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Maybe We Need An Occasional Disaster!

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Summary:

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The suffering and trauma left in the wake of last year's tsunami in Southeast Asia, our own hu

These were natural events -- cataclysmic to be sure, but an expected by-product of life on an

To emotionally cope with their aftermath, we can reframe the tragedy of events by a focus on h

We can look to conservative, white-only Texas towns that opened their arms, and their hearts,

We can stand astonished but proud at the gifts of food and shelter and support that the semi-h

We can look around a football stadium where donors stood in line to give whatever they could.

We can bow our heads in awe before the families who opened up their homes to those who had not

We can salute the volunteers who took food, water, blankets and generators to devastated areas

We all lead lives rife with potentialities. It takes certain conditions, combined with inner d

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