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We live in a fallen world. Sometimes people think God is mad at them when a natural disaster strikes, but instead, the whole creation has gone askance, askew, since “paradise was lost in the garden” (Genesis 1-3).

There is a new paradise to be had once we are restored to our Maker; and sometimes, having our lives and possessions “tornado-fied,” i.e., uprooted and twisted around, helps us see where we’ve slipped or gone wrong in our priorities. At a recent Passover Seder, I was reminded of all the great truths boiled into One, and they’re in Deuteronomy 6:4-5.

(See also Job 38:1.)

My friend Bill Reid the tornado chaser’s website:
http://www.stormbruiser.com/

Other geographer friends’ websites with good links:
Matt Ebener: http://www.elcamino.edu/faculty/mebiner/
Santa Monica College colleagues: http://homepage.smc.edu/selby_william/
http://homepage.smc.edu/drake_vicki/
http://www.gondwanan.com/PHYSICAL%20at%20Santa%20Monica%20College/PHYSICAL%20Geography%20at%20Santa%20Monica%20College.htm
+ Nice satellite image link:

Online tornado visualizations:
http://serc.carleton.edu/NAGTWorkshops/visualization/collections/tornadoes.html

Tornado-forming supercell simulation, National Center for Supercomputing Applications
Example: http://access.ncsa.uiuc.edu/Stories/supertwister/page3.htm