

Scientific Knowledge for Modern Epicureans - the Means to Dispel Fear and Anxiety

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There's also the human-made version of the solar flare: EMP weapons: <https://www.livescience.com/air-force-emp-...protection.html>

I bet [Matt](#) would be in a better position than most of us to know whether EMP weapons are fictional or real and how much "worry" to exert about those.

As for pondering the uncertainty of the future, I would say once we identify that:

"... with us lies the chief power in determining events, some of which happen by necessity) and some by chance, and some are within our control; for while necessity cannot be called to account, he sees that chance is inconstant, but that which is in our control is subject to no master, and to it are naturally attached praise and blame"

... then we act appropriately to mitigate those possibilities that are reasonable to mitigate.

As far as the rest goes, and pondering beyond that, we just take the realistic attitude that "we must then bear in mind that the future is neither ours, nor yet wholly not ours, so that we may not altogether expect it as sure to come, nor abandon hope of it, as if it will certainly not come."

And we take some degree of confidence that: "In but few things chance hinders a wise man, but the greatest and most important matters, reason has ordained, and throughout the whole period of life does and will ordain."