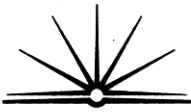


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Dear Mr Somerville,

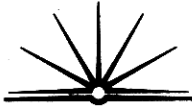
After ~~read~~ viewing your inspiring cartoon in the Sydney Morning Herald last Thursday, I have been ~~thoroughly~~ ^{deeply} intrigued by it. I believe that it is important for our society to stop being overwhelmed with politics and other ~~too~~ self-inflicted concerns and ~~look around~~ open ~~their~~ ^{our} eyes to look around at the paradise we have turned into a battle field. It is time to move in a different direction!

The world is constantly moving towards technological advancement and believe that ~~at~~ they can solve their problems through its use. Their wrong ~~nature~~ approach is explicitly evident in the piling up of concerns. The "weapons of mass



destruction" so modestly referred to by president Bush are the perfect example of what the world has come to. As we find ourselves in ~~the~~ muddy, cold and violent battlefield of life, we forget the garden it once was.

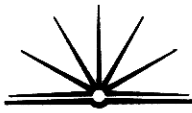
My personal opinions have been largely triggered by your cartoon. I'd wake up at five thirty every morning to a piercing ^{digital} alarm clock before leaving my high rising apartment block in my car. After a good five to six hours on my computer at the office with ~~its~~ ~~boundary~~ the exposing ^{fluorescent} ~~flora~~ lights beaming down at me, I would get up to buy my sixth coffee for the day. This lifestyle has become unbearable, and I wasn't aware



of what lacked in my life, until I reflected on the past, a time when I felt at ease. After seeing your cartoon I realised it was nature and tradition which we deeply lack in today's society.

If many more common people like myself, who have been consumed and accept the lifestyle of today are made aware of the enthusiasm, passion and love of life we have lost, ~~there are~~ it may slowly direct ~~the~~ people towards new goals. ~~That~~ My husband and I are recycling now. I guess that's ~~as for~~ the largest contribution to our nature people are ready to make.

I now realise (reading back over the letter) that I ~~have~~ ~~star~~ have come to accept ~~that~~



the difficulties in changing
people's views and lifestyles. Though
I was prepared ^{to show} ~~to take~~ this ~~to~~
~~a~~ ~~few~~ changes in my ~~life~~ ~~to~~
attitude and ask people to join
me in ~~advancing~~ taking life back
to its pure, ~~set~~ natural ~~way~~ ways,
but I must accept the difficulty
and impossibility of it. There have,
all we have left are inspirations
~~like~~ such as the little cartoons
we often choose to ignore on the
"spike" page of the newspaper,
to make that one person change
their attitude, by reflecting on the
past and comparing it to the
present. Thank you for trying to
make a difference.

regards, P. Asiri