

OPINION

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Don Miller: Readers respond

Here's a few letters from readers concerning recent columns.

Forgiveness for all

Thank you for your articles "Walking toward the light" and "Former Nixon aide finds a life redeemed." Not too many daily papers in our nation are willing to express strong positive spiritual views. A whole page. Bravo! And you do so without denominational bias.

As I was began reading the Nixon article, I noticed my bias against Christianity, especially born-again fundamentalism, rising to the surface. However, as I kept reading you reminded me of an important truth: not only do forgiveness and redemption exist, they are vibrant and alive in all religious and spiritual traditions. Thank you so much!

SALLY BLODGETT

SANTA CRUZ

Family touched

On behalf of my family and I please accept our thanks for your thoughtful handling and insight regarding the forgiveness issue that you ran on the Opinion pages of the Santa Cruz Sentinel on May 21 and July 16.

When I wrote the essay on forgiveness I had no idea that it would touch so many people. I believe that the feelings and responses those stories in the Sentinel stirred up in the community were positive and beneficial. I continue to receive calls and e-mails from friends and associates that appreciate the message that was conveyed. The feedback I receive indicates the articles have and continue to help many, many people here and abroad. I also wanted to let you know that I appreciated your choice to include the Luther family's point of view. It is a prime example of fair and balanced reporting.

On a personal note, I am so serious about restorative justice and spirituality that I am considering pursuing that kind of advocacy work on a full-time basis. That's how powerful this experience has been for me.

Again, thank you for your sensitivity, insight and wisdom. My family and I truly appreciate it.

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