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It would be far easier for me to write about what would be wrong with my life, not because the quantity of wrong is large, but quite the opposite. It's just that there's so much right with my life and I feel so fortunate that it's almost too difficult to find a place to begin.

The obvious answer to the question "What's right about my life?" which definitely holds true in my case, is that I have a wonderful and close relationship with my family. I have friends with whom I share so much, and I am truly lacking nothing materially. These seem small in comparison with what I have to be grateful for in the larger sense. Compared to my ancestors, I live in perhaps the time of greatest opportunity in history. Though people may joke that we have a woman President right now, it's not so far from reality that soon a female may hold this office. Women are no longer second class citizens but in most ways have gained equality with men; therefore, I feel that my opportunities are endless. Career choices are no longer tied to gender.

I also feel extremely fortunate to live at a time when scientific progress is moving in leaps and bounds; from cellular phones to MRI scanning machines and new medical breakthroughs occurring almost daily, I may, in my lifetime, see most

diseases we know today wiped out forever.

People born two hundred years ago would find the world we live in almost incomprehensible because, by comparison, they lived in a much more primitive society. Things I take for granted, like a simple videotape of my now deceased grandparents talking to me, would have been viewed as a miracle, yet are now common parts of our daily existence.

I am anxiously anticipating the beginning of a new century which will also be the beginning of a new millennium. How fortunate our generation is to be the eyewitness to some of the most important events the world will ever know. We are lucky enough to see most of the twentieth century on film and tape and computerized projections of the twenty-first century and beyond on screens designed by scientists.

Mostly what is right with my life is that I am happy, healthy, and excited to be alive at this most fascinating and extraordinary time in history. I know that my possibilities for a career, family, and health are virtually limitless.