

# The Pluto Observer

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## Kashmir a Karmic Scapegoat Tragedy

Last month's massive earthquake in Kashmir did not go unnoticed by the rest of the solar system. Any loss of human life on a scale that grand is always felt by the rest of us, even as far as Pluto and probably beyond us to that "tenth planet", which we on Pluto call a planetoid. (And even if it *were* a real planet, we Plutonians would never even *think* of naming it after a television show or a comic book heroine.) But we digress.

When human destruction by so-called "natural forces" reaches a level of the magnitude recently witnessed on Earth's Indian subcontinent, those of us who can remain objective see a lesson in all of this for both India and Pakistan, who now have to work together toward a mutual goal instead of alienating each other and themselves with regular threats of nuclear annihilation. Can anyone say *Karma*?

## "Intelligent Design" Seen as Alien Hoax

Just when planet Earth was beginning to recover from the crop circle hoax that bewitched millions of Americans and residents of the U.K., Earthlings get themselves mired in the moot point arguments surrounding the creation of all life. The notion that

life was not created but simply happened seems to scare more people on Earth than the possibility that a single entity created everything. Yet no one on that planet dares to suggest that the intelligence behind the creation of life just might not be a personal one. But that's like trying to tell a naughty child at Christmas time that there is no Santa Claus. He or she won't believe you if they've been bad and need to suck up to *someone* in a big hurry.

## Key to Lower American Gas Prices No Big Deal

Americans need only look under their noses for the answer to those super-high gas prices. Forget price gouging, which the federal government says doesn't exist but only *appears* to exist in times of national disaster or crisis. And pay no attention to the alleged OPEC conspiracy to bilk the "American infidels" of their ill-gotten gain which, as anyone can plainly see, holds no water because Saudi Arabia is *such* a good friend of the U.S. No, the real key to lower gas prices is in decreasing the demand for gasoline by simply not driving as much. If American would simply drive *less* they would not only save money by not driving all over Kingdom Come to save ten cents on a loaf of bread, they'd also save money when they *do* drive because decreasing the

demand for a product has been known on Pluto to also devalue that product. But, gee, if it were anything but *gas*.

## Plutonian Backhand-of-the-Month Award

The October smack in the chops from those of us at the *Observer* goes to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the official agency for national disaster response, rescue and recovery in the United States. This month's backhand could have been administered years ago but *The Pluto Observer* just had its debut in September 2005, Earth time. FEMA takes the rap this month for being the disaster relief bureaucratic arm of the federal government that The American Red Cross should have been all these years. Instead of trying to privatize social security the White House should concentrate on amputating the limp arm of FEMA and attaching the Red Cross as a sorely needed American Institution. At least there would be less finger pointing in times of crisis. Or, better yet, use some of that federal tax money wasted on Iraq and make The American Red Cross a living national treasure. That way, the next American generation will have at least one sure place in the federal government to go when the chips are down.