

Perspective is something we could use right now. Sage words!

It's a mess out there now. Hard to discern between what's a real threat and what is just *simple panic and hysteria*. For a small amount of perspective at this moment, *imagine you were born in 1900*.

On your **14th birthday**, World War I starts, and doesn't end until your **18th birthday**. 22 million people perish in that war. Later in the year, a Spanish Flu epidemic hits the planet and runs until your **20th birthday**. 50 million people die from it in those two years. Yes, 50 million. On your **29th birthday**, the Great Depression begins. Unemployment hits 25%, the World GDP drops 27% That runs **until you are 33**. Our country nearly collapses along with the world economy.

When you turn 39, World War II starts. You aren't even over the hill yet. And don't try to catch your breath. On your **41st birthday**, the United States is fully pulled into WWII. **Between your 39th and 45th birthday**, 75 million people perish in the war. **At age 50**, the Korean War starts. 5 million perish. **At 55** the Vietnam War begins and doesn't end for 20 years. 4 million people perish in that conflict. On your **62nd birthday** you have the Cuban Missile Crisis, a tipping point in the Cold War. Life on our planet, as we know it, should have ended. Great leaders prevented that from happening. **When you turn 75**, the Vietnam War finally ends. **Think of everyone on the planet born in 1900**. How did they survive all of that? When you were a child in 1985 you didn't think your 85 year old grandparent understood how hard school was. And how mean that child in your class was. Yet they survived through everything listed above. Perspective is an amazing art. Refined as time goes on, and enlightening like you wouldn't believe. Let's try to keep things in perspective.