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Thread: [Imagine that we are facing a complete annihilation of humanity, how do we react?](#)

Roberto Scorpius Malfoy - April 11, 2020, 1:06 pm

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How would people react in this situation when the government doesn't have the strength to make this a big blackout?

Panic is a fact, but beyond that, how does man react to its totalitarian extinction?

Theocritus - April 11, 2020, 1:08 pm

i would imagine many a man would start praying to their imaginary deity for salvation.. good luck with that one though

Lor?d - April 11, 2020, 1:11 pm

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Lakai - April 11, 2020, 1:12 pm

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Pow3r - April 11, 2020, 1:14 pm

(Apr 11, 2020 01:11 PM)Lord Psychotic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This is too easy. Just buy all the toilet paper. Duh

You can close the thread now. This is the correct and only answer. There is no other way. I just wish you hadn't publically announced my master plan though...

Roberto Scorpius Malfoy - April 11, 2020, 1:16 pm

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Ah, I had haeard something kinda familiar to this a while back, which is why I asked. I think all the countries in the world would have to work together, or life as we know it ends.

Nuworld - April 11, 2020, 1:18 pm

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I would just buy a case of beer ?

Sit on my roof get fucked up and watch the end of time.

?ystem - April 11, 2020, 5:33 pm

The thought and/or scenario of impending doom brought on by a celestial object hitting Earth, and usually what I feel is this relatively "down" feeling, almost if I had been told a lie my whole life in the respect of that I was told I would grow up, be an adult, get old and have the benefit of f\$%king with others with my false dementia. That's basically it as a whole. I mean, no doubt I would just have to swallow the sad reality that my death will be sooner and the beautiful world I see will no longer be. It's a sad thought, but in my own way of self-preparedness I've already mostly accepted that fate just for good measure. Builds character, I guess?

Yanix - April 11, 2020, 5:36 pm

(Apr 11, 2020 01:11 PM)Lord Psychotic Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This is too easy. Just buy all the toilet paper. Duh

This is the reason why there's nothing left for us.

Cyam - April 11, 2020, 5:43 pm

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(Apr 11, 2020 06:00 PM)Roberto Scorpius Malfoy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Lmafo why would they show up for work? They got families as well.I don't know. Personally, if I were in the broadcasting business and the world was coming to an end, I wouldn't mind sacrificing a smidgen of time to do something wild and unique to be shown live worldwide. Most certainly not getting drunk, but indeed something special.

Hell, bring the family with so you're not too far away from each other, just keep them in another room where they can't see your shenanigans.

kaled - April 12, 2020, 1:18 am

Your subjects are really beautiful and the comments on them are also logical. You are rational and realistic as well. The question is how do we face this genocide, if it is true and worth seeing

James Burnham - April 12, 2020, 1:22 am

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Rekt - April 12, 2020, 2:23 am

say gg, roll a joint and watch it all blow over

ningjingdexiatian - April 12, 2020, 2:29 am

Stay calm as always, breathe, then react.

Luca - April 12, 2020, 3:00 am

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Because I imagine some hosts would like to go live on the end of the world.

And who says their families wouldn't be there too

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The only problem I see is that he stated it's "complete annihilation of humanity" meaning asteroid would be so big that no bunkers would save you.

Yin Yang - April 12, 2020, 6:10 am

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Cyam - April 12, 2020, 9:00 am

(Apr 12, 2020 06:10 AM)Yin Yang Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Then we'd have to inhabit a different planet... Mars? Easier said than done mate.

I believe Elon Musk would speed up the process, but it probably wouldn't be fast enough.

Angela White - April 12, 2020, 9:02 am

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As any scientist would say "Very unlikely, but not impossible". We are actually watching and monitoring a list of potential dangerous orbital asteroids which cross earth orbit (called ECA : Earth-Crossing Asteroids). And we have different program trying to find ways to deviate them in case of danger. The danger could also come from outside of our solar system with asterdoids cruising through. But obviously the odds are very low (yet an ECA fell on earth in 2008)

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The European Space Agency is currently working on a program to take care of it. I'm pretty sure the NASA might also have such program. The solutions might be different considering the velocity, size and weight of the asteroid, from trying to bomb it to deviate the trajectory, to split it and hoping it would desintegrate when entering the atmosphere, or to generate thrust to push it away from the earth trajectory. But in fact, for most cases, we wouldn't have enough means to do anything. We are not able to send any human in such mission so we would only work with remote solutions, and it would probably be a one time try with very low chances of success

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I remember watching a TED talk (i can't remember the title) where the speaker would talk about being taught that she had only 6 months to live, and how it changes everything to now know how much time you have left. Because in this time remaining, you would not want to do all the BS stuff you were doing before, you'd spend more time with friends & family, ... Pretty accurate one i think, and it could apply for this scenario even if it's on a larger scale there.

(Apr 12, 2020 01:22 AM)Burnham Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Couldn't we just nuke it to make it change direction? And it wouldn't be affected by the suns gravitational pull?

Theoriticaly yes, we could change the trajectory by applying forces (That's typical laws of Newton). The problem is, the bigger and/or the faster the object is, the harder it gets to change its trajectory. So we would need one of two thing : changing its trajectory earlier (limited by the time of the detection, the time to set up the mission, and the time to reach the object), or having a bigger force to apply (limited by what we are capable of building and of the weight our orbiters could carry)

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There is a big difference. The covid-19 is an invisible threat and was an unknown threat. So obviously it's very difficult to manage it and people want to avoid overreacting.

Whereas an asteroid is a pretty big physical object, on which we can apply physic laws that can not

be doubted anymore. So any astronomer finding out about the trajectory of such object would easily know the threat it represent and would alert all the other scientists. I don't think any government would be able to keep the information, since astronomer from all over the globe could find it out.

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Agreed. The bunkers need to have enough of supplies and contingencies to survive for the period earth is expected to recover. That includes backup oxygen, food, water, etc. I'm sure its possible but it would really require thorough planning with zero room for error. Anyway, read your comments to the other posts and all of them completely make sense! Be well buddy!

Purgatory - August 15, 2024, 9:38 pm

Well, I imagine that upon discovery, man's only effort would be to deter such a thing. Coming to the realization that complete and total annihilation of mankind is the inevitable result; I believe their efforts would shift towards finding a new home. I mean, it sounds like some sci-fi shit, but in times of desperation, we grasp for any hope.