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BOOK REVIEW:

The Future After Covid: Futurist Expectations For Changes, Challenges, And Opportunities After The Covid-19 Pandemic

(Masa Depan Dunia Setelah Covid-19: Perubahan, Tantangan, Dan Peluang Di Berbagai Sektor Kehidupan Pasca Pandemi)

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Nowadays, the world has a pandemic called covid-19 that stalled the world progress in most countries. This book writes about changes in every aspect while this covid-19 is happening and some advice from the writers. Aspects covered are Education, economy and business, healthcare, any activity, and country regulation.

The book is for every person that wants to see other's views inside this pandemic. The writer gave enough data to show his points so that it is not some random advice being thrown. His advice is based on his previous experiences and observation of the world. This book is also perfect for people that are still trying to find or carve their path in order to make strategy while living on this pandemic also for the future.

It contains much information about the effect of Covid-19 on education activity while telecommuting or long-range work, economic structure, jobs that are needed for the future, changes in-laws and other regulations, international relations' future, political future. Economic and social chart data support the information. Discussion inside this book might reflect the millennial era to foresee future problems and chances.

Reviewing this book is essential because, with the happening of Covid-19, our point of view must be opened to face this uncertainty. Without the knowledge to handle this uncertainty of an era will lead to the fright of the world that makes life progress become stopped, especially with this pandemic. In this case, things will get worse. That is why the book needs to be reviewed to find some excellent and exciting ideas on thinking progressive.

It will fulfill the readers' needs if they need a basis or a perspective from others on how to move forward in the Covid-19 era and afterward. Although the statement from this author is still in the form of speculation, it is brought with data from the reality that is happening so that the statement can become advice or thoughts for a reader who wants to have futuristic thoughts.

What is new in this book is that there are three trends in the thought of Education. The first is to disintermediate the cost of Education by bringing in the Education union system. The second is the ability to democratize access to online media so that it can educate people massively. Lastly is to improve the learning experience. With these three education trends, Education will inevitably pass through the various challenges from various aspects. Then, previously large institutions only accepted a few students because space and resources limited could become massive due to the online method currently being seen as an opportunity.

After reading it, readers are expected to have futurist ideas. Especially in taking risks, opportunities presented with past data can be applied in their lives to pass through an uncertain future strategically. Using positive thinking according to individual subjective experiences, this book will be very influential if appropriately examined. Now people are haunted by various fears because this pandemic has caused a lot of negative impacts. For example, for their students to become challenging to learn because they are more accustomed to face-to-face curricula and cannot adapt to online curricula, many workers whose wages are reduced and who are fired, but that is life. There will be a cycle above and below. That is why it is required to have futurist ideas that can be poured into a life strategy to cope if there is trouble that will hit and use the issue as an opportunity.

The influence given after reading the book is to provide basic ideas on how to make strategies to adapt to times of the uncertain era. With the progress that can go up and down suddenly, the thought of taking a step forward is reflected in life, especially with the technology that still allows for drastically advanced effectiveness in helping human life reduce various risks and maximize benefits.

The evidence that appears in the book is statistical data on the rate of progress or decline of the things discussed. With the example of remote work, workers or students do not need to think about travel costs, travel time, and the risks of traveling. School providers or employers do not need to spend money. Buildings, equipment, products, parking, and meetings can be done flexibly and online so that it can be seen from the level of schooling, the percentage comparison of each level of Education that carries out face-to-face learning and virtual looks more virtual,

For example, “telecommuter” and “non-telecommuter” education levels in high school education diploma, college or associate degree, bachelor's, and baccalaureate degrees. The evidence presented is quite convincing because with the present reality, when the Covid-19 pandemic hits, many students are easily adaptable so that schools continue to run like the previous pandemic occurred *online* and various jobs.

Figure 5-2 at Education and “telecommuter level” on page 44. The data is presented with the statement “remote work is likely to reduce fuel demand.” Moreover, the fact is that currently, there is a very drastic decline in demand for fuel oil due to Covid-19. This decline happened because no one was using it as fuel for their private transportation and many others.

The author’s writing style is quite formal and very easy to read because it does not use explanations that are difficult to understand. The author's personal experience as examples of explanations is then assisted by statistical data and graphics. The author also delivers this book in a worried and optimistic style towards the future with things that are hindering and new to the fore due to this pandemic. The organization and size are suitable for the book's pages that are not too thick so that it is easy to carry and does not take a long time to complete.

The writing is also in the form of advice from an ongoing public problem with the author's own experience and is used as an example. The author has ignored no studies, facts, or ideas. The information in this book is indeed entirely subjective in how it is merely an author's speculation. The thing that must be considered is how the environment of the reader is. Because this is just a piece of advice, the reader must be able to take his thoughts by things that can be applied in his life with new things due to this pandemic.

The strengths or advantages are the easy-to-understand way of discussing an idea, understanding, and methods or tips in the aspects challenged by Covid-19 that readers need to know so they can think ahead, especially the current millennial generation. This book is not too detailed, so it is easy to understand what the writer is talking about or writing.

While the weakness of this book is in terms of the explanation that it is less attractive with a focused and formal tone continuously. There are no examples of the results of the statements put forward, so it is difficult to believe in this opinion because it is not proof, only an estimate or a conjecture. The writing scope is also too general, making it difficult if the reader wants something specific.

Lastly, it is essential to read because it increases one's awareness to be more sensitive to things in the future. This book also has a weakness, namely discussing various things, not discussing one thing in its entirety but only discusses essential issues. If the reader wants to focus on one aspect, they will be less interested.

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