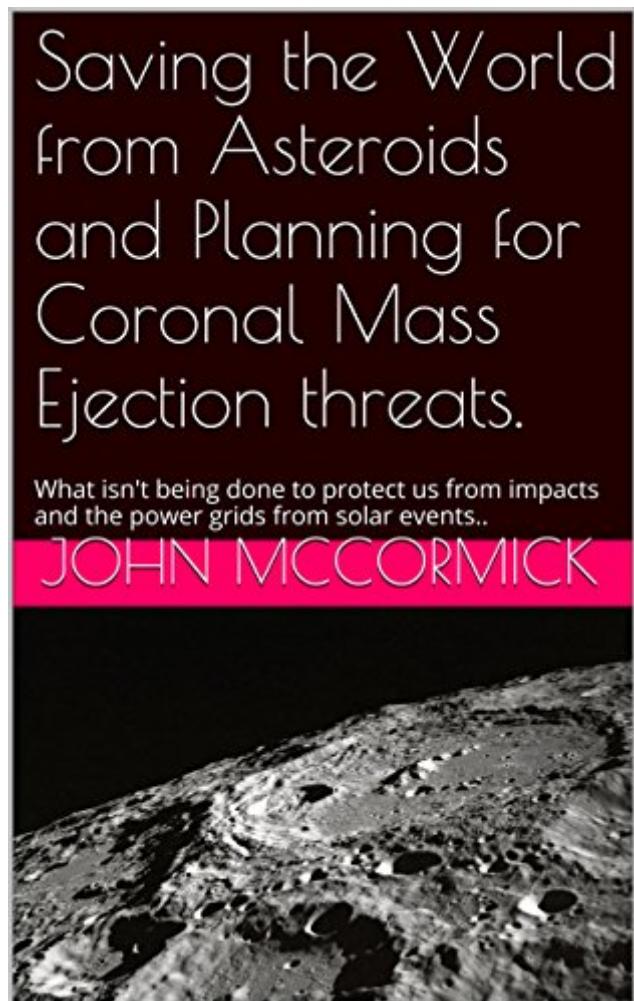


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Synopsis

This book on real threats from outer space includes an interview with Apollo astronaut Rusty Schweickart, co-founder of the B612 Foundation, and another with a foremost Italian astronomer. There are many TV shows - factual or sensational fiction - as well as books and movies about the threat from asteroids (the generic term is Near Earth Objects or NEOs) but did you know that while Congress forced NASA to curtail its NEO tracking program, the B612 Foundation took over, working not only to detect threats from NEOs by launching its own satellite but also funding studies of options to prevent a disaster and making plans to protect Earth? It wasn't long ago that most people, including scientists, doubted that asteroids posed any real threat to the modern Earth, or even that the moon's craters were due to such impacts. Today it is an accepted fact but governments are reluctant to spend any money not involving actual wars between countries on projects that may not happen for decades - but could happen tomorrow. The 2013 asteroid strike in Russia was NOT detected in advance by any observatory but if it had hit Moscow directly, instead of merely glancing into the atmosphere so it mostly burned up, Moscow would be one giant hole in the ground today. If nothing else, such an event could have triggered a nuclear war if governments didn't know in advance that a meteor strike was responsible and not a terrorist or military action. Coronal Mass Ejections or CMEs are another threat seldom mentioned and, as a former emergency management coordinator for two municipalities, I can tell you there is little or no local planning being done to protect the populace.

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The sun causes electrical and electronic damage all the time, but we don't notice unless we're scientists specializing in solar events. We will notice, if/when a solar flare or a coronal mass ejection takes down the power grid. This is a far more likely and more imminent catastrophe than global warming, but it gets surprisingly little attention from the usual fear-mongers who squawk "The sky is falling!" and exhort us to mend our wicked ways (driving around, putting gasoline in cars that pollute the air, you know the drill). This is a must-read for voters who should petition their government to invest money in ways to prevent Near Earth Objects from smashing into the Earth and sending us the way of the dinosaurs. It's possible. Read the book (at 99 cents, it's a steal) and see how it can be done. Me, I'd take Al Gore's Nobel Prize for a documentary filled with scientific errors and give it to the team working on how to safeguard our power grid from more immediate dangers.

One asteroid, not especially huge, delivered the coup de grace to a species that had been dominant on this planet far longer than any other. Us newcomer humans need to build a giant baseball bat to knock any future planet busters out of the solar system. This book is essential reading for all Earthlings.

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