

# Getting Ready

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The times, they are a changing! But, rest assured, things are not so chaotic as they appear! With this being said, we are still facing a very real crisis, one which is going to “kick us all in the pants!”

It seems that the whole world is “going to hell in a hand-basket.” Yet, look back, one year, two, and more, and you will see that things then were not too different from things now. In the past, we were facing similar crises, with similar fears. Yet, somehow and in some way, we all managed to get through them. While things now, may (or may not) be worse than they have been, I still have this strong feeling (or maybe is it faith?) that somehow and in some way, we will get through “this one” too!

I find the news media to contain a very strong entertainment agenda. The news media in general, regardless of its political leanings, including talk radio, television and the internet, all spend so much time on the air, filling us with words and images, each trying to swing our emotions like a merry-go-round. And everybody gets on board, and everyone gets involved, with this story or that! The news media is thus the largest source of public entertainment. Yet, this entertainment, however entertaining (or not) is also deviously distracting!

Let's get to the truth of matters! Yes, the whole world is “going to hell in a hand-basket.” Things are going to get worse, much worse! The fundamental stability in society that we have enjoyed for so long is being eroded and will soon collapse in one form or another! Everything that we have built will be shaken. Much will fall, never to be rebuilt.

So there! That's the truth! And no “pie in the sky” optimism or phoney-baloney religious talk about looking on the bright-side is going to change anything! To say it bluntly, life stinks and things things only go from stinky to smelly!

So, now that I have painted for you this rosy and optimistic picture for our futures, let me again get real and describe what we can each do about it to protect ourselves as best as we can.

First of all, let us be clear about one thing, it is a waist of time trying to save a sinking ship. When the Titanic was hit, the right thing to do was to get off the ship and away from it as fast as possible. As it was with the Titanic so too is it today. Today's Titanic is where we have our monies, our funds and our futures invested. If you have your life's savings invested in modern day Titanics, then your life's savings will go down with the ship. So, get your life's savings off the ship and reinvested into long-term stable investments, the likes of which can sail out all but the most difficult of storms.

Like many others, I have long called for people to take all their available resources and to invest them in wise and smart tradable commodities. Gold and silver are smart investments. Rural acreage, wherein which one could retire to and work the land if necessary is also highly recommended. Invest in education that can make one self-sustaining just in case "big-brother" government runs out of cash to take care of you. Learn to be self-sufficient.

Think ahead, prepare for the future. In California, there are always public announcements encouraging people to be "earthquake aware." The public is encouraged to always have in their homes enough food, water, medicines and other needs to last them a couple of weeks, just in case public services break down due to a natural disaster. This is not the advice of extremists or crazies, this is the public service recommendation of government. Yes, even "big-brother" recognizes how limited his reach can be, if and when "mother earth" ever cut short his hands.

Yet, in California, the public service warnings go mostly unheeded. As in California, so it goes for the rest of the country and the other countries of the world. No one is paying attention. No one is preparing. No one wants to see the inherent insecurity in the system. Everyone wants to believe that things are going to remain the way they are and that any interruptions in service will be only temporary. Government knows better, but no one is wanting to pay attention.

So, like a lone wolf, I howl out my message. And like the lone wolf, I get attacked, shot at, and cast away. No one likes the voice of the lone wolf. No one likes the voice of the town crier. No one likes the voice of God's watchman. Yet, lone wolf, town crier and watchman, we all must be. The shout of truth must go forth. The cry must be cried and the wolf must howl!

See what's coming down pike! Prepare now, while you still can! Do not be an alarmist or an extremist, but do not allow yourself to be lulled into a sense of false security either. Take whatever extra you have and invest it wisely. Here are my recommendations.

- \* Invest in education, to learn new skills that you might need just in case others will not be there to provide them for you.
- \* Invest in gold and silver bullion, not stocks. In times of cash crises, gold and silver will always hold their value and can make the difference between being able to buy something vital for life or not!
- \* Those who can should invest in rural property and learn the skills used for hundreds of years (if not more) how to be self-sufficient.
- \* Stock up on food, water, medicines and other supplies, just in case of an emergency, be it natural or otherwise.
- \* Last but not least, stock up on firearms and other means of self defense. Do not underestimate this last concern. Everything else you buy and build can be taken away from

you by the barrel of a gun. They can also be safeguarded by the barrel of a gun, this one in your hands, instead of in the hands of those who seek your harm.

Instead of worrying about the future, be prepared to face it when it comes!

In truth, no one knows the future! No one knows exactly what is going to happen and when it's going to happen. The future will always be an uncertainty. Being wise enables us to face this uncertainty with at least a little bit more certainty that we would have had otherwise.

As we prepare ourselves for an uncertain future, let us remember that the greatest of all preparations is spiritual! While one can be strong in body and belongings, if one's heart and soul is weak, then everything else will collapse when they do. One must build one's faith in God!

Building faith is not a concept or an idea. Building faith is one's actions and trust of all investments.

Find people and causes of like-mind and support them! Donate to them your cash, your time and your efforts. Seek to work together and build communities of moral, religious and righteous support. Today, through the internet and the like, such connections can be built and sustained around the world. When the day comes and this no longer becomes possible, we will have already created networks, and sustained and supported one another. We will have made getting through the "hell to come" a whole lot easier and doable for many who otherwise would not have stood a chance! This is faith in practice! Not talk, but deeds!

We must remember the past. When we mourn and fast, we cannot change the past, but we can be motivated to change the present and to prepare to build a better future.

All change is hard. We are all so distracted. So, if you follow the news, just get the headlines to monitor what's happening. That's all anyone needs, the rest is just time-consuming distracting entertainment. Focus on what is important. Do what is real. Reach out and help others become self sufficient and by doing so, you will be helping yourself as well.

God is already with you. Now it is your turn to be with Him. Be like God, be wise. Be like Noah and prepare for a rainy day. Remember Benjamin Franklin, "God helps those who help themselves," to which I add, God helps those who likewise help others.