

The San Andreas Fault - one of the most-famous faults on Earth - is located in California. Long associated with the state's "down side" - California's many earthquakes - the San Andreas has another story.

According to Dr. Iain Stewart - who pays a personal visit to the fault in this video clip - much of California, and its history, has been directly impacted by the San Andreas. Some of that impact has been surprisingly positive.

California's cash-flow, for example, is enhanced by around \$100 million - every year - because of the fault's positive influence on California's geology.

After watching this clip - from the BBC's "[How Earth Made Us: Deep Earth](#)" - you may never think about the San Andreas Fault in quite the same way.

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