

My Thoughts On:
Considerations For Prep Planning
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As for what I prepare for, I prepare less by type of disaster than I do by basic human needs. The basic needs are pretty much the same, no matter what the disaster. As I meet my goals for the basics I do specific things for specific disasters. There really are not that many individual elements that are not appropriate for several sets of circumstances. My ultimate goal is to be as self-sufficient for as long of a period as it is practical to be in modern society.

I know quite a few people disparage 'scenario planning' to various degrees. I do understand their reasoning, up to a point. I believe, however, that what many object to in terms of scenario planning is that so many people that are prone to it only plan for a very limited group of scenarios, with no consideration for any others.

What scenario planning I do is to fill out my general and Basic Human Needs preps with items that may be required for pretty specific circumstances. If one never considers some of the scenarios that can happen there is no way to know if you are prepared for it until too late.

Some situations simply require certain types of training, specific items, and an understanding of how that particular situation can influence everything else. So, while I make certain to not prepare for only a few scenarios, I do consider a huge number of scenarios in order to be ready for not only my general concerns, but for any other given scenario, to the best of my ability.

Besides, even if a person does concentrate on just a few scenarios (NOT a good idea in my opinion.), those preps invariably become a major part of being prepared for several other sets of circumstances. It is simply a matter of approach. Knowing that there will be overlap does make it easier to prepare for many more things than just what a given scenario requires.

Below is a list of the things I consider when I am making preps, in alphabetical order. The dangers in some of them relate directly to people's belief in them, as

much as the actual event. Some things do not have to happen to be a danger. The mere belief can be enough to set people on a destructive path.

(No. I am not ready for all of them yet. And yes, some of them simply call for having your affairs in order.)

Everything is just my opinion.

- 1) A New Evil Charismatic Leader (Hitler /Stalin /Mao style)
- 2) A New Messiah
- 3) A new Persian Empire
- 4) AI assisted tyranny
- 5) AI corruption of society /human interactions
- 6) Abolishment /unconstitutional rewrite of the US constitution
- 7) Active shooter at public venue /business
- 8) Active shooter at school /college campus
- 9) Addictive Entertainment
- 10) Advanced technology disaster
- 11) Agenda 21/Agenda 2030
- 12) Airplane crash
- 13) Anarchy
- 14) Antibiotic-resistant bacteria, viruses, fungi
- 15) Armageddon
- 16) Atmospheric River storm/severe flooding
- 17) Automotive accident
- 18) Avalanche
- 19) Aztlan /Reconquista Uprising
- 20) Bank closure /failure /mandated bank holiday
- 21) Bath Salt drug zombies
- 22) Becoming a refugee
- 23) Becoming lost in the megalopolis
- 24) Becoming lost in the wilderness
- 25) Bee Colony Collapse Disorder (fungi /pesticide /parasites) crop pollination failures
- 26) Biblical flood
- 27) Biblical plagues
- 28) Biological war /attack

- 29) Black hole appearance
- 30) Blizzard
- 31) Boat wreck /shipwreck
- 32) Brownout
- 33) Carrington Event /Massive solar flare
- 34) Celestial object impact /near miss
- 35) Central US major tectonic /volcanic activity
- 36) Chemical war /attack
- 37) Civil war
- 38) Civilian Disarmament
- 39) Cloning of dangerous plants /animals
- 40) Cloning of humans
- 41) Coronal Mass Ejection (CME)
- 42) Communication restrictions
- 43) Corporate /industrial flight from the US
- 44) Crime wave
- 45) Criminal Coup of the government
- 46) Crop failures
- 47) Dam failure /collapse
- 48) Dangerous wildlife confrontation
- 49) Dark matter /anti-matter incident
- 50) Declining drinking water aquifer levels
- 51) Destruction /loss of the middle class
- 52) DHS takeover
- 53) Draconian police powers /actions
- 54) Drinking water aquifer contamination /poisoning
- 55) Drought
- 56) Dustbowl
- 57) Earth Core Cooling
- 58) Earth orbit shift
- 59) Earthquake
- 60) Eco-system collapse
- 61) Electrical Blackout
- 62) Electro Magnetic Pulse attack (EMP attack)
- 63) Electro Magnetic Pulse from coronal mass ejection or other solar activity
- 64) Encroachment of drinking water aquifers by seawater
- 65) Environmental disaster

- 66) Epidemic, natural
- 67) Epidemic, human-made
- 68) Ethnic war
- 69) Evidence of extraterrestrials
- 70) Exodus of important skill holders from the US
- 71) Exodus of the wealthy /rich from the US
- 72) Extraterrestrial biological contamination
- 73) Federal police force w /broad powers circumventing civilian protections
- 74) Firestorm
- 75) Flash mob violence /criminal event
- 76) Flash flood
- 77) Floods, general
- 78) Food shortages /price increases
- 79) Forest fire /wildfire
- 80) Fuel shortages /price increases
- 81) Fungal infections of food staples crops
- 82) Gamma-ray burst from neutron star collision
- 83) Global cooling /Ice Age
- 84) Global nuclear war
- 85) Global warming
- 86) Gold /PM recall
- 87) Gold /PM restrictions
- 88) Government Tyranny
- 89) Grand Alignment induced tectonic activity
- 90) Great Lakes drainage event (to the Ohio River due to tectonic activity)
- 91) Ground surface tilt /rise /subsidence from tectonics /magma movement
- 92) Gulf Stream shutdown /subsidence
- 93) Hail
- 94) HAZMAT incident
- 95) Heatwave
- 96) Home gardening restrictions
- 97) Home invasion
- 98) Hostage situation
- 99) Hostile extraterrestrials
- 100) House /apartment /building fire
- 101) Hurricane
- 102) Hypercane

- 103) Ice Storm
- 104) Infrastructure collapse /failures
- 105) Invasion of the US
- 106) Invasive plant and animal species
- 107) JIT delivery systems breakdowns /failure
- 108) Kidnapped
- 109) Lahar
- 110) Landslide /mudslide
- 111) Limited nuclear war /attack
- 112) Limnic eruption
- 113) Local major accident (aircraft /auto /rail /building)
- 114) Local major crime
- 115) Local /regional gun grab
- 116) Lockdown at school /college campus
- 117) Lockdown at work /business
- 118) Loss of job
- 119) Magnetic pole shift
- 120) Major conventional war
- 121) Major economic depression
- 122) Major nuclear power plant incident
- 123) Major Tax Rate increases
- 124) Martial Law
- 125) Massive tectonic activity
- 126) Massive /rapid increase in the poverty level /numbers
- 127) Maunder Minimum type low sunspot cycle triggered ice age
- 128) Medical emergency
- 129) Mega Quake (New Madrid seismic zone, Cascadia subduction zone)
- 130) Mega Tsunami (La Palma, West Antarctic Ice Sheet)
- 131) Mega Volcano (Yellowstone Caldera, etc.)
- 132) Methane Hydrate release
- 133) Mississippi River bed change
- 134) Miyake Event
- 135) National bankruptcy /default
- 136) Nationwide /global economic breakdown
- 137) Nemesis-induced Oort Cloud meteorite rain
- 138) New colonial activity (France /Spain /Portugal /Italy /Germany /Japan /China /Russia /Great Britain /Brazil /Venezuela)

- 139) New, more restrictive assault weapons ban
- 140) New World Order (NWO)
- 141) Out-of-control bio-genetics /bio-technology
- 142) Out-of-control Nano-technology /robotics
- 143) Overpopulation
- 144) Ozone layer depletion
- 145) Pandemic /Syndemic pandemic
- 146) Particle accelerator accident /runaway /Hadron collider /Cern
- 147) Peaceful extraterrestrials
- 148) Peak oil
- 149) Personal financial breakdown
- 150) Personal /family catastrophic illness
- 151) Personal impact crimes
- 152) Pestilence
- 153) Political unrest /backlash
- 154) Pyroclastic flow
- 155) Racial war
- 156) Rainforest deforestation
- 157) Rampant inflation
- 158) Rapid Population Decline
- 159) Refugees
- 160) Regional climate change
- 161) Released /escaped dangerous zoo /circus animals
- 162) Religious war
- 163) Resource war
- 164) Rogue Military Activity
- 165) Rotational pole shift
- 166) Runaway GM food plant failure /cross contamination
- 167) Safe deposit box (non-bank) restrictions /closures
- 168) Sand /dust storms /Haboob
- 169) Sea level drop
- 170) Sea level rise
- 171) Second coming of Jesus
- 172) Seceding of one or more states from the US
- 173) Sentient computer(s) take over
- 174) Severe Lightning
- 175) Sheriffs lose arrest rights /authority

- 176) Shipwrecked /marooned
- 177) Shortages of goods and services for a variety of reasons
- 178) Sinkholes
- 179) Slow rise flood
- 180) Social break down
- 181) Solar radiation increase /decrease
- 182) State bankruptcy /default
- 183) Strikes /boycotts /embargoes /price controls
- 184) Sub-atomic particle research accident
- 185) Sudden regional major population shift
- 186) Supernova (Betelguise is closest likely - ~100,000 years)
- 187) Super-storm
- 188) Tailings pond dam failure /collapse
- 189) Terrorism of all types
- 190) The Anti-Christ
- 191) Tornado
- 192) Total gun ban /confiscation
- 193) Train wreck
- 194) Travel restrictions
- 195) Tsunami
- 196) UN Small Arms Treaty
- 197) UN /One World Government
- 198) US civilian coup
- 199) US military coup
- 200) US revolution
- 201) Utilities failures
- 202) Vehicle breakdown /stranded
- 203) Volcano
- 204) Water shortages
- 205) Water system contamination /poisoning
- 206) Wealth redistribution (by currency exchange /tax rates)
- 207) Weapons restrictions
- 208) Weather Modification attack
- 209) Widespread civil unrest /riots
- 210) Wild animal rampage
- 211) World Population dramatic increase

212) Zombies /vampires /werewolves /other supernatural dangers (Just kidding! Sort of. The mere belief in can be/cause a disaster.)

It has been obvious to me for a long time that there is another whole list of potential disasters that, while some are mentioned in the above list as primary events to prepare for, there are some things that will not likely occur, or even be possible before a major disaster occurs and/or we wind up in a PAW (Post Apocalyptic World) situation. The things listed below are not only possible but rather likely in many different scenarios.

- 1) Millions of abandoned pets eating food supplies needed by humans, and possibly attacking humans
- 2) Hundreds of thousands of swimming pools, especially in urban and suburban areas left with water in them that will breed billions of mosquitoes that could carry diseases
- 3) Abandoned nuclear power plants that were not safely shut down manually or automatically at the outset of the disaster that could eventually have radioactive materials escape and contaminate a locality, and possibly a larger area.
- 4) Abandoned dangerous chemicals (including chemical and/or biological warfare materials), the containers of which could be damaged, releasing the chemicals into residential areas, or contaminating areas to a very dangerous degree. Could be from damaged /deteriorating /flooded research facilities; manufacturing plants, transport vehicles, end-user plants, farms and farm supply facilities (in case of dangerous farm chemicals), or military storage sites.
- 5) Abandoned toxic/flammable waste dumps that could release their contents into the environment
- 6) Landfills that could catch fire and burn uncontrollably, releasing hazardous smoke, even radioactive smoke in some cases
- 7) Oil and gas pipelines, that once they are without constant maintenance will deteriorate and begin leaking their contents into the environment
- 8) Explosion risk from heavy explosive gasses in low areas and buildings (propane, methane, etc.)
- 9) While I do not believe Nuclear Winter will occur due to fires started by nuclear weapons, in the absence of highly trained and well-equipped firefighters, there

is almost a certainty that there will be huge forest fires that will burn out of control, often in the very areas where preppers set up their facilities

- 10) Areas with closely spaced residential, commercial, and industrial buildings could easily be destroyed on a very large scale without benefit of modern firefighting capabilities
- 11) Raw sewage released from damaged /deteriorating /flooded treatment facilities /collection pipe system
- 12) Water and food sources contaminated by any of the above
- 13) Human food (plant and animal) mutated into dangerous/unhealthy types by any of the above
- 14) Major risks from those in society that will see the disappearance of the legal system, from local cops to the Supreme Court, as the chance to get back at anyone and everyone, every business, and everyone and everything that represents something they feel has mistreated them.
- 15) High risk of physical danger going into damaged /deteriorating /flooded buildings /structures /locations that have high-value salvage materials /goods
- 16) High risk of physical danger using damaged /deteriorating /missing /flooded highway hazard crossings (bridges /overpasses/etc.) to avoid going around
- 17) Release of dangerous animals/pets from public zoos /private zoos /homes
- 18) The development of the ever-popular MZB (Mutant Zombie Bikers) (no offense to real bikers) and other raiding-type groups
- 19) The spread of aggressive religious groups
- 20) Anarchy (for a while)
- 21) Loss of animal /plant /human habitats due to local contaminates
- 22) Loss of animal /plant /human habitats due to changes in weather

There are some additional ‘disasters’ that affect only one or two people, or a very small group. Some are relatively minor when talking about major disasters that can affect millions of people.

However, when one or more of these things happens to an individual or a family, it is just as large of a disaster to them, as a major disaster is to a large number of people.

These are things that can happen to almost anyone, anytime. Unless a person is aware that they can happen, maintains good situational awareness, and is prepared to deal with them by having the education and training, and in some instances, the

right tools and supplies they can turn into very serious events. The following is a list of these types of various dangers:

- 1) Food Poisoning
- 2) Choking, Suffocation & Strangulation
- 3) CO/CO₂ Poisoning (Home/Car)
- 4) Falling (Stairs, Ice, Tripping, Being pushed/bumped, etc.)
- 5) Falling Objects
- 6) Street Fights
- 7) Physical Abuse & Rape
- 8) Bee, Wasp, & Scorpion Stings
- 9) Snake, Spider, & Tick Bites
- 10) Animal Attacks (Exotics, Dogs, Cats, Birds, Reptiles, Sharks & Other Sea Life)
- 11) Pet Attacks (Dogs, Cats, Birds, Reptiles)
- 12) Weather-extreme Dangers (Sun Burn, Heat Exhaustion/Stroke, Hypothermia)
- 13) Fainting
- 14) Drowning
- 15) Personal Crimes (Pickpocketing, Robbery, Purse Snatching, Auto Theft, Road Rage, Physical Assault, Firearm Assault, Attempted Murder, etc.)
- 16) Mental Health Issues (Attempted Suicide, Severe Depression, Violent Mental Patients, Seizures)
- 17) Personal Accidents (Kitchen/Bath, Home, Farm, Ranch, Falls, Electrical Shock, Electrocutation, etc.)
- 18) Kidnappings (Self, Children, Friends, Business Partners, etc.)
- 19) Overly aggressive/abusive authority figures (Police, Government office clerks, Security personnel, Government field operatives, etc.)
- 20) Blacking out (Drunk, Medication overdose, Medication problem, Physical impact, etc.)
- 21) Firearm AD (Accidental Discharge)
- 22) Lightning Strike impact or near miss
- 23) Vehicular Accidents and Breakdowns (Personal vehicles, Boats/Boating, Personal Aircraft, Motorcycles, Bicycles, Scooters, etc.)
- 24) Road Rage Event

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