



Letters

Religion not at fault

In response to Matthew Stelly's sports column (Daily Nebraskan, April 18) on George Foreman, I have to say nay, nay. I know little about George Foreman, or of his recent conversion, but I would like to take issue with Stelly's supposition that, since "the most violent acts against mankind were perpetrated by — you guessed it — Christians," it follows that Christianity and violence are "overlapping realities."

Stelly makes the common mistake of confusing an ideal (in this case, Christianity) with the pitiful attempts of humans to interpret and attain that ideal. This is ludicrous. We all tend to do it. It is more comfortable, and it fuels our sense of "enlightened skepticism." Better to condemn the malingerings of humans as flaws in the ideal than to examine the ideal itself.

God is, I believe, a perfect entity. If that is the case, He is the ultimate right — so right that He makes no attempt (and has no need) to control us. Rather, He has presented His truth and allows us the choice of belief or disbelief. Therefore, when we humans destroy in the name of Christianity, we have our own frailties to blame, not Christianity's. The overlap-

ping reality Stelly refers to is mankind and violence. I don't think anyone would argue that. There is a huge difference.

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Rude parkers crazy

I would like to address this letter to the "parking lot sitters" who inhabit the South Stadium metered lot. Why do a number of this breed insist on sitting right in front of the parking lot entrance? The ignorance of people, who sit waiting for vacant spots, apparently oblivious to the fact that a line of cars is forming behind them and well into 10th Street, never ceases to amaze me.

I am aware that finding parking is frustrating. However, must it also be potentially dangerous? Surely the probability that a parking spot will be vacated is just as great away from the parking lot entrance where sitting cars do not present such a hazard.

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