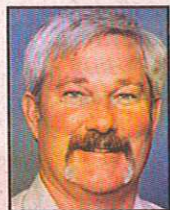


In perspective, our problems may seem small

With all the problems facing us today it is easy to get down. Pondering the problems of our little planet and the possible things we could do about it. The shame is fear is the most motivating emotion we have. When we get to the point we have had quit enough consider this.

"Just remember that you're standing on a planet that's evolving. And revolving at nine hundred miles an hour, That's orbiting at nineteen miles a second, so it's reckoned, A sun that is the source of all our power. The sun and you and me and all the stars that we can see, Are moving at a million miles a day. In an outer spiral arm, at forty thousand miles an hour, Of the galaxy we call the "Milky Way."

Our galaxy contains a hundred billion stars. It's a hundred thousand light years side to side. It bulges in the middle, sixteen thousand light years thick, But out by us, it's just three thousand light years wide.



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We're thirty thousand light years from galactic central point. We go 'round every two hundred million years,

And our galaxy is only one of millions of billions, In this amazing and expanding universe.

The universe itself keeps on expanding and expanding. In all of the directions it can whizz. As fast as it can go, at the speed of light, you know, Twelve million miles a minute, and that's the fastest speed there is.

So remember, when you're feeling very small and insecure, How amazingly unlikely is your birth, And pray that there's intelligent life somewhere up in space, "Cause there's [%\$@] all down here on Earth." — *Monte*

Python - The Meaning of Life

We all know the problems coming. Being prepared for power outages, fuel shortages, food shortages is just good common sense.

Not only if there is a break down in the supply but what about if you're out work for a time. Keeping a little food and

fuel on the shelf would be a blessing we could bestow on ourselves. It is said in many ways but, "fortune favors the prepared mind."

There are two types of food storage. Short term such as the canned food from the store or food you put up yourself, or frozen foods.

Having 3 to 6 months of short term food storage would give you a chance to change your diet so the body does not go into shock.

Long term is grains, legumes, nuts and seeds, dried fruit, dried milk and meats. You might also call this a biblical diet.

A lot of people are allergic to wheat if you are one of these people you need to know what food you need to put up for long term.

Keeping our monthly overhead down is also a big consideration. Utilities are one monthly bill we can prepare for today and tomorrow.

As our power bill raise having a solar system is a great edge against our monthly overhead.

A solar system will add up to 20 dollars for every 1 dollar saved to the value of our homes. We might be able to live without a phone or television but electricity is not an option in today's world.

Having frozen food on hand means you need something to keep that food frozen.

A stand-by generator will help if you have fuel to run it. But is there a renewable power source that would supply power indefinitely.

Of course, solar with battery back-up.

The batteries would charge throughout the day and supply power at night. Also feeding power back in to the grid to keep our power bills down today. If a disaster happens what differences having a power source make.

You could listen to the radio or TV, run the microwave and have ice on hand for a cool drink. Have a little light to read by or keep the monsters in the closet for the little ones.

We have a power grid in the United States that is vulnerable to attack.

If a key point is hit or compromised the whole system could go down.

Having a centralized power grid is not wise in this political environment. Government cannot do it all. We will have to fin for ourselves if a total collapse happens.

The world is changing and as hard as it is to think about we need to be getting prepared for it.

Always look on the sunny side of life. The "worries of today is enough," as one man put it. Do what we can and the rest will attend to its self, but we have to make the effort. Make sure your lamp is full.

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