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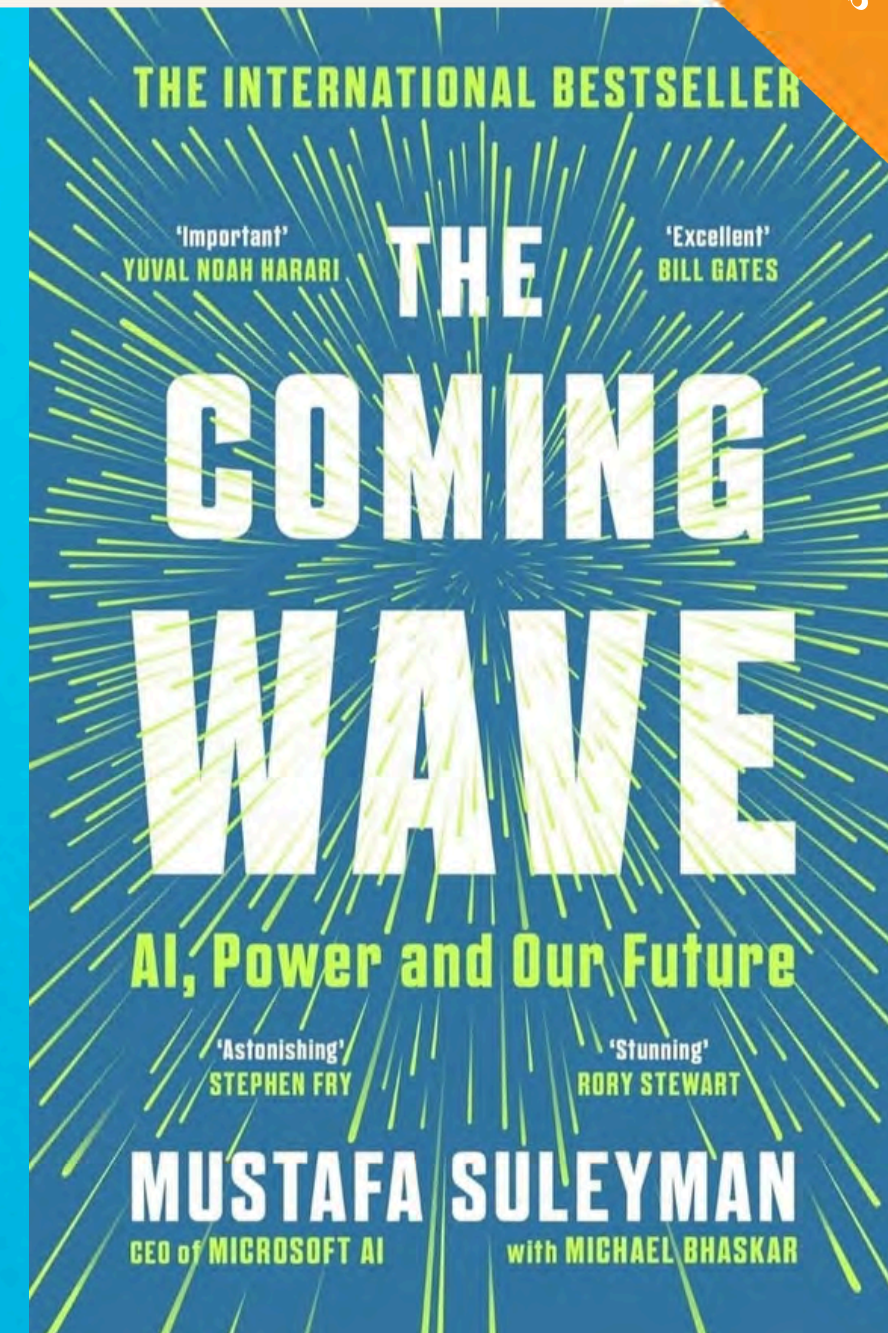KONRAD ADENAUER STIFTUNG

THE BOOK THIS MONTH...

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THE COMING WAVE

AI, Power and Our Future

'Astonishing' STEPHEN FRY   'Stunning' RORY STEWART

MUSTAFA SULEYMAN
CEO of MICROSOFT AI   with MICHAEL BHASKAR

Wednesday, 15 October 2025 (6 pm – 7.15 pm)

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5:30 PM	*Registration & High Tea*
6:00 PM	*Welcome Address*

Gp Capt R Vijayakumar (Retd), VSM
Executive Director, MMA

Discussion on the theme of the book

The Coming Wave: AI, Power and Our Future
by Mustafa Suleyman with Michael Bhaskar

Mr Sreenivassan Ramaprasad
Director, CADD Centre Training Services

In conversation with Special Invitees

Mr Venkatarangan Thirumalai
Author, Keynote speaker on Generative AI, and Technology Visionary

Mr John Jayakumar
Founder & CEO, Superposition Technologies Pvt Ltd

Reflections from previous editions of Read & Grow

7:15 PM	*Vote of Thanks*

Sreenivassan Ramaprasad

Sreenivassan Ramaprasad, the founder and enabler of Saamartya, is a Masters (M.Sc – Tech) graduate from BITS Pilani and a certified NLP practitioner. Ramaprasad started his career with Associated Instruments Manufacturers India P Ltd New Delhi, and consequently joined JK Tyres and CADD Centre in 1989.

At CADD Centre, he grew to become the Executive Director of the company in a span of 15 years. During his tenure in CADD Centre he was instrumental in establishing CADD Centre in Delhi and making CADD Centre a national brand. He developed the equipment business of CADD Centre in 1995. With virtually no employee and nil turnover he built the equipment business to Rs 50 crores in a span of 6 years and strengthened the company to 225 executives. Currently he is the Director in CADD Centre Training Services, Asia Pacific's largest CAD training network with presence in 30 countries.

Ramaprasad served as COO in a new venture called iKix 3D prints which specialized in 3D services. As a Chief Operating Officer, he was able to successfully get across the concept of 3D printing services to Architectural Industry. He started another venture called Saamartya in 2016 that enables people to develop their people skills and business skills. He is actively engaged in streamlining sales processes of small and medium companies.

He is an active Rotarian, having led Rotary club of Madras West as its 50th President, made the club more vibrant with his interpersonal skills. He also initiated a Dialysis Center for the Club's Thiruverkadu Medical Centre. He is known for his anchoring skills and he is a regular invited speaker in Rotary circles. Ramaprasad is the current President of Professional Speakers association of India Chennai Chapter.

Ramaprasad was the Vice Chairman of Indo American Chamber of Commerce Tamil Nadu Chapter which is a chamber that promotes bilateral trade between India and USA. Ramaprasad got married to Geetha in 1993 and has a daughter by name Ananya who completed her Viscom(Visual Communications) and a professional actor.

Venkatarangan Thirumalai

With over 25 years of experience in software services, Venkatarangan Thirumalai is described as a Founder Catalyst and Honorary Microsoft Regional Director. His career began with the founding of Vishwak Solutions in 1996, which he grew into a globally recognized company with operations in India, Seattle, and London. He also co-founded a fintech startup that pioneered innovative business document management using Azure AI.

Known for offering insights that rise above industry hype, he has consistently focused on building user-centric technology solutions. As early as 2003, he foresaw the rise of mobile phones as the primary computing devices in developing regions, and today he anticipates the shift toward omnipresent technology that will surpass the smartphone era. His forward-looking mindset led to the development of a patent-pending predictive news app powered by machine learning.

Recognized as a Microsoft Regional Director since 1999 and an IEEE Senior Member, he is a respected speaker on technology and business. He has successfully mentored startups—especially in SaaS and Virtual Reality—guiding them from inception to scale.

He advises the Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam International Foundation, House of Kalam, and contributes to Tamil language computing through his work with the Tamil Virtual Academy, including their digital library initiatives.

An accomplished author, his recent Tamil book Nutpam explores consumer technology. Beyond work, he is a passionate reader, film enthusiast, and blogger. His blog, spanning 20 years and 4,000+ posts, reaches over two million readers. He lives in Chennai, India, blending technology expertise with cultural advocacy.

John Jayakumar

The author of Quantum Triangle: The Blueprint to a Quadrillion-Dollar Economy is recognized for examining the convergence of AI, robotics, and quantum computing, exploring how these forces will shape the coming quadrillion-dollar economy. Drawing on research and industry insights, they help organizations anticipate disruption and seize opportunities through keynote sessions and advisory engagements.

Their second book, AI for Keynote Speakers: The No-BS Guide to Using AI Across All Aspects of a Keynote Speech, is aimed at empowering speakers to leverage AI for research, content creation, and audience engagement. They are known for demystifying AI tools and sharing practical strategies to refine storytelling, boost efficiency, and amplify impact. Through workshops, consulting, and speaking engagements, they encourage professionals to treat AI as a collaborator, unlocking new levels of creativity and influence.

At Superposition Technologies, they lead AI Consulting & Training Services, supporting enterprises in implementing Generative AI solutions. Their areas of expertise include custom LLM development, Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) systems, AI strategy roadmaps, technical training, and responsible AI deployment—helping businesses drive efficiency, enhance decision-making, and gain competitive advantage.

Previously, they spearheaded digital transformation initiatives at Verizon, where they modernized legacy systems, implemented AI-driven automation, reduced operational costs by 42%, and achieved 99.99% system reliability—accelerating decision cycles and improving customer response times by 28%.

They remain open to consulting, training, and speaking opportunities aimed at helping organizations fast-track their AI-first transformation and unlock the potential of Generative AI.

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