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I'm about to turn 57—and there were times in my life when I almost didn't make it.

So this year, I'm not asking for another birthday present.

I'm asking for your help giving one to the world.

A near-death experience awakened something in me that I still don't quite know how to put into words. Something in me died and did not come back—and something else came fiercely alive.

So I decided to make it into a movie.

With the tireless work of director Robinson Earl and the generosity of an extraordinary community, we created **Primates, Privilege & Possibility**—a short documentary inspired by Dr. Jane Goodall, my journey to Borneo with singing bowls, and the planetary grief so many of us are carrying.

I don't pretend to have the answers.

But I am asking some urgent questions:

What am I going to do with the rest of my life?

How do I help this planet?

How do I use whatever privilege I have?

And how might one ordinary mortal ape inspire others to act?

Today, fewer than **120,000 orangutans** are estimated to remain in the wild across all three species. Their forests—and their futures—are disappearing. ([World Wildlife Fund](#))

I hope, with all my birthday wishes, that this little film can help grow the attention, compassion, and action needed to preserve their ecosystems—and perhaps glow up humanity while we're at it.

Is that too much to ask?

To help us finish the film, you can donate at any level. Our thank-you gifts include **signed copies of my books, rare orangutan-blessed candles from Borneo, and even a sacred sound bath.**

Please consider giving what you can and sharing this ask with anyone who might be inspired by some **Goodall, good old-fashioned hope.**

Happy birthday to me.

I'm deeply grateful I made it this far—and grateful you're still here with me.

I came back with work to do. If you still have a heartbeat, so do you.

Please help us continue the work.

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