Aftermath

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It’s been many months since I posted anything on Poz, but here is an update: I am on Boracay Island in the Philippines. Boracay lies in the Easern Visayas of Philippines.

While the island did not take the direct hit that Tacloban did, the damage to this tiny island was nonetheless substantial, with many landslides and roofs completely blown away. The authorities (such as they are) claim that there were no deaths on Boracay from the sustained 200 mph winds. The winds were like nothing I’ve ever imagined possible. Picture Katrina and Superstorm Sandy striking at the same time and you’ll get the general idea of what happened here.

We are lucky to have survived it and are now cleaning up in the storm’s aftermath. Superstorm Haiyan (or Yolanda - as they called it here in the Philippines) - is mankind’s future; the result of unabated warming of the fragile ecosytem upon which all of us everywhere rely on.

I am now fighting off a massive infection on my right foot and it is difficult to walk. Fortunately, we have a good supply of various wide spectrum antibiotics and antiseptics, as this island is possibly one of the dirtiest environments imaginable.

I’ve now been living with HIV and HCV for more than 33 years. Needless to say, I’m often reminded how fortunate I’ve been over the years, when so many others have paid the price of this terrible epidemic.

We don’t have power as of this writing, but I will soon have completed my second novel, “Faradise”. The book is inspired by Aldous Huxley’s masterpiece, “Island”. “Faradise” is the follow up to “From Seven Till Dawn” which is available at Amazon and Barnes&Noble in Kindle and Nook formats.

I don’t have an agent yet but “Faradise” will also available for Nook, Kindle and other formats when it is complete.

A belated Happy Thanksgiving to all.

- David (formerly known as “Wishihadacat”) Weiss. And yes, I’m a dog (and other reasonably sentient mammals) lover as well.

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