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However, Asian reports from the damaged areas comment not only on the ability of trees to withstand the devastating waves but the almost total absence of animal deaths. It appears that the animals, from flamingoes to elephants, took off for the hills long before the humans. The Chinese have done extensive investigations on animals and earthquake detection but are at a loss to explain it. Chinese scientists simply conclude that animals have far greater sensitivity than the best of scientific instruments.

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Prayer: We thank you, Father, for teaching us by this example of our insensitivity to Your warning signs and Your mercy to the animals. Amen.

Ref: Reuters. Mark Bendeich, "Jumbos Save Tourists from Tsunami." January 3, 2005. Photo: Taken during the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami in Thailand.

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