

# Life after O.J.

## Country braces for Simpson trial verdict

The End.  
I have spent many a sleepless night worrying about the inevitable — The End! On the nights that I do get some sleep, I have scary nightmares. And I wake up whimpering. The dream catcher hanging above my head is obviously not doing its job! But I won't worry about that now — for I have worse things to worry about!

Like The End of The Trial!  
What would happen when it is all over? I ask myself over and over again: What indeed?  
What about the survivors? And what about the victims? Above all, what about US — you and me and the common man on the street?  
How will the world deal with The Aftermath?

The French can test their notorious nuclear warheads. I don't care.  
A bunch of women can gather and grumble about innocuous incidents like rape, domestic violence and equal rights. Whiners! Why should I care?!

The thinning ozone layer. The thinning forest cover. The growing hole over Antarctica. Drilling holes into Alaska. Apathy, you say! I don't care about your criticism anyway.

Oil spills on oceans and spotted owls absconding. Do I have an opinion? Sorry, no.  
Fry Willie, for all I care. Frame-ups and Fuhrman are all so rare.

The Republicans can send us to hell. I don't care!

If worry I must, I shall worry over a worthier cause. For The Judgment Day is coming here!

Will it be anything like it has been foretold? Will the priests and pundits be proven right?

Exactly what The Verdict would be, I worry. And I worry more —



**Vennila Ramalingam**

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about The Life-after.

They cannot do this to us! I mumble repeatedly, incoherently, as I sit in the corner, crouching.

It was an addiction. It was a preoccupation. It was a national pastime. Don't deny, America! For I know. And I see.

Day in and Day out!  
You can cut off my life support, but I am prepared.

Armageddon is here. And I am armed. For in my worries, I had anticipated just this — The End.

I am one-up on you, America. While you wilt in worry over what would keep you entertained next, I am prepared.

I'll do anything to keep The Memories alive.

I'll go to the Robert Shapiro Museum of Simpson History. The Bloody Glove would be the star attraction, I hear.

I will not miss a day of the "Johnny Cochran re-Collects" —

Oprah, be ready to give up your number one spot, I say!

And every night before I go to bed, I'll read Marcia's Memoirs over and over again.

I'll buy those McDonald's hamburgers, even though I am a Vegetarian, for I hear they would come with "The Trial Set" — featuring Kato Kaclin, Judge Ito, et al.

I'll laugh fondly at those "Tacito — Judge Ito" jokes, ever so faithfully.

I'll watch for hours the various specials on The Trial — "O.J. Memorable Moments" (with moving music), "Tragic Times," "Tickles from The Trial," etc.

Not to omit Oliver Stone's "O.J. — The Man, The Truth, The Movie."

But then again, it will never be like before, will it? It will not be LIVE action, anymore!

While all these tidbits on O.J. would act as a lifeline to Sanity, one can not rest assured, fully, totally. What if one went into a relapse, even after such gradual phasing out of O.J.?

Cold Turkey should be avoided at all costs. It would place national well-being at risk! So, in total generosity and with a mind of Service, I hope our Media Moguls would come up with a Savior.

I know what is going to happen! Timothy McVeigh!

They would make Him ... our Savior!

But then, I would think, the Oklahoma City bombing is too passionate an issue to be made into a parody.

But then again, Who Knows?

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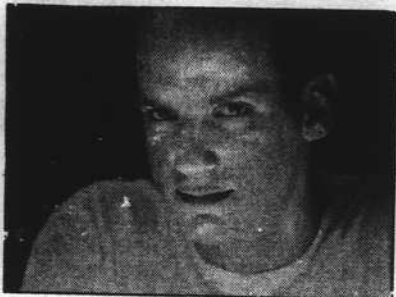
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## Knowledge, jobs available at Love Library

Dear Mr. Answer Guy:  
I'm a freshman here at UNL, and although the semester is almost a third of the way done, I'm really having some problems getting adjusted to academic life at this university. Plus, I've already spent all the money my parents gave me for the entire semester. What should I do? Help!  
Signed,  
Lost at UNL



**Doug Peters**

*"Our collection of the quarterly newsletter of the Bavarian Veterinarians' Guild, as a perfect example of the library's commitment to students, is up-to-date and complete (if you can read German)."*

serenely in a jar of formaldehyde.  
In short, the library offers just about anything you could possibly want.

All you have to do is get off your ass and look.

That's where things get tricky, though, so be careful.

Perhaps the only drawback of Love Library is its unique layout and organizational system. The seemingly nonsensical distribution of publications can be a cause of distress for many who are not familiar with it. But, my dear Lost, it is like that for a reason.

Back in the early part of this century, a team of UNL researchers were in the Yucatan. On a dig of ancient Mayan ruins, they unearthed an amazingly complex set of plans for a new observatory (the Mayans were big into astronomy, you know).

The researchers brought the plans back to Lincoln, and, at some point, the plans became lost. When they resurfaced years later, they were assumed to be the plans for the new library.

So don't think of Love as a crappy library, think of it as an awesome observatory. If you don't believe me, walk by the library at sunrise on the vernal equinox. The shadows are unbelievable. Really.

Nevertheless, it is a good idea to take some safety precautions when using the library.

Tie a string to your beltloop or leave a trail of breadcrumbs before venturing into the stacks. Many have tried to prove their prowess by going in without marking their paths — very few have returned.

I don't want to scare you off, Lost. I just want to make sure your library experience is a positive one.

Oh, and as for the money problems? No worries.

At Love Library, you can kill two birds with one stone.

The library has its own classified ads system. I was there a while back and was informed of all sorts of employment opportunities. Just go into any of the stalls in the men's restroom — I couldn't believe the number of job listings there were. Some even had phone numbers and interview times already posted!

So, Lost, I hope that this piece of advice will help you find your way out of the first-semester conundrum that each of us faces at one time or another here at UNL.

Get to the library, Lost, it's the only way.

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