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We live in an increasingly unpredictable physical and social environment. Climate change, viral pandemics, wars, and mass migrations continually present significant new challenges, while new technologies and media are rapidly transforming the ways we understand ourselves and think about our political situations. Which attitudes, skills, and values should we cultivate to enable us to respond well to the challenges of this rapidly changing world? The essays in this volume recommend appropriate recognition of our limitations, the importance of understanding other people's perspectives, and serious commitment to open-minded reasoning. In particular, they emphasise the importance of care, creativity, collaboration, curiosity, discernment, diversity, fallibility, forbearance, hope, integrity, responsibility, self-regulation, understanding, and wisdom in dealing with one another and thinking about novel and unforeseen difficulties. Through better reasoning, we can reduce the influence of unreliable immediate responses and, at the same time, attune our responses to how the world really is and what really matters. The book aims to begin a conversation about how to foster better reasoning about new challenges through our education system, the structures of our organisations, the regulation of social media and mass media, and the designs of buildings and urban spaces.

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