect is the ability to express their thought in the form of writings. To gain flexibility and allow them to express their mature insights, this challenge of “Letter to your unborn

child” was assigned to the students. The objective is to see the paradigm shift in the student’s minds on how they see the future which will be faced by their unborn child. How they proactively craft a better path for a better future. The flexibility is done purposefully to let them explore any possible areas for their individual developments based on the intra-personal contemplation process.

The book starts with the foreword and this prolog and the second part will be the writings of the youngsters the beholders of the beautiful mind. There are fifty -one love letters crafted from the bottom of the heart of the young minds to their future babies. Each with their own unique touch, but all with a rich message of humanity. At the end of the section, there will be an epilog analyzing the themes of the writings. There are four broad areas of thinking covered by the twenty -six young minds in their fifty -one letters to the unborn baby. The four areas are the social aspects, environmental aspects, spiritual aspects, and educational aspects. Of course, this is just preliminary work. In the future, we hope to see more qualitative research of these bright young minds on how they contemplate their future through freestyle writing like this. Happy reading.

Amelia Naim Indrajaya



Figure 1: The Sustainable Development Goals of the United

Nations

CHAPTER ONE (JEREMY ABIJASA)

**Becoming Your Own Agent for Good**



*Although you will face people, who wish you harm for the passport you hold, the religion you follow, or the colour of your skin, you will also know many people who wish you nothing but happiness and success. It turns out, there is a dark side and a light side to humanity, and the battle is raging.*

Dear Baby,

I'm not gonna lie to you, this world is crazy.

There are [killer viruses](#) and [killer terrorists](#) running rampant. If the [rapidly-changing climate](#) doesn't wipe us all out in your lifetime, you will still inherit a world where [rape-culture](#) and [racism](#) are flourishing, as are the pressures of growing up in a [technological Thunderdome](#).

Sadly, your greatest enemy will be the human race... but

it will also be your greatest ally.

While you will face people who wish you harm for the passport you hold, the religion you follow, or the color of your skin, you will also know many people who wish you nothing but happiness and success. It turns out, there are a dark side and a light side to humanity, and the battle is raging.

Never before in our time on this planet has there been more information at our fingertips, more ability to control and manipulate our world, or a speedier pace of life. You are entering a super highway, little one, and the on-ramp is short. I can't even begin to predict what will occur in your lifetime, but I know there will be both devastating catastrophe and triumphant achievement.

Given all of this, it sometimes feels insane to have created you. We wished for you to come into our family, to give us a sense of completion and lineage. But those were our reasons for wanting you, not your reasons for being here.

You alone will have to determine your purpose, your unique gift to the world. And know this, baby, for every orphaned or abused child out there, we're gonna need people to reach out their hands with love and support. For every act of terror and brutality we commit against our own species, we need to sow seeds of healing and understanding to battle the dark forces amongst us, we will need an entire army of light.

As much as I want to keep you safe, to shield you from the realities of what humans can do to each other, I believe you

are coming for that very purpose. Just as I feel the pain you will endure when you look upon images of children dying alone from [preventable disease](#), I too feel the astonishment you will know when you see your first Great White Shark in the zoo. Just as I dread the day you truly comprehend [torture](#), I long to see the day you come into your own power and [voice](#). Just as you may be horrified by the ugly side of life, so may you be stunned by the awesome beauty of it.

And baby, whether you become a special ed teacher, a doctor, an artist, or even an activist, there are thousands of ways to join the legions of people contributing to a better world. It can be as simple as reaching out, one-on-one, to acknowledging and support someone near you who is hurting. Your challenge will be to find your own way to add to the betterment of our planet, my challenge is to not let fear take over, nor ever stand in your way.

I promise to give you a better life, education, etc. Me and your Mom responsibilities are not to keep you safe from this world, but to prepare you to confront them.

Maybe you'll [save the Orangutans](#) or discover a [new way to treat cancer](#). Maybe you'll be able to imagine a better world and write it down for all of us to see, or perhaps you are the next great teacher in a long line of educators. When I look at the world today, I see huge challenges alongside enormous opportunities. Yes, this world is changing fast but our greatest talent, as humans, is our ability to change with it.



Remember tiny, [we survived](#) the last ice age.

So, I'm gonna level with you now, as your arrival is imminent. The world you're coming into is far from perfect and your life, no matter how blessed, will at times be painful and incredibly sad. There is a lot of work to do to overcome the hatred and conflict that plague our species. But with you in this world, I have the motivation and courage to keep pushing forward, if only to show you how to become your own agent for good. With you in this world, the future holds so much promise for humanity, the underdog that it is.

So, roll up your onesie my dear, and know that I'll be right there beside you as we take on this bewildering, horrifying, ever-changing adversary called life together.

Your Loving Daddy and Mommy

Sutan Borneo Jeremi Abijasa

CHAPTER TWO (NITYA ARFELLA)

**What Goes Around Comes Around**



***First**, always appreciate yourself and others. You are worth it, and you do matter in this world. Believe in yourself. Trust me, appreciating yourself is very, very, very important. By appreciating yourself, you value yourself.*

Dear My Unborn Child,

You're probably will read this when you're about 12 years old and things will probably change a lot, and some things will probably stay the same. I may not remember what to say here, but trust me, I will remember it later when you've grown.

There are few things i want to say to you about outstanding values, these values are important for me.

**First**, always appreciate yourself and others. You are worth it, and you do matter in this world. Believe in yourself. Trust me, appreciating yourself is very, very, very important. By appreciating yourself, you value yourself. Values is not only created by me - as your mother, your father, religion,

environment, and lot things more, but also by yourself. You have to set your own value and make boundaries. Appreciate others. Make other people happy, even though they are strangers. Trust me, somehow, a stranger could give benefits to you too, after all, good things never hurt anybody, right?

**Second**, always remember that religion is everything. You must understand your religion and learn everything about your religion. Learn to read the holy book. Never forget to pray. There are some things that I don't teach you, but religion does.

**Third**, *what goes around, comes back around*. Karma is such a common thing these days. People cursing at other people, saying things like karma will get you, karma will kick you or they will. Most people will literally kick other people for revenge, uh, not a good example, so don't you ever do that, kid. So do good things! You may do some bad things of course, if (yes, there's an if. It means this is an exception, not a reason for you to always do bad things) that person or people deserves it.

Talking behind someone's back is really a trend currently. Stabbing your good friend, talk bad things about your friend, breaking up with someone, and telling people the bad things he or she did, and we can go on and on. That is not cool. Get that? If you want to have so many friends, be yourself, do and say good things. Gossiping positively is okay but do the gossips based on the things that actually happened. Do not create your own imaginary story about others, spreading the

rumor, and hurt that person. Most importantly, think before you speak!

**Fourth**, make some changes. I know these things are probably hard, you don't know what to do, it is not exciting, and so on. But it is actually exciting and not really that hard. Doing such a small thing could affect some changes too. Okay so right now I have this assignment to make a business that is also a social enterprise. You may think about what kind of business that is able to do both; making profits and social enterprise at the same time. Well, my group sells cupcakes. Uh huh, cupcakes! Doing my hobby while making a profit and do charity. Benefits for both sides.

Also, I bet public transportation in the future will be much better than today. So, use it. Public transportation today is pretty much bad. There are a lot of pickpockets and criminals, and that scares people to use public transportation. In the future, the price of public transportation may be high, but if it's safe and worth it, so use them. We, as parents will give you a car only when you deserve it.

**Fifth**, *Go Green!* You read that right. What's so hard about going green? Use less energy. Don't waste the energy and your time by locking yourself in your room, turning the AC on for straight 24 hours while playing your laptop, and turning on your TV for your back sound so you don't feel lonely. That is lonely, I hope you won't be a loner, kid.

Don't always brag to use the car. If it doesn't take an hour to go to wherever you wanted to go, don't use the car (and motorcycle). Take a walk. Tell your friends to go along with you. Enjoy the environment. By the way, that is healthy too.

**Sixth**, the world will never praise you. Somehow, there will always be haters. Keep your chin up, and never listen. I mean, you only have two hands, why bother closing people's mouths while you can close your ears? Let them talk. Let them say whatever they want. Always remember the good things about yourself and those things I told you before. People always have bad things to say about other people. If you keep on listening to what they say and be bothered about it, you will not become better and will be stuck with what you are right now.

**Seventh**, choose the right friends, they know what to do even without you telling them what to do. A good friend will stick to you no matter what. They hurt you just for teasing. Never misunderstood that. They will not forbid you to do anything, they just simply tell you the good and bad things about it and let you choose yourself, it's for you anyway. Of course, they won't let you do crazy things alone.

Kid, don't be so sensitive. Especially if you're a boy. It is okay, totally okay, to cry. just don't be such a crybaby. It's annoying. Don't be afraid to be yourself. Express yourself. Do whatever you wanted to do as long as you know the boundaries. Hang out with as many people as you can. Be nice. Make a lot of friends. Have at least, one hobby. The more, the better. Always,

love yourself. Never forget those who love you and help you. Never hate anybody. Forgive those who hurt you but never ever forget. Have a lot of fun but if you do drugs, don't bother coming home. Remember that I and your dad will forever be loving you unconditionally.

Your Mother,

Nitya Arfella



*“A wise person knows that there is something  
to be learned from everyone”*

*(quoteslife101.net)*

CHAPTER THREE (MARIA RENATA)

**You are A Champion, My Precious!**



*Walk with integrity, don't make other people have to guess or be confused with you. Find someone you can trust and be a person who can be trusted. I raised you to be a champion, an overcomer, a peace bringer, a joy carrier, a hope giver, a love bearer.*

Dear my precious child,

I may not have you yet, but I know that I will have you one day. I've always wanted to hear such a beautiful voice, see such a wonderful creature and feel the touch of the softest skin of you. Of all things that I want in this life, you are the one that I needed the most. You are the one that will brighten my days. Your existence is the only thing that makes me won't give up in my life and you are the answer to my prayer.

You will always bring happiness to me. Staring at you sleeping in my arms because of the stories that I read for you would be the best moment in my life. Seeing your sweetest



smile, your funniest acts, and your loudest cry would probably make my life colorful. One of the dreams that I have in life is to see you grow up and be the person that I always dream of.

I wish you learned to be a confident person who accepts all of your imperfections, because your imperfections are the things that make you unique. I hope you learn to be a strong person and connect with others, but never risk your own future at the expense of another. I hope you learn that this journey is going to be rough, but make sure to overcompensate those times; they are the moments I ask you to hold onto, close to you, because when the hard times come, these will be your light out of the tunnel.

Life is hard and it will test you. Enjoy every high and don't hesitate on the low. Don't waste your time trying to prove yourself so that people will like you. You are an amazing person because God created you and because He said so. Walk with integrity, don't make other people have to guess or be confused with you. Find someone you can trust and be a person who is trusted. I raised you to be a champion, an overcomer, a peace bringer, a joy carrier, a hope giver, a love bearer.

Be kind to everyone even when everything is complicated. Good things will happen to good people, but sometimes, bad things also happen to good people. Don't let the circumstances around you change you. Respect people for their opinion. Just because someone is older than you don't mean what they think is always right.

Where every step will lead you, go to your destination with faith. Know that you will face ups and downs. When you are lost, please promise me that you will always find a needle in a haystack. Don't be afraid, I will always be beside you, guide you and remind you to always remember that God is in every step that you take.

Remember that you are only a visitor here in the Planet Earth, same as me and your daddy. I want you to love God with your whole heart and always remember him. Don't be afraid to live for him as the days draw near. Always give more than you take even when you don't like it, find something to be thankful for. Salvation is a gift from God. Trust me, God is the only one who will never fail or leave you.

I want you to know how very proud I am of you, regardless of what you have become or done in your life's journey. My thoughts toward you are always good. Don't ever feel like you've disappointed God and me. You are my child. In my heart. I will always love you. You were born for a purpose, so go on discover your purpose in life and pursue it. I know that in your own way you will be the change-maker we desperately need for a better future.

Soon, it will be time for you to enter this beautiful world. I will cherish every moment we spent together. I wish I could freeze each and every moment in time but seeing you grow is a precious gift. I can't wait for you to join me in this world. So many future hopes and beautiful memories to enjoy together.

And there is one faithful promise that I can guarantee for you. I will love you with all of my heart, my precious child. An unconditional love. And I am sure with a strong character and principles of life we can face the unforeseeable future together and strive to be meaningful for humankind.

Love,

Your Mom

Maria Renata

CHAPTER FOUR (STEPHANIE TANYA)

**Blessed in Every Single Way**



*Don't just go with the society stereotypes of what is successful and what is not. I believe that if you are passionate about something and work hard for it, you can be successful. There is a saying that if you are doing what you like, you don't have to work for the rest of your life, and I believe that.*

Dear Little One,

There are so many things I want to say, but I don't know where to start. I think the right way to start this is by introducing myself. I am your future mom, and I just turned twenty years old. I am currently in the fifth semester of university, studying business administration. I love to drink tea, read books, and I rarely wear skirts. Probably in ten years, we will finally meet, and you will call me mom.

Right now, being a confused twenty years old as I am, I

do not know you at all rather than you will have some of my

DNA and might have some of my traits and personalities. I would like to think you inherited my smile or my eyes, or even some of my stubbornness. That we would be alike, but not entirely the same since the other half of it belongs to your precious father. If you ask, I still have not met him nor have any idea who he is. But I hope someday I will meet him and just knew, that this man will be a huge part of my future.

I hope our relationship is great, and we could be as close just like my mom and I (your grandma). If we are currently arguing, I just want you to know that I always think for your best interest and I love you very much no matter what. Remember that I am already experienced everything that you are currently experiencing, and it is okay to talk to me whenever you want. I would love to hear all your thoughts, your experiences, your interactions with your friends, and to be in your life, guiding you every step of the way.

Dear Little One,

The world is beautiful with so many possibilities, and I would like for you to grab one and run with it. Do whatever you like, and what you are passionate about. Tell me about it. Don't just go with society's stereotypes of what is successful and what is not. I believe that if you are passionate about something and work hard for it, you can be successful. There is a saying that if you are doing what you like, you don't have to work for the rest of your life, and I believe that. I hope that I am raising you in the right way of that direction, which means, your life should be

about you, and not about me. What I think best for you might not be what you want, and you should tell me about that. Nobody's perfect in the beginning and definitely, there won't be a perfect parent in this world, but I hope that you would love me nonetheless just like I love you for who you are.

Dear Little One,

I do wish that my child will be handsome and smart, but those things are not important if you do not have love inside of you. Do not let the negativity of the world get into you. Always know in your mind that you are blessed in every single way. You are full of love and you are not afraid to show it in this world that sometimes could be full of hate. If you have love, you are good. Take care of yourself and the people around you with the love that you got inside you.

It is easier in this world sometimes to just be hateful towards other people. People who are successful and you are jealous of; it is easier to just find their flaws instead of recognizing their success. I do not want you to be those people. Since you have love inside of you, I hope you will feel inspired by those people, and have them be your inspiration for success. Putting others down to make you feel good will not work. You will still feel hollow inside. They will still be successful, and you will still be where you are. You have to know as well that money is not everything. Do not be blinded by the prestige and greed in this world. Just take your time and be happy with yourself and who you are.

Dear Little One,

I believe that you have so many people in your life who love you and will always love you. You will never have to question that. Family and friendships are so important, and I hope you always surround yourself with people who love and respect you. I hope you will always be kind to your surroundings above all else. I truly believe that you will get everything that you wanted in this world. Be positive, inspired, and kind and good things will happen to you.

Dear Little One,

Remember that when I am writing this letter, I am still a young adult, who is afraid of life and the uncertainty of the future. I may not even remember that I wrote this letter to you due to this device is being traded by the latest technology in the near future. But one thing I know for sure, that in the future when I got it all figured out, I will love and protect you with all that I've got, and made you a wonderful place in this crazy world and nurture you to be the very best you can be. Remember, you are special, and you are everything that you wanted to be.

Mom,

Stephanie Tanya

CHAPTER FIVE (FARAHYA THIRAFI)

**Believe in Yourself**



*One day you will realize that sometimes the wrong choice brings us to the right place. Because it's not the mistake that matters, it's how you deal with it, what you learn from it, and how you apply that lesson to your life.*

Dear my amazing child,

From the moment you were born my heart was yours. I looked in your eyes and saw all my hopes and dreams alive in you. Being one of your parents has been one of the greatest gifts in my life. My unconditional love for you is not based on how you live this life, how nice you are to me, or what kind of person you will be. There's nothing that could ever change how I feel about you.

When you grow up, make sure that you will be the light that enlightens other people around you. Be the person who cares about your surroundings, be the person that makes others feel special, be the person that inspires others. Be the



same person no matter what life may give you. Life may get hard, and you may want to quit sometimes, but don't let a bad day let you feel like you have a bad life. The world is a great place to live and you only have one chance to live this life.

I believe that you will meet a lot of different kinds of people. When someone gives you an opinion that has a positive side or gives you good advice, take it or at least think about it. And you should also learn from your mistakes in the past. Never regret that. One day you will realize that sometimes the wrong choice brings us to the right place. Because it's not the mistake that matters, it's how you deal with it, what you learn from it, and how you apply that lesson to your life.

I apologize if I can't be a great mom for you. I may not have enough time to take care of you or teach you, but I hope that our relationship will focus on how we spend our quality time together, on how we go through bad times and good times together, and on how you will be the best friend of mine to share and having fun.

When I was a teenager, your grandparents put me in a very good school, which is Al-Azhar Islamic School. They teach me about so many things, especially about Islam. I want you to be what Allah wants you to be. Make sure that you will put Allah first. Get close to Allah first before getting close to anyone else; Allah without a man is still Allah, but a man without Allah is nothing. Allah knows what is the best for you and when you

should have it. Learn to pray not because you need something, but because you ought to thank him for everything.

I will make sure that you are in the best school, with the best education, the best quality, the best learning way, the best teacher, so you can be better than me. When I write this letter, I am in the college, in IPMI International School, it is delivered in English and in the next semester I will learn about another language, but I think it is a little bit too late for me to learn how to speak English very well, that's why I will put you in an international school, from kindergarten maybe? So, you can speak English very well since you are little, and after that, you can master another language, at least 4 languages, why? Because in your era, speaking with our language (Indonesian) and English is not enough, maybe you should master another language, such as Chinese and Arabian.

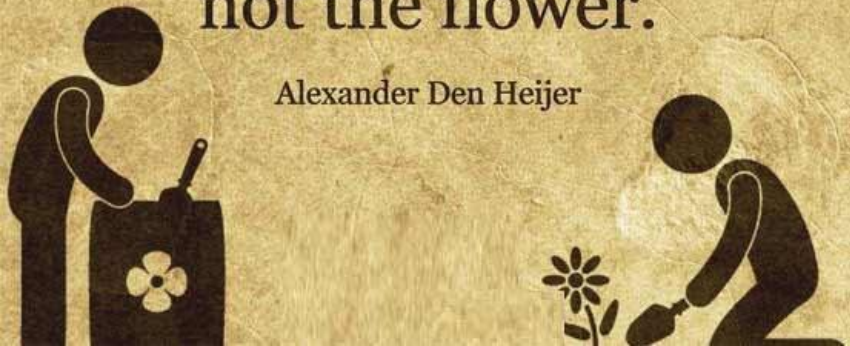
Set daily, monthly, and long-term goals and dreams. Don't ever be afraid to dream too big. Nothing is impossible. It will take time, require dedication, require willpower, require sacrifice, and you will need to push your body to its max. You have to believe in yourself. Don't stop till you get there. I promise you when you reach your goals, it's worth it.

Lots of love,

**Farahiya Thirafi (Mom)**

When a flower  
doesn't bloom,  
you fix the environment  
in which it grows,  
not the flower.

Alexander Den Heijer



CHAPTER SIX (NESSIE JUDGE)

**A Good Heart Takes You Further in Life**



*Don't let your thoughts dwell in hatred, for it ruins anything that was sacred. If anyone treats you unkindly, treat them with nothing but kindness, it's perhaps because the world hasn't shown them enough love and interest.*

Dear unborn child,

As I wrote this, the earth is spinning, the stars are shining, and the whole galaxy is rotating, the same way as when you read this. Although, I could only imagine how different everything else must be because the only *constant* thing in life is *change*. And change is exactly what I hope the majority of human-race has managed to achieve by the time you're old enough to roam the world on your own.

The planet is still mostly green and blue, I wake up, still, to the sounds of birds chirping, the 500 kg Amazonian green Anacondas still live and breathe outside of captivity, and more

dangerous than any snakes, I'm sharing a living platform with greedy rich men in expensive suits who don't mind to immortalize any horrible ideas to get money and fatten up their bellies and bank accounts.

Now, dear Child, I hope time has changed things when you come around. Today, kids are afraid of the world outside of their own. They live in a bubble of raising questions and pressure, as the media portrays and directs their every measure. The friends they make online are nothing more than illusions, all the communities, companionship, just for the sense of inclusion. Their morals and values are no longer planted by parents, they're confused by the constant addiction to online information.

Adults cease to remember how to simply smile, they've forgotten the essence of life that is worthwhile. They work hard from 9 to 5 every single day, on the dinner table with family no one knows what to say. They all share the same exact genes, but they're nothing more than strangers it seems. What is right? What is acceptable?

I am in no way eligible to create the perfect human, nor should there be perfection in the appearance of any man. But a good heart takes you further in life, it'll grant you more than just the perfect husband or wife.

So, here's a list of qualities I'll pray you'll possess, inhale it and let it shines bright through your eyes.

**First**, let your heart be cleansed and your intention pure, every step you take, with love you'll endure.

The thing with a human is that we're born with a heart, however, to value it, all begins with a start. But the big men still sit on their throne, their hearts are uneasy; they scream, whine and groan.

They stay awake at night on a million-dollar bed, thinking of ways to double the money they've managed to collect. Their thoughts are cluttered, they begin to wonder when they've fallen and suffered, who's going to be there?

**Second**, don't you let your thoughts dwell in hatred, for it ruins anything that was sacred. If anyone treats you unkindly, treat them with nothing but kindness, it's perhaps because the world hasn't shown them enough love and interest.

A heart full of abhorrence shuts the lights within you, it rots inside and bothers everything you do.

**Third**, remember that your presence and thoughts matter, your simple act could genuinely help those who suffer. Fight for those who feel mistreated, where unfairness is often repeated.

In you, I planted the strongest of strength, through the pledge of courage that I sang.

With you, I have dreamed long before you were introduced, that by money and power you won't be seduced.

**Fourth**, forget not the ground you're attached to, all the beautiful colors that inhabit it; white, green, red, and black too. Be the guard to all of God's creatures around you, be the voice to those who can't speak nor value.

As humans we're granted tremendous blessing, we use our vocals to protest, cry and sing, we use our power to break, hurt, and destroy, we choose to ignore abuse, blind to the earth we destroy.

To be functional, you don't need to be an 'activist', treat all beings with respect, and learn to coexist.

**Fifth**, forget not the land you're bound to come back to, the red of your blood, and white of your bones, the spirit of those who fought for it too. Value the history of your motherland dear child, because with an identity you'll stand strong even if all else failed.

**Sixth**, share your knowledge with the less fortunate, whether they can't afford it or simply inconsiderate. Share your passion with gleaming desire, watch with patience as it slowly transpires.

Break boundaries that separate mankind, we've come way too far to press rewind. Racism, sexism, homophobia

should no longer have a place; sexual preferences, gender, color, and others should all be embraced.

**Seventh**, the universe is a pole of countless uncertainty, even when you doubt, one thing should guaranty. The dream you kept could turn to reality, when you put your faith in God's conservancy.

Dear my sunshine, whether I'm a corpse rattled with earthworms, or a wise mother dealing with heartburn, keep me in your prayers and I shall be close, to see the seven and the many other great traits you'll host.

Remember these aren't a way to pressure you,

For it's inevitable what you're born to do,

With endless love and possibility,

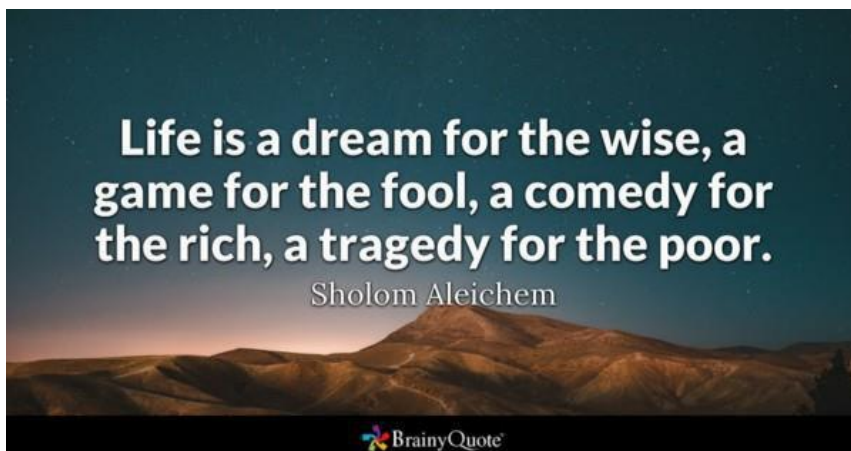
Through words, we part in divinity,

Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "nessie gudge". The signature is written in a cursive, lowercase style with a small leaf-like flourish above the letter 'e' in "nessie".

Mum





**Life is a dream for the wise, a  
game for the fool, a comedy for  
the rich, a tragedy for the poor.**

Sholom Aleichem

CHAPTER SEVEN (NAUFAL KAMAL)

**The Most Important Thing in My Life**



*I have no idea what to tell when your mother gives birth to you, and raise you to be good person. What I will try to do though is let you be your own person, choosing your own passion, make failure and stand on your own.*

Dear unborn child,

This letter is written just to make sure you have few things in your mind that have a role in education, something that can be classified as a goal, and something to be proud of in the future. Your father is currently on his 20 years old who stays *jomblo*, have no girlfriend at the moment. But I hope I can meet your mother quickly because I can't hold this out anymore, with having not enough love given now that I've wandered to Jakarta, away from my family and learning business administration. Being a college student does make me worry about my future, whether I'm going to be a successful person and having you some of my DNA or not. But don't worry I have confidence in myself.

I have no idea what to tell when your mother gives birth to you and raises you to be a good person. What I will try to do though is let you be your own person, choosing your own passion, make failure and stand on your own. I look forward to watching you grow up, to develop your own personality and opinions. When you have something to worry about, feel free to talk to me. I'll guide you every step of the way because you are the most important thing in my life, and if I ever appear overprotective or inhibiting in the future it is only because I care so much for you.

That's all I can say about you, my beloved unborn child.

Sorry if it's too short because I'm short on time to submit my assignment. I hope we can live a happy life in the future.

Loving you always,

Dad

Muhammad Naufal Kamal

CHAPTER EIGHT (SHIDQI DWI PRASETIO)

**Dream Big for Your Future**



*The things you need to remember is everything I have taught you and keep that principle for your life. Dream big for your future and then you will be in the level that you want.*

Dear Unborn Child,

One day when you grow up, I might no longer be in this world. Therefore, you need to take care of yourself without counting on others anymore, including your family. The things you need to remember are everything that I have taught you and keep that principle for your life. Dream big for your future and then you will be at the level that you want. Another important thing you also need to consider is religion and education because those things are fundamental for your life.

Furthermore, religion is guidance for life to define which are right and wrong. Some people don't have any idea what this life means, then they just do anything the way they want it. The

point from me is no matter how successful you are one day but remember religion is a basic need for people to stick in the right direction for life in this world and the afterlife.

At last, the key for people to become a success is the education, you need to pay attention to this stuff. Education is like food. It is basic needs because education creates and drives your mindset about how you think also teaches about theories and insights. And then after you learned and get theories from school you need to think about getting all the experiences. The theory is not enough if you want to become somebody that can influence people around you, you need the experience to achieve success.

In the end, your life is determined by your own. My last suggestion for you is just to remember everything that I have shared with you.

Love,

Your father

Shidqi Dwi Prasetio

CHAPTER NINE (GABRIELLA ROSELINA)

**Do Not Ever Give Up!**



*But remember sweetheart, do not measure yourself by the degree you will have achieved. Find new and exciting things outside those theories. Experience real-life situations and how to solve them. Fill up your left brain while you enhance your right. Inhale all the positive things into your body and exhale all the positive things to the world. Be a role model, look at the big picture and whatever you do, do not ever give up!*

Dear Little One,

It is sunny and hot as I write this letter. Alone, in my room, enjoying a nice glass of cold tea with the taste of summer. The clock keeps on ticking, the sun keeps on shining and here I am thinking on what I should write first. Hi, my name is Gabriella Rosellinny and I can assure you that I have no Italian blood and so do you. I have lots of nicknames called by my family and friends but you, my dearest, shall call me mom.

To be completely honest, I am deeply curious about you. I know I am too young to think about all this but lots of questions keep on running in my mind. "What will you look like?" "Who will you take after?" "Will you be a little copy of me, or will you be a nice exact portrait of your father?" "Are you going to be a handsome little boy or are you going to be a sweet beautiful girl?" Whatever you will be or however you will look like, you will always be perfect in my eyes, a blessing I can never thank enough and always be the greatest gift from God above.

For God has fearfully and wonderfully made you in my womb, I will try my best to be the perfect mother that you will always hope for. I promise that I will fulfill your every need and good wants, I will never grow tired of waking up before the sun just to give you the best things that this world can offer and I will protect you from the moment you will take shelter inside me until the day I can't pat your head just to say "great job" as you grow so, so tall whilst my age grows older and older.

I can't wait to see you cry as you come into this world, can't wait to see you strive as you learn to ride a bicycle, can't wait to hear you scream the word "mom" as I come home from work, can't wait to see you smile as you go for your first day of school, can't wait to see you laugh as you tell me the funny things that happened in class, can't wait to see you so shy because I keep teasing you with your crush and most of all, I can't wait for every moment we are going to spend together.

My little one, as I write this letter, the world is not sleeping. It is rotating and revolving around the sun and it will never change. However, my child, do not be deceived as the world is evolving so fast that I wish upon the stars that it will be for the better good, for the better standard of living, for the better education of this country. Because in this life of mine, the land which I reside in is considered to have one of the worst education systems in the world although this republic has the 4<sup>th</sup> world-largest education system. Ironic isn't it? And this is all because of the corruption, fraud my child, sip with a big straw inside a large glass of opportunity by the unsatisfied beings sitting on the highest chair in the government. Because of the lack of commitment of teachers who are teaching in schools, due to their mindset of getting more income than benefit. Because of the wrong direction little one, in which students are taught to be sponges as they are commanded to absorb, absorb and absorb until they can't absorb any longer, in which students are forced to learn in a stone-age era and in which students are taught by unqualified teachers causing them to be unqualified in the society too.

Let me tell you something sunshine, people will never stop striving for an education. They are hungry to learn, thirsty for knowledge, and will even work just to grab every education opportunity. Therefore, for your sake, I hope that this country realizes that the money they sip illegally can be used to fund free schools for all children, that they renew their commitment as teachers to contribute to building the future generations,



that they turn back and walk in the right direction where you, my child, and other children have the opportunities to ask and be heard, to be participative, where students learn to understand, to be creative, and to study in the globalization era where high-technologies are used to make learning easier and of course, fun. I guess when you are ready for your first school, you won't even know what real-printed books are or what pens and paper are for as everything might already be digital and be submitted through an online network. Still, as your mom, I would like for you to taste how books can be super intriguing and how pens and paper can open the doors to unlimited imaginations.

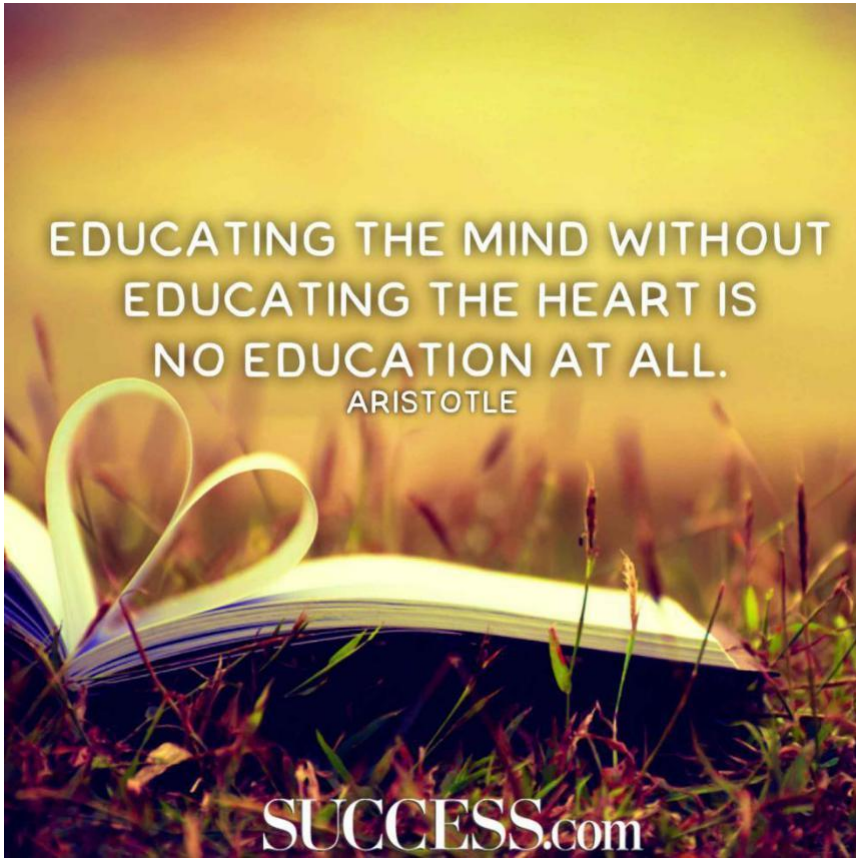
We are taught with the principle that “the best will always win and winning will give the most opportunities”. Yes, that is true. For I hope that when your time comes, you will not be satisfied with the high school diploma that you will have achieved. Climb more towards the top of your Bachelor's degree, seek greater chances, and take your Master's degree or maybe fly higher and grab your Doctoral's degree. But remember sweetheart, do not measure yourself by the degree you will have achieved. Find new and exciting things outside those theories. Experience real-life situations and how to solve them. Fill up your left brain while you enhance your right. Inhale all the positive things into your body and exhale all the positive things to the world. Be a role model, look at the big picture, and whatever you do, do not ever give up!

By the time you'll be reading this, I do not know for sure where I will be. Maybe I am washing some dishes in front of the sink, cooking dinner for our family of four, working in a skyscraper which stands on the heart of the city, reading a book in our spacious living room, or maybe way up there where I can see you but you can't. However, I do always know that wherever I'll be, I will always love you endlessly and support your good ways for your future. Be honest, be brave and you, my little one, will accomplish your journey of life!  
See you when I see you!

Lots of love,

Mom

Gabriella Roselina



CHAPTER TEN (ALEXANDER ADHITYA)

**We All Have God's Elements as  
God's Creature**



*You should not forget your duty as human with full of awareness. How you can do it? You should train yourself hard to increase your mind, physical, and spiritual ability to the maximum level, so you can have your own way and whatever the way that you choose, you will be equipped by the strong body, mind and soul.*

Dear Son,

I am dreaming of having a child with an outstanding value even better than mine, and I assure you that it won't be easy. Maybe sometimes you will feel full of suffering and sadness when the problems come, sometimes you will be full of happiness because of the feel of winning something and I believe, that you can do it. That's why the way that I teach you will be no violence and based on trust. I am convinced that you can understand really well about the religious concept because I want to have the religious experience together with my son. And also I want to spend more time with you while we train in

martial arts together, so you will be having a full of responsibility with your life. You will naturally avoid smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages that can destruct your body's performance. Because the way you treat your body will be impactful to the way you treat other people.

That is why the value that I want you to learn is to become proactive, before you change other people, you must change yourself first and do not fake yourself. You can choose what you want in life, with full of self-awareness and responsibility, that is why when something bad happens to you, you must think and focused on how you react in the future, do not focus on blaming the other person and drain your energy out as a reactive person.

All of the bad/good things that you are doing right now, and you keep doing it consistently will have an impact in the future. Doing the good things is sometimes looks not enjoyable at the first glance but finally, it brings you to a clear path, but doing the bad things is easier and more enjoyable and it brings you to a darker path, with a bad effect on your body.

Maybe it's too naïve when you heard it. But, I spent my childhood training myself hard, to my mind to choose the rights friends, and to my body, that always being trained with martial art, I know it looks scary and painful, but it gives you the big lesson. Fighting each other is the final way. If there is another way that makes you not fight and can have a good impact on both sides, please do that. You can do diplomatic things, like

negotiating, etc. It's better than fighting and makes you wiser using your mind. But, you should learn the martial arts, because there was an old proverb saying "The wise king never likes to have a war, but they are ready to protect their people when the war comes".

In this statement, you can think that sometimes we are in an uncontrolled situation that makes you must protect other weak people, and we as the strong people have our duty to protect them. We do not protect people just having physical torturing, but also people suffering from intellectual torturing (people that live with full of poverty and they are being trapped by some system that makes them become like that over the generation), even in spiritual torturing (like people who always feel suffering in their lives). I think that is our duty to protect them and make them have a better chance in their lives.

You are not always walking in the soft path, maybe you will be walking in the hard path, in the flaming path, even in the rocky path. But you should not forget your duty as a human full of awareness of purpose in life. How you can do it? You should train yourself hard to increase your mind, physical, and spiritual ability to the maximum level, so you can have your own way, and whatever the way that you choose, you will be equipped with a strong body, mind, and soul. You should train yourself hard to reach this stage with the balanced of your life in mind, body, and soul.

That is why you must have your own passion and purpose because those things are triggering your value. And also you will gain happiness from the grateful feeling. For every little thing in your life, you will feel happy and finally, this will have a positive impact on your social life.

Don't forget to learn well about the religious book, you can learn from anywhere that you like. And I recommend you to learn about the Hinduism philosophy, which changes me a lot. Bhagavad Gita is a really good book because from that you can really understand the concept about God, every answer that human was confused in their lives and it provokes your awareness to God, and see lives in a different perspective. Also, the Mahamantra Gayatri books, it was a really good book, that explained the attitude of humans and their path to heaven and the SwastikaRana. This book will explain the way you can have God -awareness. You must do good to every person, without hope and counting how much goodness that you already do. You just do it full of sincerity with no strings attached, just pure intention for the humanity in your action in your life. You can train yourself to discipline your mind because the way you think will have an impact on your action, character, and habits. Because of that, don't fake yourself in your mind. Trained your mind hardly and put all of your bad emotions out of your mind, so you can think clearly full of grateful feeling and happiness.

Those things will be your added value for you, because just fewer people who do it, and most people they do it in old

age, in young age they let themselves drown in the sea of bad emotion that makes them have bad energy and makes their path harder. Because the blessed from God is really important. God is really one, God doesn't chain with one religion or something and God really can understand with people that doing love to other people and nature and He dares to protect them all. Without the blessed from God, we are nothing and we cannot live in this world. Always remember God and pray for God to bless before you do and end every activity, this habit is really powerful.

Why is there a person that is so successful and the other person that is not successful, even though they are in a really good background like coming from rich people? And yet some of the successful people are coming from the background of poor people? This question can not be answered just by a simple answer. The simple thing is, many people in this life cannot explode their potential and they were being pampered by the materialistic stuff that they think is eternal, and they keep doing their lavish lifestyle and live in the comfort zone and afraid to seek further to increase their capacity.

So, what are the eternal things that humanity has in this world? What makes the other people can be rich, the people who rich become richer and richer, and people that poor become poorer and poorer? Those things are because of the mindset, characteristics, and values in their lives and their habits. They understand that everything in this world is not



eternal and can be changed suddenly, so they used their intellectual as their tools to make money, and that things are their biggest asset, not their house or their Lamborghini. That is why equipped your intellectual with powerful knowledge which is really important.

How you make your knowledge have an outstanding value and have the courage to protect nature, respect the other people and God? From human history, there are many people who are rich, but they destroy nature, they do not respect God and they do not respect nature as our place to live. That things can happen when you don't limit your needs and humans will become greedier, you can see many examples in human history and that all starts from their undisciplined thinking about their lives and that things become the bad habit that has a bad impact on other people lives.

That is why I recommend you to train your mind as well and as hard as you can, to have the blessing from God. When your mind is trained well and you do many good things, you will have the full of blessings from God. But if you let yourself drowned in the bad current you will have negative energy that really destruct everything.

That is why in Hinduism there is a philosophy that said "our five senses must be controlled by the strong mind, our strong mind must be fully controlled by Budhi ( the awareness as human and doing all of our duty as a human, to protect nature, pray to God and have a good relationship between

human), and our Budhi must be controlled by Atman ( The God-awareness in human that makes us think that every creature in this world are equal, there are no higher or lower status between God's creature, but they are doing their own function in this world, that is why we must appreciate all of them).

That is our key answer: Atman (God elements), we all have god elements as God creature, but not everybody realizes it. If you realize, you can unleash the power and you will become infinity because you are linked directly to God and you will be equipped by the Outstanding value in this life, which is the essence of life, that value will bring you to victory, you will never felt alone again because wherever you are, you will realize that you are connected to God.

When you have a lot of suffering, most of the human will be doing some bad things like smoking, drinking, etc. But you know where to go, you will become different, every time you fall you will rise again from the darkness and brings the lights of hope to many people around you, to nature, and to God as God's creature.

And finally, I just want to say the last thing to you: “ Being created by God, Being maintained by God, and Being given some certain times to live in this world by God is really beautiful, all of the times granted to us to live is really wonderful. Every people that you see, everything that you hear, that you touch, that you taste, that you feel is the highest blessed from God.

Enjoy your life with your happiness, passion, and share the positive spirit to your social life and ..... You will find your own sacred way my son!”

Best regards,

Alexander Adhitya

CHAPTER ELEVEN (STEPHANI TANYA)

**A Love Letter for My Bumblebee**



*Although our system is not perfect, there is no denying that education is important. The knowledge you have will be a strength that you can treasure for the rest of your life. Beauty can fade, but knowledge is forever.*

Dear Bumblebee,

I am currently living in a world where the education system is not perfect, where sometimes the result is more important than the process, and our worth is determined by the numbers we get from tests after tests throughout our education. It was upsetting since this might be the reason why people would do almost anything (from staying up all night to study or cheat) to get good grades. We learn, we memorize, and we forget. That's how we learn these days.

Although our system is not perfect, there is no denying that education is important. The knowledge you have will be a strength that you can treasure for the rest of your life. Beauty

can fade, but knowledge is forever. But remember, that the knowledge that I'm talking about is not the number on your report card, but the things you actually learned and understand.

I hope when you are finally ready to go to school, the education system will be much different and advanced, highlighting each and every students' strengths and interest while focusing more on your learning process than what score you got on your last test. Learning could be more than a burden, especially when you are learning what you are interested in.

My dear child, I promise, that if the world's education system is still the same when you're born, I would do my best to guide you through that world, and do my best to set your mind to focus on your personal growth, not others. Everyone is good at something, and I will help you find your passion. Education is not a curse, it is a blessing. Not everyone could afford to go to school, and this is a privilege that made me grateful every single day.

Lastly, my dear child, even if you think you are not special or gifted, please remember that you are, especially to me and your father. I know you will do great things in your lifetime, and your education is one step towards that success.

Love you,

Stephanie Tanya

CHAPTER TWELVE (JONATHAN AGUSTINUS)

**Never Stop Believing**



*The body of yours is only one in this world, so take care of it really carefully. Fight for what you believe in but be willing to lose.*

Dear child,

Hello there, this is dad writing a letter to you. I write this letter in 2015 when I haven't met you and your mom yet still studying at the university. How's life there anyway? It must have been hard for you to live. At first, the world is actually a very best place for humans to live in, but slowly the world is degrading because of the humans themselves. Many greedy people take advantage of the world and destroyed the world slowly, but surely. Actually, God sends us here to the world to be the angel of change that can bring happiness toward each other and everything around us. We should be living harmoniously with our surroundings. Maybe, if you see the old photos of the world, firstly the world seems beautiful with green and blue colors decorating the world. But then

everything changes, technology's improving, and the world being destroyed little by little by the human hand. Big buildings are all over the place, the overpopulated humans are destroying the green, and the world seems crowded here. In the past oxygen is free for people but maybe in your era right now, to get the oxygen to live you have to pay for them. The biotic organisms are losing their habitat, global warming everywhere, some islands are gone, and so many catastrophes that happened had started from now until your era my child, and will still continue if this is not stopped and will lead to human extinction also. Some people are striving to stop all this, but some people still want this to continue just so that they will still be able to take advantage of the flawed system!

The body of yours is the only one in this world, so take care of it really carefully. Fight for what you believe in but be willing to lose. Maybe you will be studying with easy access either through the internet or other sources. And maybe at school, the teacher will not be longer a human, but a robot with the knowledge or even maybe there will be no other school but will be online classes or many other varieties to learn. But practical and real-life skills are the most important rather than theoretical things, but still, it's also important. Try to pursue your dream and never stop believing. And you don't really have to be a child that can do anything such as good at all studies and focus on where your ability and talent is. Because there's a quote saying "Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, the fish will live its whole life believing

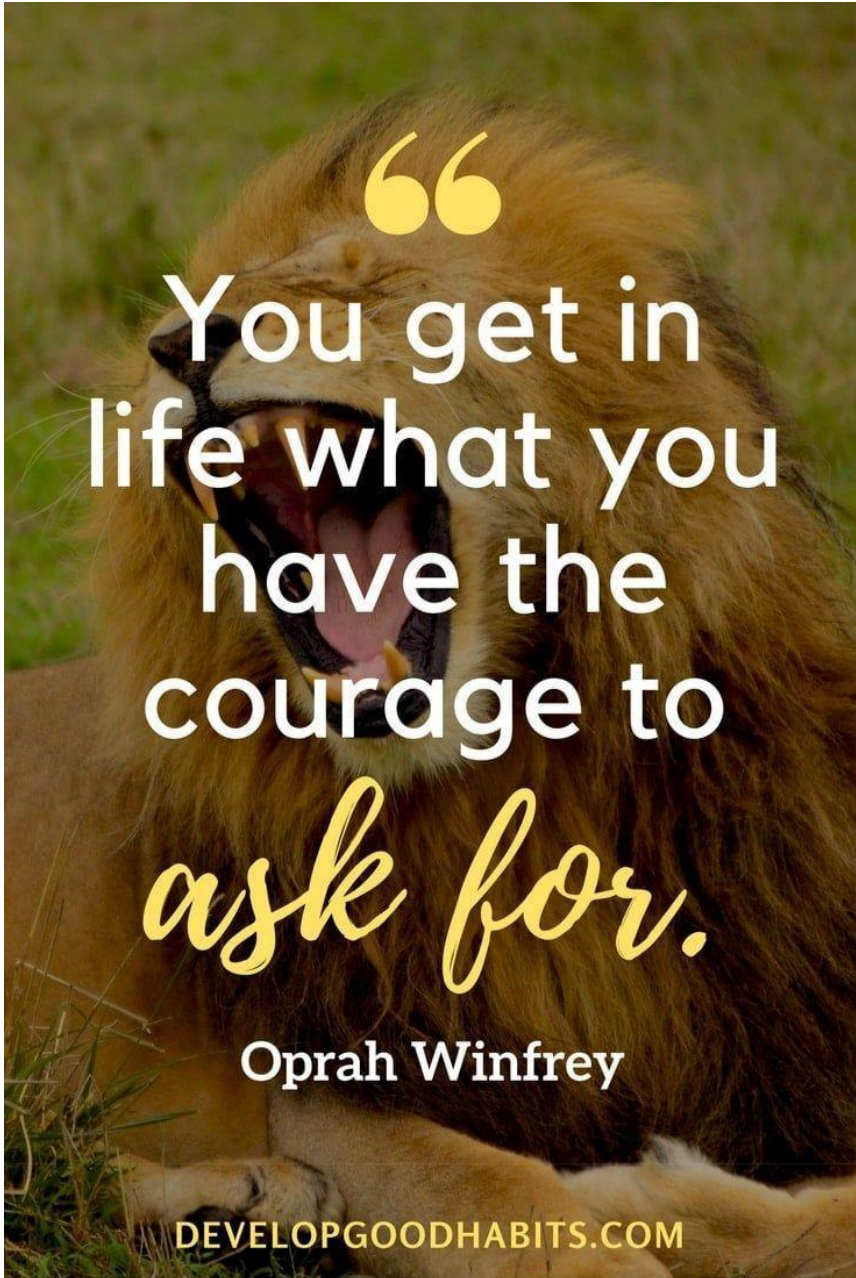
that they are stupid.” Be confident, but not being overconfident. Find many friends in the world and be yourself, don't follow bad examples from others.

Dad now will end this letter here. I'll see you around while we meet in the future... Enjoy 😊

Dad

Jonathan Agustinus





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You get in  
life what you  
have the  
courage to  
*ask for.*

Oprah Winfrey

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CHAPTER THIRTEEN (KENJI KARNAWINATA)

**Be Positive, Inspired and Kind**



*I truly believe that you will get everything that you wanted in this world. Be positive, inspired and kind, and good things will happen to you.*

Dear child,

Me, your dad, is not the most perfect person in the world but your presence in this world is the one that makes me feel that I am. When you are inside my wife's womb, I don't mind if you are a girl or a boy, but one thing that I know for sure is that my love for you will never end. Kenji Karnawinata is the name of your father. Right now, as I am writing this letter to you, my age still twenty years old. I am currently still studying at IPMI business school. I like to drink coffee and I love football. Probably in ten years, we finally meet each other, and you will call me Dad.

Maybe I won' t always be there physically for you and my figure won't always be the thing that makes you smile every single day. But, as a child, you know that you will always have me as a place for you to lean on. I will make sure to hear all of your stories, I will make sure that I will always help you during your hard times, and I will be the first person that stands for you if there is anything that disturbs you.

Of all the things that a father should do, I know that raising you to know your own value is one of my responsibility. To guarantee if you get a better future also is one of my tasks. I want you to be the best thing for you to achieve all your objectives and future goals in life. Whatever you need to accomplish that, especially in terms of education, I would make sure that you'll get it. I will fulfill your basic academic year for twelve years, and I must enter you into the best college for my child. I truly believe that you will get everything that you wanted in this world. Be positive, inspired, and kind and good things will happen to you.

Love,

Dad

Kenji Karnawinata

CHAPTER FOURTEEN (SAMANTHA ALVINA)

**I Cannot Promise to Be the Best Parent In  
The World**  
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*One's childhood is precious years where every day of your life is an adventure. Once you grow up, life is more a routine and maybe not as thrilling. Fill these years with joy and happiness alongside hard work and diligence. Face tears and sadness, they are normal struggles everyone faces.*

Dear precious one,

Right now, I am writing you a letter in which I have so many things I want to say with no idea where to start. You are probably wondering who I am, what am I writing about, and why. For starters, my name is Samantha Alvina Eugenie, soon turning 18 and currently studying at IPMI International Business School. I love art and crafts, dainty little things, gardens, reading novels, dancing, watching movies, chocolate, ribbons and purple. In God's perfect timing, you will one day

open your beautiful eyes to the world in my arms for the first time and your dad and I will watch you grow up with love and joy. In my time, people my age would mostly have dated someone in their lifetime, but not your mom. I am not saying that I have never liked or adored anyone, but your grandmother did not allow me to date before college. Though I cannot choose your path for you, I hope your future dad and I agree on dating after high school.

Dear sunshine, I cannot promise to be the best parent in the world nor could provide you with everything your heart desires, though I will try as hard as I can. No one can promise anything and live up to it without the grace and will of God. So, I truly hope that your daddy and I can bring you up, as the Lord Jesus wants you to be. My wish is that you will see the world through eyes full of hope and big dreams, that you will work hard and enjoy life in the process, that you will be passionate in all that you do, that you will be able to find who you really are and develop all the potentials God gave you, and that you will be a man or woman who fears the Lord God and trust Him with your life and ask His guidance in your every step.

I am writing this letter to tell you how I spent my school years and the education system of my time, and how I hope some aspects of it will evolve for the better. Your mom started kindergarten as a true homeschooler using Abeka curriculum bought from Pensacola Christian Academy, Florida. I loved homeschooling because I get to spend time with my mom, dad,

and siblings. Just to let you know, I have three brothers and my older brother was homeschooled. Homeschooling taught me and my older brother skills and knowledge that public-school children often may not get. We learned how to be independent, do things efficiently and fast, we learned how to manage our time well and to be diligent, finishing all our tasks as soon as possible, and how-to self-study. Abeka curriculum is Western, thus it is more broad knowledge and consists of life skill lessons.

I spent my elementary years' homeschooling before entering a public school in Mahanaim School's English Program where I graduated high school. Mahanaim is a boys' and girls' Christian school, where the rich and the poor meet. Some think it's impossible because of the gap among the children that will bring arguments and fights. But with God everything is possible. In school, the students have devotions for an hour before they start studying, which is the quality that both homeschooling and Mahanaim taught me. I hope that growing up you will realize that you find must God first thing in the morning and start your day asking His guidance. In my school days, the Indonesian government enforced a system that requires the students to follow National Exam besides the school's final exams to pass elementary, junior, and senior high school and get the certificate that will enable them to enter college. Also, there are no requirements that all schools have to provide lessons on life skills and quality, the Indonesian

education system mainly focuses on knowledge and calculations.

For college, I applied to IPMI International Business School located in South Jakarta. It is a great school, disregarding the still changing curriculum, small number of bachelor students, and small range of courses. IPMI partners with Harvard Business School and other good schools in Finland, France, Australia, and Portugal, uses case study for learning, full English delivery, and provides many experienced facilitators, which are the reasons why I chose IPMI. However, I had trouble reaching that decision because I didn't actually know what major I really wanted to take. I do hope that before you reach that phase you would have found your choice because you know where your passion is.

Those who know where their passion is will never be bored or exhausted, meanwhile, those who don't will not perform optimally and last long in his/her work. It is known that successful people are those who love what they do. At the moment, I am an 18 -year-old who is often thought of as much younger, and I can't really picture what I'll be after I graduate. But I do know, one day I want to own an art & crafts company that provides custom designs and have connections with great suppliers who enable my company to provide good quality and great price.

I really hope in your time there will be no more National Exam and more academic school where each child's talents can

be developed. Academies that have various sports including gymnastics, horse riding, baseball and skills like cooking, designing, dancing, and acting and Olympics courses like math, physics, and the like. Schools where each child can find their abilities and have the time and facility to spread their wings. Most of the kids today spend so much time on the road going from school to additional courses for both school lessons and others. If it could be provided in one location, they would not have to travel around so much, and waste time being caught up in traffic which seems to be worse each day. Also, I hope that in your days, schools will find ways to make mark -taking in a more interesting format like giving crosswords, word searches, races, and quiz hunts (Easter -egg hunt) besides the normal quiz and exams.

Truthfully right now I wished I had the chance to experience boarding school and schools like SPH or IPEKA HIGH because they are schools that come close to how I picture the education system of my preference. However, I do believe that I would keep you homeschooled until at least third grade before letting you go on your own. School is where you spend most of your hours of the day, and I want you to have time to build your faith in Christ Jesus our Savior, and bond and build trust with your future dad and me before you make friends and face your struggles. We want to be the second people you confide with besides the Holy Spirit.



One's childhood is a precious time, where every day of your life is an adventure. Once you grow up, life is more a routine and maybe not as thrilling. Fill these years with joy and happiness alongside hard work and diligence. Face the tears and sadness courageously, they are normal struggles everyone faces. But be sure to know that you have Jesus with you everywhere you are and that you will always have your dad and me with you supporting every step you take. Be wise, be responsible, be kind and enjoy those years, my precious one.

With Love,

Mom

Samantha Alvina Eugenie

CHAPTER FIFTEEN (NOVIA RIANTI)

**Believe in Yourself**



*During your darkest moments, you have to learn to see the silver lining, see the hope in life because every flower must grow through dirt to bloom. Be the hoper of far-flung hopes, the dreamer of improbable dreams.*

My dear little love,

I write to you with the greatest gratitude to God, for you are my most precious treasure. When you read this, you probably have grown, I might be gone, but it's okay because I will make sure you grow up healthy, kind, brave, and loved.

Of all the things I have in life, you will be my greatest gift; I can't wait to hear the sound of your laugh, I can imagine your eyes shine so bright, fluttering as the stars flicker in the clearest night sky. I look forward to the days when I will change your diapers, hold you tight when you cry at night, taking you to your first day of school, tease you when you have your first crush, teach you how to drive, and standing with tears in my eyes

when I have to let you go on the day of your wedding day. I will always be there for you. Please know that I am not a perfect mother, I will lose my temper, my patience, I will be off guard sometimes, but I will never not love you, never not care for you, all my heart. When you fall, I will pick you up. When you cry, I will make you laugh. We may not have much, but we will always have each other.

When life gets hard, remember that God is with you at all times. He will hold your hand and guide you through, so you must be brave and strong, okay? Always be grateful, don't think about the things you didn't get after you pray, think of the countless blessings He gives you without asking. During your darkest moments, you have to learn to see the silver lining, see the hope in life because every flower must grow through dirt to bloom. Be the hoper of far-flung hopes, the dreamer of improbable dreams.

Sweetheart, remember to believe in yourself. Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. When they break your heart and say awful things, it is important to never seek approval, you are who you are not who they say you are. Be your own kind of beautiful. Beauty is not what you see in the mirror, the real beauty is what you put in the world. Plant the seeds of kindness, happiness, joy, peace, and love wherever you go.

I want you to have the best that there is. Even though I can't give you everything, please imagine that I am like those

things in your fairytale books; my hands are your shield of protection, my legs are your golden chariot, my shoulders are the garden that you go to when you cry, and my heart is your castle. And I will make sure that you will get the best education to build your own kingdom in the future. My kingdom is flawed; people still fight to learn, starving for knowledge, dreaming for a better life to live, and I don't want you to have that. Right now, my generation and I are battling in the field so when your time comes, learning is not a luxury. You will never have to worry about not being able to read because you will be surrounded by piles of books, you will always have a pen and paper to write, you will be heard when you sound your voice, because my dear, the access to learn is only the road, you are the car, and knowledge is your destination.

I hope that in the future this won't be just words on a letter, but this will be the reality that you live in. It is okay for me to not having the best things, but seeing you have the best you can have, will be the greatest thing that I have.

After all, the world is better when you smile.

I love you my little star,

Your mom

Novia Rianti



CHAPTER SIXTEEN (SABILA PUTRI)

**Change This World to be A Better One**



*I pray that you will take the higher ground and be the difference the world is looking for, there are a lot good people in this world darling, and I pray that you will be one of them. Don't let anyone break your wings before you fly high my dear.*

I was seventeen years old when I wrote this letter. So far away until we could meet, I don't know when we can meet. I will be someone who will always take care of you from the moment you were born, began to walk, talk, write, go to school for the first time, make new friends, try things you haven't seen, or perhaps when you fall in love for the first time. I am the one that will be very anxious as the time you are going through, because I was the person that you will call me as, Mom.

I am currently in the second semester of university, studying business administration. I am curious how your face is, your smile, your little fingers, and the sounds of your laughter. You will have a part of my DNA. Maybe our eyes, nose,

will look alike but not fully the same, since the other part of your DNA belongs to your father. Oh, by the way, I have no idea who your father is, as we haven't even met yet.

Da rling, I really don't mind if I have to wake in the middle of the night when you cry, have no break time just to accompany you when you are playing, have to clean the home more often because of your meals, milk, or even your toys that are strewn on the floor. My dear, a mother will always love her child no matter what, even if you make her sad, she will always be there to help you. I hope you will always love me too my dear, always make me proud to have you. I hope our relationship is good and close or even more good than the relationship that I have with my mom, which is your grandma.

You can share all your thought with me if you find it is difficult to answer that question in your mind. You can tell me what you when through in school, with your friends, and forgive me if we are arguing about something, I just want the best for you, I will not make it difficult to live with me, I just want to guide you every step of the way.

Many children were born every day in this world, but only some of them will be able to make changes for the world, I hope you will be the one. Many people in this world will try to break you down, but my dear, I need you to be strong. I pray that you will take the higher ground and be the difference the world is looking for, there are a lot of good people in this world

darling, and I pray that you will be one of them. Don't let anyone break your wings before you fly high my dear.

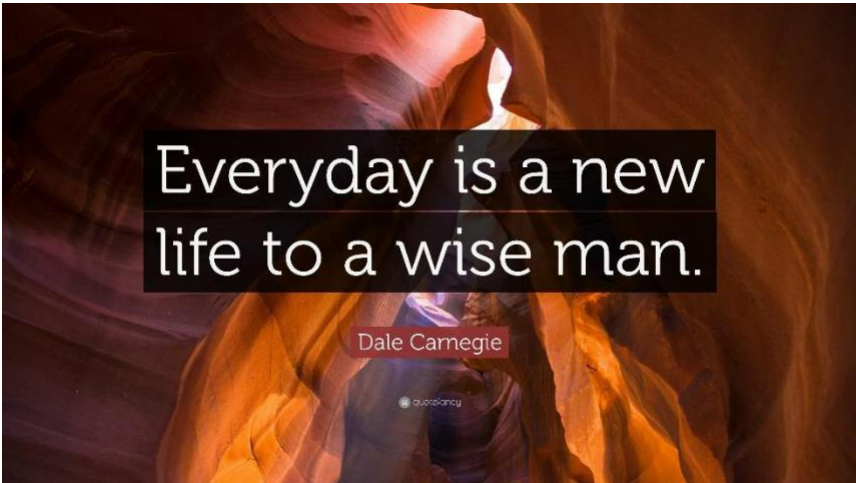
As your mom, I will always hope for the best in your life. It's ok to fail or make mistakes, you don't have to be perfect all the time baby. You can learn from the mistakes that you made before, so on the next steps, you will not fail anymore. My dear, don't ever get tired to learn, learn, and learn, it will improve your skill and your knowledge, so you don't get left behind by your pairs. I won't stop on what you are doing unless it's bad for you! I will always push you, so you could move forward with confidence and learn to play your part. My responsibility is not to keep you safe from the bad things of this world, but to prepare you to face them.

Treat people how you want to be treated baby. You don't have to always agree with everyone's decision, at least give respect to them. Love everyone without boundaries, always love your friends, family, even your enemy. I am hoping that you can achieve all that you want and can change this world to be a better one.

-Your loving Mama.-

Sabila Putri Randa





CHAPTER SEVENTEEN (RAYNALDO ALDO)

**Allah Loves You**



*There are too many people in this world exuding a life of hate, and the reality is that the world needs people like you to love without boundaries. Love your friends, your family, your enemies, and even people you don't even know. Walk about your life in a posture of love, no matter what gets thrown on your way.*

To my unborn child,

Your mother and I are very excited to meet you. I'm writing this letter to let you know how much I love you, cherish you, and care for you even though I have never met you. There are a lot of scary things happening in this world, and I pray that you will not have to face any of them alone. Your mother and I only want the best for you, and I hope this letter will one day find its way to you in some shape or form. I'm not sure if blogging will still be around when you're old enough to read

this, but I'll make sure to leave this letter up as long as the internet will let me.

Your mom and I, want to encourage you to never back down from your calling, your dreams, and your faith in Allah. In fact, there are a lot of people in this world that will try to break you down, but I need you to be strong and hold on as long as you can. Make sure to always treat people with respect, purity, and love. And while much of this world may be filled with cruel and sinister people, I pray that you will take the higher ground and be the difference the world is looking for. There are good people in this world, and I pray that you will be one of them.

Your mom and I are not living a flawless life, but we have dedicated each and every moment we have to pursue the things in which Allah had placed on our hearts. We want to encourage you to do the same. You need to remember these things. It's ok to make mistakes. And it's ok to be imperfect. While the rest of the world may be pressuring you to look, act, and dress a certain way, I want to encourage you to be nothing but yourself. Don't let anyone other than God play a role in your identity as an individual. You don't have to agree with everyone's decisions, but I do want to encourage you to at least respect people, you come in contact with. There are too many people in this world exuding a life of hate, and the reality is that the world needs people like you to love without boundaries. Love your friends, your family, your enemies, and even people you don't

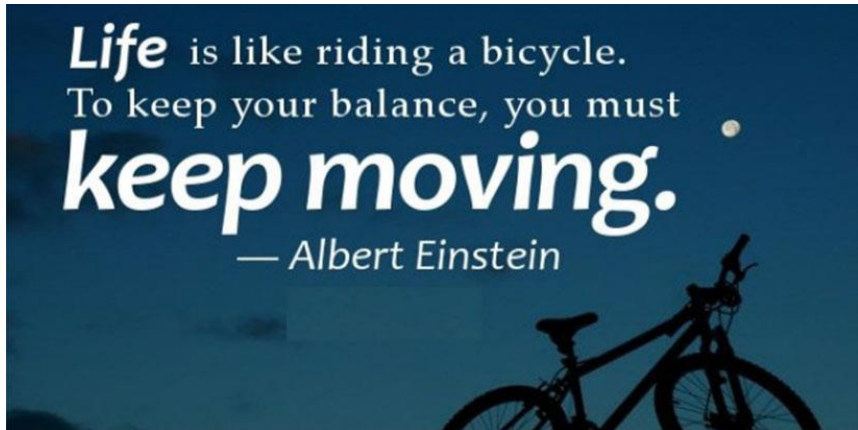
even know. Walk about your life in a posture of love no matter what gets thrown in your way.

The most important thing, Allah loves you. Even if you feel alone, unwanted, or heaven forbid feel useless. I want you to remember that you are loved by Allah. I understand that you will make your own decisions of faith when the time is right, but I pray with all my heart you will come to find peace in the arms of Allah. No matter where you are in life, His arms will always be open and willing to accept you as you are. Me, as your future father, I just wanna see you grow up as a human with better morals and have a better future.

Love,

Dad

Raynaldo Aldo



CHAPTER EIGHTEEN (NAZNEEN JUDGE)

**Only Dead Fish Go with the Flow**



*Wise man once said, “only dead fish go with the flow”, you will have to stand your ground no matter what. The more successful you get the more pain they will try on you, when you know the lines on what you’re doing that’s when you know that you’re doing the right thing.*

My Sunshine,

This is a letter from somebody you will call “Mum”. For now, I may not know what you look like, how it feels to touch your soft skin or the feeling of thinking of you first before anything else, but I know that you will be my joy and the most precious thing that will happen to me. My dear, I do not know about the other half, but I know that you will have a part of my DNA running through you for the rest of your life. You probably will duplicate my personality, my smile, or my eyes, which I will be thankful for.

I promise you that I won’t be complaining about how many hours of sleep I have to spend on breastfeeding or the time I can no more spend on makeup or the bills that goes up

because of milk and diapers. I promise you that I will be thankful for your cry, laugh, smiles, touch, and all of you.

Nobody will have the right to hurt your wings before you fly high. A wise man once said, “only dead fish go with the flow”, you will have to stand on your ground no matter what. The more successful you get the more pain they will try on you, when you know the lines on what you’re doing that’s when you know that you’re doing the right thing.

I have imagined loving you since I was young when I carry those dolls your grandma bought me. But back then I was carefree, I didn’t know about struggles. I also am not aware of what kind of struggles you will have to face, but I am aware that I will always try to protect you in any hardship. Just like billions of others’ life, it’s going to be a roller coaster ride but if you do it right it will be a fun one.

My love for you is endless, but there is a greater love that you will get. He will be there for you every step of the way, every breath you take and every move you make is for Him. You can talk to Him about anything, good or bad. He will want you to talk to Him five times a day and that will be the moment where your pain feels lighter and your day becomes brighter.

My beautiful Child, there are millions of people born every day. Only a small amount of them can make a big impact and ability to make other people smile. How? By being beautiful not only on the outside but also on the inside. Why? Because

they realize that life will only be a glance of memory, and they might as well make it mesmerizing. When? Start early because tomorrow may never come.

When you grow up, I can only be like an angel who sees you from a distance while you walk your path. You will have to make your own choices, you will only come to tell me what happened and all I can do is give support. My wish is for you to be the one who stands up and leave a mark in this world. You can be one of the small amounts of those people who are different by making a difference. With that, you will be loved not only by me, and God, but also by your surroundings.

My child, you'll be living not only with your kind. There will be other living kinds that will live with you. They're all around you to help you live. You're going to breathe the same oxygen as they are. The best human beings are those who respect other living kinds. Never hurt them, imagine them doing the same thing to you. There are millions of ways to be successful but hurting others will never be one of them.

I believe in you before you're even here yet. If this was an ocean, I believe that you will be the fish that leads the other fishes the way to the most beautiful side of the sea. If this was the sky, I believe that you will be the sun that shines the brightest so all the clouds can be seen. If this was a mountain you will be the top pointy part because, without it, it would not look like a mountain but an ordinary hill instead.



Right now, you're probably reading this with confusion and a little tear in your eyes. You wonder why I'm writing this to you, you wonder why would I write something if the person isn't there yet, you wonder how I look when I write this, and you wonder where I am right now. But one thing I can assure you, I am forever close to your heart.

Love you always,

Mom

Nazneen Judge

CHAPTER NINETEEN (BIONDI FARHAM)

**Education is Very Important**



*Son, education is the most important thing in this world after religion. By having a good education, then you got the whole world.*

Dear Daughter/Son,

Greeting from a younger version of your father.

I live in a world right now where parents generally decide on what they want their children to be when they grow up. Some then go on to force it on their children and some let their children choose for themselves but almost all parents think about what they want their children to be.

I am someone who thinks children should think for themselves and choose for themselves. Parents should only be there to guide them. I learned this from my parents. Having said that, I do believe parents sometimes give a lot of good advice.

I am now just 19 years old, we don't seem to meet in a short time, but for sure, I want you to know that thing called "world" had been insane. And I really hope you will get the best education for yourself, and I hope I will be able to afford it for you. Son, education is the most important thing in this world after religion. By having a good education, then you got the whole world.

Love you,

Dad

Biondi Ardiya Farham

CHAPTER TWENTY (ANGGA PRAWIRA)

**Love Without Boundaries**



*But do not forget to respect yourself. [Respect your efforts, respect yourself. Self-respect leads to self-discipline. When you have both firmly under your belt, that's real power.](#)*

To my unborn child,

I'm creating this letter to let you know how much I love you, [how much daddy cannot wait to meet you and greet you, even feed you,](#) although I have never met you.

*You will share this world with over seven billion people. Those people can be cold and evil, and many will also greet you with indifference. There are people in this world that will try to break you down, but I need you to be strong and hold on as long as you can.*

Make sure to always treat people with respect, purity, and love. I pray that you will take the higher ground and be the difference the world is looking for. There are good people in this world, and I pray that you will be one of them.

The world can be very harsh, and I pray that you will not have to face any of them alone, let alone at all. Your mother and I will always be there for you, and I hope this letter will one day find its way to you.

Your mom and I haven't lived a flawless life, but we have dedicated each and every moment we have to pursue the things in which God has placed on our hearts. We want to encourage you to do the same.

**1. Don't be afraid to make mistakes, and it is ok to do that.**

It's ok to make mistakes. And it's ok to be imperfect. *Please don't let anyone tell you otherwise!* We all make them, the difference is what we do after we make the mistake, how we see the mistake - a learning experience or a failure. The greatest mistake a man can ever make is to be afraid of making one. So, go ahead and make mistakes. Make all you can. Because that's where you will find success. On the far side of failure.

**2. Respect everyone.**

Show respect to all people, but grovel to none. You don't have to agree with everyone's decisions, but I do want to encourage you to at least respect people you come in contact with. There are too many people in this world exuding a life of hate, and the reality is that the world needs people like you to love without boundaries. Love your friends, your family, your enemies, and even people you don't even know. Walk about your life in a posture of love no matter what gets thrown your

way. But do not forget to respect yourself. Respect your efforts, respect yourself. Self-respect leads to self-discipline. When you have both firmly under your belt, that's real power.

### **3. God loves you.**

Even if you feel alone, unwanted, or heaven forbid useless, I want you to remember that you are loved by God. I understand that you will make your own decisions of faith when the time is right, but I pray with all my heart you will come to find peace in God. No matter where you are in life, His arms will always be open and willing to accept you as you are.

### **4. You always have a home.**

No matter what happens in life, you can always come back home to your mom and dad. This simple yet powerful truth is something that will keep our family strong, bonded, and loving in an unshakeable way.

No matter what happens, we will always be willing to talk to you with open ears and an open heart. We don't want you to ever be afraid to tell us what you're going through in life. I'm positive we're eventually going to have some tough conversations, but as long as you know we both love you and want the best for you, I pray you will view our counsel as loving and paved with the best intentions.

I can't wait to see you. I'm sure there is so much more to talk about, but I guess that will all take place once you're actually here. Get ready for an exciting life of adventure and fun. Your mother and I love you so much, and I pray you will grow up to be a loving, caring, and forgiving man or woman of God. We will always have your back. By the way, your mother is seriously going to be the best mom in the world.

*I can't wait to meet you, little one. See you soon.*

*Love Always,*

*Dad*

Angga Prawira

CHAPTER TWENTY ONE (DIVA TANZIL)

**Education Is the Most Powerful Weapon**



*I have made a few unfavorable choices in my life that have jolted my veins and turn my world upside down; fortunately they have become the most valuable learning experience that led me to best decision I have ever made...to adopt you.*

Dear unborn child,

As I write my first love letter, I am at peace at the thought of you. I acknowledge the divinity within your soul, as you reside among angels. I am now 25 years old and in the second semester of my Bachelor's degree. Yes, I know that you think I'm a little too old to still be in my second semester, but in the wise words of your grandmother "it is never too late to learn". I have made a few unfavorable choices in my life that have jolted my veins and turn my world upside down; fortunately, they have become the most valuable learning experience that led me to the best decision I have ever made...to adopt you.



Sweetheart having nothing to hide is the most liberating feeling; to live life as who you are, is a luxury that I wish for you to have. I believe that our paths are crossed for a greater reason; you are placed on this earth to fulfill the beautifully bewildering plan of God. As you grow up, we will fight, we will love, and we will learn. You will fight me for all the wrong reasons, you will love me for all the right reasons, and my dear in all your days you will learn that learning itself is the essence of life.

Learning comes in all shapes and forms, one of the best teachers I've ever had was Mother Nature; Boy was she a tough one, her class was about life and every single day was exam day. She taught me kindness when I am vain, generosity when I am hollow, and forgiveness when I am almost angry. But that doesn't mean that school is not important, school is equally important, it acts as a balancing factor in your world of learning.

With education, economic growth and innovations are limitless; everyone and the earth we live in will be a safer, and healthier place. Unfortunately, there are still pockets of places where having access to education is a dream deemed unreachable yet "Education is the most powerful weapon that you can choose to change the world" said a wise man that was imprisoned fighting for equal rights for colored people. Nelson Mandela fought for a democratic society where everyone despite his or her race can live in harmony and have equal opportunities, yet he was placed in prison for 27 years.

Yes, this was what the world was like, but thankfully it is changing, illiteracy has declined, more women are in the workforce, and the education system is growing as fast as you will. I believe that by the time you are in my arms the education system in Indonesia will have reached a delighting turning point where you will be able to discover the world around and within you. I do not doubt that your presence will change the world, the way you have changed me.

Yours Truly,

Diva Tanzil

**DON'T THINK  
MONEY DOES  
EVERYTHING OR  
YOU ARE GOING  
TO END UP DOING  
EVERYTHING FOR  
MONEY.**

CHAPTER TWENTY TWO (NATASYA HELBERT)

**Survived, With the Help of God**



*Be brave, sweetheart, for the world is never as happy as fairytales. Think of real life as a battle field. You will experience hardships, pressured from your peers, but I will prepare you with the right ammunition to keep you save.*

Dear Sweetheart,

As I write this letter to you, I keep wondering about how your face will look like, how your little fingers grip this letter so tight, and how you are curious about what I'm going to say.

I keep imagining how your smile will always make my day brighter, the reason I'll get through life. I believe you are the greatest blessing God has ever given to me and your father.

It doesn't matter whether you will turn out to be a girl or a boy, you are indeed our precious one. Always keep in mind that we will always love you, no matter what.

Since I discovered your existence, I really can't wait to see you grow up. I am waiting for the time when your tiny feet finally touch the ground and you take your little baby steps with the help of my hands. You will fall, several times. You will cry and stop trying to walk. And I will always be there to calm you. To encourage you. I will always protect you and be your helping hands to guide you through life.

Like your mother, my biggest concern for you is your education. I want you to grow into a person of value, aside from having knowledge and skills. I hope for an education system that allows you to speak up your opinion and be listened. Make friends and learn from each other, that way you will be enriched. I may not have as much money as your friends' parents to put you in the most expensive school, but one thing for sure: I will not let you wander in this world uneducated and unprepared.

You see my dear, back in my days, I used to travel through 100 km every day for 6 hours in total, back and forth campus and my house. I was very exhausted. Learning has never been that hard for me. My parents were not that wealthy, so I took the opportunity of scholarship that the campus had offered, which cost me the very long distance I have to take. Every day I arrived home late and went straight to bed, never having enough time to gather with my family. The travel itself drained me. I had to jostle in the heavily crowded trains and took public transportation called *angkot* to get me home. There

were times when I felt so depressed, I got sick for weeks because of the exhaustion, and I was pressured from the campus's never-ending assignments.

Sweetheart, do you know what makes me get through all of these? The only reason I survive is with the help of God. And I want you to always involve Him in every step you take. With God's guidance, I always bear in my mind that every single sacrifice I made for education is going to be worth it in the end. And I hope I made the right sacrifice for your future education. I don't want you to end up like me. I can't even picture you wandering around at night, alone and scared. Uncertain of whether you will arrive home safely or not. I can't bear the idea of that. My priority is your safety, and I will be forever guilty if something bad happens to you.

Your father and I had planned to save more money on your education. We decided not to underestimate this issue. Fortunately, technology makes everything easier. In the future, I believe learning can be done without even having to travel anywhere, with the only requirement of an internet connection. E-learning systems are still new during my days, but I'm sure they will be common in your generation. I feel so much relieved knowing that you will not suffer the same way as I did. You don't have to strive for better education.

When you read this letter, I'm not sure if I will be there to accompany you. I would gladly hug you and shed tears together, but time is forever our enemy. Although I've made a

promise to always be there for you, please forgive me if, in any circumstances, I can't fulfill it. There are things I can't control. Things beyond my capability. So, once again, I just wanted to say that I love you.

Be brave, sweetheart, for the world is never as happy as fairytales. Think of real life as a battlefield. You will experience hardships, pressure from your peers, but I will prepare you with the right ammunition to keep you safe. I wish I can satisfy your thirst for knowledge, for I believe in a family you will learn a lot about life for the first time. I wish I could forever see your beautiful eyes twinkle as you recall how much I love you. My humble wish for you is that you will find your true purpose in life, work on your dreams, use your knowledge and skills to help people, and most importantly always include God in everything that happens in your life.

My dear child, time is running out for both of us. I know as you grow up into a teenager, you will soon have your own circle of friends and gradually forget me. You will grow into a mature and responsible adult, meet the love of your life, married, and have your own family. While I will certainly become older through the years, alone, but I will always be happy for you. My wrinkled fingers will guide you get through life, as I did to you when you were still a little child. I will always guide you, until my last breath.

Sweetheart, would you do me a favor? Fold this letter

neatly and insert it into the envelope. Please keep it safe. I want

you to open this letter every time you feel discouraged. Every time you need me when I'm not able to be on your side. If you ever question my love for you, read this letter, and know that I will never abandon you.


I love you, forever and always.

Sincerely,

Your mother

Natasya Helbert





**Life isn't about  
*finding* yourself.  
Life is about  
*creating* yourself.**



**GEORGE BERNARD SHAW**

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CHAPTER TWENTY THREE (DIMAS)

**From the Bottom of My Heart**



*You will learn the values of hard work and determination.  
You will learn the power of knowledge and the best education. This  
is coming from the bottom of my heart.*

My unborn child, my gift,

The seven billion and more people on Earth are worth considering, especially in light of the fact that, somewhere in the world, around 2023 the eighth billion baby would be born. In a lifetime, the human population has more than tripled.

I also read the conversation with the great ecologist E.O. Wilson said about how many people the planet could sustain indefinitely. He responded, "If you want to live like North Americans, 200 million." North Americans, Europeans, Japanese, and Australians, who make up 20 percent of the world's population, are consuming more than 80 percent of the world's resources. We are the major predators and despoilers of the planet, and so we blame the problem on overpopulation.

Keep in mind, though, that most environmental devastation is not directly caused by individuals or households, but by corporations driven more by profits than human needs.

We as the people in developing countries demand more of the bounty and product we take for granted, environmental impacts are bound to increase. The best way to confront these problems is to reduce waste and consumption and do social activities. Stabilizing or decreasing population growth will help, but research shows it's not the biggest factor.

For you, my child will be born at a place where humanity was born. Your generation, I trust will be wiser and learn from the failure of the previous generation that greed will lead to devastation. I have a big hope that you will be part of the Changemaker for a better world.

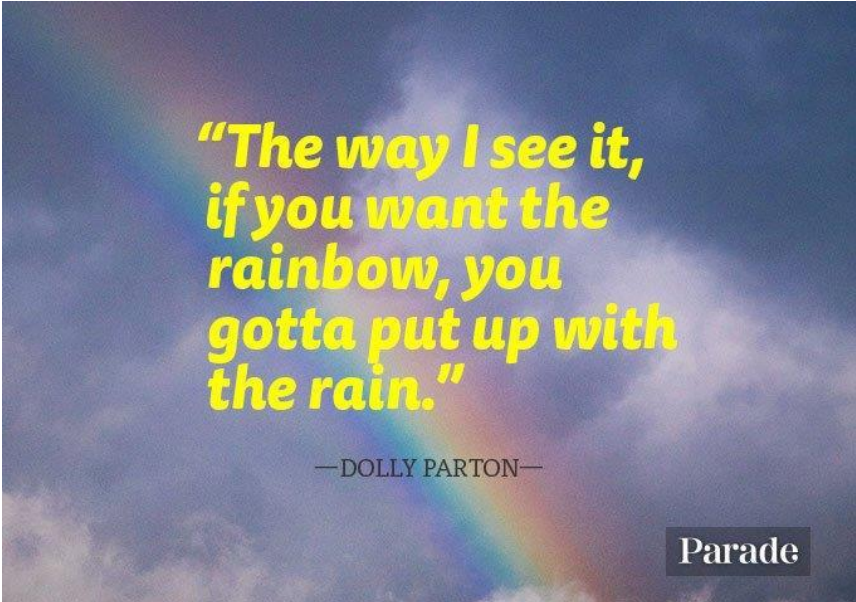
As a start, I will nurture you to become the best you can be. I will fiercely love and protect you. I will feed and bathe you. I will be there to hear you mutter your first words. I will teach you to ride bicycles and play games. We will laugh and cry together. We will read stories and paint with crayons. You will make friends and enjoy birthday parties. I will do everything to keep you smiling.

You will learn to respect people and be humane. You will learn to say, 'thank you' and 'please'. You will learn the values of hard work and determination. You will learn the power of

knowledge and the best education. This is from the bottom of my heart.

You're Father,

Dimas.



***“The way I see it,  
if you want the  
rainbow, you  
gotta put up with  
the rain.”***

—DOLLY PARTON—

**Parade**

CHAPTER TWENTY FOUR (ELVINA)

**Stay Positive Little One**



*Good quality education does not guarantee you get a good job and become success person in future, but if you have less education and less hope, you will get nothing in life.*

Dear little one,

First, let me introduce myself. My name is Elvina. I'm 19 years old. I am currently in the second semester at IPMI International Business School. I am talking a lot to my friends about all my experience and share my problems. My friends also like to ask my opinion to solve their problems too. They said that sometimes I have a wise answer to them. I love to drink all kinds of drinks except when it is too sweet and too many chocolates. But I love to eat any kind of food that is served with cheese with less garlic and sweet soy sauce.

My little one, before you are born to this beautiful earth, I as your mom have to think to prepare the best for your future

especially in your education. Education is the main component to achieve success in the future. Good quality education does not guarantee you in getting a good job and become a successful person in the future, but if you have less education and less hope, you will get nothing in life. The education that I had experienced will be different from your education later that you will face. In the future, maybe your subject is not as hard as what I am facing now. The education curriculum will be changing at every unexpected time. Good quality of education you can get from school. You can learn a lot of theory from your teacher or facilitator. But besides that, outside school or university, you can learn from your experience. Maybe you can take a part -time job so you can also get work experience. That is a part of education as well. Joining seminars or workshops also could make you better in the way you think and develop a good mindset.

I hope that we have a good relationship, close to each other just like my mom (your grandmother) and I. In a relationship, there will be argumentation. I always want the best for you and your future. I have already experienced everything that you are currently experiencing. I would love to hear all your thoughts, your experiences, your interactions with your friends, and to be in your life, guiding you every step of the way.

My dear, I believe when you are born, there are so many people in your life who will love you and will always love you.

Your family and friendships are very important, and I hope you always respect and love the people around you. In life, you will face many kinds of people in this world. And also will face many problems. In facing that kind of thing, you have to stay positive and pray to God so He will help you in solving your problems. Don't be afraid to share your problems.

My little one,

You are my treasure. I will always take care of you from the thunderstorm to keep you safe. You are the one who can make me feel happy when I feel tired or confused with all my assessments of life. Year by year I will be getting older and older. I will not always be beside you to keep you safe. So you have to be independent and be meaningful to others as well. There are a million ways to be a successful person in life, and with maximum effort and high education, you will gain more experience so that you can continuously improve yourself to be more meaningful to others.

Love you,

Elvina



WHOEVER  
IS TRYING  
TO BRING  
YOU DOWN  
IS ALREADY

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BELOW YOU

CHAPTER TWENTY FIVE (CHRIS PAULUS)

## **Happiness Cannot Be Paid for by Money**

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*Once your education is high enough, try to look after other people who are less fortunate, give them happiness. Create thousand more of changemakers in this world.*

*Dear unborn child,*

I am writing you this letter, so you have something tangible. As a parent, protecting and educating you, are my responsibility. For everything that happened to you, that is my responsibility and I had to take a part in it. So it is my duty to take care of you. Duty is not coercion for us; it's a responsibility for us. A noble responsibility indeed to have a chance to nurture someone special like you.

The truth is no parent in this world wants their child to become a bad person. All parents in this world want their children to become good people and have a successful life.

Maybe when you read this letter the situation is not the same anymore as my current condition when I wrote this letter. The world is changing, the globe is spinning, and humankind is developing. Globalization makes the world change. I believe

knowledge will be everything in your era. There'll be a high requirement for the workers soon. You've to adapt my child, gain more education.

I believe as the knowledge of humans is higher and higher, they'll think more logically and I am afraid that they will be too proud of themselves and do not believe in the power of God. When actually there's a beautiful life besides this life, and that is the hereafter. There's another whole eternity afterlife world, the heaven. It is right there waiting as an eternal gift for all the good deeds that you do.

Happiness is not only about being rich and full of knowledge. Happiness can't be paid for by money, but it comes from deep within when you are grateful and ready to share and leave a legacy. Once your education is high enough, try to look at other people that are less fortunate and have a poor life, and try to give them happiness. Be a role model and start a ripple effect to be a change-maker and develop a thousand and more good spirit people like you in this world.

And the ripple effect will create a big impact. Before you know it, you have started a good influence in the world. I know you can do it my dear. **Make this world beautiful my child.**

*Sincerely,  
Your Father.*

*Chris Paulus H*

CHAPTER TWENTY SIX (NAZNEEN JUDGE)

**You Will Sparkle at your Own Time**



“you can lose all the bling bling in the world but you can still go places with your knowledge anywhere you want”.

My Precious One,

Here I am again, writing you another letter even when you are nowhere to be seen. Wherever you are right now as you're reading this, I hope you're starting to put a big precious smile on your face. My car broke down this morning, I was busy trying to fix it and a gardener greets me the happiest Good Morning and he basically really made my day. A smile looks good on everyone, but it looks beautiful on you I am sure.

It feels strange to not see you physically but to have fallen in love deeply from the depth of my very soul. The idea of giving birth never failed to scare me. It tortures my mind to think about all the blood, sweat, tear, and life that I have to risk. But now that I am writing this second letter, I realize that I

wouldn't trade anything that would make me feel like I'm in cloud nine because there couldn't be anything better.

I am not going to have you anytime soon, but darling I can already feel how you will be gorgeous, cheerful, flashing kisses so sugary, and putting on a smile so kind. My little one, I will show you how beautiful the world is, I will show you all the butterflies and all the rainbows. But the world would want you to see the battlefield, but don't you worry I'll lead you to win the game.

I have no idea where the future brings you, where you will be born, where you will live, or where you will grow. I have lived 90% of my life in Indonesia, and from the experience of my pals all over the world, wherever they are, intellectuality wins over anything. No matter what you study, when you have an educational background you'll see yourself glow within the crowd.

There will be the most confusing time that you will have to face; this face is the moment that most people will laugh back at you as they grow older. Some kids are facing the pace longer than they should and it ruins them as a person for the longest time. Observantly it happens because they are too playful that they leave off education, family, spirituality, and all the things that actually really matters.

Knowledge is the most graceful asset that you need to gain. Once your knowledge is gained, you can lose all the bling

bling in the world but you can still go places with your knowledge anywhere you want and nothing will ever break you. You don't have to be on your encyclopedia or calculator 24/7, that's not what smart is for me.

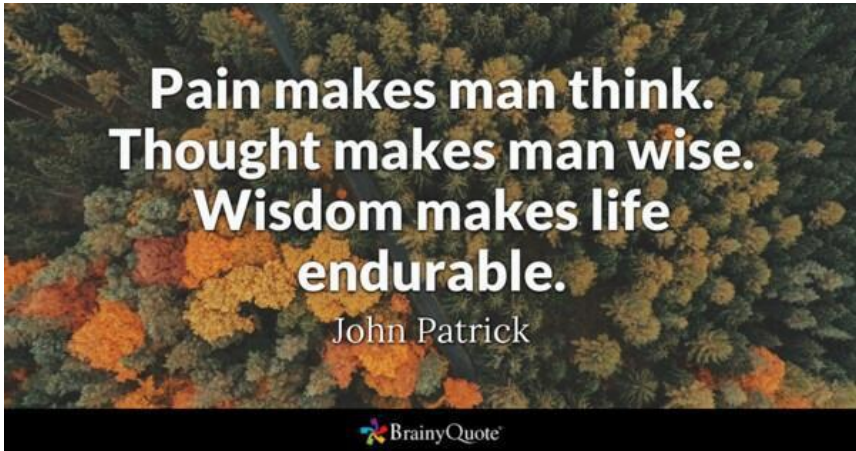
To me, intelligence is defined by your views on the things that you care about, your experience dealing with different kinds of situation and people, your openness to the views of others without moving your ground, your spirituality strength without having to be an extremist, your socializing scope especially with those who help you to be a better version of yourself.

I am still in my 3<sup>rd</sup> year of undergraduate study; I am still preparing myself for the battlefield. The ride to get there is pretty fun, imagine how exciting would the actual game be. I will prove to you that I can glow the crowd on my game time, and you will have to show me that you'll sparkle on your game time. You got this, my dear.

Love,

Mum

Nazneen Judge



CHAPTER TWENTY SEVEN (ANGELICA)

**I am Sorry**



*The greatest sorry I feel for you is because, you are trapped and satisfied with your gadget, you find the virtual fun and excitement-that I found with my friends in a real environment-*  
Friday, 24 June 2016

Dear My Lovely Cutie Adorable Kids,

Hello kids, this is your mommy when 19 years old. Yap, I experienced being a child and teenager. I experienced how amazing life is, how incredible, how precious and how wonderful my life that I've been living for 19 years. When I was a child, I experienced playing bicycle, fort, hide and seek, cook dishes, hopscotch, and many games that were very fun and interesting. I still remember how it feels when playing around with my friends; when they call me and waiting in front of my house -your grandma house- to ask me to play with them; when we joke around and laugh together; when we changed our game one after another because we were bored. I still remember your grandma's voice calling me to go home when it is already 5 pm



and I refused to go and still played with my friends. I still remember how it feels to play outside the house, breathing the fresh air, and have an interaction with people. And I am sorry that you could not feel it. I am sorry because you'll be living in an era that fun and excitement like that do not exist anymore. I am sorry because you'll be living in an era that people are too busy with their gadgets, their own business and don't care about other things, other people. I am sorry because you'll be trapped inside the house with a gadget because none of the neighbor's children want to play with you.

The greatest sorry I feel for you is because you are also trapped and satisfied with your gadget, you find the fun and excitement that I found with my friends in a real environment- in your gadget, with your online friends. You find it fun, enjoyable, and interesting because you have never had the experience of playing in a real environment with a real friend. You have no comparison, which becomes the reason why you'll think playing with your gadget is interesting.

I experienced sleeping in my bedroom with no Air Conditioner but it's not even hot. What happened is the contrary of it, the temperature was already cold. Maybe you don't believe me when you read this letter, maybe you get confused and thought that this just happens in my mind, in my dream. Unfortunately, it is not, it really happens at my age. You know why? Because there are a trillion billion trees. A real tree, not the small one in the laboratory that scientists now

observed. In my era, we don't need air conditioners because the trees are helping us by absorbing the heat from the earth, the pollution and carbon that we made, and create a clear and cold air that we're breathing, that supports our living. When I was a child, I could see the tree in the street, I could see it wherever I go. But as the year passes, the trees have been cut down and burned just to make money. To make the rich people richer and poor become poorer. To make people who have power more powerful and people who don't become oppressed.

The world is upside down, the mighty that are supposed to protect the weak are doing the contrary of it. I am sorry that you must live in an era where you could not stand the heat from the earth. Where the heat is unbearable so that everywhere you have to use the Air Conditioner. I am sorry that you must live in an era where the huge hurricane often occurs because of the imbalance of the temperature that has been created by the Air Conditioner. I am really sorry for making you breathing the pollution that these Air Conditioner and factories and vehicles and all modern machine releasing pollution, every day, in every breath that you take.

I experienced hiking and camping. I guess in your era you'll just know the word but have not experienced it by yourself. Hiking is when you climb the mountain or hill, to really feel the clear air, to see the dewdrop from the leaf, to see the flower bloom, to hear the birds singing, to see the greenness that tree gives, to see the sunrise and sunset if the mountain is

high, and to see everything the cities does not provide. After you succeeded climbing to a certain high, you have to find the right place to make a camp, where you stayed for a couple of days, even weeks if you want to. To experience the life that far from the noises of the cities. When the night comes, everyone gathers around the bonfire, telling stories, have a chit -chat and jokes, strengthen the friendship and family bonds. I am sorry you could not feel it. I am sorry there is nothing left from the mountain and hill for you to hike and make a camp. Because we were dredging it to make a new building, a new housing. We destroyed nature, again just to make money.

I experienced seeing all kinds of animals. Rhino, Tiger, Orangutan, Bat, Peacock, Komodo, Crocodile, Turtle, Dolphin, and many more that you could not see. Because they are all extinct. They extinct because their habitat is destroyed by us, for our own business. They extinct because they have been hunted, to make the bag from their skin, to make a blanket from their fur, to make soup from their meat, to make an ornament from their head. We do not only make them extinct, we tortured them to extinction. I am sorry you could not see - these unique creatures that God had made-. I am sorry that you could not see their uniqueness and beauty.

I experienced playing sand on the beach, build a castle, find a snail and stars, buried things, and try to dig it again. I experienced swimming in the sea. I still feel the waves beneath my skin, take me away from the edge or take me near to the

edge. I could see fish swimming or hide in the coral, crab moved sideways, jellyfish with their soft skin, and sometimes if the time allowed, I could see the dolphin from the distance, jumped away from the water. I am sorry you could not play and swim on a beach anymore because we poisoned it, we threw waste to it. Make all the living things in the sea dead, make the clear water becomes dark, and make the refreshing odor from the sea becomes smelly.

I experienced swimming in the clear river. Heard the splash of water when it hits the rock. Make a ship from paper and sailed it. I am sorry we poisoned it too, the factory sent their waste to the river making the water becomes dark and disgusting. I am sorry we threw waste to it and make the river stuck from flowing which causes a huge flood. I am sorry because you could not know how it feels to swim in nature. I greatly feel sorry because you'll be living in an era where floods become a common disaster.

I have seen photos of ice in the arctic. But now, the ice is melting. Gone is the house of the trillion billion polar bear. I have seen photos of Mount Everest that extends from Nepal to Tibet, which is covered with snow, now it is also melting. I have seen photos of Mount Jayawijaya in Papua, which is famous because of the eternal snow on the top of it, now slowly it is melting and it is not called eternal snow anymore. Again, it is happened because of my generation, because we only think about our own business, our own interests. We build trillion

factories that threw the waste into the clear air and water. We build a trillion modes of transportation just to watch it released a huge amount of carbon dioxide. We cut the tree and burned them just to build more concrete buildings. And we witness the earth have no guardian anymore. I greatly feel sorry because most of us today don't even care about tomorrow.

I am sorry for everything you could not feel, you could not touch, you could not see. I am sorry I am the cause of your sorrow. But, it is not too late to change the destructive mindset. We are the foundation of this life. We are the only ones who can take care of our earth, our planet. We must protect our only home. We must balance the nature that we lived in. We must realize that we are part of nature, to destroy nature is to destroy us, to save nature is to save us. I hope all of us would realize how precious the earth is. I hope all of us would realize that we're making a huge mistake and would try anything to stop it. We can do a good thing to save nature.

I hope when you read this letter, the world has been a better place. I hope we succeeded to make the world better than when we were firstborn. I hope in the future, people all around the world could unite to save nature, the environment. I hope you could learn a lesson from this and live a better life. Don't be selfish, just thinking about your own comfort zone and not caring about others. Think about others then your life will be happier. Do good and be good, then kindness will always follow you.

I trust that you can be the change -maker we all have been waiting for. You can start and make a difference, and you will influence other people to do the same. I am sure, you can.

Tons of love from your mother.

Sincerely yours,

Angelica Giovanni

**I FEEL THE CAPACITY  
TO CARE IS THE THING  
WHICH GIVES LIFE ITS  
DEEPEST SIGNIFICANCE.**  
PABLO CASALS



CHAPTER TWENTY EIGHT (SARTHAK SHARMA)

**Speak Up for Injustice**



*“I predict that this could become a major problem in the future as the inequality gap increases between the rich and the poor and governments try to protect and facilitate the top elite. People must learn to speak up for any injustice but not cause unrest that could damage any progress or development”.*

Dear Unborn Child,

Our world is changing and we must learn to adapt to that change. Whether we like it or not, we are all part of shifting global conditions that will have a significant impact on your life. This letter conveys some of the concerns and hopes that one might experience in the future. As human beings, we must understand that it is inevitable to experience times where the future might seem dim and troubling. It is necessary that we are hopeful and prepared and we must continue to search for ways that will bring a positive impact. But we must think logically



and not just delve into issues without giving it proper thinking because solutions to a specific problem may have adverse impacts on various other issues. This letter would serve as a lesson to any child who might experience some of these changes in the future.

During my studies, I had the opportunity to learn various things about the changing global needs. I had a huge interest in the global situation especially global politics. I learned most of this from the news and my own personal research. I was able to notice a worrying shift in the global trends mainly regarding social troubles and climate change. Even though a lot of effort was being put by many nations, it still may not be enough to completely eradicate the issue of climate change. I personally think that these problems can be solved without too many difficulties but it does require sincere effort, care, and investment from governments and citizens. This also requires proper knowledge of our current condition because many times people blindly claim that they support the eradication of climate change but don't actually do anything about it. Either they lack knowledge or maybe too ignorant to put in the proper effort.

It must be understood that when you are trying to solve the problems of climate change, you must look at the solution and its social impact. For example, an infrastructure project is created to increase economic growth in a country but it will have a slightly negative impact on the environment. If the

project doesn't contribute much to climate change and might actually help in the long run because of more people getting jobs and getting educated, it is a better option. If one blindly denies any support for the development just because of a few changes to the local environment that will not have a significant impact it can be problematic for the country's people. Investment in areas that will help citizens such as education and sustainable economic growth will be better because more of the population will understand climate change and use its knowledge to do something about it instead of thwarting growth in sectors that really need it.

Another trend that is happening is in the social, political, and economic unrest in various countries that pose threat to global security. Increasing aggressions and damaging stances by various nations causing difficulty in creating a more peaceful future. We must keep our eyes open to these changes so that governments and corporations don't become too powerful so that normal people's voices are not heard. I predict that this could become a major problem in the future as the inequality gap increases between the rich and the poor and governments try to protect and facilitate the top elite. People must learn to speak up for any injustice but not cause unrest that could damage any progress or development.

One last important thing to know is that we must never lose hope. Humanity has various aspects both good and bad. We must always choose the good path no matter what. Many times

we might think that our way of thinking is the best and others are incompetent. It is essential that we respect each other's differences and points of view without offending anyone. Without a proper understanding of each other, there will be conflict and difficulty in communicating our proper reasoning.

So, my unborn child, my simple message to you is this:  
adapt to change, be knowledgeable, let your voice be heard,  
and understand each other's differences.

With Regards,

Sarthak Sharma

CHAPTER TWENTY NINE

**Be the Angels of Change (Audifa Putri)**



*“Let’s change our mindset to always spread positivity to everyone in order to change the world into a better place.”*

Dear Future Generations,

If you’re reading this, I am speaking this on behalf of my past generations. We’re sorry. Sorry, we left you a big pile of mess on our planet. Sorry we prioritize our own doings rather than taking care of our nature. Sorry, we didn’t realize this in the first place, until everything has changed. I deeply regret this. So much. I imagine you must be thinking that we were such horrible generations that never think about the future. Honestly, if I could turn back time, I would do something to make the world better. So then we can save you. From this chaos. From this confusion. From this madness. Will you forgive us?

And yes, I was living in the era where smart people were born, but we were too smart for our own good. Yes, we had great scientific researches. Yes, we built clever machines and advanced technologies. Yes, we built cities along with buildings and streets. Yes, we built something for the sake of our needs. But, we're not smart enough regarding our mother nature. And we're truly sorry.

You probably don't know that our earth was really green, that we had so many trees. Greater than you see every day in your life. The number of trees was decreasing since it has become a favorite activity to do by humans. They started to burn and cut them down brutally with machines that have been invented by them. The crazy thing is they do this only for a piece of paper. Can you imagine that one and a half acres of forest are cut down every second? It means that we lose 20 football fields every minute! It saddened me knowing all about these because trees are just really amazing. Let me tell you something. We literally breathe the air that they create, they clean up the pollution that we've made, they purify water, they give us medicine, and they give us food for our living. And we're truly sorry.

Our environmental problems not only started in forest, but also in the corner of our earth, the ice. The ice is melting. I am really devastated to tell you this, but around 195 million tons of ice is melted this year. In the last 100 years, the sea level has risen by 6 to 8 inches. Why? It is because of us. The

temperatures are rising since we keep doing things that are harmful to the earth. If the sea level keeps rising, than the lands would be gone. No more life. No more humans. No more animals. No more any kind of living things. We pay too much attention to ourselves without realizing that the other side of our earth is vulnerable. And we're truly sorry.

We're sorry to bring doom to your days, future generations. We're sorry to build buildings instead of a park full of trees and flowers for you to play with. We're sorry to poison the oceans instead of making it better for you to swim in them. We're sorry to lead the animals to extinction instead of letting you become friends with them. We're sorry to pollute the air instead of keeping it fresh for you to breathe. We're sorry to burn the coal instead of just leaving them in the ground. And most importantly, we're sorry to let you see our mother nature in its destructive form because of the greedy people from my generation and the previous generations. We're truly sorry.

Despite all the words that I've said above, I can't accept that these issues would happen to you, my future generations. I can't accept this. You know what? We can fix this mess. We cannot always see these as mistakes. We are not apart of nature, but we are a part of nature. To save the earth is to save us. Earth is our one and only home and it is up to us to save our home.

We can protect our home by bringing the whole human family together to seek sustainable development, for we know

that things can change. We can put things better than before. By doing small things in order to save the earth, it will give a huge impact. Especially, when everyone is doing it. Let's change ourselves first. Our attitude really matters towards these concerns. Each and every one of you should have positive and supportive attitudes that will make you become an influential person. By having this attitude, you can bring more environmental awareness to your generation and to the following generations.

I want to tell you that please try to be a caring person. Do not think about yourselves too much. Watch your surroundings. Be aware of things that currently happen and always look for tomorrow. Help others. Help your society. Help your environments. Help your future generations.

Help your earth. Life is a beautiful thing if it's filled with kind-hearted and caring people. If you have successfully helped your surroundings, then you can help the world by overcoming other issues. Such as bringing equality, giving more education, better health, technology issues, power shifts, and anything else.

Let's change our mindset to always spread positivity to everyone in order to change the world into a better place. Always take the challenges ahead of you and always set your goals. Remember what Mahatma Gandhi said, "*You must be the change you wish to see the world.*"

**Be the Angels of Change.**

*for your earth*

*for your generation*

*and for your future.*

Yours sincerely,

Audifa Hannan Putri. W





CHAPTER THIRTY (CITRA)

**Wake-Up Call!**



*“That’s why we’re down here trying to make a wake-up call everywhere, honey. We fight so hard to make a change, to act, and give an impact”.*

Dear Kiddo,

How was your day? I hope you’re ok. Well, you’re obviously ok guards by the angels. Did you play hide and seek with them? If you haven’t tried, go try to play. You got plenty of trees and greenfields to play up there, so play around. I did that when I was a kid, but I am worried that you can’t do it once you touch down the earth. We’re running out of the fresh greenfield to play down here, you will only find artificial parks, and trust me, it’s not as good as the natural one. As long as you have it now, enjoy it, then praise God and show your gratitude to Him.

Anyway, as you can see from up there, I am doing ok down here. Or at least, pretending to be ok. I’ve recovered from the allergic symptoms that I got last week due to the terrible water and weather here. The doctor said that probably, some meal that I ate was contaminated with pollution. It was really

bad, I even got breathing issues from it. I have to consume 60 pills of medicine in 5 days in order to get back. It even forced me to skip a final exam.

Oh, Have I told you? Mommy is still busy finishing her bachelor's degree and has so much fun (as well as stress) doing it. It will require another 3 years of a fight until I graduate. But aside from enriching myself with knowledge and build my own career, I also do this for you. You need a smart mother that will raise you to be a smart kid. Like people said, a leader should create leaders, isn't it?

Talking about leaders, I met a sensational leader a few weeks ago. He is a mayor of a leading city, it's called Bandung and it's your grandparent' s homeland, by the way. He is also an architect, who is very concern and detail about his works and the impact of his works on the surrounding. He applies his architectural study to build the city. Therefore, he is known as a transformative leader because he always achieves goals efficiently and effectively, and at the same time, he always flourishing in everything that he does. He understands that in this world down here, we're connected to each other and it gave us a domino effect. Everything that we do will impact others. Actually, almost every people down here are aware of this situation, but unlike him, some (or most) of them choose to live life freely, because they said that they live only once so they have to live it to the fullest. Indeed this world is temporary, it's even just us as a guest borrowing the privilege to live in this

piece of land, baby. We will have to give it back to the One and Only owner later on, and we should be responsible for whatever we have done. We couldn't take it for granted.

But, do you know what most people didn't realize? The domino is arranged in a circle. So, the effect will come back to us. Have you seen it from up there? Disasters are everywhere, diseases are spreading, people are getting poorer, and war is unstoppable. That is the true effect, honey.

Sounds complicated and scary to you? I am sorry if you feel so. I am sorry if someday you're here and you still have to feel the sorrow and the pain. Also, tell God that we're down here feeling sorry and regret it. But Baby, what we have to believe is that, as long as God still give us the opportunity to be alive, He still give us a chance to make a change. Bandung's mayor that I told you before is an example that we can make a change. And actually, we have many people like him down here. But 'many' seems not enough, we need **all** people to be like him. That's why we're down here trying to make a wake-up call everywhere, honey. We fight so hard to make a change, to act, and give an impact.

Pray for us down here, baby. Pray and tell God we are trying our best. I am here and waiting until you come. And while waiting, I am preparing your baby room, kiddo. The room is not pink, either blue. I'll make sure that it's green. I'll make sure the sun is shining friendly, the sky is bright blue, and the water is crystal clear and the birds will sing for you every morning. It

will not be as beautiful as your place now but I will make it as comfortable as possible. Because your room is not the 3×4 meters space in my house, kiddo. Your room is the earth. Earth is your home.

Lots of love and wishes for you,

Mommy.

Citra A F

CHAPTER THIRTY ONE (AMYTHA FATIMAH)

**Give Out Second Chances**



*“And don't hesitate to give out second chances. It's incredible how much people lift and rise to the challenge when you believe in them and trust them”.*

Dear My Unborn Baby,

I know that you're probably reading this letter using your new iPhone 19 Plus, but this isn't a letter telling you about the crazy technology of the past and how things used to be. This is a message of warning and hope. At first, I would like to say my deepest sorry. Sorry because we left you with a massive dilemma. I am sorry because most of us today don't care about tomorrow. We put profit above humanity, greedy above the needs, and power over everything. I am truly sorry because we used nature as a credit card without limitation and we left you with enormous pressure.

I was wondering, in your era, would you still see the tree growing over the yard? Can you still see the Java Leopard? Can

you still see the Polar Bear? Can you still see and learn from all of those things? You don't know much about these things, do you? Well, let me tell you something. The tree is marvelous, because of the tree we could breathe the air, and they are clean up our pollution and carbonate. The plant can save us from starving because it produced food and feeds us. Which is why I am so sorry for telling you this. Because we burn them down, cut them down with our machine and technology. We do it with greediness because of money. And how about Java Leopard and the Polar Bear? Now they become extinct because of our actions. They have no habitation, we build a bunch of industrial places and create more pollution. We slaughter them and use their body to make our clothes and we make them into jewelry and decoration. I am sorry because we are stealing your chance to see the uniqueness of nature.

You guys will someday lead our country, teach people new skills, become businessmen and women, become artists, and most of all you will be our future for this planet. Therefore, as the future leader of the world, you have to understand that, and you have to be aware of it while making your decisions. In order to be a good leader, you don't only need a smart brain but also a good behavior and attitude. You have to implement the best of "*akhlakul karimah*" (noble character) that is reflected in the way of your living, in the way of your professional life, in the way of your leadership. And being a good role model that benefits your family, society and contributes to the nation.

Please save this world because if you save nature it means that you save us. Do not be greedy and blinded by money. Do not always think about your stomach while others are still starving out there. You have to start to care for others because if we are reunited, we can save this world together. Remember to treat others like you would like to be treated. Always be nice, always be caring. Give people the benefit of the doubt. And don't hesitate to give out second chances. It's incredible how much people lift and rise to the challenge when you believe in them and trust them.

Best Regards,

Amytha Fatimah Putri.





If you want something  
you never had

You have to do something  
you've never done



CHAPTER THIRTY TWO (JASMINE)

**Never OK to Hurt People**



*“..What’s not fine is when you want to be on top so badly that you’re willing to hurt people to achieve it. It’s never okay to hurt people.”*

Dear future child,

Hi, sweetheart(s)! How are you? Hopefully, this letter finds you well. It’s 2016 now; June 2016 to be exact. I am thankfully well, your grandparents are well, your auntie is well, but I don’t know how your father is doing since, well, I haven’t even met him yet! Ha.

Anyway, would you like to hear about how things are right now? I figure in the future you’d have history lessons at school (or whatever education institute you’re going to enroll in) and this letter might just help you a little in that subject, so here goes. In the past month alone there are whole truckloads of happenings that may not be nice but certainly are impactful and might just change one or some ways that we live right now.

To name a few, there were shootings in the U.S., big floods in your grandpa's hometown in Padang, West Sumatra, and there's the UK leaving the European Union.

So there's this thing the United Nations came up with: the Global Goals for Sustainable Development and at least 3 of the goals are expected to be achieved by 2030 (hopefully you'll already be born by then!). Here, I'm quoting straight from their website, "If we are to achieve the Global Goals by 2030 we must start by empowering girls and women." and I'm all for it.

Throughout decades and societies in the world, women have been and are almost always oppressed by men, or even by women themselves. Women are said to be weak physically and mentally: always feeling-driven thus making them unable to make logical decisions, not fit for physical roles that 'belong' to men, are only suitable for doing housework like taking care of the children, cooking, washing the dishes, and the likes of that. Do you know what's worse than these ideas? What's worse is that people actually *do* fall for them, making them more than just what they're supposed to be—ideas. What's worse is that they have been implemented so deeply into our minds that we the women (although not all) actually do believe that we are weak, that men are above us, that we do not deserve the chance to claim our rights to go out into the world and do or say what we want.

Though sometimes not directly, families nowadays (after all the breakthroughs we've had—sheesh!) still restraint

their daughters from doing and being what they want. All this is part of a huge problem that is sexism: prejudice or discrimination based on a person's sex or gender. Though this problem can affect any gender, it is particularly affecting women and girls.

A century ago, women in Indonesia weren't even allowed to go to school. School, the basic institution to educate people on whatever there is to know about the world. Can you imagine not going to school? Thanks to our national heroine Kartini—and the women before and after her who also fight for women equality—Indonesian girls and women have the basic rights to education, just as men do, just as women always should have. Now imagine if the other Kartinis out there, not just in Indonesia, come together and educate themselves and other girls and women, telling each other that yes we do have a place in this world, that we do have values, that we are important, and that each and every one of us can achieve whatever we strive to be or have, and that we are *beautiful*.

So many problems branch out from oppressing women, and if only the norms and mindset of people change, imagine (again) how different the world would be. Mothers are the most important foundation any child could ask for, and if women are not allowed to even go out of their houses and learn, how are they supposed to teach their children? Now, kid(s), this may seem more like a rant to you— because, well, it honestly kind of is—but I want you to always know that me saying all these

things is for you to understand to never underestimate anyone, be it a woman or a man, to never belittle them for being different than you. If you pay really close attention to my 'rant', you might realize that a lot (more like most) of problems in the world are caused by human beings. People killing people for killing other people (or as I call it the *real* never-ending vicious circle), people playing God, people thinking they're above others, etc., etc., the list goes on and on and ever on...but this isn't something new. Human beings just have always been like that I guess; spurred on by the need to always be on top and be better than everyone else, and the idea of being always right.

Wanting to be on top is a good thing, in some ways, like when you go to school and have a healthy competition with your classmates to be the top of the class, or when you're competing in a basketball match and wanting your team to win; that's fine. What's not fine is when you want to be on top so badly that you're willing to hurt people to achieve it. It's never okay to hurt people; no matter who or even what they are, where they're from, as long as they don't hurt you or anyone in any way, then be nice to them. I hope, from the bottom of my heart, that you will be better people than I will ever be, that you will achieve great things and leave wonderful legacies. All I ever want is for the world you're going to live in later to be at peace, in every sense of the word. Okay so wow, that was a long rant. Guess I'm going to have to save the rest for when I meet you. 😊

Love, Your mother Jasmine Jemilia Maulidiani

CHAPTER THIRTY THREE (KENNY)

**You, Will Make a Difference in the Future**



*I want you also to be filled with Wisdom and Love  
Because this world doesn't know  
what true love is ”.*

Dear my beloved unborn baby

Although I cannot see you

But I know that you are out there

And you will come to this world as a newcomer

I know you are still too little to come to this cruel world

Where there are many bad people out there But I want

you to be Strong

Fight what you think is wrong and follow what your Heart says

I just want you to be born and filled with love, hugs, kisses,  
and tell you fairytales.

I want you to be born and brighten this gloomy world

So people will follow the light which is you, honey

People will recognize you as their leader

I'm sorry if I can't be the best father in the world

But I already try my best honey, I have done everything for  
you And I will never forget you

I go home late every night just to find money to support you

Buy what you need and want

Sacrifice my energy and time just for you

Just to make you happy

I want you to be Blessed and be a Blessing to other people

I don't know if you can hear my prayers

When I pray for God to protect you

Or when I whisper, "Good night sweetie."

You know my child, that I will always love you.

I want you also to be filled with Wisdom and Love

Because this world doesn't know what true love is

You still need more time to grow inside the comfort of my body

You will have it even if I have to die trying.

Remember dear when you are born into this world

Your mother bet her life and death so you can come to this  
world

She tries to save your life even if she has to lose her life for you.

She does that because she loves you and she believes

That one day you will make a difference in the future

You will have a good influence on other people so our earth  
can be thankful to you too

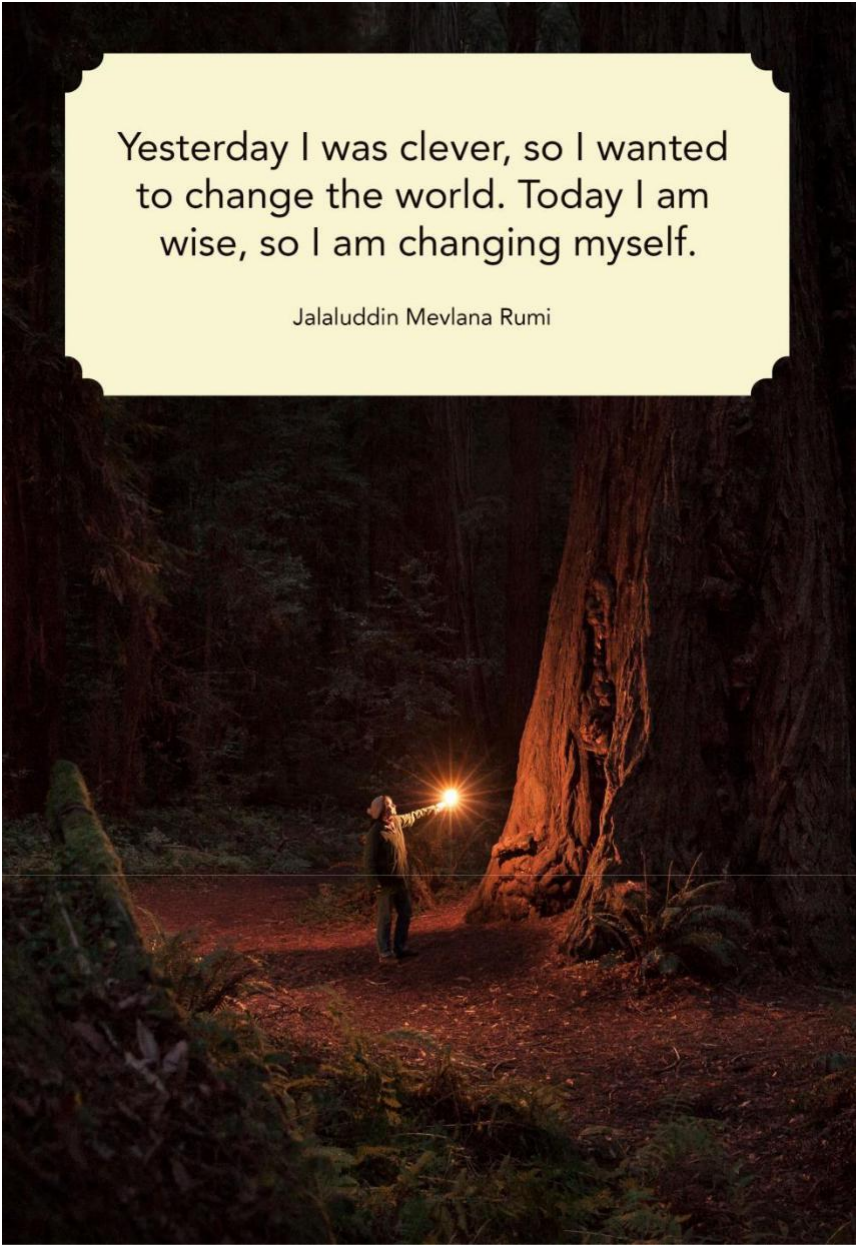
Love, Dad...

Kenny Christian



Yesterday I was clever, so I wanted  
to change the world. Today I am  
wise, so I am changing myself.

Jalaluddin Mevlana Rumi



CHAPTER THIRTY FOUR (RIFQI OKTAVIANO)

**Failure is a Step to Accomplish your  
Dream**

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*“failure” is not a failure any longer if you think that it is one of your step you need to go through to accomplish your dream.”*

Hey, kiddo how was your day until today? Was it getting better?

I hope you are always happy ya even in the middle of your sadness you still need to try to smile because a smile is the first step to make you successful.

It starts at the end of my 2<sup>nd</sup> semester at IPMI International Business School. My lecture gives me and all my friends a challenge as our score for the final exam that we should make a letter to our unborn baby which conveys my hopes and also my wishes for you. That time became one of my journeys to accomplish my goals. Now I am 19 years old and from now I start to plan my future goals for my future family, and here are my goals: to become a successful man, to become

the real figure of dad for you, also a good husband for your mom. The important thing is to make my family always happy and I am trying to make you are more successful than I am now by giving you the best education, also I hope I can be there for your wedding day.

Dear my lovely kids,

Time is so fast and maybe 10 or less than 10 years from now you will come to my life to make my life more perfect. The best decision you will have is to start with good thoughts and wisdom. Make your past as your learning to become a better person in the future. There is much happiness that we can have around us, but we ignore it because we are too busy chasing what we want. Just be thankful for what you've around and you will always be a happy person and always remember happiness is one of the successful keys for you. I hope you become the person who never gives up, just remember failure is a common thing. All person in this world has experienced failure even dad had failed too, but "failure" is not a failure any longer if you think that it is one of your step you need to go through to accomplish your dream.

Happily, you come to this world, I promise to always fulfill your needs to make you happy. Your smile always becomes the biggest reason for my happiness. I will try to be your best dad, a best friend even the best hero for you. I want to be part of your storybook I don't want to miss a little thing about you when you grow up later. When your teenager

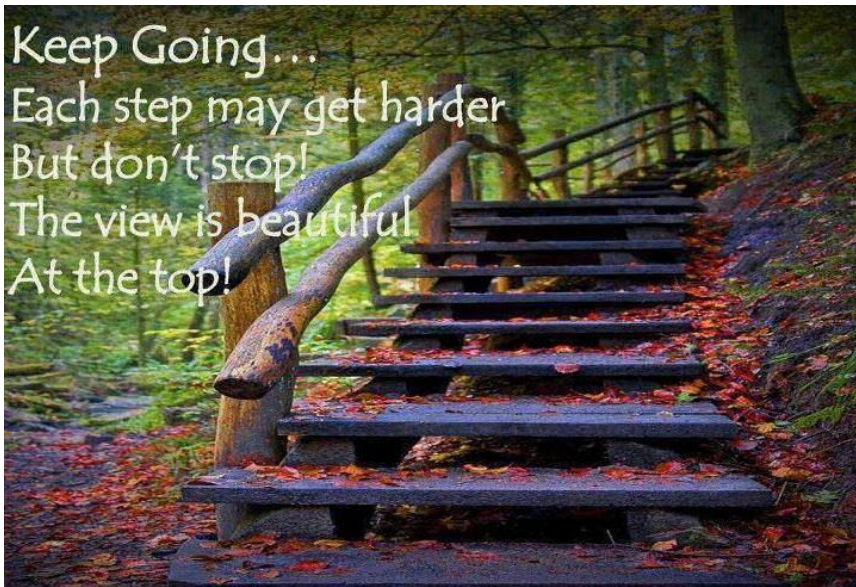
situation will be different maybe there will be the time that you want to go yourself without your dad. Kids, I can't imagine how I love you. I will prove it by always fulfilling your needs and help you to be part of your dream. And I hope I will be there when you accomplish your dream. I want to be the first person who hugs you for your success later.

Kids,

Go and find out who you will be in the future, you don't have to be what others want you to be. You have your own uniqueness because everyone is unique.

P.S. I will always love you kids

Rifqi Oktaviano



CHAPTER THIRTY FIVE (ERLANGGA WIDODO)

**You're a Gift from God**



*.. I hope you can see better days because what I see right now is a global crisis and I hope the climate stop changing in your days for you to be able to see the beauty of the Earth”.*

Dear unborn child,

When I was writing this letter, I don't know whether you will be a boy or a girl, who your mother is, when you will be born, how much do you weigh, whether you will be healthy or not, actually there are so many questions going through my mind right now about your existence.

Anyway, I'm glad you are here. You're a gift from God and I will take care of you with all I got. That's one of the reasons I'm writing this letter. I hope you can see better days because what I see right now is a global crisis and I hope the climate stop changing in your days for you to be able to see the beauty of the Earth just like what I saw in my time, even though

I only saw a little of it. I have been to many places and I also saw many beautiful natural creations like a green meadow, pines forest, the savanna, I saw so many animals living in their habitat freely, but I also happened to see people destroying those very things.

My generation was divided into people who only know how to use resources given to us by nature but not how to preserve it and to people who are trying very hard to do exactly the opposite which is to save whatever remains and create a better relationship between humans and the earth for the next generation, which happens to be your generation. Luckily, I'm one of the people who are trying very hard to preserve our nature. We're fighting against our own for something we lived with.

Dear child, I hope what I fight for really worth the price. I want you to grow up with what your grandfather used to have, not what I have right now. I want you to be able to breathe oxygen freely. And I want you to continue what I did for the world.

Peace, Daddy's out.

Erlangga Widodo

CHAPTER THIRTY SIX (TASYA SHAFIRA)

**To Love, Respect, Strengthen your Mind,  
and Care**

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*“But most of all the things I wish for your father and me to share. I wish we teach you to love, respect, strengthen your mind, and care”.*

To my unborn baby,

I am your mommy. I know we haven't met yet, but I love you already. There are a lot of scary things happening in this world, and I pray that you will not have to face any of them alone, let alone facing them at all. I and your father want the best for you. Having you is a greater blessing than what I ever could ask for. I can almost imagine you in my mind. Beautiful, happy, bouncing, flashing a smile so kind.

Sweet baby, you're a magnificent gift from Allah to us. Living proof of how your father and I shared our love. I hope you have your father's eyes, then you will go into the world able to look at all things wisely. I hope you inherit my ability to plan



and with that, you will be able to face all things in life as a strong woman or man. I hope you receive your father's selfless ways and this heavenly father will always bless you, as He did him. I hope you learn from my spirit and let no one take it. Believe me, you will need it in life, and many will try to break it. But with that spirit you must have your father's wisdom because with that you will be cautious of any door you enter.

I want you to have my curiosity. There's nothing wrong with the question you may blurt! But receive your father's discernment, so you'll know when to let go before getting hurt. Have my big heart, know what emotions are and how to be real. Share your father's strength so you can handle what you feel. Share my sense of humor! Laugh a lot it helps you through life. Share your father's sense of duty, know how to be serious, and take strife. I'm emotional, so I tell you it's okay to blubber once and a while like your Mom. But learn to develop what your father has, an excellent sense of calm. But most of all the things I wish for your father and me to share. I wish we teach you to love, respect, strengthen your mind, and care.

These are my feelings, wishes, and hopes for you. You make my heart and soul sing! I welcome you to the world and thank you for the joy, my sweet baby.

Love you,

Tasya Shafira

CHAPTER THIRTY SEVEN (ENRICO)

**Find Grace in Everything You Got**



*When you're grown enough I want you to take one moment and reach deep, how beautiful it is to have a mind of your own".*

Dear beloved,

Upon all the hard times you'll face I want you to understand and remember. By the time you read this letter I might not be as young as I once was, I might not be as healthy when I was younger but my heart still grows each and every second to love you.

You may bare your eyes under the locking eyes of a mother, you may sense the warmest touch ever for the first time when I hold you in my arms and you may feel the greatest awareness there would ever be that is, love. I've been searching for ways to contemplate myself but I know, I do know that one day you will change my life. I've seen the way my mother loved, loves and love and I wouldn't compare it to any other . But the

fact of knowing that you're mine and your mother is life-changing.

Dearest, I want you to feel the love in everything and anything you laid your eyes on, one of the things I know is that my generation's a fighter, we fight in order to get the things that we want. One day, you'll live in an era of scarcity, it's when your unlimited wants meet limited resources. It might happen anytime soon or it might happen in days of your future and as hard as it can be I want you NOT to be one of those people who are always demanding.

One of the other things I know is that life will show you its deepest part of the root and you can't always expect someone's help. Some people are cruel. I live each day hoping they vanish, in my case, one look into their eyes you'll already feel hatred, everything is judge-able. One day when you finally meet someone with the same dream, you should never let them lead you with their ways. I want you to recognize your own paths.

For what it's worth, friendship in my era is something callous. I can only share my imaginations with certain people, others, they either don't understand or they'll laugh at you. When you're grown enough I want you to take one moment and reach deep, how beautiful it is to have a mind of your own, how can people be busy with something or someone they don't even think much of and not be grateful of what's within, I want you to find grace in everything you got.

Dearest, if one day life doesn't work the way you've expected, know that I understand when no one else will. I am just a man with a fool's heart. I wish that I had done more and leave you and your generation a constant satisfaction. It haunts me all the time how close-minded my generation is. Know that during this time of the writing, I want you to reach deep in me as it might not be as beautiful as the first time you opened your eyes.

I'm beyond disappointed and myself and my generation for we are full of ourselves, we are ruthless, we are hungry for respect without giving one, we are anxious, we are guilty, we are lazy, we are just a little void with ways of thinking. No one cares if I die, I make nothing. No one cares when I die, I'm just another person. No one cares if I die, my thought is just sinking and wasting and I'm not able to make changes.

Funny how when I once was a child, I used to watch all the series, the movies, and the cartoons and you just feel love. How can there be such a thing? And then one day I wake up at a different age and I realized how changed those feelings are now. I don't see them anymore dear, I don't. I see new minds, I see potentials, not love in the new movies, series, and cartoons I used to watch, and believe as a kid who realized that it was scary and I am not able to share those feelings cause no one cares.

My generation has moved from a once caring and loving soul into an empty soul. How can I be the only one to feel this?

It is amazing how when you ride in the car and see the world in speed, all you want to do is to make a change but you ended up stunned not knowing how to act. I once saw an old man carrying a massive weight on his shoulder he was crying coming from cars to cars and beg them to buy his pottery. And I just stay seated there and do nothing. Now all I want to do is to go back and make a change. I may not be the only one to feel this but I feel like God has chosen me to feel this way. Out of everything I do, I think of people. I think of the old men on the street, I think of the little girl running around at the school park, I think of people on the road, I think of hope.

I don't want you to grow like my generation, where everyone is crazy about popularity and gadget. My generations are full of people living on the street, coming from cars to cars hoping to earn something. I once sat on the bus and I un-purposely heard a conversation between a girl and her grandma. The old lady said, "I don't have any money to pay the bus." And it breaks my heart to hear what the little girl said in return, she replied rudely, "you're just a trash wasting my money, get out now cause I won't pay for you." It might not be as sad as when I was really there but that haunts me every time and it had me thinking. I can't imagine if the same thing happen to my mother.

We are sick, we are ruined. We kill to live. I can never feel the cold air when I pass through my street cause the trees are gone. I don't know why they cut them down but they're

gone. It is like we're killing the earth slowly yet we expect to get more from it. My generations are poor of care. They care more about their own business than solid matter.

Forgive me for I cannot stop it, forgive me as my voice does not matter. I do all my activities as I should, but I can't help thinking of how ruined life is in my era. People kill animals. How can I pet lots of animals and love them with all of my heart and those people just shoot them like it's nothing? I pity my generation, I pity myself it is like every day I carry tantrums, I carry empty threads.

I'm so sorry that you will feel lost, I'm sorry if I can't stay someday and had to leave, I'm sorry that I have to leave you with heavy thinking. I'm sorry that in your time you might not be able to describe some species which already goes into extinction, I'm sorry.

One day, you will have kids of your own, and looking back, would be a bumpy road. I want to make sure that you don't have to go back, but sadly I can't do that and I can't stop you for whatever reason cause it is your own life you're dealing with. I wish that you protect your family as every father should, and I hope you never have a glimpse of the thought of hurting others, killing animals, and destroying nature. Cause believe it or not they are the only things matter.

Dear, this might be out of the content but I thought it would be an amazing thing to hear, some child is born with

special needs, people make fun of them, the way they react to things, the way they talk, the way they walk, the way they look. But luckily I'm not one of those people to make fun of them, I am one to appreciate them. They are indeed special but I have to say, I see a greater future from them, they have the will to try something we believe they're not capable of, and it is amazing. I want you to be like them I want you to be special not just because of your looks, but how you intend to make a change and do something about the impossible.

In this unfair life, a single carry his own life. My generation just got approved of loving the same gender, changing gender, or even loving both genders. Surely there are lots of thoughts in this but I want you to have your own thoughts in the future and respect them not because they're different but because they're the same, they are also a human being who needs help.

In the other world, my generation has suffered from terrorism. Several bombs had exploded and killed lives. The technology they built, is huge and dangerous and we will never run out of these people, that's why I want you to find peace within you, to love and show affection.

You are a blessing in this life, I don't want you to think about just some people in your life, I want you to think about everything all at once and somehow find peace. You will find your darkest days of emptiness or loss and you will find

yourself at the lowest point of life but note this, I will always be there for you and be there in the deepest part of your heart.

Do take care of what's good my generation left yours, and be the one to prove how one voice matters. Appreciate what is around you, love your earth, take good care of it, cause it MATTERS. I don't want you to do things just because a lot of people do. I want you to do your own thing, surround yourself with people alike, trust me it's the best part of enjoying life. I had and have mine and they still live in my thoughts.

I can't wait to see you start your own journey, to be able to see the world, face every problem and solve it and then understand the things you thought you wouldn't and to judge based on your empathy, not based on your own shoes but others. You'll make me proud. I know that truly I am beyond blessed.

Now you know how my generation is messed up. How low and empty our words meant, how useless and selfish our demands are, and how little we give back. You are gifted with a special mind. I know that you are one crucial soul with all the foremost entirety. And I know that with all the struggles, come good deeds.

I'm happy for you my child and I'll always be proud of you. I know you will be the chosen one. Doing one little step at a time, making a difference, and help to support this ailing



world. There is no words to describe how glad I am to have you.  
Forever grateful for having you, a special gift from God.

In the words of a loving father,

Enrico Yusuf Nurmali

CHAPTER THIRTY EIGHT (RISTIA SASTRA)

**Set your Dream as High as Possible**



*“These goals you set will push the boundaries on how great a human life can be which makes the world a better place to live in”.*

Dear sweetheart,

Last night before I jumped into bed, I peeked into the mirror and stared at myself — as I normally do. But this time was different. I wasn't thinking about how long my hair was, how much fat have I gain or how many pimples do I have, but instead, I was gasping and staring into my reflection of the eye, thinking about the future. I was wondering what would it be like to grow old and have a family, when I have no absolute idea of whom I might marry. That moment, I stared at the mirror and I looked down at my stomach, thinking about what it would feel like when a little thing is growing inside of me. I was excited but scared at the same time. It was a mixture of emotions I had. I know that I was still naive about this whole future thing that

lies ahead of me. However, I know one thing for sure that this little thing is called you.

You. You could be reading this when you're fifteen or eighteen. You could have your father's eyes and my nose or your father's lips and my hair. You could be a boy or perhaps a girl. You could also be tall or short with fair or tan skin. But stop a moment and realize that all this 'you could' stuff does not matter. All that matters is your happiness. I want you to be happy. More than I want good things for myself, I want the best things for your future. I want you to have all the things I didn't have when I was a child. I want you to be better than I ever was and more magnificent than I ever could be.

There are a lot of scary things happening in this world sweetheart. And I pray that you will not have to face any of them alone, let alone at all. I only want the best for you, and I hope this letter will one day find its way to you in some shape or form. I do not have yet the words to describe the hope that you will bring me in the future. Your new life is full of promises and I hope that you can explore it fully. I want you to grow up in a world better than mine today. While headlines often focus on what's wrong, I believe that in many ways the world is getting better. Health is improving. Poverty is shrinking. Knowledge is growing. People are connecting.

Technological progress in every field means your life should be dramatically better than today. I will try to do my part to make this happen, not only because I love you, but also

because I have a moral responsibility to all children in the next generation. As I believe all lives have equal value, and society has an obligation to improve the lives of all those coming into this world, not just those who are already in it. But will my generation eliminate poverty and hunger? Or cure disease so you live much longer and healthier lives? Or harness more clean energy so you can invent things we can't conceive of today while protecting the environment? or cultivate entrepreneurship so you can build any business and solve any challenge to grow peace and prosperity? and can we truly empower everyone from women, children, underrepresented minorities, immigrants to the unconnected? If my generation takes the right action, the answer to each of these questions is yes.

My hope for your generation is to live in a better world. In order to do that, there is so much more my generation can do. My generation grew up in classrooms where we all learned the same things at the same pace regardless of our interests or needs. I hope and believe that your generation will be better than mine. Your generation should set goals for what you want to become — like an engineer, doctor, writer, or entrepreneur. You'll have more advanced technology that understands how you learn best and where you need to focus. You'll advance quickly in subjects that interest you most, and get as much help as you need in your most challenging areas. You'll explore topics that aren't even offered in schools today. Your teachers will also have better tools and data to help you achieve your

goals. These goals you set will push the boundaries on how great a human life can be which makes the world a better place to live in.

As I haven't lived a flawless life, I have dedicated each moment I have to pursue the things in which I believe are the best for the world. I want to encourage you to do the same for your generation. Where I often feel a bit anxious about the prospect of being a mother and having responsibility for another life. I worry that I will fail you, that you and your generation won't be happy when you grow up and will suffer for what my generation has done, and it will in some way be my fault too.

So, I am hoping that you could set your dreams as high as possible and never back down from them. As there are things in this world that will try to break you down, but I need you to be strong and hold on as long as you can. And while much of this world may be filled with people who are sinister and crude regarding the fact that my generation is putting a lot of trouble where it seems to be crashing your generation down, I pray that you will take the higher ground and be the difference the world is looking for.

I love you and feel a great responsibility to leave the world a better place for you and all children in your generation. I wish you a life filled with the same love, hope, and joy you are giving me by now. I can't wait to see what you bring to this world. And no matter where humanity is today, I just want to

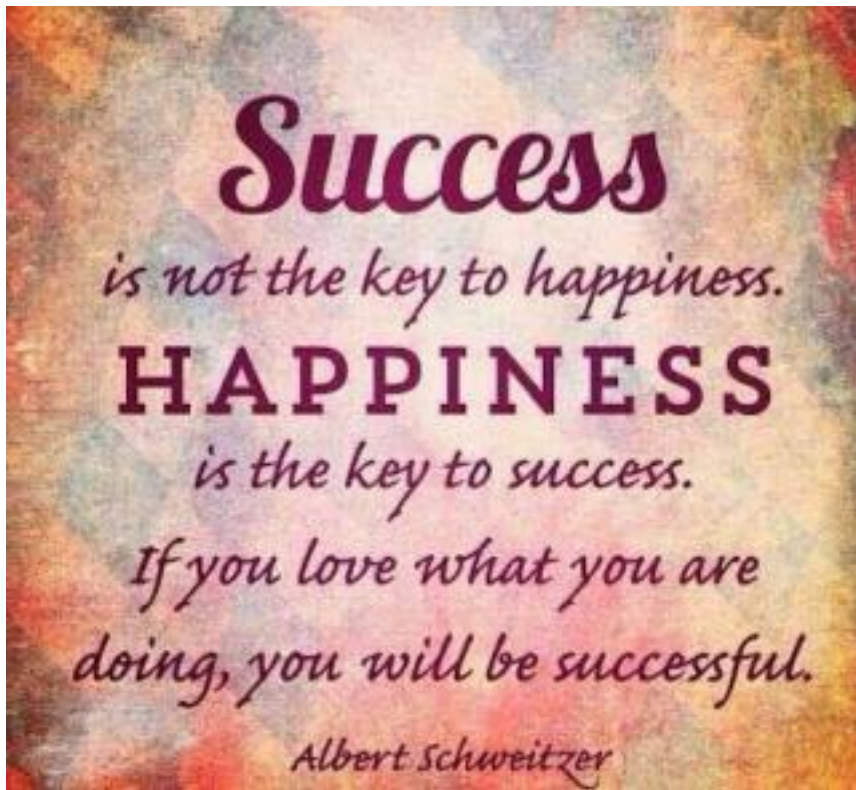
tell you that life is a wonderful thing, and the world is really full of remarkable people, and I pray that you will be one of them. I do hope with all my heart that you are born into a better world, and if not, then you do your absolute best to make it that way.

Loving you beyond words,

Mother,

Ristia Sastra

June 2016.



CHAPTER THIRTY NINE (SITI CHIARA)

**Prepare to Face the Bad Things**



*“My responsibility is not to keep you safe from the bad things of this world, but to prepare you to face them.”*

My Love,

I am your mother, you are my joy. I don't know much about you other than you have half my DNA. I know you have part of my blood running through you and that when you're born, you will have some of my traits. Like my personality, or my smile, or my eyes. Maybe you'll be like me in that you'll see the beauty of living life free to make your own choices when you're older because of God's grace. I don't know what struggles in life you will have to face. I don't know if I'll be able to protect you from anything or anyone that may prevent your happiness.

I know that I am so in love with you and you have yet to take your first breath, and with every breath, you breathe I pray



you can always feel my love. The one thing I know without any doubt, and beyond what my mind can comprehend, is that God loves you more than you can imagine. He already knows so much about you that I can only wonder about. He will always be with you and as far as you look to him first and always, you will be in the arms of the one who holds the world in his hands. I love you. God loves you more.

As your mom, I will always hope for the best in your life. It's ok to fail or make mistakes, you don't have to be perfect all the time baby. You can learn from the mistakes that you made before, so on the next steps, you will not fail anymore. My dear, don't ever get tired of learning, learning, and learning, that will improve your skill and your knowledge, so you don't get left behind by your pairs. I won't stop what you are doing unless it's bad for you! I will always push you, so you could move forward with confidence and learn to play your part. My responsibility is not to keep you safe from the bad things of this world, but to prepare you to face them.

Love,

Mommy

Siti Yachayu Chiara

CHAPTER FORTY (RIZAL FAISAL)

**Save the World**



*“We need to know what decisions we need to make today  
that will give the best result in the future”.*

Dear Unborn kids,

We are now going to face an urgent situation, we believe that the world can change as soon as possible whether it is going to be good or worse depends on us.

Dear future Son, Daughter. We all know the world is now totally in a serious problem. I only want you to keep this world friendly to You, that's why I don't want you to be greedy about your future, please take care more about the world, the environment then your environment will keep you safe.

**How can we know what the future will look like?**

To be able to understand the future, I believe that we must know the past. What has taken us to where we are today and what has changed along the way? The world has changed

a lot since a few years ago, but we humans are driven by the same basic needs as we were 150 years ago, food, sleep, sex, the feeling of being appreciated and loved. Will this change in the next 200 years? No.

### **What inventions have really made a difference in the last 200 years?**

If we take away all gadgets that people in some part of the world are using for entertainment, the inventions that have affected most people around the world for everyday living are the telephone, electricity, radio, television, computer, the car and the ability to communicate through the Internet. Then we, of course, have a lot of inventions that have made life easier, like new medicine, faster transports, etc.

In general, the inventions for the last 200 years have been a human strive for freedom and communication, to be able to get in control of time and the world. Since there is still much to do in this area, this will be the focus at least for the next 200 years.

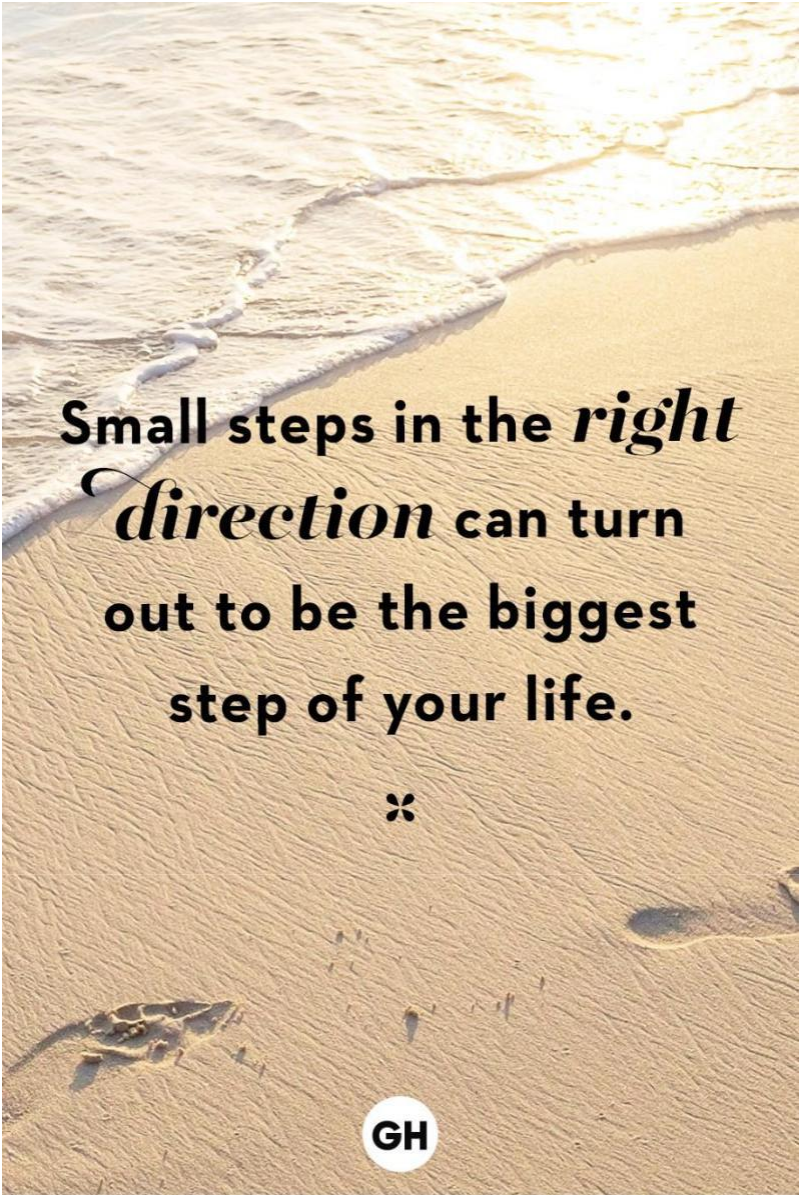
### **But why do we need to predict the future?**

Predicting the future is important for two reasons; First, we need to start to think about what kind of future we would like for ourselves and to pass on to the next generation, and then we need to know what decisions we need to make today that will give the best result in the future.

Dear future Son, Daughter, I believe that all of you can save the world and prevent the big disaster in the next future. Please save the world if you love me and love your family because the world is in your hands.

Love,

Rizal Faisal Ansori



**Small steps in the *right*  
*direction* can turn  
out to be the biggest  
step of your life.**

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CHAPTER FORTY ONE (HASNA NAFISA)

**Support Women Empowerment**



*“The man should lead the woman in the family setting.  
But the woman of course also has a powerful role as  
the partner with equal importance”.*

Dear my future baby,

Hello I'm your future mother. I hope we always be protected by Allah SWT in a state of a fit and healthy even though we does not met yet. Aamiin. Btw you don't know me yet, but I believe, I've already known you well before you're born.

To make it short, I just want to make a reminder for you darling. A simple message for you. It is about “please make your life useful for many people in simplicity ways”. Don't waste your gift from God, always be thankful what you've already got from this life. At mama era, natural resources already thinning, such as water, fresh air, plant is started to going limited or in other words, it also be categorize as almost extinct product.

How about at your era, son? Therefore, my suggestion is please use all your ability to maximize your capability to absorb the knowledge. So you can become smart to processing limited resources.

At your age son, the number of population will be more and more. You have to compete with all of them to earn money. To compete, you must have more value than the average person. You must be very wise to manage. The natural resources are depleting. If you are also exploiting it, you will not be useful to live in this world. You do not want that to happen right?

Maybe I will be a strict mom to develop and educate you son. But believe me, it will make you stronger than you can ever imagine. I want to make an apology first for what will happen in the future. But believe me, I already know you before you're born into this life. So entrust all your obstacle to your family to face a problem of this world, especially to me, I am always there for you. I always will love you.

Best Regards,

Hasna Afra Nafisa

Your Future Mom

CHAPTER FORTY TWO (ZANETH DIANNAH)

**Forgive Us**



*“Forgive us, because of the carelessness of our wasteful use of water without thinking about your future water needs”.*

Dear My Unborn Baby,

For my unborn baby in the future, which may be enjoying sophisticated technology but may not be able to enjoy the beauty of nature, and facing a crisis of natural resources, especially the clean water resource crisis and the crisis of fresh air.

Forgive us, we have burned the forests to clear the land for industry without thinking about the quality of the air which led you to trouble in inhaling fresh air.

Forgive us, because of the carelessness of our wasteful use of water without thinking about your future water needs. We build a water park to benefit the few people who can afford to pay for the ticket by using plenty of clean water without



thinking about the impending water crisis. While the current crisis has occurred. It is already difficult to find clean water in some areas. We can read the news about draught, and devastated people in short of water. We can already imagine what will happen in your future, but sadly some people are still not aware. We just continue to enjoy doing some of our destructive acts. We currently still use the depleting natural resources. Some of us don't care about the problems that will come.

Please save us by saving the world, little one. Do not be greedy the way the previous generations exploit the people and the earth. Do not be blinded by thinking of the profit for yourself. Stop being a selfish man, we have to look out, look into the future. And start to save the Earth for future generations to come.

Regards your mom,

Zaneth Raodathul Djannah

CHAPTER FORTY THREE (NITYA ARFELLA)

**Never Underestimate Other People**



*“Don’t judge a book by its cover” and “Never judge other people, you will never know what they have been through”.*

Dear future child,

I have plenty to say for you when you are born or become a teenager, but let me tell you something earlier so you may know something about this cruel world before you were even created.

I am currently living in the year 2015 and the education system is very bad. Too many people don’t care about other people’s need for affordable education, they only care about themselves. How selfish. But it is better than the previous years. Now, some people have restored the faith in humanity. They created a free school for the unfortunate and the teachers are volunteers. Some people do care about others, while others,

still expecting others to shower them with a fortune when they are already fortunate people.

Another thing is about women's empowerment. Although indeed, a man is not the same as a woman, I think that it is how it should be, right? The man should lead the woman in the family setting. But the woman of course also has a powerful role as the partner with equal importance. Women these days can do things on their own – working, creating a business, teaching, you name it.

What I'm trying to say is that, whether you are a girl or a boy (although I really hope you're a girl), always be yourself, never underestimate other people, never think that you are above other people, and always respect others. I want you to always remember this quote: "Don't judge a book by its cover" and "Never judge other people, you will never know what they have been through". Also, I may have told you this, but this is really important for you to always remember. Never be sorry about your past. You know your past, you may struggle to move on from your past, but your future is going to be more wonderful than your past if you learn from what happened in the past.

Kid, there are a lot of things I'm going to tell you and teach you one day, at least for now, you know few things. Never forget to respect others. There will always be somebody who is going to judge you no matter what, whether you like it or not. You only have 2 hands, it's not going to be enough to close their

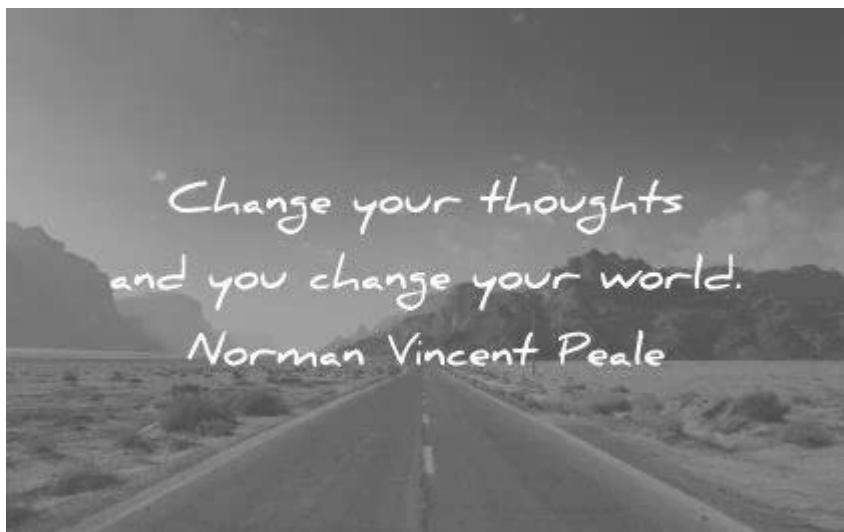
mouths. You can use your two hands to close your ears and keep going. Have faith in yourself. Have trust in others although some people are not worthy to be trusted, you'll learn.

It is okay to make a mistake. I have made a lot of mistakes until today, and today I am 20 years old. Have fun before you are created, once you are born, you must deal with these cruel things going on in this world. You'll get used to it.

Regards,

Your future mom.

Nitya Arfella



CHAPTER FORTY FOUR (DANIYA)

**Be Part of A Better World**



*“My child, I’m sorry for all the things that my generation did, we become selfish and greedy. In the end, I hope you could be part of a better world and help to make it happen”.*

Letter for My Beloved Unborn Baby

Dear child,

I am your mother. I don’t know what you would look like, but I hope you will be healthy and strong. When you were born you will be part of the 7.4 billion population in the world, but my little child, do you know what is happening to our world?

Climate change is becoming increasingly terrible every day. Earth becomes polluted because of the irresponsible act of humans, They exploit nature for the sake of profit. Unconsciously, people kill and sacrifice their own generation.

They are responsible for health disorders and harmful environments.

As if that was not enough, people are dying every day and we just act like we don't care. In fact, 25,000 people die every day because of hunger. It kills more people each year than AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis combined altogether. Moreover, the war between nations is still happening, and at least 108 million people were killed in wars in the twentieth century. Children are dying. Mothers are crying. Fathers are mourning. Hearts are breaking. Hospitals are running. Graveyards are filling. Bombs are raining. Buildings are falling. Peoples are ignoring. No one is hearing.

If this continues to happen, then there will be a time when humans are really going to fight for their life. The time when we desperately need the water, but we get only dust and sand. The time when we need the piece of land, but there's nothing left.

My child, I'm sorry for all the things that my generation did, we become selfish and greedy. In the end, I hope you could be part of a better world and help to make it happen.

You're mother

Daniya

## CHAPTER FORTY FIVE (EDWARD TEGUH)

### Be My Legacy



*“I want you to be my legacy to the earth that you’ll continue my fight and improve it because it will never end”*

*Assalamualaikum Wr. Wb.*

Dear child,

If you read this letter, then I’ve become a father. I wrote this letter when I was 20 years old, and I was at the end of my 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of BBA degree in IPMI, Indonesia. I planned to get married in my 30s, so maybe when you read this letter I’ll be already 35 or 40, it will be 15 to 20 years from now. So let me tell you a story about life, changes, and hope.

I was born on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1996. I moved to Jakarta when I was 2 years old with your grandmother. We live in BSD, somewhere in Tangerang, and when I was 4 years old, BSD was so quiet, peaceful, and has a lot of trees. I really love to ride my bike in the afternoon back then. I used to eat food that only cost



me Rp.2.000 up to Rp.10.000 (20 cents up to \$1). I lived a harmony of life but I was not aware of the changes. Sixteen years have passed and it has changed a lot. Those land full of trees has been transformed into buildings, malls, houses, parking lots, and others. If I ride my bike today, I will breathe pollutions. My meals today cost me Rp.25.000 to Rp.100.000 (\$2.5 to \$ 10), it is getting more expensive each day and maybe in your day, you will not use US dollar anymore because of the changing world's.

Today I live in a world that started to expose itself to me. Not all of the people are living in harmony like I what I experienced. Not all of the harmony of life will be sustainable and can be passed to the next generations. Everything changes from time to time, Earth's getting more unstable and if it is getting worse, you'll not feel the happiness I've felt. Special thanks to my lecturers, Mrs. Amelia Naim and Mrs. Rifa Zahirsjah who have facilitated the Global Outlook subject and exposed the world's conditions to us. What you should understand is, there were 12 global trends by Adrian Done in the world and if I don't do anything to anticipate it, you'll be the one who feels the impact, so I have to fight for you.

*I'm afraid that you will not feel the joy I've felt.*

From today, I have changed my habits to increase the probability of you also enjoying the world, and feel my happiness. I do more energy saving, be more aware of the world, and be more concerned about the environment. I want

you to also able to eat meatballs, sate, ketoprak, gado-gado, siomay, and everything that I've eaten before. I want you to be able to take a bath as much as you want. I want you to be able to feel how it feels to have a lot of friends who love you. I want you to also see the beautiful earth without pollution, traffic, and social imbalance. I want you to be healthy, much healthier than me. I want you to be my legacy to the earth that you'll continue my fight and improve it because it will never end.

What you should know about me is.

*I'm your father and I love you. I want you to be happy and also grateful to **Allah**.*

*Wassalamualaikum Wr. Wb.*

With love and gratitude,

Edward Teguh Adiprabowo

Although we cannot  
intentionally change  
many aspects of  
ourselves or our world,

**we can**

exert some power  
over the courses  
of our own lives.

James O. Prochaska

CHAPTER FORTY SIX (HANDITO DANISWARA)

**Use Water Wisely**



*“ Please use water wisely. I'm sorry for my generation who is wasting so much of the freshwater. We never realize that the number of freshwaters will be decreasing”.*

Dear unborn baby, my time is up. Almost all of my generation is gone and this is the time for your generation to take over the world. I'm sorry for everything that I have done for this world, I'm sorry if you cannot breathe the same fresh air that I breathe, cannot see many animal species that I can see, or enjoying the beautiful view of nature that I usually do. I and my generation are too selfish and never think about the impact in the future, we never think about what will happen to our next generation. What we are sad about is when our time is gone and your generation who doesn't know anything will receive the impact. I don't know what should I do right now, what I know best is to giving you this letter so please read it carefully.

Please never try to use more plastic, or never use plastic again. In my time, plastic already make a big disaster like causing the flood etc. I never know what will happen if you try to use it, what I know is something even worse than before will happen. Make sure you use something that can be recycled easily or you can reuse it. Plastic is really hard to be recycled, it takes years while we produce it every day. So please, don't use it anymore.

Please never do any activity that causes the earth's temperature to become hotter. My generation already does that and that is why global warming exists. I'm sorry for this but please don't make it worse. I know in your era, the temperature is already hotter than I usually feel but please don't use any air conditioner too much. If you travel around a near distance, please just take a walk or use public transportation. Walking is fun and for me is very healthy, you can wander around that you cannot do if you use transportation. Please keep in mind, don't do anything that causes pollution and increasing the level of freon because that will make the layer of ozone thinner. I don't want your generation to have skin cancer, so please do it properly. The sea level can also increase because the ice in the north and south pole are decreasing, this happens because of the global warming. I don't want to see that many islands in your generation are gone, you don't want that to happen right? So please keep it in your mind.

Please use water wisely. I'm sorry for my generation who is wasting so much of the freshwater. We never realize that the number of freshwaters will be decreasing. I believe in your era technology is better than mine, please use technology that can take freshwater, not from the underground. Because my generation already does that and that is causing the problem because the salt in the ocean easily get through to the underground and we cannot consume the water anymore.

In my generation, we already heard that several countries can make fresh water from the ocean, if this technology already exists in your place, please use it.

That is all that I can think about how to stop global warming, I know it sounds impossible but please some of you must know this is important. And my last wish, please do the good activity that creates more oxygen in your generation. Do plant many green plants and please don't focus on creating too many constructions. Please make space for plants to grow. Don't mess with the jungle, jungle supplies the oxygen in the world. That is all from me, thank you.

Handito Pramukya Daniswara

"There are only *two days* in the year that nothing can be done. One is called *yesterday* and the other is called *tomorrow*, so *today* is the right day to love, believe, do and mostly live."

- *Dalai Lama*

## CHAPTER FORTY SEVEN (MARKOV CORNELIUS)

### **Be the Angel of Change!**



*“I want you to be one of the angels of this world and spread this mindset so your friends will also be the angels of this world and the world will have more angels”.*

First of all, I want to introduce myself.

My name is Markov Cornelius Kelvin, and people usually call me Markov. My passionate hobbies are phone photography and videography, marketing, and also playing musical instruments. I am currently having a business with some of my friends; I sell musical instrument cases, clothes, and also perfumes. I am also the Founder of Republik Saxophone, which is currently a social media community on Facebook and also Instagram. And last but not least to mention, I am currently a student at IPMI International Business School. But how does my profile actually relate to this message?

Before that, I want to tell you an honest opinion of myself.



Actually, I am a not-that-smart person, especially if I am compared to my parents. I have really smart parents. They are really genius not only for the intellectual but also emotional. They are also very diligent compared to most people. But, do that thing makes me not confident? The answer is a no.

I do not have to introduce who my parents are but I can just describe that they are really awesome. They are also famous compared to me. I can just say that they are still way more awesome than myself. But, do that thing make me really insecure? No. That thing just makes me feel motivated especially to be different to change the world. And also, the profile that I already mentioned was aimed that I am pretty well educated and I wanted to apply my good experience in real life to change the world to be better.

How do I change the world? I want you to be one of the angels of this world. Change this world and make this world to be better.

The title of this little book is “A Letter For My Unborn Baby”, and the purpose is just to tell you that we should change the world to be much better. By purposing that we should change the world to be much better, I am also actually educating you to be a better person who can also be one of the angels of the world even though you are just a single person. And also, I do not only want only you to change this world. I also want you to influence more and more people to have the mindset to change the world to be better.

Let me tell you the situation in my country, Indonesia.

At first, I was really surprised by my country. I thought that my country is not as bad as I thought. I want to tell you something. I am actually living in an era that technology is actually already well developed. I keep researching Social Media about my country, Indonesia. Is my country considered a well -developed country? And do you want to know the answer? Well, it is both yes and no. In terms of the number of smart people in this country, foods, the wealth of nature, and many more there are a lot.

But what makes me really surprised in this country? There is one thing in my opinion, the environment.

Well, I want to tell you a true story about some of my friends who do not actually care about the environment. I do not really have to mention the name. I want to also tell you that they are really smart and genius in my class in terms of school subjects. But I do not really think they apply their cleverness to a real -life situation. Why? The reason is that they just throw away a lot of trash just in random places. They do not really care about cleanliness. And, they made fun of me just because I am saying that I want to take care of this Earth. Okay, it is their choice. But, my message to you about the environment is, do not act like them.

Do you know why we should not be like people who are careless about the environment? I am telling you some reasons.

The first one is, the world will be dirtier. In fact, I am really sure that every people likes cleanliness even though not all of them are diligent enough to make it clean. Pleasant smells, view, scenery, and many pleasant things will always make us feel really good.

The second one is human injury. I mean, yeah I know that injury does not mean death. But, I am really sure that injury does not feel pleasant. Do you guys know that study research in Philadelphia revealed that fifteen percent of children under eighteen treated in a hospital emergency room for lacerations, they were injured by broken glass, stepping nails, and cutting themselves on a sharp and rusty metal just because we do not care about the environment?

And the last one is the disease. Certain types of solid waste like broken bottles, cups, and plastic bags do a good job attracting mosquitoes. They give mosquitoes the perfect breeding ground and can make the mosquito populations grow bigger. They are responsible for the case of malaria. Please think again.

Well, I also want to tell you one more thing about what I have already learned in one of the courses on my campus, which is Global Outlook. The lecturers really inspired me so much especially about Education and also Health. Those topics really stucked in my head.

In fact, countries that are really well developed, just take the example of Japan. Japan is one of the countries that really care about education and also health. And it is proven that Japan is really good at taking care of their environment, the people's lifestyle, and also the technology.

I want to inform you that having the mindset of caring about developing education and health in this country is actually really important. Here are several reasons. The first one is if you care about education, you also indirectly care about health. Education is broad; we will never stop learning things. The second one is, if we do not have a healthy lifestyle, our life expectancy will not be high. And people with higher life expectancy are mostly people who are really productive in their life.

I am really telling you so that you will be a person who really cares about education and also health. It is because if you really care about education and health, you are indirectly caring about this world and also be the angel of this world.

I am telling you that this world actually needs more angel of change. It is actually not easy to make this world better. We need to spread this kind of mindset to make people different in a positive way. It is because if we are different in a positive way, we will also save the world.

Just to conclude what I am delivering, I want you to be one of the angels of this world and spread this mindset so your

friends will also be the angels of this world and the world will have more angels.

The world needs us.

**Your dad,**

**Markov Cornelius Kelvin**

CHAPTER FORTY EIGHT (NABIL)

**Concern for The Environment**



*"I want you to not only care about your family or your life with your friends when you have grown up later but also have a concern for the world's environment"*

Dear future children,

I am looking forward to having someone who will call me a father. Be it a boy or a girl. I promise, together we build our world, creating moments that we never forget and make something new. Also, do not forget my wife who will be the most important woman in your life that will keep you with me. I promise she would accompany you and me forever. For my son, I do not require you or ask you to be like me but, please make me proud as you came into this world, responsible as a man and take care of this family. And for my daughter, you will be the most beautiful woman I have after your mother. I promised your mother will teach you, as a good daughter in this family and be the best woman in the world like her.

I want you to grow to know all about me. I'm very much looking forward to hear the music with you because music is the most important thing to me or doing small things together, like a family vacation, watching a movie together and celebrate a great day together. Love everything and everyone as hard as you can. Be poetic, be romantic, be creative.

I could imagine, in our days together as a family. when you were little and we took strict care of you as parents do. As a father, I am sometimes very sad that my time with you would be severely limited because I had to work for a living to support this family. But this will not be my problem because this is my responsibility as a father, and I hope we will always be a strong family and take care of each other.

I want to give you some education that can you can rely on in the future. I want you to not only care about your family or your life with your friends when you have grown up later but also have a concern for the world's environment. I want to teach you and our family activities daily on saving energy, maybe I want to teach you since you were a child. I want to open your view globally so that the knowledge that you have can be broad enough. I want to teach you that there are many underprivileged people, so we as a strong family should be grateful and help support to make the world better.

Love,

Your Future Daddy Nabil S Usodo

CHAPTER FORTY NINE (NOVYERA KUSUMA)

**Making Profit and Giving Benefit to  
Others**

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*“ at my campus I've learned about making a profit and at the same time giving benefit for others including the environment, I want you to implement that because you are my angel and you can also be other's angel too”.*

Dear my beloved future child,

Hello my dear, I hope you are well when you're reading this letter. I wrote this for showing my love for you even when I haven't seen you. Right now, I'm still an undergraduate student going through semester 3, maybe today I have met or haven't met your father, well I'm turning 20 years old, still focusing on my study to become a successful woman that will make you proud of me.



Honey, honestly I'm struggling now with some conditions, not to worry it's not a health condition, I want to be fit and try to be one because I have to become better to be your role model in the future. I'm struggling with my own mind, I made my own imperfection to drag me and let me down. I've tried everything to make myself happy because if I always am down with my imperfection the people that loved me will get the effect and that's not good, so I change by trying to smile it out and do something to make it better. Why do I share this with you? Well because every child will have their own insecurities of imperfection, I don't want you to get it too much and ruin your life. I know you my child, will be the greatest man or woman that can love and control yourself, and when you are down remember, I and your father will be there to love the perfect child that has come into our life.

I have life goals, I want to be more than your grandpa as a CEO. I want to be a CEO in a multinational company and (make it) sustainable, why I want it like that? Well, every time I've achieved something I don't get satisfied easily and I want to reach more and more. Why grandpa? Well I see him as a successful man in my life he tries everything to make my life and your aunt better than him, for your grandma, she's the coolest and patient mom, she's really an angel and I hope I can be one for you. And last, why sustainable? Because at my campus I've learned about making a profit but also beneficial for others including the environment, I want you to be like that because you are my angel and you can also be other's angel too.

On top of this, I want to make you proud, I want you to set your goals higher than me and your father. So, please learn and learn, don't forget about your studies, take every opportunity that can make you better than before. My other goals of course to be a good mother, a good wife, a good role model, and a good friend for you to lean on.

Darling, sorry for this short letter that I've typed, not a long one like the others or touching like others, but that doesn't mean I don't have much to say to you, well I have so much that I can't write to you and it's hard to touch someone in words and sorry for the bad grammar because I know you are smarter than me, your mom still learning English so when you'll see me, I'll be an expert 😊. Since elementary, I love babies and kids and know I even babysit my cousins. Honey, I cannot wait to see my beautiful angel smiling and growing up to be better than me and your father. I can teach you everything that I've known and also learning new things from you, well I just cannot wait to hold you when you're a baby, saying I love you each day, makes me cries happy tears, kissing your forehead before you go to bed and school, laugh and cry together, making surprises for your father hard work, hugging you when you're sad and being a proud mom to see their child become successful and become a happy family.

I wish that I can be the best for you and your father, I know I can and I'll try. Please darling guide me if I'm wrong because I'll do the same thing to protect you, my angel.

I love you my angel with all my heart.

Your loving mother,

Novyera Annisa Kusuma

CHAPTER FIFTY (FABY RIZKY)

**Save Energy, Save Human Extinction**



*“So from now on, let's save energy, prevent our human extinction, save the world. It is time to fast forward”.*

My Unborn Baby,

Nowadays, there are a lot of issues which change this world. It is happening in a global term. The trend is not just of modernizations and global warming but also consist of other global trends, such as Repercussions of “*The Crisis*”, Demographical Changes, Technological Disruption, Geopolitical Powershifts, Climate Change, Lack of Food and Water, Education Problems, Energy, Health, Ecosystems and Biodiversity, Natural Disasters, and War, Terrorism, also Social Unrest. By the way, I am not making up these categories all by myself, but this is based on the facts which are written in the book “Global Trend” by Adrian Done.

From these issues, I got a warning that I as one of the earth creatures have to do something appropriately. However,

I do really know what would happen next if I fail to do something. For example like, if I excessively use home appliance energy, I probably spend more money only for electricity payment, but not only that, I also leave a higher carbon footprint because electricity produces carbon dioxide polluting the air, this will aggravate the global warming problem.

Meanwhile, some people do realize the issues and the negative impact on the earth. But they don't seem to care nor be inspired to do something to prevent the threat of a global crisis. Instead, they remain silent and do nothing at all. On the other side, some people have their own self-awareness to prevent global issues.

The UN has established a development program for sustainability named "*Sustainable Development Goals*". But it would not work so well if everybody including me is not involved to participate for sure. At least, I can control myself to keep supporting its program. Because several countries have adopted a set of goals to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all as part of a [new sustainable development agenda](#). Then, each goal has specific targets to be achieved over the next 15 years. For the goals to be reached, everyone needs to do their part: governments, the private sectors, civil society, and other common people like you and me.

Thus, I would like to express my feelings to the next generations, especially to you my unborn baby. Please forgive me for being an individualized person. Because if I do not put myself on a high self-awareness from now, I can tell that the impacts will be happening soon in which the earth will be worse than before. Because populations will increase, then there will be an increasing need for resources for human life, and it will negatively impact the natural resources which are already depleting. So from now on, let's save energy, prevent our human extinction, save the world. It is time to fast forward.

Warmly

M Faby Rizky Karnadi



Only I can  
change my  
Life

No one  
can do it  
for me

Carol Burnett

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CHAPTER FIFTY ONE (AULYA AFRILIAN TO)

**Don't Let Money Ruins You**



*“ Face your world as I face my world for you and your future, don't let money ruin you. Let us create a sustainable world with a simple act that will mean everything”.*

To my unborn baby,

Hello kid, this is your beloved father. I'm still in college when I wrote this letter to you. Just so you know right now I'm wondering how you would be when you were born, I bet it must be wonderful. I'm living in a world full of ambiguity right now, where right things can be wrong and wrong things can be right. Well, it is how the democratic system works, when the majority votes for the wrong thing, it can lead us to a dead-end sometimes. But what can I do? One voice doesn't mean anything against thousand of people's voices, right? So I'm just going to be a dead fish who will follow where the river goes. But things change when I went to IPMI. It feels like I got a punch in the face



when I heard everything about the world in the Global Outlook course.

The global outlook course had open my eyes to the world's biggest problem and what will happen in the future, which also means what will happen to you, kid! The world has now become worsen by the act of irresponsible people. Businessmen, politicians, and all of them are basically the same, they only aim for money, not for the welfare of society. They are not even there when the world is surrounded by global warming, poverty, and crisis. They just do everything with and for the money because money is everything to them.

This is why I don't want to be a dead fish anymore because the longer I act as if I am a dead fish, the more I am showing that I don't care about you, my future kid. I realize that actually, one voice can start a ripple effect to changes. I want to change everything, I want to act and influence people's minds that it is not always about money that we are aiming for, it is about the people and the more important society.

Let the irresponsible people play with their dirty hands because what goes around comes around and may God punished them to suffer. While on the other hand, let's just do what we should do. Let's act and create a sustainable world for the future, and especially for you kid. I believe a simple act can mean a big thing for your future because I do care about you.

Believe me that everything I've done now is basically representing my love for you kid, because nothing else would matter more compared to your future. I hope that everything that I've told you in this letter can mean everything to you because I do care about you kid. And always remember that money is not always everything, it is just giving temporary happiness that will last a moment while the love for the world means sustained happiness that will last forever.

Face your world as I face my world for you and your future, don't let money ruin you. Let us create a sustainable world with a simple act that will mean everything. And my love for you will lead us to love for the world, which I believe we should support to keep it sustainable forever.

Best regards from your future father

Aulya Afrilianto



## **EPILOG (AMELIA NAIM INDRAJAYA)**

IPMI International Business School 's young minds went through a reflective learning process. The challenge is for them to write in a Free-Style way on a unique theme called "Letter to My Unborn Child". And the result is beyond expectations. From reckless teenagers, they suddenly became very wise and wrote beautiful stories about love, hope, and concern about the future. There is so much wisdom written in the letters, that we should all learn from them. They suddenly became a poet, a talented storyteller, a seasoned speaker, and a master of love stories. And we are talking about a very special kind of love, this is an unconditional love that leads toward a commitment to humanity. This is even more surprising once we realize that these were all written in English, not a language of their mother's tongue. And there is another fact, as you all know in Indonesia we were not taught to express our feelings in writings. So for some of them, these were their first experience of pouring down their heart in the form of written words.

And on top of all the above, the writings were all very mature and beautiful and full of wisdom. We can imagine if all youngsters in Indonesia have this kind of wisdom, we are not worried about the future of Indonesia any longer. We just need to hope that for their whole life they will stick to these principles they believed when they were studying in college.

Education sometimes is narrowly translated into sharing knowledge and is focused only on the know-how. The gist of education is preparing a human to be able to do things, but as we know we are not human doing, but we are all human beings, and it is far more important for them to go through a transformation. While in college they need to be transformed into a person of wisdom. College years are the perfect time to holistically transform a student, not just by enriching their left brain with knowledge but also touching their heart with the hard facts of the current situation and how they could be a change-maker for a better future.

We do not want to create a money-making robot with the only purpose of wealth creation at the cost of the depleting natural resources and exploitation of the people. As the Guru of management “Henry Mintzberg” said in the annual conference of the Academy of Management in Philadelphia (2014), the school of business around the world have created businessmen that are capable to cunningly orchestrate a successful business short term but somehow failed to see the big picture of being part of this finite and limited Earth and play a part in the depleting natural resources. He had published his work on Harvard 19, which follows in longitudinal research of 15 years, the life of 19 best graduates of Harvard throughout their 15 years of careers. Surprisingly, in the long run, most of them are not doing well, even committed suicide, and ended up in jail. There is obviously more than just shrewd business prescriptions that one need to learn in a college of business, but

also the most important part is understanding their responsibility as a Global Citizen to develop a business as an agent for world benefit (BAWB).

More and more research is conducted and supports the importance of BAWB also is called the “Flourishing Business”. This is a business that solves a social/environmental problem sustainably and profitably. A most outstanding example is Tesla. We agree that pollution is a big problem in the world. Instead of reducing the carbon dioxide by creating a Hybrid Vehicle, Elon Musk decided to altogether create a Zero Emission Vehicle. This certainly is a solution to the environmental problem of pollution. Stakeholders are excited and we can see how the business is flourishing.

Let us see another example. Unilever is seeing the less fortunate farmers of Central Java and decided to embrace them to be part of their supply chain. By collaboration with Gajah Mada University (UGM), the new invention from UGM in the form of Malikha seed (this is black soy unlike the usual yellow soy) is being introduced to the farmers. By transforming the farmers into knowledgeable suppliers of soy from the special Malikha seed, Unilever (in this case the Kecap Bango product) not only has secured its global supply chain for soy sauce but at the same time they also created a legendary word of mouth business' case study. They have changed the life of the once illiterate farmers, into professional farmers, able to send their kids to college and guaranteed their lifelong supply of high-

quality soy and of course increase their market share through the free advertisement of people talking about their successful endeavor.

The business model of this flourishing business supports one or more of the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations (See: figure 1, prolog). Gone are all the previous mindsets that doing social responsibility is only by spending money. Now through their letters we can see that they have transformed their way of thinking. They can see that if radically the way business works is changed with the embedded social and environmental issues, the business will flourish. In IPMI, students are encouraged to identify a social and or environmental problem and develop a business model to solve the problem. This will lead toward a flourishing, sustainable, and profitable business supported by the stakeholders. More and more people realize the importance of doing business wholeheartedly for humanity and to support the long-term vision. And the beautiful part of it, more and more research is showing that the company who shares high purposes, in the long run, will earn 400 to 500 more revenue than its' competitor who only goes for the short term orientation.

In this challenge of writings, students have shown an understanding of how current businesses need to have awareness of preserving nature for sustainability in the long run. They are also noting that human has been exploiting their

own race and creating social unrests. They also acknowledge that they are not proud of what their previous generations including what the people in their generation have done in exploiting the planet and the people. Yet, they still have high hopes that they can be change-makers and create change-makers of the future.

In a separate qualitative paper, these fifty-one genuine writings of the IPMI young minds are classified into several big themes as mentioned in the prolog. Other than the social aspects, environmental aspects, spiritual aspects, and educational aspects, one big thread shown in their writing is their genuine concern for future generations and the urge to act for a better future. If they can spread this awareness to their circles, they can create ripple effects, and together these ripple effects can make a big impact. And this is the original idea of education to open-up paradigms and to be able to flourish not only to flourish yourself, your company and your family but also to your community and the environment and finally together positively impacting the Earth and the interconnected universe. May God bless us all.





## **A Letter to My Unborn Child**

The young minds of IPMI International Business School students went through a reflective learning process in the class. In IPMI it is a requirement that they have to go through the experiential learning process to gain insights, and go through a discovery learning experience. The challenge is for them to write in a Free-Style way on a unique theme called “A Letter to My Unborn Child”. And the result is beyond expectations.

From happy go lucky teenagers, they suddenly became very wise and wrote beautiful stories about love, hope, and concern about the future. There is so much wisdom written in the letters, that we should all learn from them. They suddenly became a poet, a talented storyteller, and a master of love stories. And it is a very special kind of love, this is an unconditional love that leads toward a commitment to humanity, for a better future for all of us to live.



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