

Purpose

Part One: Human longing and
the Hebrew Bible

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Sapiens

A Brief

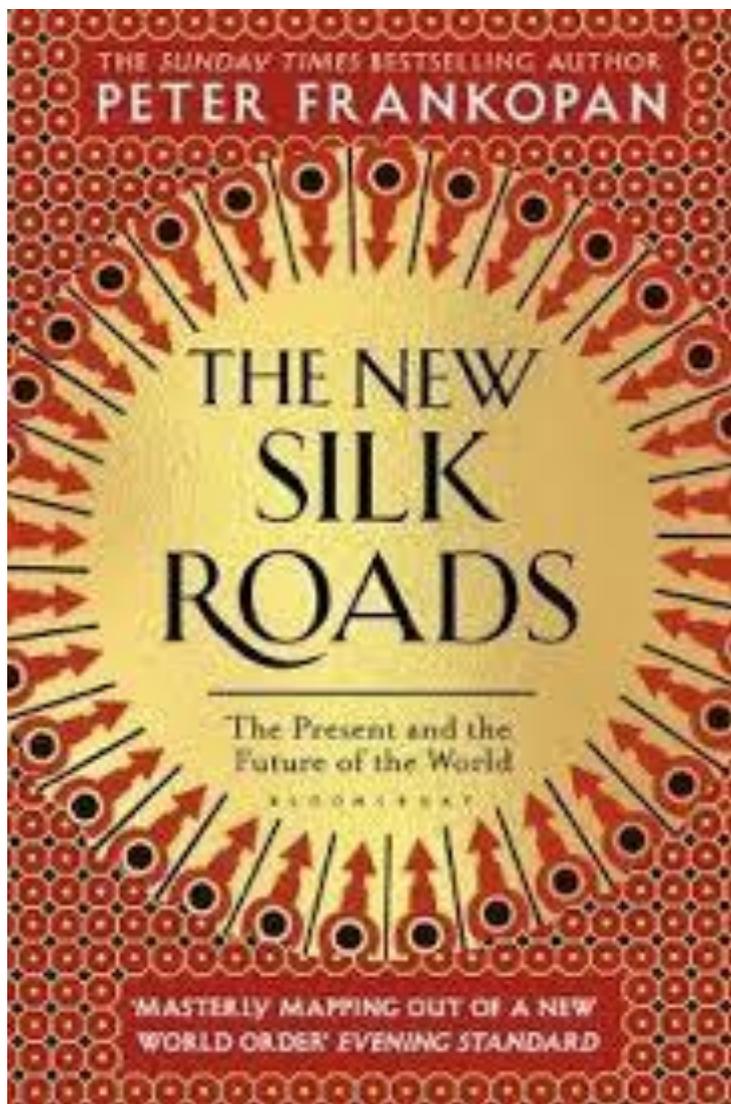
History of
Humankind

*"I would recommend Sapiens to anyone who's interested
in the history and future of our species"*

BILL GATES

SPRINGER

“As far as we can tell from a purely scientific viewpoint, human life has absolutely no meaning. Humans are the outcome of blind evolutionary processes that operate without goal or purpose. Our actions are not part of some divine cosmic plan, and if planet earth were to blow up tomorrow morning, the universe would probably keep going about its business as usual. As far as we can tell at this point, human subjectivity would not be missed. Hence any meaning that people inscribe to their lives is just a delusion.”



What's wrong with the world?

What can we do?

China has a solution: A community of shared future for mankind'.

Beijing, May 2017

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an indispensable guide to thinking clearly about the world" Bill Gates

FACTFULNESS

TEN REASONS
WE'RE WRONG ABOUT
THE WORLD — AND WHY
THINGS ARE BETTER
THAN YOU THINK

Hans Rosling with Ola Rosling and
Anna Rosling Rönnlund

Year	Global population	% in extreme poverty
8000BC	5 million	
1200AD	0.5 billion	
1800AD	1-1.5 billion	85%
1960	3-4 billion	50%
2017	7.6 billion	9%
2040	9 billion	5%
2100	11 billion	

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29.11

Purpose in the Hebrew Bible

Humans are created in the image of God to partner with God in establishing human flourishing on the dry land

PROBLEM

Humans in the Hebrew Bible invariably fail to partner with God: they seek to build new Edens on their own terms, in their own wisdom

PROMISE

An anointed human will come who will partner with God fully and therefore succeed in establishing human flourishing

Connecting with God's purpose

Promise

Prolific Fulfilment

Process
(Painful)

Peace
Powerlessness

