

Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests,

Globalization,

Temptation or destiny.

Reality or fiction.

We can, or we can not live like brothers and sisters.

We can count numerous definitions of globalization, all are correct, but each one is just our own individual impression. Regardless of this difference, we could say that everybody understands what globalization means, or at least what it should mean. I am sure that most opinions would open the dilemma: Is it a natural step in human evolution, or simply a ploy of powerful people?

A world without any boundaries is probably a theory, but our evolution is pointing this way. We are all God's children, and none of us has the right to discriminate based on race, faith, or nationality... Yet, we still keep nurturing differences - solely in our own heads?

For as long as we think that supreme power belongs to any nation, any race, we will live in a world of conflict.

In the heart of the Mediterranean is the Balkans, a large European peninsula- historical battleground of many violent wars, but at the same time the cradle of ancient civilizations: Greek, Roman, later on Austrian, Ottoman. Ten spoken languages in such a narrow area are enough proof of how rich the culture of the Balkans is. Unfortunately, some of these differences led to many bloody wars.

The Balkan peninsula is in southern Europe. Anybody who visits a Balkan state: Serbia, Greece, FYROM, Bulgaria, Romania, Montenegro or any other will say that it is one of the most beautiful parts of Earth. But, ... (always these butts interfere with God's will)... we as conscious beings, very often do our best to jeopardize any chance for a smooth life of the human race. The Balkans is the best message to the rest of the world about how hard and dangerous life can be, when we think that just we are the only ones chosen by the Lord, not others.

For that reason, you as a new generation, should learn more about Balkan history, not only because of its geographical position. You will learn the how real the negative consequences of thinking that you are better than your classmates can be, just because you may be richer, have a different skin color, or belong to a different nation.

In the end, we are all made of the same ash, and that is the essence. If we are all the same when we face the night sky, small specks of dust in the whirling universe, then why should not we all be equal during this short vibration of time called life?

Only one kind of difference between us supplies positive fuel for civilization to go forward. That is the difference in our own ability: to be a diligent scientist, a gifted

athlete, a smart economist, a creative lawyer, a committed doctor... It is up to all of us, but especially to all of you, as young people, to perform at your best in this game of life in order to maximize your God-given abilities.

Let me say a few words about a very illustrative life story. This story is about Nikola Tesla, one of the greatest scientists in modern history. I am sure that not many of you know that Nikola Tesla was born in the Balkans. He was a Serb born in today's Croatia, at the time of his birth a part of the Austrian Empire. What is the key message here? Nikola Tesla had to come over here, to the USA, to utilize his God-given gift, to see through his great idea about energy transmission. Had he stayed at home, or even in Europe, we would still be deprived of efficient electricity – effectively still in the dark. This progressive country that gives a chance to everybody, gave to Nikola Tesla a fair chance to fulfill his dreams. It is a well-known American dream. You should follow Nikola's route, finding a way to use your gifts, wherever in the world that you may end up being. More countries are increasingly following the United States in providing chances to everyone to find the best possible way to fulfill their dreams.

This is, actually, breaking boundaries.

Some of you are from the USA, some from Mexico, China, South America. My son Milan is from Montenegro, hence from the Balkans. But here, all of you are one: the United Nations of WMA.

But, believing in globalization does not mean that it is without risks. This process still means that a large number of our brothers and sisters are feeling left out. Some of them have strong feelings of hurt and injustice. We must understand them as we try to help them feel included. The experience of the Balkans is again an excellent teacher.

"Our Earth is but a small star in a great universe. Yet of it we can make, if we choose, a planet untroubled by war, untroubled by hunger or fear, undivided by senseless distinctions of race, color or theory." - Stephen Vincent Benet, a famous Pulitzer Prize winner, once wrote.

My key message to all of you:

We must live together. Paul McCartney and Stewie Wonder sing: Ebony and ivory live together in perfect harmony - side by side on my piano keyboard – Oh Lord why don't we?

Whatever you can do, or dream to do, begin now. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it. Begin it now. It is your turn.

Remember this strong message of the famous Norwegian writer Henrich Ibsen:

“Money may be the husk of many things but not the kernel. It brings you food but not appetite; medicine, but not health; acquaintances, but not friends; servants, but not loyalty; days of joy, but not peace and happiness.”

Today, I am happy to see all of you, beautiful, young, different, but still united in your strong commitment to build a better world, one that will help us live better days in our old age. We believe in you. Being here today, having a chance to talk to you is a great privilege for me. Thank you and may God bless you all!!!