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You never know if a man is naked until the tide goes out.

— Warren Buffet



On the Cover

In the present age of global turmoil and unease, world peace seems, to many, an improbable dream. But according to 42nd U.S. President William Jefferson Clinton, who enjoys an inimitable vantage point, "the prospects for world peace are" generally good. For, although the world is indeed "scary to people now," contextualizing recent events "within the long line of history," overall, he maintains, "I'm pretty optimistic."

On a more personal note, Clinton reveals that what he enjoyed most about his presidential tenure was "the feeling that every day" he could "do something that would have a positive impact on America and the world." And today, that same desire is manifesting itself in new spheres, including the Families of Freedom College Scholarship Fund and the William J. Clinton Foundation. For, as the former president avers in an exclusive interview, which begins on page 12, "I want to use the unique life I've lived so far to have a positive impact on the problems that I cared most about when I was president."

In this issue, on page 48, LEADERS presents its LEADERS Award to one of the world's most respected and talented business executives, Richard Grasso, chairman of the New York Stock Exchange, who, in a most difficult time, has emerged as probably the best corporate executive in America.

Farooq Kathwari, chairman, president, and CEO of Ethan Allen Interiors, who is known as the "father of reinvention," gives his in-depth philosophy on development, change, growth, and above all, customer relationships in a special 10-page commentary beginning on page 26.

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