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My Thoughts On: Considerations For Prep Planning By Jerry D Young

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.

This 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 peoples' 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.)

- 1) A New Evil charismatic leader (Hitler /Stalin /Mao style)
- 2) A New Messiah
- 3) A new Persian Empire
- 4) Abolishment /unconstitutional rewrite of the US constitution
- 5) Active shooter at public venue /business
- 6) Active shooter at school /college campus
- 7) Addictive Entertainment
- 8) Advanced Technology disaster
- 9) Agenda 21
- 10) Airplane crash
- 11) Anarchy

- 12) Antibiotic resistant bacteria
- 13) Armageddon
- 14) Atmospheric River storm /severe flooding
- 15) Automotive accident
- 16) Avalanche
- 17) Aztlan /Reconquista Uprising
- 18) Bank closure /failure /mandated bank holiday
- 19) Bath Salt drug zombies
- 20) Becoming a refugee
- 21) Becoming lost in the megalopolis
- 22) Becoming lost in the wilderness
- 23) Bee Colony Collapse Disorder (fungi /pesticide /parasites) crop pollination failures
- 24) Biblical flood
- 25) Biblical plagues
- 26) Biological war /attack
- 27) Black hole appearance
- 28) Blackout
- 29) Blizzard
- 30) Boat wreck /ship wreck
- 31) Brownout
- 32) Carrington Event / Massive solar flare
- 33) Celestial object impact /near miss
- 34) Central US major tectonic /volcanic activity
- 35) Chemical war /attack
- 36) Civil war
- 37) Civilian disarmament
- 38) Cloning of dangerous plants /animals
- 39) Cloning of humans
- 40) Coronal Mass Ejection (CME)
- 41) Communication restrictions
- 42) Corporate /industrial flight from the US
- 43) Crime wave
- 44) Criminal Coup of the government
- 45) Crop failures
- 46) Dam failure /collapse
- 47) Dangerous wildlife confrontation

- 48) Dark matter /anti-matter incident
- 49) Declining drinking water aquifer levels
- 50) Destruction /loss of the middle class
- 51) DHS take over
- 52) Draconian police powers /actions
- 53) Drinking water aquifer contamination /poisoning
- 54) Drought
- 55) Dust bowl
- 56) Earth Core Cooling
- 57) Earth orbit shift
- 58) Earthquake
- 59) Eco-system collapse
- 60) Electro Magnetic Pulse attack (EMP attack)
- 61) Electro Magnetic Pulse from coronal mass ejection or other solar activity
- 62) Encroachment of drinking water aquifers by seawater
- 63) Environmental disaster
- 64) Epidemic
- 65) Ethnic war
- 66) Evidence of extraterrestrials
- 67) Exodus of important skill holders from the US
- 68) Exodus of the wealthy /rich from the US
- 69) Extraterrestrial biological contamination
- 70) Federal police force w /broad powers circumventing civilian protections
- 71) Fire storm
- 72) Flash mob violence /criminal event
- 73) Flash flood
- 74) Food shortages /price increases
- 75) Forest fire /wild fire
- 76) Fuel shortages /price increases
- 77) Fungal infections of food staples crops
- 78) Gamma ray burst from neutron star collision
- 79) Global cooling /Ice Age
- 80) Global nuclear war
- 81) Global warming
- 82) Gold /PM recall
- 83) Gold /PM restrictions
- 84) Government Tyranny

- 85) Grand Alignment induced tectonic activity
- 86) Great Lakes drainage event (to the Ohio River due to tectonic activity)
- 87) Ground surface tilt /rise /subsidence from tectonics /magma movement
- 88) Gulf Stream shutdown /subsidence
- 89) Hail
- 90) Hazmat incident
- 91) Heat wave
- 92) Home gardening restrictions
- 93) Home invasion
- 94) Hostage situation
- 95) Hostile extraterrestrials
- 96) House /apartment /building fire
- 97) Hurricane
- 98) Hypercane
- 99) Ice Storm
- 100) Infrastructure collapse /failures
- 101) Invasion of the US
- 102) Invasive plant and animal species
- 103) Kidnapped
- 104) Lahar
- 105) Landslide /mudslide
- 106) Large scale JIT delivery failures
- 107) Limited nuclear war /attack
- 108) Limnic eruption
- 109) Local major accident (aircraft /auto /rail /building)
- 110) Local major crime
- 111) Local /regional gun grab
- 112) Lockdown at school /college campus
- 113) Lockdown at work /business
- 114) Loss of job
- 115) Magnetic pole shift
- 116) Major conventional war
- 117) Major economic depression
- 118) Major nuclear power plant incident
- 119) Major Tax Rate increases
- 120) Martial Law
- 121) Massive tectonic activity

- 122) Massive /rapid increase in the poverty level /numbers
- 123) Maunder Minimum low sunspot cycle triggered ice age
- 124) Medical emergency
- 125) Mega Quake (New Madrid seismic zone, Cascadia subduction zone)
- 126) Mega Tsunami (La Palma, West Antarctic Ice Sheet)
- 127) Mega Volcano (Yellowstone Caldera)
- 128) Methane Hydrate release
- 129) Mississippi River bed change
- 130) National bankruptcy /default
- 131) Nationwide /global economic breakdown
- 132) Nemesis induced Oort Cloud meteorite rain
- 133) New colonial activity (France /Spain /Portugal /Italy /Germany /Japan /China /Russia /Great Britain /Brazil /Venezuela)
- 134) New, more restrictive assault weapons ban
- 135) New World Order (NWO)
- 136) Out of control bio-genetics /bio-technology
- 137) Out of control Nano-technology /robotics
- 138) Overpopulation
- 139) Ozone layer depletion
- 140) Pandemic /Syndemic pandemic
- 141) Peaceful extraterrestrials
- 142) Peak oil
- 143) Personal financial breakdown
- 144) Personal /family catastrophic illness
- 145) Personal impact crimes
- 146) Pestilence
- 147) Political unrest /backlash
- 148) Pyroclastic flow
- 149) Racial war
- 150) Rainforest deforestation
- 151) Rampant inflation
- 152) Rapid Population Decline
- 153) Refugees
- 154) Regional climate change
- 155) Released /escaped dangerous zoo /circus animals
- 156) Religious war
- 157) Resource war

- 158) Rogue Military Activity
- 159) Rotational pole shift
- 160) Runaway GM food plant failure /cross contamination
- 161) Safe deposit box (non-bank) restrictions /closures
- 162) Sand /dust storms /Haboob
- 163) Sea level drop
- 164) Sea level rise
- 165) Second coming
- 166) Seceding of one or more states from the US
- 167) Sentient computer(s) take over
- 168) Severe Lightning
- 169) Sheriffs lose arrest rights /authority
- 170) Shipwrecked /marooned
- 171) Shortages of goods and services for a variety of reasons
- 172) Sinkholes
- 173) Slow rise flood
- 174) Social break down
- 175) Solar radiation increase /decrease
- 176) State bankruptcy /default
- 177) Strikes /boycotts /embargoes /price controls
- 178) Sub-atomic particle research accident
- 179) Sudden regional major population shift
- 180) Super-storm
- 181) Tailings pond dam failure /collapse
- 182) Terrorism of all types
- 183) The Anti-Christ
- 184) Tornado
- 185) Total gun ban /confiscation
- 186) Train wreck
- 187) Travel restrictions
- 188) Tsunami
- 189) UN Small Arms Treaty
- 190) UN /One World Government
- 191) US civilian coup
- 192) US military coup
- 193) US revolution
- 194) Utilities failures

- 195) Vehicle breakdown /stranded
- 196) Volcano
- 197) Water shortages
- 198) Water system contamination /poisoning
- 199) Wealth redistribution (by currency exchange /tax rates)
- 200) Weapons restrictions
- 201) Weather Modification attack
- 202) Widespread civil unrest /riots
- 203) Wild animal rampage
- 204) World Population dramatic increase
- 205) Zombies /vampires /werewolves /other supernatural dangers (Just kidding! Sort of. The mere belief in can be/cause a disaster.)

It has come to my attention recently 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 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 vary 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 from any of the above
- 13) Human food (plant and animal) mutated into dangerous/unhealthy types by any of the above
- 14) Explosion risk from heavy explosive gasses in low areas and buildings (propane, methane, etc.)
- 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 /over passes /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

Just my opinion.

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Hope for the best, prepare for the worst, and always remember TANSTAAFL ("There Ain't No Such Thing As A Free Lunch" Quote by Manny, from The Moon Is A Harsh Mistress by Robert A Heinlein)