PREPARING TO SURVIVE IN THE AGE OF COLLAPSE

Political, Military, Foreign Policy, and Preparedness Reforms Vital for Our Survival

"An exceptional, albeit alarming, book that highlights the growing threats that we face from advances in new technologies and highlights the urgent need to improve resilience and preparedness for the existential threats posed by those new technologies. Dr. Drew Miller was a highly valued member of our staff during the Surge in Iraq, and his analysis then was consistently of enormous value. His assessment of the risks we now face and the actions we should take is of equal value now."

--General David Petraeus, US Army (Ret.), former Commander of the Surge in Iraq, US Central Command, and Coalition Forces in Afghanistan; former Director of the CIA; co-author of the *New York Times'* bestselling book, *Conflict: The Evolution of Warfare From 1945 to Gaza*.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We have entered "The Age of Collapse," an era where mankind will suffer severe disasters that kill hundreds of millions to billions of people because of new technologies and threats, our fragile and interdependent economic system, irresponsible government, and a population that is increasingly dependent and unable to survive without long-distance water and food shipments.

The threats that could trigger a "collapse" (a cessation of most economic activity and widespread lack of law and order, massive casualties, for a prolonged period of time) are increasing due to advances in technology that can and will be misused, increasing vulnerability in our complex interconnected, "just-in-time delivery" economy. We have a population that is dependent and incapable of caring for themselves, plagued by millions of gang members and criminals who will take advantage of any situation that overwhelms police to loot and maraud.

New technologies such as bioengineering enable a small terrorist group or even one dedicated individual to modify and release a new virus that could cause a pandemic. The collapse in economic activity and loss of law and order that results will lead to panic, mass starvation, and marauding that might kill most of us. A host of experts say bioengineered viral pandemics are inevitable. They are not a future threat but a present risk that is growing since it is increasingly easier to modify an existing pathogen to make it more lethal or transmissible. Artificial Intelligence is not just a future threat of bad computers and robots—AI is being used now by bad people to develop better means to kill, new weapons of mass destruction.

The probability of a collapse is high and rising; currently a 16–57 percent annual chance. Lessons from the "Dark Winter" exercise and past big disasters show how economic

shutdown, loss of law and order, and marauding by criminals, soon joined by normally good people who face death, will often kill more than the trigger disaster event.

A growing number of Americans are preparing for collapse survival, especially the rich. Top elected and government officials will survive the collapse at Mount Weather, Raven Rock, and other FEMA and Department of Defense survival facilities. But the government is doing nothing to warn or prepare citizens for coming collapse disasters. Worse, Executive Orders authorize government agencies to steal food and resources from citizens when necessary—the priority is "Continuity of Government," not protecting citizens. In a bad collapse, which could last a year or more, most companies and organizations without collapse survival preparations will not survive—they will be forever destroyed.

After the first collapse plays out, there will be revolutionary changes in our economy, military, foreign policy, and the way we live during the rest of the Age of Collapse. It will be far better if the vital changes in foreign policy, military, government, and preparedness reforms required to survive in the Age of Collapse, recommended in this book, happen now.

Given the capability and proliferation of synthetic biotechnology and relative ease of attacking with bioweapons, the era of strong US national security is over. To survive in the Age of Collapse, the US must develop and prioritize collapse recovery capability—not focus defense spending on the clash of military forces overseas. Our foreign policy and national security strategy must adapt to the Age of Collapse. While some overseas military capability may be more useful than ever for "Prompt Global Strike" missions against distant Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) threats, the Department of Defense needs to shift the vast majority of its resources to homeland security and disaster recovery.

The United States must immediately cancel its promise to defend Taiwan, a province of China, and honor its promise to stay out of China's Civil War. China is prepared to destroy the US electric grid before they invade Taiwan. They can use a small nuclear attack to force the US president to abandon Taiwan if we continue with our foolish policy to promise defensive assistance for Taiwan. We need our military forces and budget focused on homeland security, with overseas forces limited to prompt global strikes to stop impending WMD attacks that, with the assistance of AI, can be coming from not just terrorist groups, but dedicated individuals. The era of clash with overseas armies will likely end, replaced by drones/space/cyber/AI/new weapons of mass destruction. US nuclear weapons will be more valuable than ever, both low-yield battlefield nuclear weapons when necessary, and rapidly delivered low-yield nuclear strikes to eliminate pending WMD threats. Nuclear weapons must also be ready to destroy Artificial General Intelligence threats if we cannot stop AI before it reaches this stage.7 Prevention, Preemption, and Preparedness, P^3, are key to survival in the Age of Collapse.

Bad US policies on nuclear weapons, protecting Taiwan, promoting bioengineering and Artificial Intelligence, are driven not by what is best for national security, but for domestic vote appeal by an irresponsible, horrible, self-serving government. We need term limits and other reforms to get government out of unaffordable, unconstitutional, divisive social

programs, and refocused on its proper role—protecting citizens from threats they cannot handle on their own. We need to limit Continuity of Government programs and ban legislators from having civil defense protection not afforded to all citizens, and ban government seizure of private property in a collapse.

To survive the Age of Collapse, individuals must become preppers, join survival communities, because the government has failed its primary job of protecting citizens from threats they can't handle on their own. The biggest barriers to prepping today come from government. Government is a threat to survival during a collapse as well since their priority is keeping top officials alive, at our expense. Irresponsible, unconstitutional, divisive Big Government must end or most Americans will not survive the coming collapses.

The divided United States is already in an early stage of Civil War. Most counties defy state gun control laws, and the nation is sharply divided into increasingly hostile political sides. The United States may be in the final stage of civilization collapse.

What is the alternative if we don't adapt to the Age of Collapse? First, billions more casualties and very unpleasant deaths (starvation, bleeding out or dying from infected wounds after marauder attacks). Second, in the age of bioengineered viruses and other deadly new Weapons of Mass Destruction, the nation state may no longer be able to offer what has been its primary means of justification: protecting the population from deadly threats. Maintaining armies, a primary mission of the nation-state, is increasingly irrelevant in the age of collapse. It is quite possible that nation-states will cease to rule in the Age of Collapse, replaced by local/regional warlords (good or bad) who provide security. Some states (like Texas) may secede from the United States. Alternatively, the threat of AI and the necessity for absolute control of it everywhere could lead to an all-powerful world government that rules in the Age of Collapse. China is for this result, and well prepared to execute unlimited, all-powerful government control.

The good news is that well-prepared people and nations should be able to adapt and survive. If we adopt huge changes in policy and reform government now, or quickly after the first possibly galvanizing collapse disaster, we can achieve peace, prosperity, as well as freedom while surviving in the Age of Collapse. Irresponsible, unconstitutional, self-serving government must end and Artificial Intelligence must be absolutely controlled, more stringently than nuclear weapons technology is treated. Until we do, nonviolent civil disobedience is justified to stop irresponsible, unconstitutional government that is working to kill us now, and setting citizens up for massive slaughter and death in a collapse. Civil disobedience is vital now to halt AI before it progresses to the point where we cannot stop it from wiping out humanity.

The big upside potential of the Age of Collapse is that the dire, immediate need to control "Tool AI" and ban superintelligent AGI could lead to an AI Control Alliance that brings the world together, united in our common goal of preventing AI from exterminating all of us.

Living in the Age of Collapse with repeated WMD attacks and collapse disasters will initially cause tremendous fatalities and devastation until we have prepared. But we can adapt,

and if we change human behavior, as well as foreign and military practices, how we farm and produce goods, the Age of Collapse could actually provide a higher quality of life and better planet than we have now.

This book proposes a way to prepare for the Age of Collapse and save humanity.

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