The Digital Equivalent of Covid 19 – "Cyber Winter"

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["Cyber-Winter." Excerpts from the Book NEST ("fictional"), by Terry Goodkind,](#) pages 478-472

 "Cyber winter? I'm not sure I follow."

"Everyone around the world is preparing for cyber warfare. It's not merely countries like China and Russia preparing cyber attacks, it's North Korea and all of the Islamic world. Terrorists are preparing to unleash a new kind of terror. Hacktivists, lusting for anarchy, want to bring down Western civilization. The thing they all have in common is that they all want to be the ones left alive.

  "Military hacking all over the world is staffed by massive organizations, larger than any nuclear program. They've been hard at work, planting routines in everything electronic.

 "It's like nuclear war in that once it starts, life as we know it will cease to exist. The power grid will be wiped out in the first microsecond. No electricity. Not anywhere. Elevators will stop. Traffic lights will go out. Streetlights will go dark. Refrigeration shuts down. Gas stations won't work. ATMs won't work. Cell service? Nonexistent. Landlines will be out. TV, radio? Gone. Stock exchanges will be fried. Banking will disintegrate under the load of attacks unleashed against them. Trillions of dollars will evaporate into cyberspace.

"Air-traffic control will be wiped out. Hacked aircraft systems will fail. Planes will fall out of the sky like leaves dropping. Those crashing into cities will start massive fires. Hacked water systems will shut down. Pressure will fall. Without any form of communication, any fire and rescue will only be able to respond by seeing the fires, but they will have no water pressure to fight those fires.

"Hospitals will lose power. Their backup generator systems have already been hacked and once the attack begins, all of their equipment will go dead.

"Dams? All the sluice gates will open wide and in the darkness everything below the dams will be swept away.

"Police dispatch? Gone.

"How long do you think before the looting starts? One night? Two nights? The fires they start will burn for weeks.

"There will be complete disruption of transportation, including food supplies. How long before all the store shelves are looted and empty?

"The world we know will be gone. The night will be dead silent except for the sound of gunfire from roving gangs who will own the streets.

"Policing will be crippled and evaporate in short order. Criminals and gangs will be the new warlords. The strongest will be in charge. Those who kill anyone in their way will be the new rulers. Men resisting the criminals and gangs will be slaughtered. Rape will be an epidemic. Women will become property. Slavery will be back in full force.

"Killers and thugs will be in their element. Good people will be out of theirs.

"With chaos running rampant and communications a thing of the past, there will be no civil authority left to restore any systems. A good many of the people who knew how to make things work will not survive long. All the systems that our lives depend on will likely never be brought back to life. Just like Rome falling, in an instant, our way of life will be gone. Our knowledge lost.

"Foreign hackers in China, or Russia, or Iran, or some hacktivist haven will be grinning ear to ear.

"That's cyber winter.

"Right now, all over the world, there are vast numbers of people working to bring this about. Hack routines are already in place and ready to be launched with a keystroke. Unlike a nuclear attack, this kind of attack would destroy us and leave them intact.