

A Review of Doomsday: end of the world scenarios by Richard Moran 213P (2003)

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This is a quickly produced book that is an easy read on a plane. It will not give you any kind of depth on any of the issues and there are no refs to enable you to check anything. He covers asteroids, WMD's, greenhouse effect, ice ages, volcanos, plagues, insects, bioengineering, cyberterror and tsunamis. Curiously, he does not mention overpopulation, which is on track to add 4 billion more by 2100 and (barring a miracle) certain to destroy the planet, supernovas or the Doomsday Hypothesis (the seemingly absurd but quite serious idea that on general grounds alone it is likely we have lived half our total span as a species). His chapter on volcanos does not mention that Yellowstone Park in the USA is the world's biggest caldera and if it reactivates it would be the end of America (at least). To his credit he does take the greenhouse effect seriously and he was writing 13 years ago. If only the average citizen and the governments had the same good sense.

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