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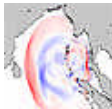
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Earthquake Animation

We are, like you, staggered and heartbroken at the devastation this week in Africa and South Asia. The photos coming back from the coastlands affected by the quake are horrifying, but there's something chilling in an entirely different way about this remarkable animation by Kenji Satake of the Geological Survey of Japan. It shows the development, from the center of the rift outward, of the waves that have wrought such havoc. Humbling. — HSS



Muslim WakeUp!

A recent poll in the US indicated that over half the population of the nation would support taking civil rights away from fellow citizens based strictly on their faith in God – if that faith happened to be Islam. That's chilling and, we hope, more indicative of a poorly presented poll than of true venom and hatred across that much of the USA. (Seriously, half of us cannot be that knuckle-draggingly stupid. That's just not acceptable.) To that end, we're all for anything that helps people of goodwill to understand each others' differences, and this thoughtful, engaged site is particularly recommended for non-Muslims who hope to comprehend the beauty, faith and decency of a religion with which too many Americans are still unfamiliar. — AG



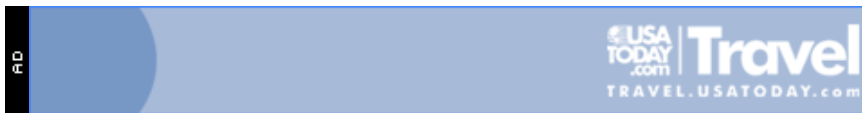
What do you think he thinks of you?

Of course, people make bizarre claims about individuals as well as religions. This site presents a passport-sized photo of a man and asks you, the visitor, to say what you believe he thinks of you. The "answers" are displayed below, and they're remarkably detailed considering how very little the writers had to go on. What will you add to the page? — HSS

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