

The World After The Shift - A New Golden Age - Earth 25-100 years from now.

Chapter 7 Food Production

"Greetings and salutations, a hungry welcome we bid you all, food and eating absent from our existence but essential to yours, physically and socially. Short shall be our treatment of this topic, it is the most concise and easy of the suggested.

As we have explained previously, a dimmer period of reduced surface sunlight will prevent successful cultivation of many crops, yet improve the ability to grow others as replacements. Sadly, unawareness will lead to shortages of food as delays develop. Starvation on a wide scale is not coming, but concern, fear and even brief bouts of panic that this is likely will happen.

Once resolved, these problems will lead to the more important, ongoing matter for food; transportation.

No specific chapter for this topic within this booklet has been suggested for it, yet the matter of transportation has been mentioned and we shall touch upon it again. Briefly here we shall say:

Ocean surface movement of significant amounts of food will almost completely disappear, initially from prohibitive fuel costs and navigation problems. Even when partially resolved, lower demand for imported food will reduce this activity to a small fraction of what typically occurs now.

Surface movement within a nation, region or territory will also reduce because of fuel costs, but this will be more gradual than movement reductions across the high seas.

Food production will turn more local, far more so than has been the case for more than a century of Earth time. Far more people as a percentage of the population will become involved this work, as reduced use of fuel powered machinery makes it necessary.

Small amounts of ingredients, what are typically called spices, will continue to move around the globe. Fruits and vegetables will experience an increase in consumption, produced locally.

Most processed, ready-to-be-eaten packaged food, heavily flavored in many cases will no longer be produced. More and more food will be cooked or otherwise prepared by the people who will consume it. Restaurants will be far fewer. Candies, sweets and delicacies of many types will be produced in far lesser amounts.

Overall digestive and general health will improve."