

"A bad earthquake at once destroys the oldest associations; the world, the very emblem of all that is solid, had moved beneath our feet like a crust over a fluid; one second of time has created in the mind a strong idea of insecurity, which hours of reflection would not have produced."

— CHARLES DARWIN [reflecting on the devastating (M ~ 8.5) February 20, 1835, earthquake in Concepción, Chile]





