

Today's wonders are not similar in kind to the wonders of the Ancient World. The wonders of the ancient world were all buildings such as the Pyramids in Egypt or other architectural structures. Our modern wonders are the amazing technological and scientific achievements.

The number of people who are online increases by 100 million every year. In 1994 there were only a few hundred web pages. Today there are billions of web pages. Soon there will be more and more interactivity between the user and the website.

In 1969, Neil Armstrong stepped out of his space capsule onto the surface of the moon and made his famous statement: 'that's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind'. Since then, there have been space probes to Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and even to the sun. There are no signs yet that there is intelligent life outside our own solar system.

Nothing has done more for the comfort and happiness of the human race than the advances in health care. Average life expectancy worldwide has risen dramatically over the past 100 years from about 47 years in 1900 to about 77 years today.

Airlines carry more than 1.5 billion people to their destinations every year. These days, there are as many people travelling in aeroplanes as the total number of people who travelled abroad in the whole of the 19th century

There is a greed and drug abuse which is a competition in which almost every country in the world takes part. Every four years, for a brief moment, we see the world come together in peace and friendship

In 1709, whole villages in France died of hunger. Now in Europe, we can't eat all the food we produce. We hope politicians can find a way to share food with those parts of the world where there is famine.

The last wonder of the modern world is simply that we are still here. The greatest wonder of all is that we have had nuclear weapons for over 50 years that could destroy the world, but we haven't used them to do it.