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## Believe it, I really do get responses to my articles

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As a well-recognized Cutler Bay journalist, I do get responses to my articles. Surprised? Read on.

When I wrote about people using their cell phones/iPods etc. while seated at the dinner table, I

got a lot of people agreeing with me, but I also got upbraided by my home-companion/warden who caught me playing with my recently downloaded free iPhone App — a drum set. I couldn't resist practicing my drum solo at the dinner table and was properly chastised for doing it. I had to apologize.

No one yet has sent me money for any of my get-rich schemes. I really don't understand why. They are as sensible as any of the others that I read about. I'll keep trying. Maybe I will begin treating Medicare clients for Arachnophobia and ice cream eating disorders. Stay tuned.

When I wrote about students in high school and their pants hanging down I was reminded that someone had written a song called Pants on the Ground which is a big hit on You Tube. When I wrote about being cool a friendly councilman from an adjoining town told me he really likes his ponytail and that perhaps I should consider one. What do you think folks?

On my views on the War on Terror, I got a lot of response...mostly agreeing but some with differing views. They thought that the only way to keep us safe is to keep fighting. One of my more conservative friends suggested that killing all the Muslims

was the only answer. Of course they, the Muslims, might have the same view regarding non-Muslims and where would that lead us?

I have a far-out thought on this that may rattle a few people since I am in a very small minority with these views. But what if — just say what if — we all, I mean everyone, really believed that this one precious life that we have is the only one that we get, and that there may not be some special place up in the sky where we all go after we die.

What if people really believed that? Would they be so willing to offer their lives in sacrifice for their particular ideal or religion? Might they instead start thinking about their children and their children's children and what kind of world we might be leaving to them?

We already have seen how this eggshell of a planet can begin to crack and break and kill hundreds of thousands of people, how things like HCFC's and carbon dioxide can create acid rain and leave a hole in our ozone layer, and now the latest news indicates that a giant meteorite may have wiped out the dinosaurs in one fell swoop.

I think we have more to worry about in protecting our planet and hopefully generations to come than worry about how someone is praying and to which god. If there is a giant man in the sky as many believe, my guess is that he (or she) would be pretty angry at what is going on here on this eggshell planet and what things are being done in his/her name. Maybe all those "Pat Robertson" types are right about what might be happening to us, but for the wrong reasons, huh?

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