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Groundbreakers at the conference were asked what's coming next for the brain, climate, medicine, labor, security and business.

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For last week's DealBook conference in New York City, The New York Times invited leaders in an array of disciplines to gather together to talk about some of the most pressing challenges they see as they look to the future in their areas of expertise. We asked them similar questions in advance. Their answers, which have been edited and condensed, are included here.



SHAMIN ABAS
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Attacking Climate Change

What was the moment that convinced you to attack climate change? How much of it was a moral issue and how much was an entrepreneurial opportunity? Should it matter? What's the one thing you wish you could do that you can't?

Kevin Czinger: *Founder and chief executive, CzingerVehicles and Divergent Technologies*

I have always believed we are stewards of our planet. For me, climate change is a moral issue, but no matter the stance, evolving automotive manufacturing's impact is essential. That is why my team and I invented the Divergent Adaptive Production System. This technology minimizes energy consumption and makes products more efficient using nearly 100 percent closed-loop recycled materials. Czinger Vehicles' 21C is proof of concept, the world's first 3-D printed hypercar. While there is progress, I want to emphasize to our policymakers the need to plan for an enormous scale-up in battery cell production, realistically considering its environmental impact and cost.

