Called “an island near to the terrestrial paradise” in a 16th century romance, California has long been an icon of love, freedom and fortune. But dreams of El Dorado have had companion nightmares. The state has a history of crisis and disaster and nervous predictions warn of future, more monumental surprises.

We examine natural and manmade crisis in California—earthquakes and floods, The Border and immigration and doomsday cults—in literature and film, with an appearance by a leader of The People’s Temple cult, a survivor of the 1978 mass suicide that took 900 lives in the jungles of South America.

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