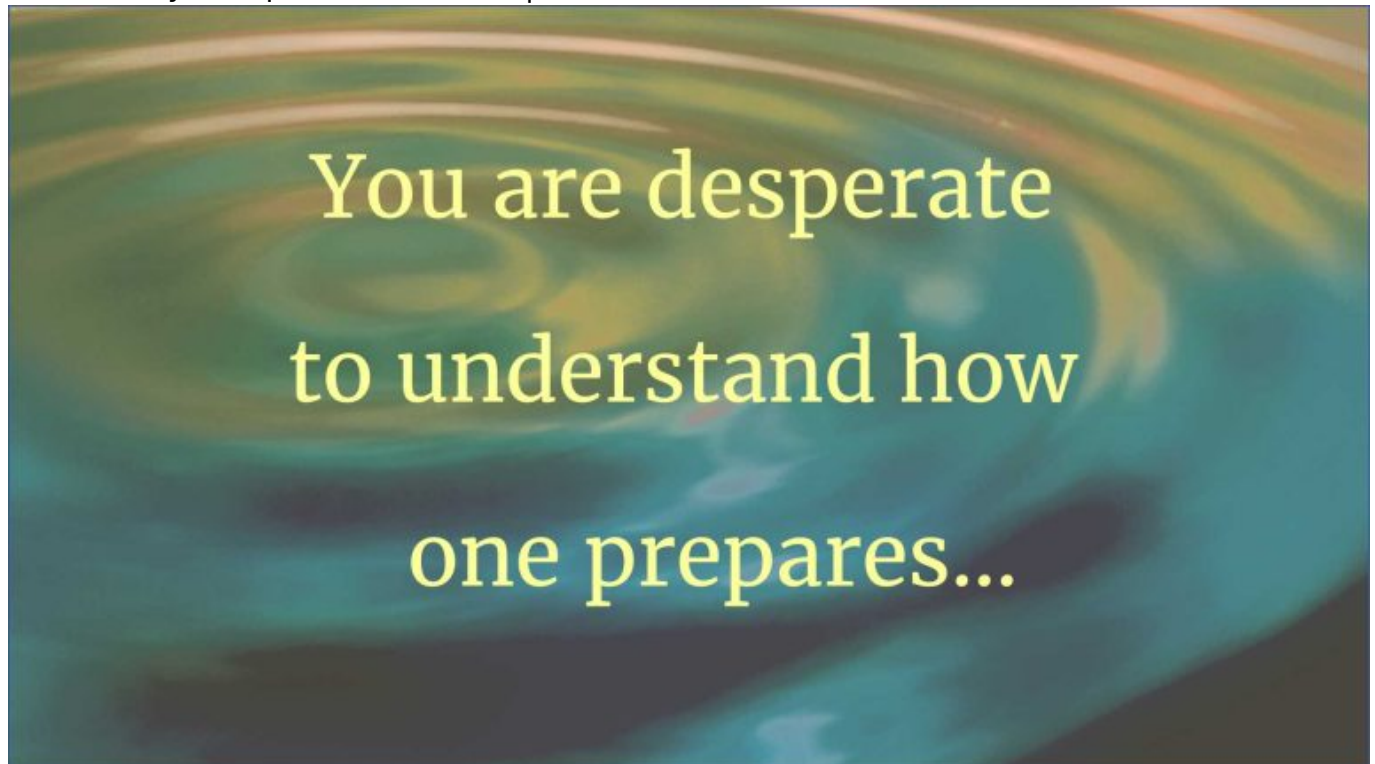


Lessons From the Night Sky

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It has recently come to your attention that asteroid 2022 AP7 is headed towards the earth. ☉ Despite your attempts at distraction, your mind repeatedly imagines the collision. ☉ Experts call 2022 AP7 a planet killer—then say not to worry as it could be many generations before this is a true concern. ☉ Envisioning a catastrophic event, you question if time would leave space for fear should an asteroid approach the earth in a growing shroud of darkness. ☉ You are desperate to understand how one prepares for the eventual ending of a life. ☉ Would the impact of an asteroid trigger a deafening sound or deep silence like life at the bottom of the ocean? ☉ Your mind fantasizes about a day in the future when nations are warring over a limited stockpile of sedatives. ☉ Scientists mention that planetary defense systems might evolve in the future to protect the earth against enemy asteroids. ☉ You wonder what it feels like to die. ☉ You consider microdosing lithium supplements in an effort to improve your mental health. ☉ After reading about 2022 AP7, you start attending church services again. ☉ You question whether living would be easier if it was possible to know will happen in the future. ☉ “We just want to do everything possible to not be surprised,” said NASA.