

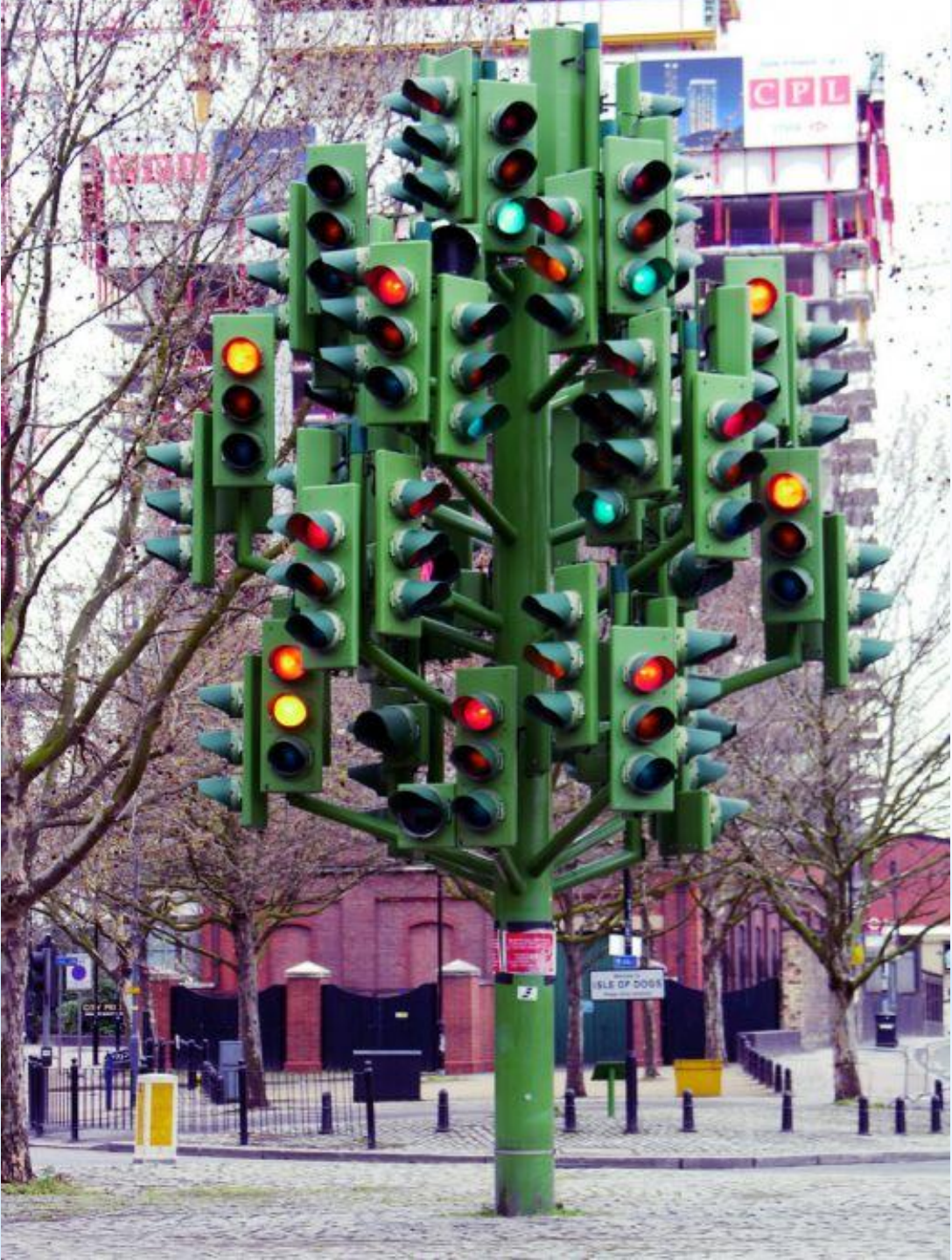
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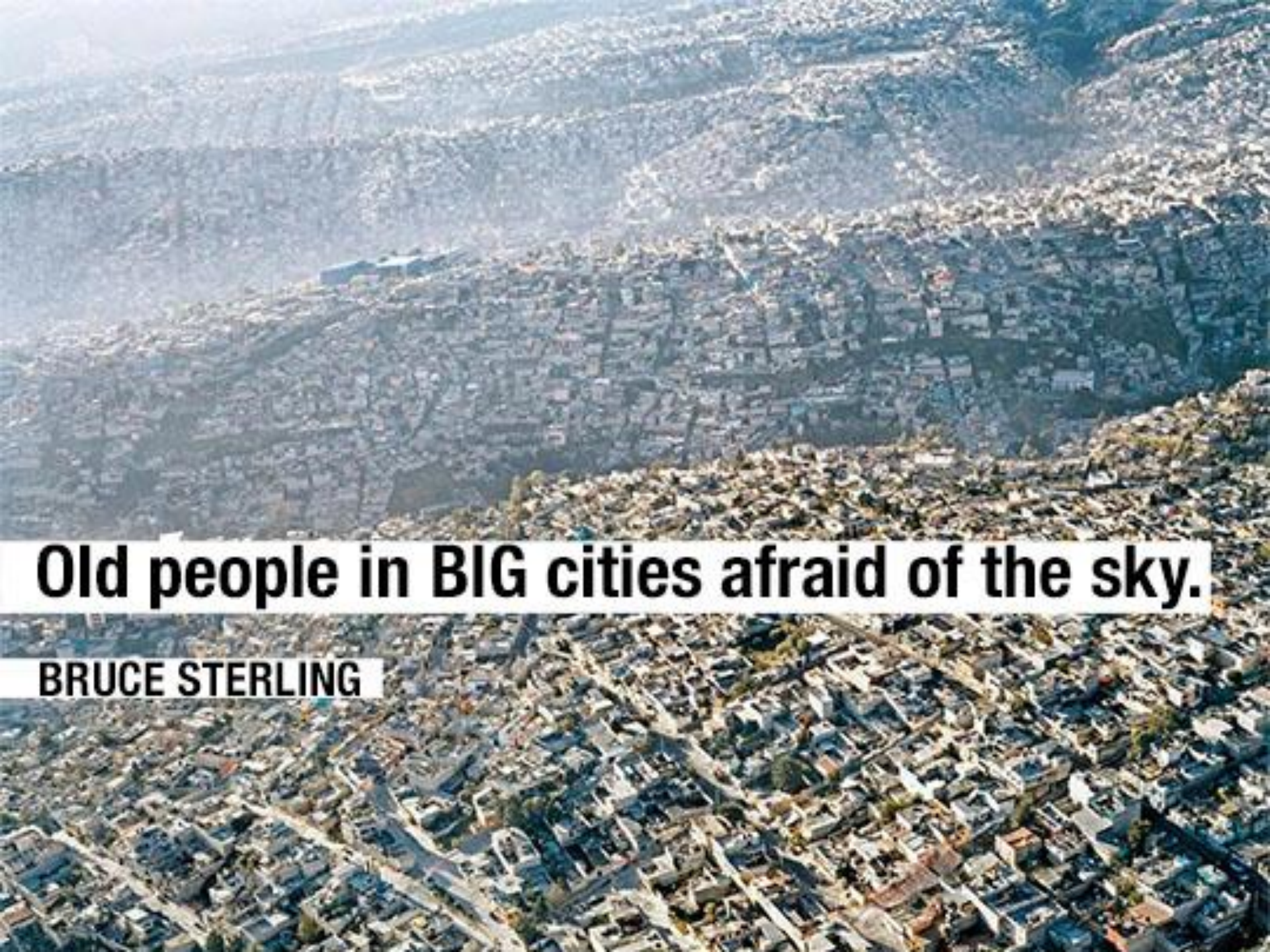
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Strategic Foresight Investments

# Choose Your Future



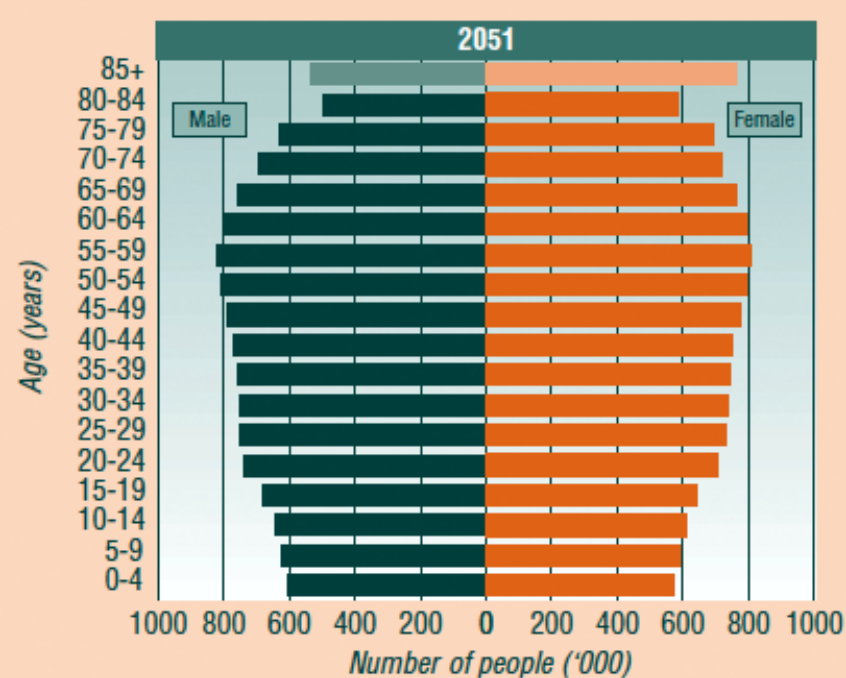
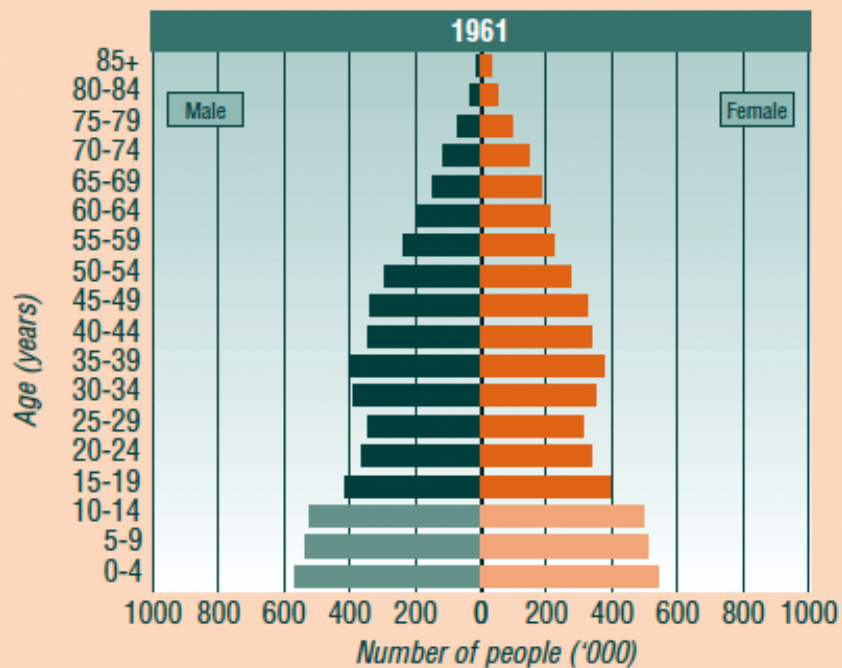
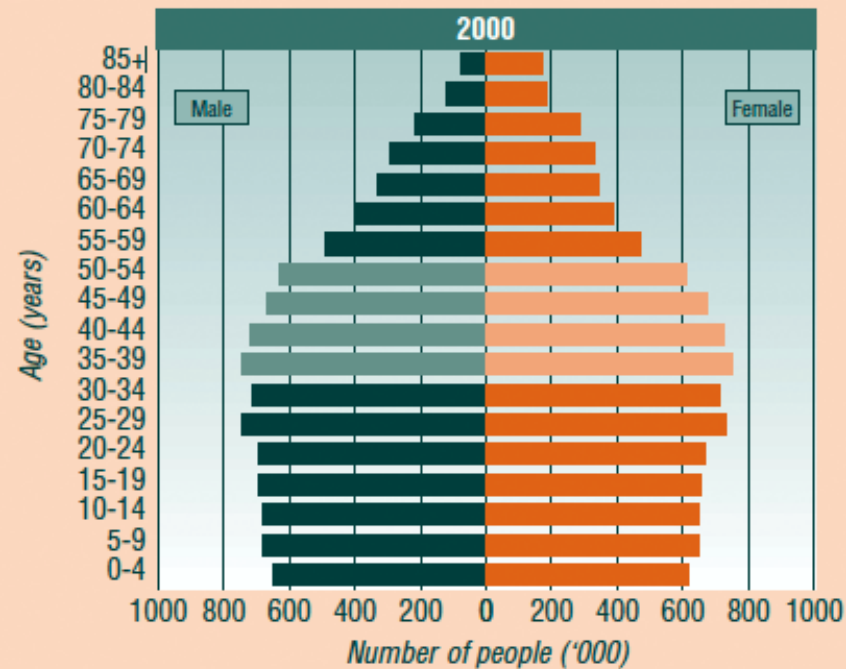
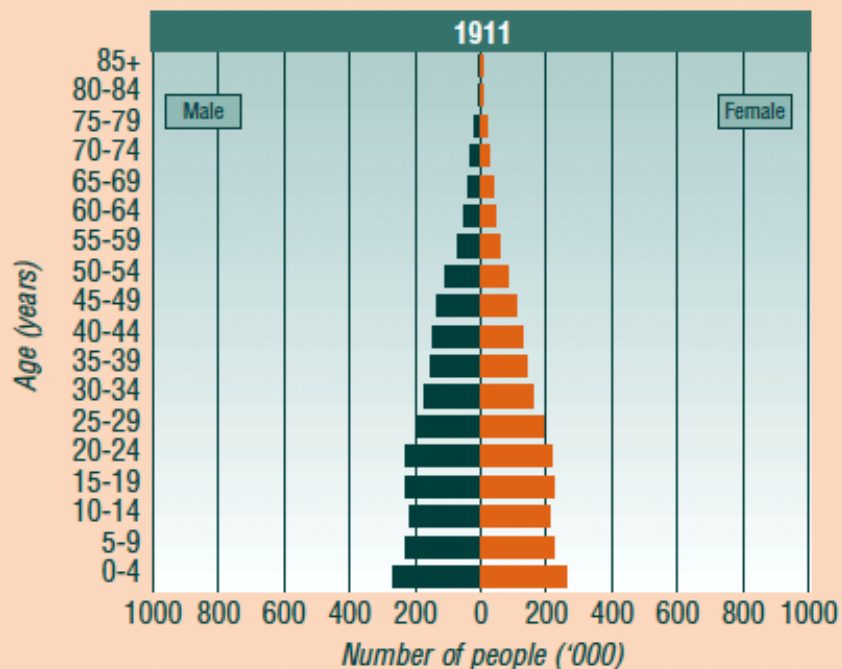




**Old people in BIG cities afraid of the sky.**

**BRUCE STERLING**





# Urbanization

**1900** | 2 out of every 10 people lived in an urban area



**1990** | 4 out of every 10 people lived in an urban area



**2010** | 5 out of every 10 people lived in an urban area



**2030** | 6 out of every 10 people will live in an urban area

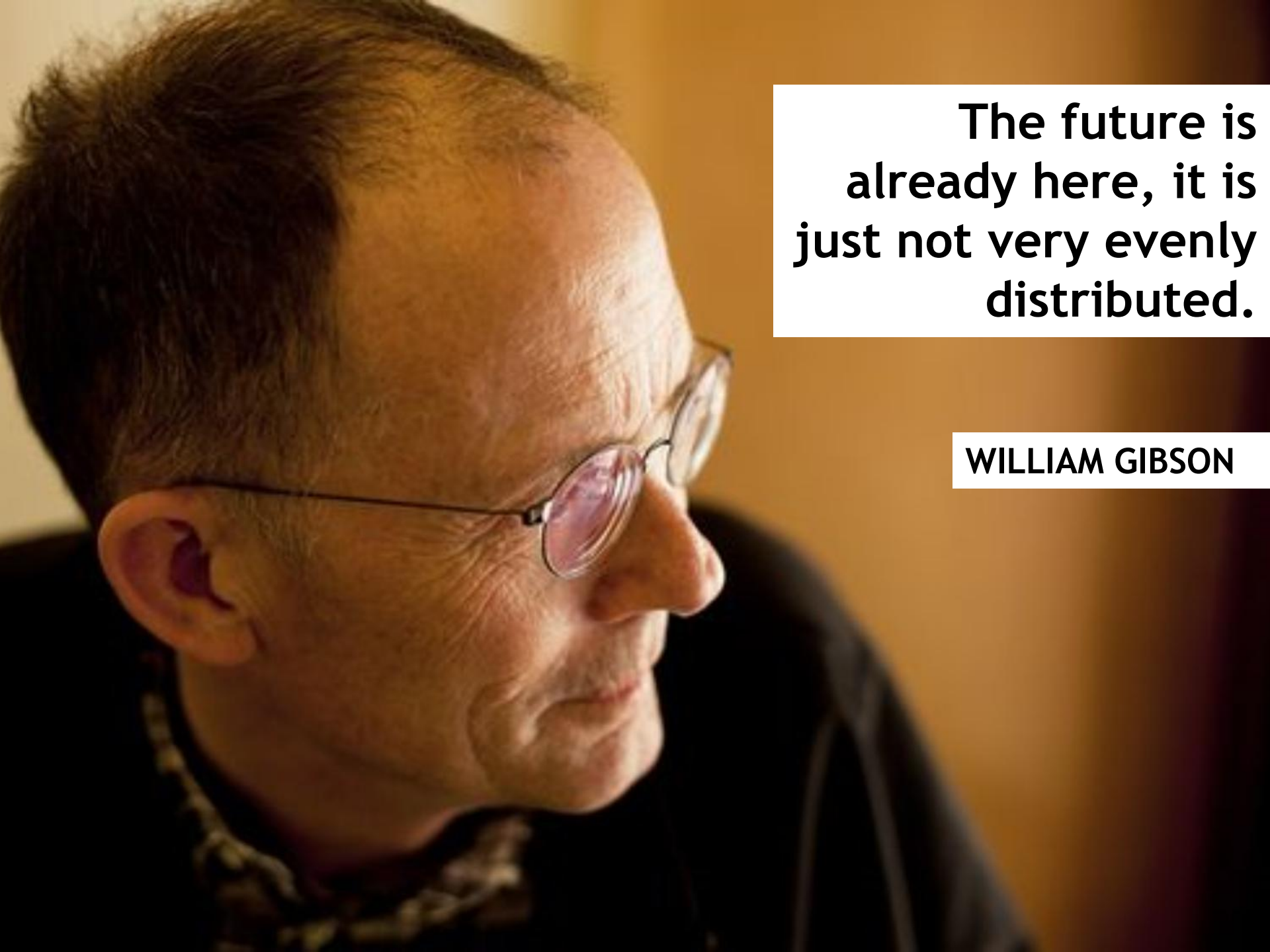


**2050** | 7 out of every 10 people will live in an urban area



Defined by UN HABITAT as a city with a population of more than 10 million

Data Source: World Health Organization



**The future is  
already here, it is  
just not very evenly  
distributed.**

**WILLIAM GIBSON**



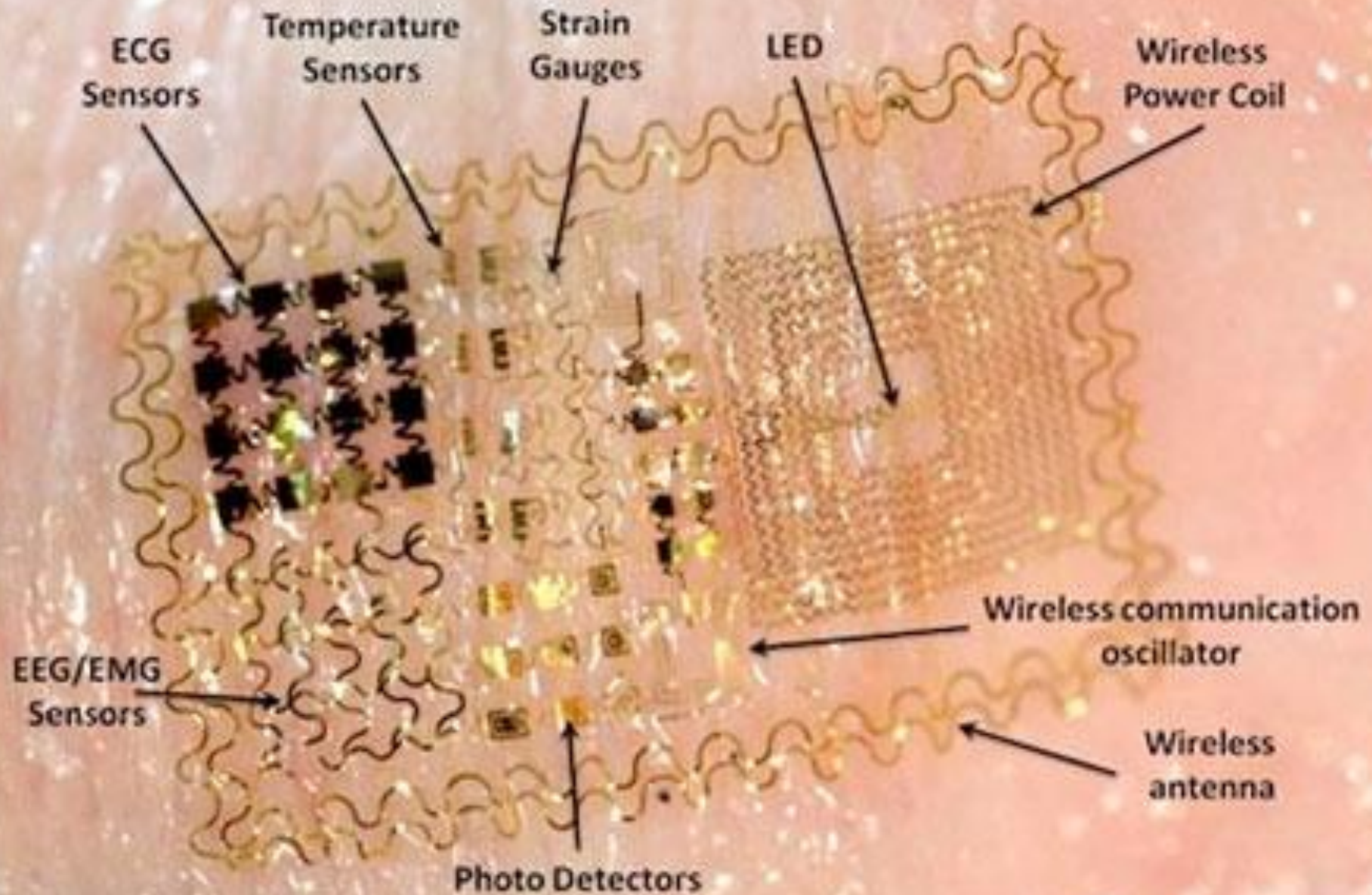




Small is Big!



# Always Connected, Always Online



Source: Motortrend.com



Source: Rinspeed.com

# Autonomous Cars



- \* Empowers the very young and the very old with mobility, while freeing the middle-aged
- \* Car ownership becomes a source of income
- \* Reduces the need for public transportation
- \* Current infrastructure is greatly extended
- \* Hypercommutes

## \* Implications of Autonomous Vehicles



Robots!



# Regenerative Healthcare



# \*Hard and Soft Technology



| <b>“HARD”<br/>TECHNOLOGY</b> | <b>“SOFT”<br/>TECHNOLOGY</b> |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Smart                        | Wise                         |
| Competitive                  | Cooperative                  |
| Expensive                    | Cheap                        |
| Efficient                    | Resilient                    |
| Financial Capital            | Social Capital               |

 **Is Culture a Type of  
Technology?**





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# Time Banking



- \*Pairs those in need with those with skills or ability
- \*Proves that EVERYONE has something to offer
- \*Builds social capital by creating new relationships
- \*Allows for skill development
- \*Assists in formation of community-based businesses

**\*Why Time Banking?**



# Post-Nuclear Family



# Homesharing





# Backyard Cottage



Your Adult Children

Your Parents

A Renter

You

Your Business





# Patchwork Careers



photo by Kirsten Skiles



# Farmers' Markets





**\*Human evolution  
hasn't stopped, it has  
simply moved inside.**

**Pierre Teilhard de  
Chardin**

# Transitions

- Ownership to Access
- More to Enough
- Financial to Social Capital
- Cultural Adolescence to Maturity

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