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**1. THE CALMNESS**

Not a single visual of chest-beating or wild grief. Sorrow itself has been elevated.

**2. THE DIGNITY**

Disciplined queues for water and groceries. Not a rough word or a crude gesture.

**3. THE ABILITY**

The incredible architects, for instance. Buildings swayed but didn't fall.

**4. THE GRACEFUL GESTURE**

People bought only what they needed for the present, so everybody could get something.

**5. THE ORDER**

No looting in shops. No honking and no overtaking on the roads. Just understanding.

**6. THE SACRIFICE**

Fifty workers stayed back to pump sea water in the N-reactors. How will they ever be repaid?

**7. THE TENDERNESS**

Restaurants cut prices. An unguarded ATM is left alone. The strong cared for the weak.

**8. THE TRAINING**

The old and the children, everyone knew exactly what to do. And they did just that.

**9. THE MEDIA**

They showed magnificent restraint in the bulletins. No silly reporters. Only calm reportage.

**10. THE CONSCIENCE**

When the power went off in a store, people put things back on the shelves and left quietly!