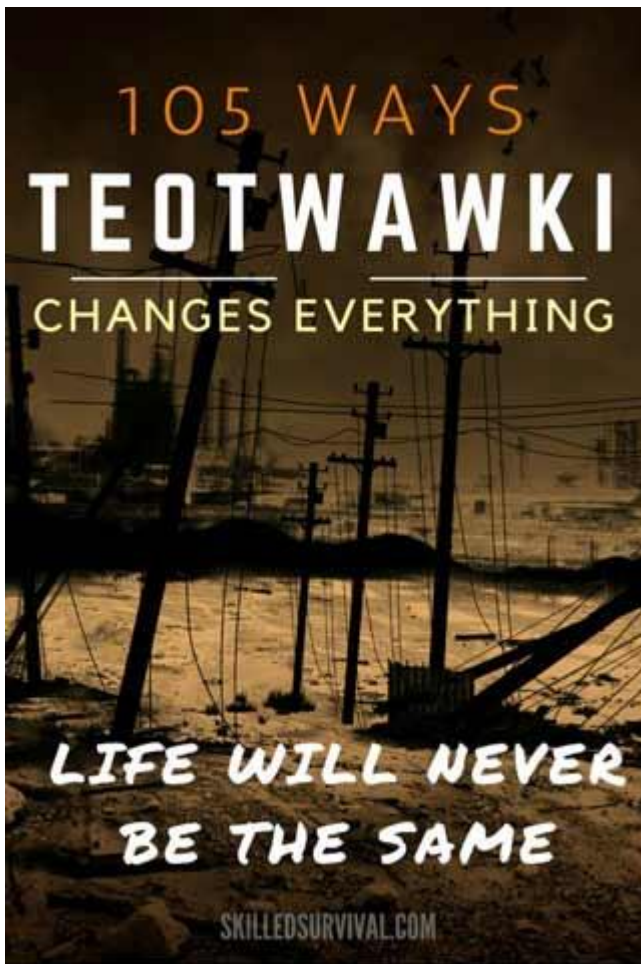




TEOTWAWKI = The End Of The World As We Know It

For me, this term means something unimaginably massive has happened; an event that has thrust our world back into a pre-electricity, pre-grid power era.

TEOTWAWKI is not a small-time local emergency.

It's an event that throws all humans back into a prolonged mode of brutal survival. How might such an event occur? Maybe it's a deadly highly infectious disease that wipes out 90% of the world population. Maybe it's a Nationwide EMP (electro-magnetic pulse) that causes irreparable electrical infrastructure damage. Bad enough that it cannot be recovered before all hell breaks loose. Maybe it's a Nuclear Holocaust. Whatever the cause, have you ever stopped to REALLY think about the exact things that would be different in your life after TEOTWAWKI? Doing so will give you a whole new perspective.

1 – No More Mowed Lawns

Mowing will be a thing of the past. Mowing will be a complete waste of calories in a world where every calorie matters.

Fuel will also be a rare resource not to be wasted on such trivial things as a well-kept lawn. Lawns will become waist high grass fields. Same thing goes for your local parks. In fact, if there's any fuel left, riding mowers will be used for anything but mowing lawns.

2 – No More Daily Traffic Jams (maybe permanent ones though)

Without massive fuel distribution on a daily basis, we will run out of the energy needed to power vehicles. Plus, since everyone will be out of work anyways there will no longer be daily commuting. However, there will be massive permanent traffic jams. These will be from all the vehicles that are left behind by people who abandoned them in panic.

3 – No More Video Games

This one is a no-brainer. Without electricity, you won't be able to play your Grand Theft Auto, Xbox, or PlayStation. Bummer.

4 – Not As Many Pets – More Stray Pets

When food becomes scarce so will pet ownership. People will not be able to feed their pets or have time to care for pets. It's a luxury that will end. I personally consider my chocolate lab my best friend and family member, so he is part of my preps. However, for those who are not prepared, they will not have the resources to continue to care for them.

5 – No More Restaurants, Fast Food, or Delivery

Sorry, but you're going to be cooking your own meals from now on. Hopefully, you've prepared and actually have food stockpiled to cook with. Essentially, no grid electricity means no more businesses who prepare food for you.

6 – Real books Will Be Worth A Lot More

Real, physical books with pages will be worth a lot. With no electricity, you have no computer and no eBooks. Physical books will become relevant again. The best books will show people how to perform desired tasks such as Gardening or Fixing Things or better yet survival books. But a good fiction will become cherished as well.

7 – Urban Trees Will Be Gone

When winter hits people will need firewood for heat. The first place they will get firewood will be their own backyard trees. Tree vs freeze to death? Bye-bye, backyard trees. Next up will be public trees. Bottom line: In just a few years, there may be no more trees in the urban settings.

8 – No More Indoor Plumbing

Most people rely on water towers (gravity to create water pressure) to supply their homes with water. Water towers are filled by pumps and pumps require electricity. No electricity equals no indoor plumbing. Your sinks will be dry and your toilets won't flush. Just think about this. This is a major issue that will significantly decrease sanitation.

9 – No More Designer Weddings – Fewer Weddings in General

When you are just trying to survive, things like expensive weddings will be one of the first things to go. I see this as a positive myself. My guess is that there will be fewer weddings in general.

10 – More Deaths Due To Basic Illnesses

Medication manufacturers will not be able to operate. So your flu shots, antibiotics, and pain medications will not be as readily available. Those who do have these won't be sharing them willingly. You might be able to barter for some, but it might cost a lot of high-quality gear or ammo.

Why? Because someone who has life-saving medications has all the leverage.

What are you going to do, not trade them and risk death? Many people won't be able to afford them or just can't find any access. So a harmless scratch may become infected and become your demise if TEOTWAWKI happens.

11 – More Children Born

This is my best guess for the longer term, once the initial hell settles down. The first year or two after TEOTWAWKI there will be few pregnancies. Why? Because the majority of people will be in survival mode and don't want to bring a baby into this horrible world.

However, once things settle down, survivors won't have contraception or safe abortion options. Many suggest that sex is a human need and that we are wired for it. Healthy young couples in survival communities will end up having more than 1 or 2 kids. They might not want kids per se, but inevitably it will happen. Like large frontier families in the late 1800's and early 1900's.

12 – No More Professional Sports

When your survival is seriously in question, games and sports no longer hold interest. Not only that, but the athletes themselves will be with their families trying to survive as well. Professional sports will be something that kids ask about around the fire at night. "Tell us about this thing you call Football and Fantasy Football?" It will be such a foreign concept to anyone young or born after TEOTWAWKI.

13 – Online Purchases Will No Longer Exist

Without electricity, there will be no internet. Without the internet, you can't buy stuff online. Plus, there won't be any nationwide mail services available either. So even if you could buy you wouldn't be able to get anything delivered. I enjoy writing for this blog, but if TEOTWAWKI happens this gig will be over. The good news, I suppose, is we will no longer have to worry about our online privacy.

14 – No Emergency Services Available

If TEOTWAWKI happens, the emergency service providers will quickly become overwhelmed. The most honourable may attempt to "do their jobs" initially. But soon they will realize they need to stop trying to save others. And start worrying about their own families. They will abandon their posts and head home to save their own families.

15 – Large Backyard Gardens Will Become More Popular

People who have access to seeds will attempt to grow their own food. That might be the easy part. The hard part might be protecting your backyard garden from scavenging neighbours. Of course, you can't rely solely on a garden for your food replenishments, but it should be one part of it.

16 – Seeds Would Become Worth a Lot More

Heirloom seeds will become worth a lot. Heirloom seeds yield both produce and harvestable seeds. These seeds can then be saved for the following year's plantings. If you know what you are doing, you can save seeds every year and replant them the next year into perpetuity.

That's obviously an amazing tool to have when food resources are scarce. Plus, they will be amazing for bartering if you have extra. Don't be fooled though. Just having these seeds without gardening skills and know-how will create a false sense of security. The time to start a garden is before TEOTWAWKI, not after.

17 – No More Movies or Fancy Actors / Actresses

Like professional sports, pretending to be someone you're not in front of cameras will no longer be something anyone is interested in. And without electricity, you can't watch them anyways. After things settle out, there may be small skits that local survival groups put on for some evening fun. But that's only if they sort out all their immediate survival needs first.

18 – No More Concerts or Fancy Musicians

I believe that local, acoustic, folksy music will survive. People will eventually play fiddles and acoustic guitars. However, mega concerts in stadiums will be a thing of the past. To me, this is 100% fine. No more Bieber mania or watching Miley Cyrus doing lewd acts on stage. I could do without this anyways, thanks.

19 – Increased Neighbourhood Waste / Stench

With no indoor plumbing or waste pickup services, neighbourhoods are going to reek. Where will people put their trash?

Best guess is they will dump their waste down the street somewhere in the middle of the night. However, it will just sit there in the sun and rain and fly and rodents will swoop in. This is one of those things people forget to consider when preparing. Trust me, it will become a stinky problem to deal with.

20 – No More Flying

Without electricity, fuel will not be mass produced. Without fuel, planes won't fly. So the skies will look like they did immediately after 9/11. They will be empty and they will stay empty. No more flying across the country to visit family for the holidays.

21 – Limited Communications

Cell phones won't work. Telephones won't work. So how are you going to call and communicate with family if they live several states away? The answer is you probably won't. Unless both parties have ham radios, with backup electrical generation systems, you won't be communicating with them.

Without mail services, no letters can be sent either. So if you decide to try and get home after TEOTWAWKI you'll be heading there blind, not really knowing if they will still be there or even be alive.

22 – Roads Will Be Terrible To Drive – Many Impassable

Roads might be OK for a few years after TEOTWAWKI. However, without regular maintenance roads and bridges will quickly begin to fail. Potholes will get bigger and bigger; bridges will crumble and eventually fail. Even if you could drive a few years after TEOTWAWKI (which is doubtful) you won't be traveling at 85 MPH. You'll be driving more like 30 MPH, if you're lucky.

23 – Bikes Will Be Much More Popular

Since most vehicles will be useless, bikes will become popular for local travel. Extreme caution will be necessary (especially immediately after TEOTWAWKI) since you don't want to run into unfriendly strangers, but if you have to travel any distance, then a bike (especially a mountain bike on a secluded trail) will be something lots of survivalists will embrace.

24 – Popular Recreation Will Be Gone

These expensive hobbies will be a thing of the past. Golf, bowling, skiing – these hobbies will vanish overnight. There won't be any extra time to waste on such extravagant lifestyle activities.

25 – Rain Collection Systems Will Become the Norm

When the taps go dry, you'll want to set up simple roof rainwater collection systems. You can collect an impressive amount of rainwater if you have barrels on each downspout. When TEOTWAWKI occurs nearly everyone will start collecting rain water.

26 – Massive Unemployment

You will no longer have a job, at least not one in the traditional sense. Your new everyday job will be surviving. Your new full-time job will be gathering resources, fending off unfriendly strangers and protecting your family and it's going to be the hardest job you've ever had.

27 – Hand Tools Will Become Worth More

Hand tools that don't need electricity to operate will skyrocket in value. Not price in terms of paper money (it won't be worth anything), but price in terms of bartering leverage. Real value.

28 – People Will Take Up Old School Skills

Old school, pre-industrial age skills will come backing into high demand. You might be able to use these skills to barter or trade with neighbours. Sewing and mending clothes will be valuable. Resoling shoes and boots will become a necessary craft. Carpentry might be useful. Using your hands to build or fix things will be important after TEOTWAWKI event.

29 – Personal Sanitation Will Decrease

We already talked about indoor plumbing and dealing with human waste will be a huge issue to deal with. But so will everyday cleanliness. Daily showers will be a thing of the past. Baths will be the norm and once a week if you're extremely lucky.

The process of finding water and carrying it into the house will be a time-consuming chore. Not one you'll want to do with any regular frequency. If you live near a large body of water, river, lake or pond, then it will make more sense to strip down and jump in. Also, having a warm bath will take a lot more time and energy so cold baths will be the new norm.

30 – Cities Will Become Dangerous Death Traps

Cities will be extremely dangerous, especially in the first few months/years after TEOTWAWKI event. Millions of starving people will create massive violence. People attack each other for scarce resources. Over time, people will flee the city looking for more resources. Those left behind will survive mainly by taking from others by force.

If you live in a major city, I suggest you bug out as soon as things go south. If you don't live in a major city, then it's best to avoid and never be tempted to go into one. It will most likely be a death trap and I'm not willing to bet my life on it.

31 – No Colleges or Universities

Higher education will be limited to local survival communities. If a small survival community survives, then it will begin educating its children. However, it won't be the same sort of education that we have today. Survival skills and weapon use will be the main education topics. Not philosophy and liberal arts.

32 – Horses Will Become More Popular Again

If you have horses and you can keep them from starving, then they will grow in popularity. Once things settle out, the survivors are going to use horses for travel. Like early frontier days.

33 – Body Hair Will Not Be Groomed

Shaving daily will become a thing of the past, because fresh, sharp blades will be less readily available. Most won't want to waste the time and energy to do so. So men in general, will have more facial hair and women will have unshaven legs and armpits.

34 – Greenback Won't Be the Recognized Currency

Paper money will be worth nothing. The only reason it has value today is because people have confidence in it. Confidence that those paper dollars (or whatever) will be recognized by others to represent value. TEOTWAWKI will destroy all confidence in paper money holding any value. If you think about it this paper can't do anything practical. It can't dig like a good tactical shovel, it can't be eaten to give us calories, it can't be used for self-defence. The only use paper money have after TEOTWAWKI is to help start fires and to be used as emergency toilet paper.

35 – No More Dieting and Weight Control Programs

When food resources are scarce, being overweight will no longer be a problem. Starvation will be the new issue people are confronted with.

36 – National Politics Won't Matter

After TEOTWAWKI the only politics you'll have to worry about is local politics. No matter how small your group of survival coalition is, there will be some form of decision making. There will be leaders and followers. This is local politics.

37 – Correct Prescription Eye Glasses Will Become Cherished

If you wear corrective lenses, then you need to plan carefully before TEOTWAWKI. Blurry vision is a huge disadvantage in survival, from shooting guns to spotting intruders. Blurry vision will get you killed after TEOTWAWKI. So you need to have eyeglasses and preferably a backup pair. They won't be making any more. Plus, the odds of bartering for a pair with your exact prescription is basically zero.

The way I see it, you have 2 options:

- 1) Get LASIK vision correction ASAP
 - 2) Consider getting a pair of sports goggles with your prescription today, just in case.
- Sports goggles can take a lot more abuse than traditional eyeglasses.

38 – Firearm Carry Will Become the Norm

Those who survive will be gun carriers. No permits needed. Without any form of law enforcement, we'll go back to the Wild West era of packing heat everywhere we go. Plan to gear up for TEOTWAWKI gunfights.

39 – No More Planning Around the Weather

Weather for the day will be a complete surprise. Of course, you'll know the general seasons. You'll know it's not going to snow in summer. However, you won't know what the next 10 days are going to bring as far as storms or droughts. Why? Because our current system of weather forecasting will no longer function. No more planning your picnics around the weather. But no one will be picnicking anyways... However, here are some old methods to predict what the weather might have in store.

40 – A Lot Less Wildlife

Wildlife equals protein. Starving humans equals mass local wildlife extinction. Birds, squirrels, deer, and rabbits will all be wiped out locally. Probably snakes too. Some people will eat rodents. However, rats carry disease and multiply like crazy. So I expect they will be around in significant numbers. The mornings will be eerily quiet with no birds chirping.

41 – The Concept of Weekend Will Vanish

Thank goodness, it's Friday. Oh goodness, it's Monday. Sound familiar? This entire concept of "weekend" will vanish. When surviving is your only priority, you don't really get any days off. While you won't be going in to your job M-F, you also won't be relaxing Saturday and Sunday.

42 – Solar Devices and Panels Will Be Worth a Lot More

Being able to harness some power from the sun will be a TEOTWAWKI luxury. It will be highly desirable to be able to power a few select devices, even if it's not a lot of power or for very long. If you do have enough solar power to run a small refrigerator or heater then you're going to be the talk of the town. Heck, even solar lanterns, solar power bank and USB rechargeable batteries will set you apart from the average Joe. But again, "the rub", you'll have to defend this device from your envious neighbours.

43 – Small Survival Villages Will Form

A few survival coalitions will make it past the initial hell of TEOTWAWKI. These pockets of survivalist will be close-knit groups. They will have the tools, resources, and trust to work together to survive. They may even carve out a respectable existence given a few years of hard work. In most respects, this survival life will be harder than today, but in a few ways it might be better.

44 – No More Morning Cup of Coffee

Like restaurants, the coffee shops will no longer function. So you won't be able to buy a cup of Joe. If you stockpiled some ahead of time, maybe you have a few grounds lying around. But I highly doubt you'll stockpile enough for the long haul. Coffee beans will vanish and become a rare luxury not often found and expensive if you do.

45 – Cannibalism Will Become Much More Prevalent

While it's horrible to consider, you know some people will go there. We know it's happened in small emergencies in our past history (Donner Party). So why would it be any different after TEOTWAWKI takes place? It's your choice whether you will go that far, but I assure you, many will.

46 – Entitled Attitude Will Be Eradicated

I'm sure you know someone who has an entitled attitude. Heck, just look at most teenagers nowadays. Those who have this attitude after TEOTWAWKI will not make it. People will quickly realize they are entitled to NOTHING. Many will decide that this new survival based life is not worth living. They will voluntarily leave this world behind (i.e. commit suicide).

47 – Much Lower Average Age of Population

Due to the constant threat of starvation, lack of modern medical supplies and very poor sanitation practices our population's average life expectancy will plummet. This number drop will be due to much higher child mortality rates.

48 – Body Piercings and Tattoos Will Be Less Popular

Not only will these forms of expression become a distraction from survival, but people who pierce or tattoo themselves will be asking for an infection. Today if you get an infection you take some antibiotics and you're good to go. After TEOTWAWKI, a simple infection will often kill without antibiotics to treat it. So the risk/reward equation will suck.

49 – Rodent Populations Will Balloon Out of Control

With poor sanitation practices and lack of poison control substances, rats will thrive. Rodents in general, have a very short breeding cycle. These cycles are extremely difficult to stop once it starts. So without any modern control substances, rodents will dominate. They might become some people's regular source of protein, though. However, rats carry diseases so it's a major trade-off to be avoided if at all possible.

50 – People Will Have Worse Teeth

Without any formal dentistry or toothpaste, oral hygiene will suffer. Over time, people's teeth will rot. Without regular oral hygiene tooth decay sets in. Braces will no longer be available to correct crooked teeth. Today, most children get braces and most people have a nice smile. In the future, buck and crooked teeth will come back into our society in regular doses. So it's a good idea to have a Survival Dental Plan for TEOTWAWKI.

51 – No More Elaborate Funerals

If TEOTWAWKI plays out as I fear with mass starvation, there will be thousands (maybe millions) of people who won't get buried at all. They will die in rooms, houses and on the street without anyone caring to remove them. They will rot, decay, stink and be left for the vultures. For those who lose a family member, they might take the time and energy to perform a simple funeral. It will be a basic hole dug in the backyard with a basic cross or very basic tombstone. No caskets, no embalming, no hearse. So you should have a plan to deal with this for your family.

52 – Prostitution Will Become Rampant

Like it or not, sex is an ancient bartering tool. It's one that has been around since the very beginnings of civilization. As I heard it once said "it might just be one of the oldest professions ever." Rape will also be rampant. Why pay (i.e. barter) when you can just take? But I think it's likely for prostitution rings to develop at some point after TEOTWAWKI. I'm not condoning it, but it will be a way for some to survive.

53 – No More Financial Debts (Student Loans / Mortgages / Taxes)

I've got good news for you. Your mortgage, student loans, and credit card debts will all be forgotten after TEOTWAWKI. No one will be knocking on your door threatening you if you don't pay them back. Especially not when everyone will be busy just trying to survive. Traditional finances will be meaningless.

54 – Workout Gyms Will No Longer Exist

You'll be getting a workout in every day carrying Water Bricks full of water from your water supply to your living quarters. Everyone will be working out, but not to keep their figure slim or their butt tight. They'll be working to stay alive. Plus, you'll want to try and conserve as much energy as possible, not burn it off on purpose. There will be enough energy loss trying to survive. Beyond that, you'll want to rest up and try to avoid wasting your precious calories.

55 – Children's Sleepovers Won't Happen

Your kids won't go over to their friends' houses for sleepovers. Why? Because after TEOTWAWKI, trust will no longer extend past your immediate family. Trust may still reach to your extended family, but that's about it. If food, water, and heat are scarce resources, the last thing you'll want is to waste them on someone else's children. Plus, you won't trust anyone else with your child either...even for one night.

56 – No More Night Clubs or Bars

Do you enjoy a stop off at your local pub after work? You better drink up today because that comforting habit will end after TEOTWAWKI. Alcohol has better uses in survival than for getting us drunk. Plus, if you're drunk you're just asking to get taken advantage of in an uncivilized world. Too many people already get taken advantage of today in our "civilized" modern world.

57 – Handheld Weapons Will Become More Popular

Guns, ammo, and suppressors will be important, but you also won't want to waste your bullets unnecessarily. You'll want to carry some other form of self-defence weapon as well. Brass knuckles, monkey fists, and survival knives will be popular choices to carry along with a gun.

58 – Foraging Will Be Popular Until Everything Has Been Scavenged

Foraging will become popular initially when there is still something to forage. In densely populated areas things like wild mushrooms, cattails, and wild onions will become scarce quickly. In rural areas, foraging will be a regular activity for survivalists.

Remember though, foraging is not as easy as it sounds. You need to fully understand what you are doing to be successful at it.

59 – Less Trust of Strangers

You will no longer feel safe in any sized crowd or even passing a lone stranger on the street. You will quickly learn that blind trust can get you killed. There will be no more holding doors for strangers or friendly greetings. It's too bad, but strangers will equal danger after TEOTWAWKI.

60 – Less Sleep In General

The good news is that you will no longer be waking up to an alarm clock. Why? Because it won't work. The bad news is you won't be getting much sleep at all. Times will be dangerous, especially at night, and you'll want to sleep lightly. You will be more on edge and should plan on sleeping in shifts to keep watch.

61 – No More Pet Food

We talked earlier about a mass reduction in pet ownership. Well, pet food manufacturers will shut down, too. On top of that, pet food will be eaten by your fellow human beings. It's nutritious and calorie dense, and if you're starving it will taste amazing.

62 – Canned Food “Best Buy” Dates Won't Matter

Is your canned food expired or past its “Best If Used Buy” date? Who cares!? That can contain's a wealth of valuable calories. Open it up, smell it, and if it's not rancid, eat up.

63 – Hand Crank Devices Will Be Desirable

There are a few devices that you can purchase with hand cranks instead of electrical cords. Two popular ones are radios and lanterns. They are great because the hand cranks are mini electrical generators. They don't produce a lot of energy, but they will give you a listen-only radio and a light source without grid power. These devices will be gems when TEOTWAWKI comes.

64 – Neosporin/Bactroban/Betadine Will Become Desirable

Antibiotic ointments will become a popular barter item.

If you scratch your knuckle, would you rather apply some Neosporin or take your chances without it?

Remember, the downside to a bad infection is death.

If you've stocked some Neosporin, others may trade a lot for it.

65 – No More Joint Replacements or Major Surgeries

If your hip is bad, or your knee gets crushed, then you'll have to live with the injury for the rest of your days.

There won't be hip surgeries or knee implants to speak of. Instead, there will be lots of people hobbling around after TEOTWAWKI, especially as the surviving population ages.

66 – Vegans Will Convert

Being a vegan is a luxury that modern life allows. But, after TEOTWAWKI I doubt many will pass up cooked squirrel when they haven't had a thing to eat for days or even weeks. And if they do pass it up, then they risk death by starvation for their vegan principles. It will be much harder to avoid starvation if you are picky about your food choices.

67 – Makeup / Fragrance / Hair Care Products – All Rare

Makeup, perfume, and hair gel will be rare, and most people won't have the energy or gumption to care about applying them. Who's going to want to get dressed up when they haven't had a shower in a week, and their toilets won't flush? Some may use fragrance initially to mask their stench but eventually the stuff will run out, and people will get accustomed to the smell.

68 – No More Semi-Truck Distribution Networks

There will not be any semi-tracker trailers in operation. The days of mass transit logistics moving goods and food supplies will be over. However, once things settle down, there may be some traveling merchants pulling basic carts and survival trailers from town to town trying to make a simple living exchanging goods.

69 – Star Gazing & Storytelling Will Be Popular

One form of ancient entertainment that will come back is star gazing. The stars will be incredible after TEOTWAWKI. The absence of light pollution will bring the brilliant night sky back for your enjoyment. If you've ever seen stars with no light pollution, you know what I'm talking about; it's spectacular.

There will also be more storytelling as a form of entertainment. Why? Because stories don't require gadgets or money. And youngsters will want to hear Dad tell stories about the "Old Days."

70 – Home Depreciation Will Be More Noticeable

Homeowners will no longer maintain their property. Homes will begin deteriorating the day after TEOTWAWKI and after just a few years will be significantly run down, especially the abandoned ones. However, you can pilfer materials from these abandoned homes to keep your house in decent shape, not that you'll care much about how it looks. But keeping your home intact is important to protect you from outside elements.

71 – No More Weed Control

Similar to no more mowed lawns, weeds will also grow out of control. Everywhere you look...more weeds, in the cracks of roads, sidewalks and driveways, and in every abandoned garden and unkempt patio.

72 – Stout Shoes / Boots Will Be Worth More

Stout boots and good shoes will be highly desired. Poor shoes or boots will cause foot problems. Foot problems can lead to all manner of survival disadvantages. We've all seen movies where the protagonist stops to check the dead guy's boots, searching for an upgrade over his current pair.

73 – Board Games, Cards, and Puzzles Will Be Popular

Kids need some form of entertainment, even after TEOTWAWKI, and board games, playing cards, and puzzles will fit the bill nicely. No, they're not as glamorous as video games or cell phones, but they are a lot of fun when options are limited.

74 – Skin Cancer Cases Will Increase

Sunscreen will no longer be readily available, and the little that remains after TEOTWAWKI will get used in just a year or two. People should cover themselves up, wear long sleeves and try to limit prolonged sun exposure. Most won't heed this advice. Who cares about a little sun when you've got larger immediate concerns? But slowly at first, then year after year, this attitude will take its toll and skin cancer will rise. After a decade or 2, it could become an epidemic, though we may no longer have a doctor's diagnosis for it.

75 – Travel Will Be Rare And Without GPS

Your traveling days will be over. Why? Because travel will be much more difficult and extremely dangerous. And, if you're forced to leave you won't have GPS navigation to help guide you. If you're lucky, you'll have a compass and a map. If not, then it's navigation via the sun and stars. Yes, satellites left in orbit will still be transmitting GPS signals. But without electricity, there won't be any devices left to collect the data.

76 – Air Pollution Will Vanish

Air pollution will no longer be an issue. The overwhelming number of vehicles exhausting fumes daily into our atmosphere will dwindle, along with manufacturing and power plant generators. The vast majority of the electricity being generated after TEOTWAWKI will be from alternative sources like solar power generators and windmills, meaning that the infamous brown clouds that hover over our major cities will quickly disperse without a continuous stream of fumes to feed their existence.

77 – No One Will Give A Damn about Global Climate Change

Concerns over climate change will vanish as quickly as the piles of human excrement accumulate. However, if our earth does get warmer, milder winters would be beneficial for survival after TEOTWAWKI. Just saying...

78 – Backyard Pools Will Not Be Used For Fun

One often overlooked means of water storage is a backyard pool. An entire pool full of life-giving water located just outside your back door is a nice survival luxury, indeed. But have you thought about how best to manage this survival asset?

Your neighbours will want you to share, and that may not be your intention. How many strangers should you let drink from your pool? Are you willing to shoot trespassers? A backyard pool might be one of those survival blessings that turns into a survival nightmare. As the old saying goes, "It's better to have a neighbour with a pool."

79 – Light Pollution Will Be A Thing Of The Past

When TEOTWAWKI comes, night time will bring pitch black darkness. No more city lights, no more street lights, no more house lights...just as dark as dark can be. The only exception will be the occasional full moon.

80 – Roving Mobs / Robbers / Muggers Will Be Prevalent and Deadly

Roving gangs and bandits will coalesce and thrive by taking resources from others. They will roam from city to city and from town to town raping and pillaging to meet needs and desires. You will be confronted with two choices to deal with them. You can either hide from them or confront them. They will be ruthless and well-armed, so unless your survival coalition is up for a deadly skirmish, it may be more prudent to avoid them. You should plan for this inevitability (encountering a large band of survivors with ill-intent) ahead of time. Create a plan to hide your resources well and develop an escape route. Fortifying your home is a good place to start.

81 – Suicide Rates Will Increase

Many will decide that a TEOTWAWKI world is not one worth living in. They will choose not to endure the hardships and suffering and will elect to take the easy way out.

82 – People Will Stop Complaining About 1st World Problems

Most 1st world problems and complaints will subside. Comments such as "Why can't I get my computer in the colour pink?" or "Are we there yet?" or "But I'm hungry now!" or "My digital photos are so disorganized..." will vanish. Those are examples of silly developed world problems and complaints. They will sound even more ridiculous than they already do today.

83 – Families Will Live Closer Together

For most, their families will be the only other humans they can trust. So naturally, families will stick together more. Kids will no longer leave for college and relocate for a new job on the other side of the country. After TEOTWAWKI, those born in small towns will grow up, live, and die in the same small town.

84 – No More Showers – Occasional Baths at Best

Showers require water pressure. Water pressure won't be available at large. It is possible to rig up a gravity fed shower, but most will not find the effort worth it. Instead, most people will elect just to bathe in rivers, lakes, and ponds – whichever large source of water happens to be closest. After TEOTWAWKI most won't have a warm shower.

85 – Drug and Alcohol Abuse Will Be Reduced

Upon initial inspection, most believe drug abuse will increase because people will want to escape their new nightmarish reality. That might be true, but over time recreational drugs will become as rare as life-saving drugs.

Alcohol will be kept for sanitizing supplies, cleaning wounds, etc. While drug and alcohol abuse will not be eliminated, it will no longer be main stream.

86 – New Moms Will Breastfeed

Without access to infant formula, women will have no choice other than to breastfeed. If they want to feed their new-borns, then they will need to breastfeed them. I can't imagine being able to score consistent amounts of baby formula after TEOTWAWKI. And, breastfeeding allows a mom to feed her child without worry of cleaning and sterilizing bottles, mixing the proper amount of formula, or the luxury of a heated bottle.

87 – No More Internet – No More Email

The internet will no longer exist and even if it did there will be no grid power to run a computer to take advantage of it. No more worrying about your messy email inbox.

88 – Old Magazines Will Be Worth More

Hard copy magazines will make a comeback. Not that any new issues will be released, but old issues will be popular. These stacks of past issues that have been stashed away for years will finally fetch a healthy bartering price.

89 – Digital Photos Will Be Lost

Digital photos stored on computer hard drives or "The Cloud" will be hard (if not impossible) to access. However, physical photos will become beloved and cherished treasures for families. They won't have any barter value, but they will have immense personal value.

90 – No More National Elections –Everyone Will Be Of The Party Survivalist

National elections will be a thing of the past. Without nationwide communication, local leadership groups will dominate. It's possible some of the local leaders will be chosen through elections, but nationwide democracy won't rise from the ashes. It's much more likely that these local leadership groups will resemble oligarchic forms of decision making.

91 – Bathing Suits and Suit & Ties Will Seem Silly

Who's going to wear a bikini after TEOTWAWKI? The answer is No One. The skimpy bathing suit is 100% style and 0% function. Suit jackets will become useful for keeping you warm, but a tie is nearly useless as originally intended. Ties are useful for other survival needs, but looking professional is not one of them. Looking professional will no longer matter.

92 – No More Civil Courts and Lawyers

Courts, judges, and lawyers will no longer be around. Disputes will now be handled by individuals or small groups. Often, the one who has the most firepower and will to use it will typically win a dispute.

93 – Credit Scores Will Be Meaningless

Do you have a good or bad credit score? Who cares about that after TEOTWAWKI? Without trust and computer-based algorithms, credit scores will be meaningless. However, it's possible that ancient forms of credit will make a comeback. If you want to borrow something, then just give up something of higher value as collateral. If you don't bring the borrowed item back, then you forfeit the collateral. This is the oldest form of credit. Today we call it a pawn shop.

94 – More Fishing – Over Fishing

Fishing will become very popular for thousands of starving people until the lakes and streams get fished out. Fish will be similar to other wildlife – in cities, the waterways will be empty of all life, in rural areas fishing will become a daily chore. Stock up on some Yo-Yo Reels now while you still can.

95 – Reuse and Keep Items – More Rat Packing

You won't be so quick to throw anything away (except for human waste and true garbage). Old appliances, old utensils, and neat survival gadgets will be kept around just in case. A lot of old junk can be repurposed after TEOTWAWKI.

96 – No More Car Washing or Car Washes

Nobody will be interested in washing a non-functioning vehicle. Plus, car washing is a major waste of water and time. Both driveway hand washing and automated car washes will become obsolete overnight.

97 – No More Income Inequality In The Traditional Sense

The rich will become poor, and the poor will become rich. Well, sort of. The new "rich" will be those of us who have key survival skills, knowledge, firepower and a coalition we can trust. The "poor" will be people who don't have any survival skills, people who today hire other people to care for their everyday life functions. These current rich folks will be in for a rude awakening when TEOTWAWKI occurs.

98 – More DIY / Fix It Yourself

If you're a part of a strong survival coalition, then the group will as a whole be very self-reliant but the individuals may not have to be. Members can focus on specific skills they know best. However, those who are not a part of a solid survival coalition will be forced to become 100% DIY. No more calling a professional to service or maintain your stuff. You get to fix things that become broken, with the parts you have on hand or that you can scrounge/barter for.

99 – No More Day care

If you have little ones, then your family will have to watch them all day, every day. There will no longer be day care institutions that watch groups of children so that you can get stuff done. You'll have to watch the children AND get stuff done. It's not going to be easy.

100 – Sugary Treats Will Be Rare

Sugary sweets (i.e. candy bars) will become a rare treat. They will no longer be mass produced and will get harder and harder to find as time goes on. The well-known brands such as Snickers, Jolly Ranchers, and M&M's will become as extinct as the sabre-tooth tiger.

101 – Bigger, Larger, Longer Wildfires

Firefighting will no longer be a full-time job. People will not go into the harsh wilderness to attempt to snuff out a roaring wildfire. Wildfires will burn until their fuel source runs out or the weather changes to rain/snow. As a result, many more acres will be burned by these uncontrolled TEOTWAWKI wildfires.

102 – Shopping Malls and "Going Shopping" Won't Exist

The idea of "going shopping" and "shopping malls" will vanish. Malls will likely become abandoned ghost towns cleaned out by opportunistic scavengers.

103 – No More Welfare Handouts

Without a national government, we will no longer have forced redistribution policies. Those who currently rely on handouts will be thrown to the wolves once TEOTWAWKI happens. National welfare handout programs will be a thing of the past.

104 – National Parks Boundaries Won't Matter

National parks will still be around in the sense that their stunning beauty won't up and disappear. However, there won't be anyone left to maintain them or control activities in them. Nor will there be tourist visitors. Instead, there

will be people living there and people passing through. Park authorities will have long ago abandoned their post to protect their own families.

105 – Amusement Parks Will Be Abandoned

No more rides down “Splash Mountain” or the “Double Dragon”. Amusement parks take an enormous amount of labour and significant funds to operate. They will be one of the very first places abandoned after TEOTWAWKI. Amusement parks will become sad, deteriorating reminders of a life that once was...

Summary

As you can tell when TEOTWAWKI happens things will be drastically different for a very long time.

The world will no longer function with civility and we will be thrown backward in time.

Will TEOTWAWKI actually happen?

Who knows?

Could it happen?

Yes.

Additional notes

FROM A SOUTH AFRICAN PERSPECTIVE (AND VERY SPECIFICALLY FROM A BOER PERSPECTIVE)

The Boer people - as distinct from the recently coined ‘Cape Dutch Afrikaner’ - are a very ‘believing’ folk (as distinct from ‘religious’, implying believing in the God rather than the religion – organisational church). They are also a very non-political folk and would rather have a Sanhedrin type volksraad (People’s Council) governing in alignment with Scriptural values (both testaments, the one never disparaging of the other) than a powerful central political party based ‘democracy’. These folks, to a lesser or greater extent, hold dear prophecies which they believe came directly from the Almighty and spoken through more and lesser known ‘volksprofete’ (people’s prophets). Perhaps the most endearing prophecy is that the ‘vierkleur’ (four-coloured national flag of the old ZAR) will be hoisted again in a bigger Boer republic and the land will be obtained without any financial obligations (‘sonder ‘n pennie landskuld’). The Boer is conservative as opposed to the leftist liberal value system of the ‘Cape Dutch Afrikaner’ who does not oppose miscegenation (but does not greatly practise it themselves). The latter is also more prone to integration and mingling with other language and race groups, whilst the Boer is quite willing to treat ‘others’ cordially, but not integrate.

Against this back drop, the impact of TEOTWAWKI – although believed by the Boer to definitely lie ahead for all humanity – may be somewhat different than for many others in humanity. There is a bit of ‘prepper’ in the Boer and a hard-headedness that do not make for easy submission to circumstances. However, they are quite impoverished by design of the Cape Dutch Afrikaner, their liberal bedfellows from their own race and the African insane hordes to which the Cape Dutch Afrikaner (for riches and a shared Nobel prize) gladly handed over the Boer, who could never ‘buy’ his freedom. The Boer knows that he is being punished by the Almighty for his national transgression that deviated him from the narrow road to the Almighty – (1) his trust of his foremen and (2) the non-keeping of his covenant with the Almighty.

Nevertheless, knowledge of how TEOTWAWKI can impact on the future can empower the Boer to live through this until his expectations from prophecies will be fulfilled.

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