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## Looking Back at What's Ahead:

If you have been aware of my writing over the past five years since my retirement, you will know that I



wrote two books for the intended purpose of allowing people to understand themselves and the world they live in, with a view of realizing a better individual and collective reality. One may think that I got it out of my system and can move on with enjoying my retirement. I am, but not in the way you may expect.

Over-thinking may have been a detriment to achieving my life's success story. I have been conditioned to do far too much of it. What will follow, in brief bite-sized morsels, will be a continued attempt to describe what I feel about humanity and our collective potential. You may want to consider this as a do-over, and perhaps it is, but more likely it merely recognizes the reality that it serves us well to take opportunities to re-adjust our view of life and how we act and react to it.

**Sunrise over our Villa  
in the foreground at  
the Avani Sepang Gold  
Coast Resort, Malaysia**

Forty-five years ago, in 1974, Carol and I rode a wave of youth and adventure around the Pacific Ocean. Toward the end of our sixteen months of travel, we discovered Southeast Asia. Our first taste was Bali, and we were smitten. It felt and looked amazing and the word 'paradise' was used for a lack of something more appropriate.

Today, after half of a lifetime has passed, we are back, older to be sure, and hoping to see if we are in any way wiser. While Carol sits beside me, on the patio of our 5-star villa, cantilevered over the fringes of the Straits of Melacca, in the dark at 5:30 in the morning, jetlagged, listening to the adhan, the call to prayer from the nearby mosque, I am wide awake. Carol, of course, is busy connecting with friends and family who are seventeen time-zones away because that is what truly humane people do. I, meanwhile, am searching the darkness for my own brand of humanity, one which I attempted to connect with through my thoughts and intellect while writing my books. In this do-over, I will search my heart and my feelings in an attempt to discover and reveal a complimentary view of whatever message it is that I have become driven to deliver.

My goal is to rediscover myself, my purpose and Southeast Asia in a series of daily snapshots. This series may come across as no more than another of my formerly popular travelogues, and that is fine. In either case, I would be honoured if you choose to follow along.



**A beautiful and delicate white flower amongst the lush vegetation.**

**Malaysia is a societal and gastronomic 'melting pot'. At 35 degrees C and 95% humidity, how could it be anything else?**