

Subject: World events and potential outcomes
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Hi all,

If you've been following nerd news like I have, you have seen lately that several breakthroughs have been announced in the area of artificial intelligence/superintelligence. These include a stunning realization by OpenAI (published as a research paper just yesterday) that something called the Exponential Time Hypothesis is not true. This has big implications for a pillar of computer science known as the $P=NP$ problem. In summary, if $P=NP$, then every computer programming challenge has a simple solution that can be computed and verified. This is actually the worst-ever news, because if $P=NP$, there is no more encryption over the internet and the internet becomes unusable overnight, as well as banking transactions and anything else requiring security. If $P \neq NP$, we are safe for a long time and there is no short-term risk. Basically, this is a knife edge with a steep cliff on one side and the status quo on the other side.

If you've been following world news like I have, you have seen lately a number of distressing events that portend a dark future for everyone, at least for some unknown period of time. This includes a possible singularity in the form of a black swan world-changing event, such as the emergence of Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) that becomes self-aware. Indeed, signs have already occurred, such as the use of A.I. to prove mathematical theorems that were, until now, impossible to prove. It is likely only a matter of time before A.I. reaches a point where it becomes self-aware/conscious. You may have heard Elon Musk predicting a bright future where there is endless abundance and money becomes unnecessary. If you believe that, then great-- but the issue is what happens between now and then.

Additionally, President Trump is talking about a new campaign in Iran, which is both the world's leading sponsor of terrorism and also the world's second or third-most advanced cyber warfare adversary after Russia and China.

World governments have started telling people to stock up on food and water and be self-sufficient for three days, or longer. The UK government has told its citizens to prepare for war. The U.S. government has told all military bases that they must be self-sufficient for up to 90 days. Chaotic scenes of rioters/looters in France and now Brazil's allegedly stolen election suggest that the stability of governments is somewhat of an illusion.

The U.S. midterm elections, however you feel about politics, are poised to become the most consequential in a generation, and probably in my lifetime. There was a data dump of ten separate releases on X/Twitter by someone who obtained the plans and recorded video calls of a group of "democracy advocates" who are planning something big after the upcoming elections, during which they openly advocate for a reset of the U.S. Constitution through a manufactured crisis that provokes the President into invoking the Insurrection Act. I have citations for everything in this email including this point, but I think you don't really need those to believe that ex-USAID/ex-State Department officials are plotting some type of seditious conspiracy.

From the above and other factors, I'm assessing there is a high probability of a world-changing event, crisis, and/or war in the next couple of weeks. If I were Iran and facing the extinction of the regime, I would take a page out of the Biblical story of Samson. If you're not familiar, the legend of Samson tells the story of an Israelite judge who, rather than be displayed as a captured slave, broke the pillars of a temple and collapsed it, killing himself along with hundreds of Philistines. Israel actually has a "Samson Option" which is the use of their nuclear weapons in a situation their country is faced with annihilation. Probably so does Iran: a series of mass cyberattacks coinciding with the U.S. midterm elections using A.I.-exploited "zero day" cyber vulnerabilities that they have been saving for just this scenario. We saw a preview of this a few days ago when an A.I.-assisted attack on PHP was announced. PHP runs 70% of the world wide web and any flaw is a catastrophe. SSH is something else that could be broken and runs probably 99% of the internet, which would be even worse. And of course, SSH requires $P \neq NP$ or it doesn't work at all...I think you see where I'm going with this.

An attack that disables the internet on a mass scale would paralyze business, logistics, and/or supply chains, and result in a destabilizing disruption for days, weeks, or longer. The only

communications in that scenario will be possible over Starlink or terrestrial radio, if at all, and this would certainly require activation of the Emergency Broadcast System by the government. In the event an internet disruption coincides with some other black swan event, the change could be rapid and disruptive, if not existential, due to the communications blackout that provides opportunity for misinformation and other challenges.

What does this mean for the law firm? Simple, in the event of a mass scale event or a technological singularity with existential risk, the U.S. government will do another shelter-in-place lockdown like with COVID-19, but this time, they will use all the lessons learned from last time and not screw it up as much. I don't know what that looks like except to say that if the power goes out or water shuts off for any length of time, you will see a civil and humanitarian disaster on a large scale for at least days, if not longer.

Why am I writing this? Well, first I want to say, your number one duty as it always should be is to your families, especially including physical safety and security. My advice to you is to be prepared enough to survive three full days of chaos during which, on a national or global level, the future is uncertain. I strongly believe that during this period, there will be a period of local crime and looting during which certain areas become impassable or at least very unsafe. My family and I will be fine unless the water and power go out at our building, in which case it looks like we're going to crash at my parents' house for a while. As you all know, I am my own and my family's security, and I am thanking my lucky stars that I have all my guns and ammunition back after the dismissal of that stupid frivolous DV case that my crazy ex from 2021 filed back in August. My CCW permit also got renewed recently. Coincidence? I have no idea, but I'm taking the small wins as I find them.

My top priority, obviously after surviving along with my family, will be keeping the law firm I.T. running so that we continue to have email and access to the portal and client files. Without that, there is simply very little business to be done. Unless the power goes off at the building, it is highly probable that everything stays on, even through some type of disaster where we all have to work remotely. That could be interesting, because the self-hosted equipment and configurations of the hardware mean that we may be one of the only law firms in this region that is able to carry on a semi-normal business. Ironically, that could cause more people to hire us during the disruptive events. So even though I feel like an idiot for have a bunch of under-used physical space in this Zoom Court 2.0 era, this law firm is in the best position to continue operations during a crisis out of any similarly sized group. Note that we have updated radios at the office, which we can distribute internally as needed to retain communications, even if the internet and/or normal mobile phone networks are seriously degraded.

As you can see, I've given this a lot of thought. I am pretty much ready for anything at this point except for an actual civil war. My level of preparation is not necessary or appropriate for everyone. But I would encourage you to adapt to the near-term future risks by being flexible and agile in both your personal and professional lives. What this looks like for me is ensuring that everyone can work remotely during periods when physical access to the office may not be safe, or possible. What it looks like for you is having a computer at home and being able to work. I think the radios even have a Bluetooth feature where you can access the internet over the radio-- I have to look into that in the next few days.

In any case, hopefully I have not scared anyone beyond what is necessary, but this crazy set of world events, domestic events, cyber events, politics, and possible wars overseas have provided a sufficient jolt or wake-up call that I think everyone needs to consider the future. Please pay attention to developments in the next couple of weeks or you might miss out on the opportunity to be ready for whatever the future holds. Either way, thanks for being awesome people and please stay that way. Let me know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

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