Your Destiny Is Survival

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Introduction

What's DestinySurvival.com all about? You've read posts there, so you may already have some idea. But let me delve just a bit into the philosophy and background for your benefit.

As my friend Survival Sam pointed out to me from my very first blog post, destiny is a fate that has been determined ahead of time. It's destiny that has brought you and me together in this way.

That's not meant to be some sort of a come-on. We're each doing what we believe we should be doing, or I wouldn't be blogging, and you wouldn't be viewing those posts and subscribing to the "DestinySurvival Dispatch.".

I believe it's important to think the unthinkable. We must consider as many options as possible when it comes to preparedness and survival. We may face anything from various natural disasters to political and economic turmoil. And sometimes more than one of these will take hold at the same time.

The greatest survival tool you own is between your ears. Don't let anybody tell you otherwise, including me. Yes, you'll see a number of products and services promoted at DestinySurvival.com. But they're no substitute for your magnificent brain. It's my hope you'll consider the site a resource and let it give just the nudge you need to best put that top notch survival tool into action.

What you won't see on the site is a lot of politics and news. As the late Paul Harvey said when he started each "Rest of the Story" broadcast, You know what the news is..." If you don't, there are a couple of links on the sidebar where you can find out.

You already see a need to be prepared. So I try to cover a wide variety of topics and introduce you to resources to help you do that as only you can for your particular situation. Having said that, it's worth reviewing why it's important to be prepared. That's what you'll find on the following pages. Being reminded of the uncertainties and threats we each face helps keep things in perspective.

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Are you Afraid of Being Called a Survivalist?

The word 'survivalist' is a nasty term these days, even after all the changes we've gone through with our economy. A lot of people call themselves Preppers. That's OK, but it still seems that anything that has to do with survival is seen as freakish.

What about you? Do you mentally see images of a bearded, wildeyed hermit living in Montana, with gold stashed in jars in his yard?

As my friend Survival Sam put it to me when I started DestinySurvival.com, ask yourself where such an image came from. What was the purpose of whoever or whatever planted such an image in our minds? Could it have been to vilify any sort of nonconformity? After all, isn't it much better to stick close to what is presumably normal? You know, don't rock the boat. Go along to get along.

As you know, much of what is considered normal today is itself pretty freaky. I'm sure you wouldn't consider yourself to be abnormal. In fact, maybe you wish others were like you so they'd be more normal! But when it comes to survival, aren't we talking about potentially life or death matters that affect us?

We think of cancer survivors as special because they've endured tough times and have made it. The same is true of someone who survives a blizzard or hurricane. We think favorably of someone who has somehow survived some real or perceived difficulty.

These days the economy is putting the bite on us. People's circumstances and attitudes are changing concerning survival. Many who wouldn't dream of being called survivalists are stocking up on groceries and supplies in a panic.

Survival Sam has reminded me many times that the attitude or mindset we have is as important as having the right supplies and gear, if not more so. This means being a nonconformist. It means swimming upstream from the rest of those around us. Survival isn't merely about being different or doing things differently, it's about taking those actions which could save the lives of you and your loved ones. Don't let anyone buffalo you with propagandistic language and images. Survival is all about living through something, or outliving the situation that threatens you. Every one of us is either going through difficulties now, or we one day will.

Now is a good time to take another look at <u>http://www.destinysurvival.com</u> and see what products or resources you could use right now to help you develop and carry out your survival strategy.

Next, we'll take a brief look at some of the difficulties and threats we face and help you get started on the path of your destiny--survival!

When it Comes to Survival, This One's a No-Brainer!

When you think of survival, I'll bet one of the first things you think of is surviving weird weather and natural disasters. As you know, there's a lot of talk these days about global warming. Is it man made? Is it part of natural cycles? Could the sun be going bonkers?

It looks like climate change is here to stay, and it's real, regardless of the cause or what the raging debaters say about it, and those changes have definite consequences.

A tornado could wipe a neighborhood or town off the map, just like what happened to Greensburg, Kansas, in the spring of 2007. Or an ice or snow storm could immobilize a large area, like those that struck several states throughout the country in the past few winters.

Or drought could be sapping everything it encompasses, as in the West and Southeast in recent years. Californians know about the devastation brought on by wildfires.

Residents of New Orleans and other parts of Louisiana and Mississippi know about what it means to live through Hurricane Katrina and what they might do differently if it should happen again.

As if that weren't enough, the Gulf states are dealing with horrible illnesses and injuries as a result of the BP Gulf oil spew. We hear nothing about it in our media, but it's very real for Gulf states residents.

But that's not all. It seems we're often hearing about cyclones and massive flooding in places like Bangladesh and Afghanistan. Remember the earthquake and tsunami that inundated parts of Southeast Asia a few years back? How about the massive earthquake in Japan that caused a tsunami and nuclear reactor disasters? Could something of similar magnitude happen here?

Who knows when California might experience "The Big One," or when the New Madrid fault might break loose in the middle of the country. All these things have been in the news, so they're no secret. They've all been big stories. So, it's certainly not as if you and I are unaware that these things can happen.

To go a step further, recently my friend Survival Sam eminded me of a more sinister aspect to what's going on. As if weird weather wasn't enough in itself, what do you know about HAARP, chemtrails, or deliberate weather modification? What do these things mean for us?

I'll bet you haven't heard about those in the mainstream news. Doesn't that make you wonder why that is? Who's holding back and why?

While some may use the excuse that we can't prepare for what we can't anticipate, I'm confident that you know better than that. Your survival depends on being prepared for what others weren't expecting.

Next, I'll quickly point out some other perils we face right now, regardless of what the planet may have in store for us. Meanwhile, make the most of preparing for your survival today.

Seven Present Perils That Should Propel You to Preparedness...

Here are seven possible perils we're faced with now, which should prompt you to be better prepared for the unexpected. The news these days make some of these perils pretty obvious. The order in which they're listed here doesn't indicate rank in order of importance.

1. The dollar is fluctuating in value around the world, stock markets are jittery and gyrating, and the price of oil and petroleum products skyrocketed, plummeted, then rose again. What's next? The squeeze is put on everybody. You feel it at the gas pump. Food prices may go up largely due to higher transportation and energy costs."

2. The quality and safety of our food is in question. Much more of it is imported these days. Then there have been e-coli outbreaks in hamburger and spinach, and Salmonella in peppers and peanut butter.. Also, more of what we eat contains genetically modified elements, and that's deliberately not being listed on food labels. We can't be sure what we're exposed to when we sit down to eat an ordinary meal.

3. There are health issues such as problems with vaccines. For example, many are reluctant to take the swine flu vaccine. Is it safe or wise to give the HPV vaccine to young girls? What about the controversy as to whether vaccines containing mercury are a cause of autism? If your family is faced with autism or some other illness in any of your children, you've got a long battle ahead of you these days. You're faced with tough choices. Do you trust everything your doctor tells you? will you seek out alternative medicine for help as so many are doing?

4. Outsourcing has cost many jobs, and those jobs aren't likely to come back. You might lose your job to someone in China or India, if you haven't already. Do you agree with those who think we're making progress in the new economy by outsourcing so much abroad? If it's good for the global economy, it must be good for each of us, right? Do you think the elite in power are looking out for you and me? They're not making it easy for us to take care of ourselves, are they? 5. The rising tide of illegal immigrants brings a multitude of problems which are rapidly turning America into a Third World country. Crime is on the rise, and the police and justice system look the other way. Many illegals are getting Social Security and are overwhelming other social services. There are far more of them coming in than the government reports, and it's a real challenge to many urban areas throughout the country. Perhaps you've noticed this where you live.

6. Though it's seldom discussed, there are plans to merge the U. S. with Mexico and Canada. If you've heard this issue is dead, think again. It's likely to be resurrected under another name and with a different approach. The dollar could be replaced with another currency altogether. Many globalists would like to introduce a world currency. Can you imagine how that will shake things up?

7. We live in a post 9-11 world. But what does that really mean? The tragedy of 9-11 and the resulting war on terrorism (or whatever they're calling it today) are bathed in deception and corruption. The events pertaining to 9-11 itself have parallels to the JFK assassination and the controversy that still goes on about it today. Will we ever know the truth? While 9-11 is not the focus of my blog, 9-11 and its aftermath account for a significant part of the mess we're in these days.

I've come to agree with my friend Survival Sam who believes in operating under the presupposition that we live in a world that is not only unfriendly, but has forces that are actually arrayed against us. How well are you prepared to face such a world?

How did Grandma and Grandpa make int in their day?

What Did Grandpa do to Survive?

Here's a question to ponder. Do you think our society has the character and moral fiber to make it successfully through another Great Depression? Some say we're in one now. How are we doing?

We live in a society that has lost its sense of community and cohesiveness. Will your neighbors be there to help you out in times of trouble? Are you there for them? Count yourself blessed if the answer is yes.

How did Grandma and Grandpa make it when times were hard? My friend Survival Sam reminded me once that the one thing the old timers had that we don't is a healthy sense of self interest. That's different than selfishness. People looked out for themselves by helping others. Remember the Golden Rule? Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

In times past pioneers help their neighbors put up barns or bring in the hay. They were there when a baby was born or someone was sick. They knew there were mutual benefits in doing what they did. It made sense to work together because they faced shared adversity and knew how difficult their neighbors had it.

Modern conveniences have lulled us to sleep concerning the adversities of life. For example, most people don't have a root cellar with stores set by, as Grandma or Great Grandma had. Most of us are lost if our next meal doesn't come from the microwave or some grab-and-go fast food place.

We no longer control our food supply. If there were food shortages for some reason, what would you do? Do you think we would be told the truth? Do you have a supply of dehydrated food or MRE's to get by a while? Have you thought of growing some of your own food? What will you do about having drinkable water?

Unexpected shortages of the things we take for granted could happen at any time. I'm talking about the essentials of everyday life. My wife couldn't buy dry milk at a nearby grocery store recently because they were temporarily out. Sounds like a little thing, but who would have thought they'd be out of dry milk? What might be missing next time?

Being prepared like the old timers is simply common sense. It's how people lived for thousands of years. Why do we think our way of life now will go on forever? We're living beyond what's natural. There's a rule that says: Everything that has to come down will in fact come down.

But does survival mean hiding out and having a bunker mentality? We'll look at that next.

Will You Be Prepared For Survival When Others Aren't?

Isn't all this talk about survival just gloom and doom? Don't you have to have a "bunker mentality?"

We're not really going to have food shortages, are we? Surely the govenment will do the right thing to fix the economy, won't they? After all, the banking system didn't collapse on September 30, 2009, as some had predicted.

What about all those disasters that haven't happened. Hale-Bopp was just another comet. Y2K was a bust. An asteroid isn't predicted to cross Earth's path for at least 20 years.

One time many years ago I told my dad I thought he was negative and cynical. He said he was just being realistic. Over the years I've come to believe he was right.

But what do you do when even the mainstream news media can no longer avoid the negative realities of today? Think again on the things that are happening right now. Who needs to wait for an apocalypse? The real question is, how can you and I turn what seems negative into something positive?

My friend Survival Sam continues to tell me that survival means having a prepared mindset, attitude, or philosophy of life. What you believe and how you act accordingly is as important, if not more so, than whether you have long term storage food and the right flashlight when the electricity goes off.

Of course, you're going to want storage food and the right flashlight and a whole lot more when disaster strikes. And you'll do just that--get the things you need--if preparedness is a top priority. You'll be in a survival frame of mind.

Don't worry what others think of your changing attitudes and the actions you take as a result. Robert Ringer wrote a book years ago in which he said that to be successful, one must do the opposite of what everyone else is doing. That applies to survival and preparedness, too. There's a verse from the Bible that relates to all of this. "A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished." That's from Proverbs 22:3.

While others around you are denying reality and accusing you of wallowing in gloom and doom, you're going to turn what others see as negative into something that's positive for you.

I've brought together a number of excellent companies with products and resources on <u>http://www.destinysurvival.com</u> to help you to get the things you need for your own survival preparations. Find long term storage food, gardening supplies, camping gear, items for personal security and self defense, and more.

You can be prepared when others aren't. The smallest step toward preparedness is better than doing nothing at all. Take positive action today so you'll be alive tomorrow.