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Stirring Stories

Thank you for printing the experiences of Diane Nelson of South Carolina (Dec. 20, 1996, *World Tribune*) and Teshia Bey of Cleveland (Jan. 17 *World Tribune*). These articles gave me encouragement to challenge my life and are reminiscent of those that appeared over five or six years ago on a regular basis in the *World Tribune*. I have been missing these stirring human revolution stories.

Perhaps it is not a coincidence that I set down to pen this letter on the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. I am so grateful to be in an organization [where I can] practice with African Americans who in this lifetime have come to prove the greatness of the Gohonzon. Their hardships and personal challenges are far beyond anything I have ever experienced. These stories give me courage and I am humbled by the strength of these members. Their experiences have brought me to tears.

Thanks to all those who help bring these experiences to the readership of the *World Tribune*.

— LEAETTA WACKER, Albany, Ore.

Not Happy With the ‘Official Version’

The smiling face of Conover Hunt on the back page of the Dec. 27, 1996, *World Tribune* does not alter one atom the conviction of thousands of people in this country and countries around the world who do not accept the official version of events surrounding the assassination of John F. Kennedy. My initial response is anger and disappointment on seeing the *World Tribune* placing a stamp of recognition, as it were, on the official version. The last word has yet to be spoken on this tragedy.

I feel you are trying to be topical and up-to-the-minute in creating the [“Worldview”] feature. This much is good and gets my vote! But this time you blew it. I believe you will get a lot of adverse mail from Preston Richard’s article. [*Editor’s note: For the record, we have received two letters about the article, this one and the one we printed in the Jan. 24 issue.*]

As people committed to seeking peace, we must not allow ourselves to be duped by the media into accepting comfortable lies.

But talk is cheap. If my livelihood depended on my silence, would I have the courage to speak out?

— ESTHER O’BANNON, Venice, Calif.

Fire Safety

I have noticed over the last week a number of articles [in other publications] pointing out some problems with halogen lamps. Specifically, they are very hot with temperatures reaching 1,000 degrees. The popular floor lamps have caused fires when they were too close to curtains or when the bulbs exploded, knocking the lamps over.

Many members use halogen lamps as spotlights to illuminate the Gohonzon. I think extra care should be taken with these lamps. If they are too close to the Gohonzon, the high temperatures could cause damage to the Gohonzon or, worse, cause a fire.

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Safety groups warn people not to leave lamps near any combustible materials like drapes or bedding and not to keep the lamps on while unattended.

Once the bulbs come in contact with something flammable, fire can strike suddenly and powerfully. One solution is to switch to an incandescent or fluorescent lamp; they are much cooler and safer.

— DAVID B. CAPUTO, Sewickley, Pa.

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