

## TEOTWAWKI: What It Really Means!

"The End Of The World As We Know It" (TEOTWAWKI) is a common term on survival websites. Many people assume they'll survive TEOTWAWKI, and their kids and grand-kids will also, because of their efforts. That's naïve!

Long ago, ancestors of many American Indians were city-dwellers. Old stories tell how they lived in houses; food, water, and clothing were readily available; and life was easy. Then something happened, and their civilization(s) crashed. They fell so hard there was no resurrecting them. They died. Forever.

I assume back then - within a generation or two - reading, writing, math, history, science, literature, most art, industrial processes, business, and even the idea of money were lost. None of these is essential if all of your energy is devoted to survival. These things were lost when civilization fell, and the survivors no longer had time or energy for them. Civilization is a fragile thing.

Today, we look at former civilizations that archeologists have dug up. What the archeologists miss, and what we as modern-day men miss, is that when these civilizations disappeared - most of their people also disappeared. They died.

Imagine that all of a sudden our civilization fell, and you were left alive. You think you are pretty well prepared, perhaps - but the truth is that you have to find safe water, adequate shelter, edible food, and personal safety to survive. The learning curve is steep, and you learn or you die. If you can learn these skills, later you can be concerned about having adequate clothing, workable footwear, hunting and fishing, and teaming up with other survivors to form a group (tribe?).

Many people who contemplate TEOTWAWKI seem to assume that whatever happens, they'll be okay. Some survivalists assume that after The Crash, they'll be organized well enough to take over. The trouble is, a real TEOTWAWKI affects everybody, all at once, and the effects are long-term. After Indian civilization fell, they never got back to living the way they did before it fell. It fell forever.

Since the ancestors of today's Indians went through the Indian TEOTWAWKI, they learned much more about it than you can by contemplating it on the Internet in your comfortable homes. The Indian TEOTWAWKI made the European Dark Ages look delightful and enlightened. The Indian TEOTWAWKI makes Bangladesh look like a vacation spot! The Indian TEOTWAWKI killed their world, their hopes, their dreams - yet many of today's Indians look forward to becoming once again the glorious people their ancestors once were.