

God, Life, and Everything
You Choose

Dear Readers,

This is kind of exciting for me.

I've been writing this column for several years now - actually, ever since *Hudson Valley News* was founded.

Before that, I wrote a religion column for the *Hyde Park Townsman* (remember that?) called, "Town and Church."

And in between, after I quit writing for the *Townsman* but before the HV News started publication, I wrote a blog called "Web and Church."

Out of all this, I've had the opportunity to bloviate on a wide range of topics that often seemed to stray from the strict realm of religion. That's why I called *this* column "God, Life, and Everything" - because God and Life touch on anything and everything under the sun. If it's out there, if you're thinking it, it has to do with God.

Well now, after all these years, *Hudson Valley News* publisher Jim Langen and I have come up with an idea. We would like to take selected issues of this column and turn them into a book.

Being creative geniuses, we thought of titling the book something highly original like (drumroll please)... *God, Life, and Everything*.

The book will be a compilation of my favorite columns, those of HV News Staff (should they have any), and YOU, the vast readership of "God, Life, and Everything."

Yes, both of you readers can comb through the collection of columns you've surely taped to your refrigerators and pick out your favorites. If you don't remember titles (I don't), you can simply write with a description. You know, something like: "Do that one about the cremation ashes being turned into jewels."

We want to put this book out for sale in April or May, so if you have any favorites, send your note soon! If you have any that you absolutely never want to see again, well, too bad. You're just going to have to hope those ones don't make the cut.

I am including a few old columns from before Hudson Valley News days - columns that I particularly like and hope you will, too. So even if you've read every column so far, there will be something new!

So get to work! Search your internal database (otherwise known as memory) for just the right column.

It'll be fun!

Better yet, after we get it printed, I'll be able to send a copy to my mother to show that I actually did accomplish something in life!

I look forward to hearing from you in the next couple of weeks.