

EARTHQUAKE!

What were you doing on Thursday, July 4, around 10:30AM, when the first of the two large quakes hit the Ridgecrest/Trona area? We office gals were at our desks, minding our own business, when we felt the building sway, and sway, and sway some more.

About 15 seconds into it, I thought to look at my watch and time it, and it was at least a full minute before it stopped. In the meantime, our hearts stopped, waiting in suspended animation for the huge jolt, or for shelf stock to spill all over the floor. It reminded me of the quakes in 1992, first in Landers at 5AM on a Sunday morning, bouncing me out of bed, and a couple of hours later, just after we had cleaned up the mess of broken glass and spilled liquids, the Big Bear quake. It created an almost identical mess of stuff all over the floor.

As Thursday gave way to Friday, July 5, we continued to feel some of the smaller aftershocks, and then Friday evening, as we were all headed to bed at our house (8:20PM or so), there it went again. This one wasn't as long, but seemed more intense, causing swag lamps and hanging plants at our house to swing wildly. Thank God the store was ok, with just a few items having fallen onto the floor, breaking nothing.

I felt sympathy and empathy for the people in Ridgecrest and Trona, having lived through their trauma 27(!) years ago, and that's something you never forget. A person feels so absolutely helpless and at the mercy of powerful, unseen forces of nature. Tornadoes and hurricanes, both very painful and destructive, at least give some warning. Earthquakes do not.

If we are tuned in to God's wavelength, we let our thoughts head in His direction, realizing that such experiences are reminders of His great power and control over this world and everything in it, including us. Yes, we truly ARE helpless specs on this globe and especially in this universe, but if we choose to get on board with God, we enjoy

the security of knowing that whatever may happen here, in this life, our ultimate destination is with Him in eternity. That doesn't necessarily lessen the pain of the bad things that happen in this broken world, but it provides us with the comfort of knowing that unimaginable joy and happiness lie ahead.

So many of us humans think we're so smart, as evidenced by the technological marvels we have created, making our lives easier and more pleasurable.

Who needs God, anyway? In reality, however, the advanced civilization of which we are so proud is merely etched onto the surface of this global ball, easily broken or removed.

Think of the consequences if one element of that complexity is removed: electricity. A short 150 years ago, we hadn't even discovered electricity, much less developed it into anything. And now, we panic at the thought that SCE might turn off our switch at times of high winds that increase the possibility of fire from blowing wires creating sparks. No lights, no coolers, no computers, no internet, no refrigerator, no whatever, and on and on.

Do we not see how our "civilization" is built high on a rickety Tower of Technology, ready to come crashing down upon us all when God flicks His little finger, fed up with our evil shenanigans and rebellion against Him? If we were to use our God-given talents in humility toward, and appreciation of, our Maker, that

would be one thing. Instead, like the ancients who built the Tower of Babel, we become arrogantly enamored of our achievements, taking all the credit to ourselves and rejecting the true Author, in whose image we are made.

Do we ignore God's burning anger at our fast-growing, technology-enabled depravity and hardened rebellion against Him? Do we think that there won't be consequences?

Do we think God looks the other way as we murder infant human souls, not by thousands but by millions?

Do we think God will continue to ignore our gross sexual immorality, whether homosexual relationships or almost universal promiscuity?

Do we think He laughs off the lying Left, puppets of the Enemy, who practice spiritual murder by creating dependents and ruining souls, and who persecute and torture those of us who try to stay faithful?

Do we really think that there won't be judgment and retribution for the evil we practice without repentance, because God wouldn't do that because He's a God of "Lu-u-u-v"? He's also a God of justice and holiness and will not tolerate our rebellion unless we turn to Him and His rescuer, Jesus of Nazareth.

That's the bottom line here, the sheer relief and joy of knowing that no matter what happens here on this earth, no matter how painful and ugly, there IS a way out! We all know it, if we admit it.

"He has put eternity into man's heart, yet so he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil - this is God's gift to man. I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it, God has done it so that people fear before Him." (Ecclesiastes 3:11-14)

Let the message of the earthquake sink in. Let God speak to your heart and then trust Him through the fear and pain of these earthly events. Submit yourself to Him, and this other stuff won't even matter.

Linda Gammel

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Contributed. From the Web.

• Instead of "the John," I call my toilet "the Jim." That way it sounds better when I say I go to the Jim first thing every morning.

• My friend told me he had the body of a Greek god. I had to explain to him that Buddha is not Greek.



Q: What happens once in a minute and twice in a moment but never in a decade?

A: The letter "m."

REPLIES TO CUSTOMER REQUESTS

- 1 - We're looking into it.
- 2 - Limited shelf space.
- 3 - Available by special order.
- 4 - Item was out & is back or will be soon.
- 5 - We are putting this in. Thanks.

May not be in yet.
Unavailable from Suppliers
Can be found in Section #

Carnation Breakfast Essentials,	8A	
Rich Chocolate		
Prenatal Vitamins -- One-A-Day,	7A	5
60 count	10A	5
Plastic Mason Jar Lids	1A	5
Propel Water, Grape	1A	5
Ginger Ale, 1 liter		
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Salmon packaged in meat boat	12B	
Dreyers Orange Vanilla Ice Cream	10A	4
Sweet Pickles, Gherkins, etc.	9B	4
Mango Habanero Rub		
(Spice Hunter) (Supplier out)	7B	5
American Spirits Cigarettes,		
green pack		
Ginger Snaps, Murrays	10B	5
Dove Dark Chocolate with Almonds		
Little Swimmer Diapers		
Mini Corn Dogs	10A	5
BBQ Pork Skins		
Stacy's Cinnamon Pita Chips	10A	5
Popsicle, Banana (discontinued)		
Oreos with Chocolate filling	10B	
Honey Kix Cereal	8A	5
Tiger Balm		
Buckwheat Flour (Bob's)	7B	5
La Choy Beef Chow Mein, 42 oz.	9B	5
Gatorade Zero	1B	5
Shasta Cherry Cola, 3 liter		
Bob's Red Mill Couscous	7B	5
Eskimo Pies, Dark Chocolate		
Nellie & Joe Key Lime Ice	9A	5
Manzanilla Tea Bags	8B	5
Crystal Geyser Green Apple		
Sparkling Water, 4 pack		
Wild Harvest Organic Tomato Sauce	9A	4
Essential Everyday Plastic Wrap	6B	5
Unsalted Peanuts in Shell	Prod	
Jeffs Orange Peel Beef Jerky	9A	4
Budget Saver Monster Pops,		
sugar free	10A	4
Rolo Ice Cream Sandwich	10A	4
Frozen Yogurt, pints		
Wood Chips for indoor smokers		
Dr Pepper, Diet Cherry, 2 liter	1A	5
Dr Pepper, Dark Berry, 20 oz.	1A	5
Tillamook Ice Cream Elderberry		
Fanta Pina Pineapple	1A	
Wheel for Travel Trailer	2A	5
6" x 1 1/4" Brass Nipple		
Ceiling Fan Extension Pole	4A	5
Bicycle Tool Bag	2A	5
Hanging File Tabs	8A	5
Pistachio Nuts in larger package	Prod	5
Spring Mix Salad (in a box)	Prod	5
Nerds Candy	Chkstds	5
Salted Plums	Chkstds	5
Atomic Fireball Candy	Chkstds	5
New York Yankee Totem	SerCtr	5
Snickers White Chocolate?		
This is a limited editon flavor.		
Thrifty Circus Animal Cookie Ice Cream?		
This is a flavor we rotate with other flavors		
because we have limited space.		

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