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It is often what we call our mountaintop experiences.

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And how would it change your view of the future?

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