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Lisa Christiano Rose, Valley Center, CA: I worked with Dan (he went by"Dan" back then) at a small daily newspaper in the Berkshire mountainsback in 1987-88. I can still see him sitting at his desk -- tipped back in his chair, phone to the ear, speaking softly yet with such fierce intelligence. There were about 6 of us reporters - young, fresh out of school, all on the verge of going our separate ways. I remember our road trip to Albany at midnight, and our weekend on Martha's Vineyard --riding mopeds around the island wearing these obscene-looking helmets. I am left with such warm memories of those years with Dan. I am trying to focus on these because thinking about his death enrages me and causes me such
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**Suzanne Marcus Fletcher**, Journalist, Los Angeles: I attended Daniel Pearl's memorial service at his old high school in Van Nuys several weeks ago. Though I did not have the privilege of knowing Daniel Pearl personally, I went to honor his life and contributions to journalism. Since learning of his bravery, kindness and standard of professional excellence, Daniel Pearl has become a source of great inspiration to me. I was profoundly affected by the words, sentiments and stories from those whose lives he touched. The world is a much poorer place for having lost this incredible soul.

**Arlene Clark**, Essex Junction, VT: I have been looking for some time for a website where I could express my deepest sympathy to the family of Daniel Pearl, especially to his wife, Mariane. All of us took this journey along with you, hoping against hope that Danny would return safely to his family and to his work which he did so extraordinarily well. There was nothing to be gained from such a brutal murder, but much - way too much - was lost. We will never forget Daniel Pearl, his passion for truth, his dedication to finding the story and bringing the message of diverse groups of people to each other. His purpose was noble and his devotion exemplary. His life had a profound impact on our country and world; his was indeed a life worth living. In his honor and memory let us all try to weave more faith, more hope, and more love into the fabric of our own lives, and do whatever we can to make the world more peaceful. That is what Danny was doing for us, and that is what we can do now, for him.

**Barry Rosen**, NYC: I was one of the 52 Americans held hostage for 444 days in Iran from 1979-1981. Please accept my deepest sympathies. I admire what Daniel was doing. Though it's no consolation, I'm certain that his child will grow up with loving knowledge of a father who kind, generous and a truly dedicated person.

**Joan McMillan**, poet, USA: Even death cannot destroy the light of Daniel Pearl's spirit. It will live on as a beacon in a time of madness and sorrow. His goodness of heart and greatness of soul truly shows that "love is stronger than death". The greatest sympathies of my heart are with his widow and all his loved ones.

**Diana Magrann**, La Palma, Calif: A part of me died along with Daniel Pearl. What makes it so unbearable was his goodness, his sweet spirit, all the wonderful things everyone wrote about him, and his station in life as an innocent, hard-working journalist newly married and about to become a father. Danny, of all people, did not deserve to be brutalized and terrorized and murdered in such cold blood. I want to thank Danny's parents for raising such a wonderful son, and I pray that God will comfort them and Danny's wife and child, and all who knew and loved Danny. He was a very, very special person who spread sunshine and who will continue to live in our hearts and minds.

**Rich Jaroslovsky**, senior editor, The Wall Street Journal & former president, Online News Association: I knew Danny well, having worked with him in the Journal's Washington bureau and over the years. I've been looking at some of our most recent e-mail exchanges, most of which have taken place regarding dear-sir-you-cur letters to the editor from people aggrieved over various of his stories. No matter how scurrilous, self-serving or insulting to Danny the letters were, he would always recommend running them. "I don't object - if it were a debate, I'd have lots of rebuttals, but there are no inaccuracies I can see," he wrote in response to one letter last fall. In response to another: "Would observe that being a scholar and saying stupid things are hardly mutually exclusive. But anyhow, I don't have any objection to the letter." A lovely man, and a great reporter. What a loss.

**Jay Sorensen**, Bistrita, Romania: Words can't express the horror, outrage, and grief I feel at the murder of a great man -- or the admiration I feel for his widow, Mariane Pearl. Her dignity and her wisdom in the face of this tragedy are inspirational. I hope that President Bush honors the Pearls by heeding her declaration that "Revenge would be easy, but it is far more valuable in my opinion to address this problem of terrorism with enough honesty to question our own responsibility as nations and as individuals for the rise of terrorism." True, terrorists and kidnappers deserve punishment...
and the innocent deserve protection; but if the U.S. government wants to forestall future tragedies, it has a duty to ask itself what role it has played in stirring up the hatred that leads to such unforgiveable acts. May Danny Pearl's legacy be a legacy of peace.

Ruth Baldwin, Caldwell, NJ: I live a long way and many cultures from Asia. I just wanted to express my condolences to all who knew and loved Daniel Pearl. It breaks my heart to see the picture of Daniel Pearl smiling broadly. His goodness shines from his face. He is someone I never knew but will grieve for. I'm sure he has left a wonderful legacy for the child yet to be born. How sad. God bless.

Kim Colebank, South Africa: It is with great horror & shock that I heard of Daniel Pearl's death this morning. Nobody can comprehend the pain that his family must be feeling but they must realize that many peoples thoughts & condolences are with them at this time. May God be with them.

Shaun Michael Jex, freelance journalist, Dallas: It was with the greatest of remorse that I learned of Daniel Pearl's cruel and brutal murder. For a time the news sent me into a very dark place, confused and very hurt. I have never been able to understand the psychology of violence. It is however a deep conviction I hold that we must not give in to hate or hopelessness. Daniel Pearl was a compassionate man, concerned with communication. The best tribute we can pay to him is to try and continue to work towards a better world, while breaking the boundaries that keep us from understanding each other.

A group of Pakistani Journalists in the United States: We condemn the brutal murder of our fellow journalist Daniel Pearl of The Wall Street Journal. Mr Pearl was carrying out his professional duties in Karachi when he was kidnapped and subsequently killed despite appeals for his release from all over the world. His murderers have achieved no political objective; they have only defamed Pakistan and Islam and by their savage act brought into sharper relief the insanity that masquerades in the garb of nationalism and religion. But we would like to assure everyone that such elements do not represent Pakistan or the feelings of the overwhelming majority of Pakistanis. We extend our deepest felt condolences to Mr Pearl's wife, his family and his colleagues in The Wall Street Journal. We mourn the death of a courageous and dedicated journalist. The statement was signed by M. Afzal Khan, The Nation, Khalid Hasan, the Associated Press of Pakistan, Amir Mateen, The News, Tahir Mirza, Dawn, and Masood Haider, Dawn (New York).

Paul Boutin, technology journalist, San Francisco: I didn't know Daniel Pearl personally, but I admired his work. He risked dangers we can barely imagine here in Silicon Valley in order to report the stories the we eagerly read from half a world away. My sincere condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues.

Dr. Meera Srinivasan, San Francisco: In a world full of political spin doctors, violent tyrants, religious fanatics, misguided non-thinking citizenry and people who tell half-truths or no truths, journalists like Daniel Pearl stand tall and above many, for their courage and integrity to uncover truth. It is a tragedy that such a man, young and soon to become a father, should lose his life so violently. There are no words to express the outrage and the sadness I feel. I cannot even imagine what Pearl's family must be going through. Though there are no words to appease such a loss, but I will say that they have been blessed to have such a man in their family.

Paul Chamberlain, future journalist, Maryland: I'm a 15-year-old high school student, and I consider myself to be a future journalist. Since Daniel Pearl went missing, there hasn't been one day I haven't thought about him and prayed for him, and since hearing of his death, I just can't let it go. I won't ever forget Danny. Though I didn't know him personally, I feel like I do know him and he will always be an inspiration to me. May God bless him, his wife, and his child. Additionally, if the Pearl child is a boy, I hope Mariane names him Daniel, and tells him that he was named after a hero.

Jeremy Burgess, Miami, Florida: I am deeply sorry to hear about the tragic death of Daniel Pearl. My heart goes out to his family. I was thinking about Daniel Pearl this morning while driving to work. I was listening to the radio hearing his name several times. I kept thinking about his wife, almost due to give birth to their unborn child. Why do people kill to prove something? What are they trying to prove? Simply Nothing. May God bless his family.

Javed Khan, Orange County, California: I wish to express my deepest condolences and sympathies with Danny Pearl's family, his friends and his colleagues. May his soul rest in peace! His killers are not Pakistani nationalists as they claim.
They are savage murderers and scum of this earth. No effort must be spared to bring them and others like them to swift justice.

Ashley Farmer, Louisville, Kentucky: I did not know Daniel Pearl, but like so many others, I have prayed for him every day since his disappearance. I share a heavy heart today with the rest of the world. Things like this should never happen. May God watch over him, his family, and his friends.

Anca H, Canada: There are few words that can be said in such moments, and even fewer that can bring comfort and peace in the souls that knew and loved Daniel. I am among those who found out about Daniel and about the tragedy from the news, but regardless of how you find out about such a meaningless murder, you cannot be otherwise but deeply moved and affected. Together with my 6-year-old boy we will say a prayer for Daniel and our thoughts are now with his wife, mother-to-be. We just hope that mother and child will find the peace in their souls by knowing that a lot of "us" from everywhere are with our good thoughts with you two. .... even though might not be comfort in any way, I just think that nobody can harm now Daniel anymore. His smile, warm and unique will stay with a lot of us in our hearts. God bless his wife and the little one.

M. Hall, Montgomery, Alabama: Blessings be upon the Pearl family....... What a crushing experience for Mrs.Pearl with the imminent birth of their child..... May the genteel goodness of millions of caring souls throughout the planet be an ever present balm to the wounded hearts of the Pearl family..... Let us pray for our world KNOWING that goodness and light, always, shall overcome the horrifying deeds of evil creatures....... Clearly, Daniel Pearl was a light, to his family, colleagues, friends........ God Bless them.

Sambit Saha, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania: I offer my heartfelt condolences to Daniel Pearl's family in this time of grief. I have known Daniel through his columns and am very saddened that a vibrant life such as his has been cut short under such tragic circumstances. His courage will be an inspiration not just to journalists but others who seek fulfillment in their chosen professions by pursuing the truth. May his soul rest in peace.

Beena Sarwar, Pakistan: Truly devastating news. We all mourn with Danny's family, friends and colleagues from around the world.

Laurie Goldberg, Jerusalem, Israel: I sat watching the TV and cried my eyes out when I heard that Daniel Pearl was confirmed dead. The photographs of him were enough to show what a lovely person he was. His light shines through. That his Jewishness was used against him is barbaric. That he chose to be proud of it instead of hiding it from the "men" who murdered him is a tribute to his strength, honesty and courage. It is devastating that something so horrendous could happen to such a wonderful man and to his family and friends. You were blessed to have known this man and the world is a lesser place today without his presence. The congregation at my synagogue said healing prayers for his widow and his family this weekend. May God bless you.

Tom Jennings, USA: Danny was a dear friend. Early this morning I woke to find George Bush on CNN, direct from China, saying, "May God bless Daniel Pearl." I fully expected the credits to roll and to see Rod Serling's name float by. For friends and family, the unreality of this is total. Danny was not heroic. As his death and life become mashed, compressed, processed and then molded into a symbol, it will go against everything he was and believed in. The power of symbols for humans is fundamental; perhaps Danny's martyrdom can't and shouldn't be stopped. But at root, Danny only had one enemy: the expected. It made him special, it made us whom he called friends honored to know him. That he vanquished his foe utterly and completely leaves our hearts barren for the sweet, gentle, intelligent man we loved. We miss him terribly.

Noah Bauz, Bali: I'm writing to express my condolences to the friends and family of Daniel Pearl. I followed the news and prayed for his release. I don't know why but his kidnapping caught my attention and my prayers and to hear that he had been killed so brutally broke my heart. Hearing about his wife trying to negotiate with the captors made me realize just how alive true love is. Mrs. Pearl, if you ever read this, I'm sorry.

Lucinda Savile, England: I met Danny a few years ago in Colorado and am shocked that such a kind, gentle man had to go through what he did. May his soul rest in peace.
Kishore Lokhande, Pune, India: I am very saddened. My sincere Condolences to the Pearls. May God rest his soul peace. Let's us all pray for this world. God bless his family.

Julie Anderson, Deer River, Minnesota: I, along with most of the world, am angered and deeply saddened by the death of your husband, father, son, brother and friend, Daniel Pearl. May you find a touch of comfort knowing that millions of people are praying for Daniel as well as your entire family. I am truly sad and sorry for the senseless, cold blooded acts of others who live in the same world as I. May he rest in peace.

Okamoto Teruko, Japan: I pay a tribute to Mr. pearl. I have been deeply sympathized with his families,in particular with his wife. What a dangerous job to be a jounalist! He must have been a very very nice person as well as a very good jounalist. I was very much concerned about his safety, even if I do not know him and Pakistan area. I pray God for his wife.

Kathy Ip: He could have a warm wealthy life but he decided to do things that zillion people daren't do was to go to war zone to report most important news related which turned to world history. May God rest his soul. Amen.

Diane Cassara, New York: My deepest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Daniel Pearl. I am so saddened by this senseless tragedy. Daniel tried to make a difference in the world and will always be a hero in my eyes. It is time that we all try to make a difference if we are to have a future.

Sheela Raval, India Today magazine, Mumbai: I am truly sad and sorry for the mindless and ruthless acts of those who fight in the name of God. It's a high time that the world should get united in fighting against the evil of terrorism than merely be a witness to such a horrendous murder. May Pearl's forthcoming child have the same bravery and dignity in life that their father had. I pray strength and courage to his wife and family.

Darryl Harris: I'm not a journalist or even a WSJ reader. Just a plain 'ol American who is truly saddened at what has happened to Mr. Peal. My sincere wish at this point is that perhaps Mrs. Pearl and the rest of his family may read this e-mail and take some comfort that millions of Americans feel as I do. I hope Mrs. Pearl's unborn child will not only know how good of a man I'm sure he was, but also that people all over the world were deeply affected by his passing. It is also my hope that maybe he's death will unite people from around the world and help us all to realized that we are all human beings regardless of where we live or what we believe. God bless Daniel and his family.

Shirley Norton, South Africa: For some reason the clear knowledge that Daniel is dead has touched my heart deeply. My thoughts and prayers are with Mariane, who has appeared so strong through this ordeal. Mariane, many different scenarios could have come of this, and I'm sure you have played them over and over in your mind, the only one you wanted to be real would have been the one where you see him coming home to you, smiling. I know that you will have many tributes coming in, and will never know most of the people sending them, but know that this is an event that I will never forget, and that I will continue to send you strength and energy through my meditations, even though you will probably not, in this life, meet me.

Deborah (Moller) Tymich: I just wanted to comment that I had met Danny Pearl in 1978 at Wildwood Music Camp in Idyllwild, California. I remember him as a very nice guy.. and from what I have read in the last few weeks he was well liked. There aren't too many people I remember from camp so it was quite shocking my "friend" from camp was kidnapped and murdered..My deepest sympathy for his family, friends and collegues.

Reza Alfa Butera: I am sorry about Daniel Pearl's death. May the Lord rest his soul peace. Let's all get down and pray for this crazy world. God bless his family.

Dorrit Vered: R.I.P. Daniel Pearl. Condolences to the Pearls, you and yours, and all of us.

Veronica, Grand Junction, Co: I read today, online of the confirmed death of Dan Pearl--and am angry and saddened. We feel helpless and reminded once again; on a very personal level of the lack of values and respect in the world. Danny, where you are, there is peace: we here love you---we miss you--we mourn you. The entire country--tonight and always will carry your name in our hearts: your child will carry the legacy of that. To whom ever did this or was involved: You WILL
NOT GET AWAY WITH THIS UNSPEAKABLE CRIME. This is America; we stand for what is right. Although we have made many of our own mistakes—we have learned—we are still learning. We care about human life—it's what makes us so great—we care. WE LOVE YOU DANNY BOY!!!!!!!!!

Bina Bakshi, Mumbai, India: Considering we are a part of a world that interacts, controls & redefines its own environment I find myself a part of helpless shame that an individual could be killed ruthlessly & unnecessarily. My prayers & heartfelt anguish is with the family of Mr Daniel Pearl.

Tätiana Simonian, Anthem Magazine, Huntington Beach, CA: I just wanted to pay my condolences to the family and working family of Danny Pearl. As fellow journalist this pains me, as a human being it chokes my throat and confounds me. I pray that Pearl's forthcoming child would have the same bravery and dignity in life that their father had. I pray strength and courage to his wife.

Lily Chang, Malaysia: Who are these people who claim to be fighting a just cause if they could bring themselves to kill another fellow human being, mercilessly, without any thoughts of the people he represents, that behind him there are parents, wife and an unborn child, friends and colleagues who loved him? Who in the first place was there not with a gun but with a pen. These people do not deserve to win their war, whatever cause they are fighting for. My deepest condolences to the people who have lost him.

Zaheer Hussain, Pakistan: As a Pakistani, I strongly condemn the barbaric murder of an innocent man. Please convey my feeling to Mrs Daniel and all.

Nonie Green: My deepest condolences to Daniel Pearl's wife and family. This is so senseless. No one should have to die doing their job. And while I appreciate what journalists do for those of us in small towns, I can't help but think is it worth the risk just to get the news out? I thank Daniel for the step toward peace he has given me and my family, and I hope he is in peace.

Shan Coble, Burlington, NC: My deepest sympathys are with you. No on deserves to endure the tortuure your family has. You are in my prayers. They may have taken him in body, but in your heart,and through your memories he shall live forever. They can never take that away. May you see Mr. Pearl, each time you look into the eyes of your child. He was a brave man, he did what so many would be afraid to do. He,like so many others gave everything. Thank you, is, and never will be enough, when you wish with all your heart that this had never happened. I followed the news, and prayed everyday for his safe return to you. My heart aches that he didnt. I hope you find comfort knowing that so many are thinking of you, and wishing the ease of your pain. God Bless.

Mike Landis: Mrs. Pearl, and family - Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I am hoping you are well and will tell your child of the great things his/her father did. God Bless You and God Bless America.

Kishore Sood, Princeton: We are very saddened at the death of Daniel Pearl. It has given us alot of pain to see his smiling face and then know that he was killed. Our thoughts and condolences are with Pearls family and friends and especially for the unborn child.

Indrani Rampersad, NYC: Daniel Pearl, may your soul find comfort in God and may your wife and unborn child be blessed by God's wonderful compassion and love to continue, knowing that you will always be in their hearts. May the soul of America and the world awaken to restore some decent level of world security so that ordinary people can go on doing ordinary things in life. As a journalist myself, I mourn the loss of a colleague who was just doing his job. My special prayer for you Danny, your family and this world. Go with God.

Louise Steinman, author/journalist, PEN West member: I salute a courageous journalist whose work in the world and attitude towards life and truth are a tribute to his family and his country. I too am heartbroken.

Christine Bain: Although I never knew Daniel Pearl I followed the news daily praying that this young man would be found safe and returned to his loving wife and family. Daniel Pearls brutal death has filled our hearts with sorrow. The world now weeps and grieves with his wife and family and all those who knew him. May God bless Daniel and let him Rest in
Peace and let us pray for this world and our childrens future. May God hear our prayers.

Faye Cantrell: Dear Mariane, My deepest sympathy to you and your unborn child and to the parents of Daniel Pearl. I hope that these evil people will be caught and tried and justice will be done. I send my prayers and my thoughts to you and your family. My heart goes out to each and everyone of you. Keeping you in my prayers.

Cristen, USA: Our family would like to extend the deepest sympathy and condolences to Daniel Pearl's family and friends. I had hoped that the outcome of this would not be so painful to you. I prayed every day that he would be released and returned to his family and friends. I share your pain and hope that having this wonderful man in your life for the time that you did was a blessing. God sends us many angels and I believe Daniel was one of them.

Shamita Das Dasgupta, New Jersey: Daniel's death diminishes all of us, the one's left on this earth, immensely. His death at the hands of his fellow beings humiliates us further. My deepest condolences for Daniel's family and all of us.

Maureen L. Rotella, Lyndhurst, New Jersey: I want to extend my deepest sympathy to all of Daniels family and friends. My prayers were with him through his ordeal, hoping everyday that he would be released. My heart is saddened to think that his life was taken away when he had so much to give to this world. I know that even though Daniel will never see his child, that the memory of his or her father will live on forever. WE CAN NOT LET THIS KIND OF TERROR ACTS TO CONTINUE TO HAPPEN TO INNOCENT PEOPLE. THEY ARE THE ENEMY, NOT A PERSON LIKE DANIEL. Love and Prayers.

Mary Schmidt, USA: The pain his family and friends feel must be nearly unbearable. My condolences to Daniel Pearl's family.

Kimberly, USA: I never knew Daniel Pearl, but my heart really goes out to his family. Having lived in the Middle East several years, and after living in Lebanon during the war it is well, such a different world living in America. I guess that was my opinion before they brought it to America. When this happened, I remembered all too well about my days stuck in Lebanon and having to dodge bullets from point a to point b.

Mohd. Ali, journalist, Pakistan: I express my deepest condolences to the family and colleagues of Danny Pearl, a brilliant and gifted journalist. I also express my sympathy for his wife mariane in this time of grief and love to his unborn child. May god rest his soul.

Mike Landis: Dear Mrs. Pearl, my prayers are with you and your family. I have prayed for you. May God Bless you and keep you safe. Please know that all Americans are thinking of you.

Muriel Ortiz: Just about everyone I know followed this story hoping it would have a happy ending. It saddens me to hear about the gruesome way in which Daniel Pearl died. From what I have read Mr Pearl was man of honor, compassion and integrity. They killed someone who would have conveyed their story in a way which may have helped their cause. His only crime was that he was an American Jew.My heartfelt condolences go out to his wife and family. As we all grapple with the aftermaths of Sept.11th and "our" war on terrorism we can only try to make sense of the deaths of innocent people for the larger cause. If we ever needed a "Gandhi" to lead us to peace it apparently would be now.

Karen Smith, Pennsylvania: I live in a small Pennsylvania town and I would like to send my condolences to Daniel's wife, Marianne, their unborn child, all his family, friends, and colleagues. He was a brave man who was willing to risk his life making sure all people were kept informed of what is happening in our world. He gave the greatest sacrifice anyone could possibly give for his country, his life. He has earned his special place in heaven with God. My prayers are with you. God Bless.

Amelia Galloway, USA: Anytime a journalist is killed in the pursuit of information/reporting, our civilization takes a step backward. Not being a journalist myself, I have a great deal of respect for all respectable journalists. They are our ears and eyes to the world. Pearl's killing is a tremendous loss to what the United States is all about. My condolences to his wife, his unborn child, and his family and relatives.
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Wanda Hudak, Broome County Legislator, Endicott, NY: The agonizing ordeal for the family and friends of Dan Pearl isn't over and this horror remains for the American society to add to the sadness and grief of 9-11. This man touched so many people with his bravery and courage in the face of ignorance and pure evil. These barbaric people may have killed his body but his spirit will remain as a fine example of American resolve. My personal sympathies to his wife and family. To his colleagues, I say, you don't need to prove a thing to us by being politically correct and becoming ultimate risk-takers to expose liars and thieves. Dan's evil, misguided captors showed us what is out there in vivid horror. We and your families need you safe and sound.

Ann Hannibal, Baltimore: I was so very saddened and disheartened about the fate of Danny. I prayed he would be let go free and really thought he would. My thought and prayers are now with his wife and whole family. What a wonderful tribute she wrote, a very intelligent lady, a real lady. I have so much empathy for the family, but, we don't really know what pain that must be unless we have experienced it. I hope no one else does, but, that is so little said to lessen their hurt and tragic loss....God Bless you.

Faten and Mufid Taneeb, Roanoke, Virginia: It is with deepest apologies that we send this e-mail regarding the senseless death of Daniel Pearl. We are not only outraged at the crime itself but also that these murderers dare to say that it is the name of a cause. No cause justifies murder and these monsters do not represent the majority of their population. We are Muslims and can assure you that this crime is far from Islam. We have spent this weekend celebrating Eid al Adha, an extremely important holiday for Muslims that represents sacrifice and pilgrimage to Mecca. It is a time for prayer, for cleansing of the soul. Please don't let the few lunatics among us destroy the work you do and the unity that the international press has created in this world. Regardless of ethnic or religious background, every group has some "bad seeds" but ultimately we are all good. Please remember that true Muslims prayed for Mr. Pearl's widow and unborn child and we will continue to pray for them. Peace to all.

Naomi Deardorff, USA: I never knew Daniel Pearl, but I was sickened to hear of his death. I am truly devastated for his wife and child to be born, and my prayers and support are with them. Mr. Pearl's memory will always be held in highest esteem by his fellow countrymen and by many others around the world.

Adrienne Jones, USA: Our family never knew Daniel Pearl but we have certainly learned to know him in the past few weeks and appreciate people of his character and quality in this world. We would like to express our condolences to his family and friends around the world and hope his demise comes to mean something to all of us. God Bless and God Bless to all journalists for the courageous jobs you do all over the world.

Nell, NYC: It is devastating to see Mr. Pearl's smiling face and know that he was so brutally murdered. These extremists have lost any semblance of humanity. To his family, friends and colleagues, my sadness and sympathies. In New York City, we all grieve with you.

Meher, USA: I was reading the news online and really wanted to write to Mrs. Pearl tell her I am really sorry to hear about Mr. Pearl's murder. I don't understand how savage human beings may turn out to be. These people claim to be Muslims are really not Muslims. Once again I am sorry. May Mr. Pearl's soul rest in peace.

Lori Hamm, Indiana: My condolences to the family, friends, and fellow reporters of Mr. Daniel Pearl. Mr. Pearl was a true hero who gave his life ensuring that we Americans, and all nationalities throughout the world would receive truth and knowledge. I will forever hold him in my memory.

Molly Koslowski, USA: It has been several days since the horrible news was broadcast that Danny Pearl had been butchered. My heart and mind cannot rest as I think of the grief of his wife who is bearing his firstborn, and I want to cry out to all who take up arms for some greater mission, that when innocents die there can be no justification. For the Pearl family, as to others who have lost loved ones at the hands of others, there are no words.... I weep along with them for the kindhearted soul reflected in Danny's eyes. He has etched a place in many hearts.

Kimberly S. Smith, Lake Zurich, Illinois: I am deeply saddened by the death of Daniel Pearl as it appears are many others, possibly millions. Not too many people can say after they have left this world that they were known across all
continents. Of course we would not have come to know Daniel Pearl if it was not for his abduction and subsequent death. But he will now be remembered by people all over the world. I hope this helps his wife to feel strength from all who are saddened by his death. Godspeed to her and Baby Pearl.

**L. Pham, Fairfax, Virginia**: Like every American, I am deeply sad. My prayers and thoughts are with your family.

**Sadie, USA**: Daniel Pearl's death brought tears to my eyes and sickened my stomach. I just can't understand the cruelty of some, and their apparent lack of empathy for all those who were touched by Daniel's life directly. I pray for all the souls involved -- the murderers, Daniel's wife and unborn child, and his friends and family. May God render unto them what they are due.

**Ratan Mani Lal, columnist/head, Mass Communication, Lucknow, India**: It is shocking to know how Danny was killed after spending so many days in captivity. It only goes to show how hazardous it has become to report events from a troubled area like Pakistan. My heart goes out to his wife and family. I pray to God to give them courage to bear this loss.

**Geoffrey McKell, cinematographer, Jakarta, Indonesia**: I am deeply saddened to hear of the murder of Daniel Pearl and at the loss his wife, family and friends must feel. Such an innocent man paid "the terrible price" for standing for truth and understanding amongst peoples and nations.

**Jasmine Aiello, USA**: I just want to say that since this story came out in the news, I have thought of nothing else. My heart will always be with the family of Daniel Pearl. I am so saddened by the fact that there is a group of people in this world that could do such a thing. With all the time they had to think about what they were doing, they still had no conscience. God Bless Danny and Keep him!

**Kathy Stanley, Toronto**: My deepest condolences to the wife and family of Danny Pearl and to his colleagues at the Journal and journalists worldwide. Your grief is shared by many who have been so touched by the courage and commitment that Danny and other journalists have shown in bringing truth to us. Danny's spirit shines a very bright light on the world even during these times of sadness and grief at his passing.

**Mary Smith, Kendall Park, NJ**: I am truly sorry and May You Rest in Peace Always. Our prayers are with you.

**Ruth Fitzwater, USA**: My condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Daniel Pearl.

**Cary DeCambre, Brooklyn**: I grew up in Williamstown, MA and read the North Adams Transcript and Berkshire Eagle all through highschool and my youth. My condolences to Daniel Pearl's family and all of the people who were close to him. He was a brave and self-less individual who risked his life to report on violence and war so that we could better understand how to make peace. I am so sad that he had to endure such suffering so far away from his family and home and that his life was taken in his giving to us all. Those murderers are so evil to have killed him. Even facing his killers he stood up to his heritage fearlessly. My deepest sympathy to all the reporters like Mr. Pearl who risk their lives. Peace be to you always Daniel even though I never knew you, I love you.

**Cary Karmel, USA**: News organizations around the world must take your death as a wake-up call to PROTECT their employees in these dangerous times. Every publisher owes it to journalists such as you were to send A SECURITY GUARD at your side. Perhaps there will be fewer stories filed but no journalist should have to submit to the terror and murder that Dan did.

**Jacqueline Ballone, State College, Pennsylvania**: I would just like to say that Mariane Pearl is an outstanding woman and one of true courage for the trials she has had to face in the past months. From what I have heard from most reports, Danny Pearl was an amazing person. I cried a lot when I heard the devastating news, but I hope we can all learn from his wife, Mariane, that although obstacles come into our path and try and stop us from peace, hope, and faith, we must
maintain the courage to persevere with 100% determination. I will chant for the Pearl family, knowing in my heart that we, as world citizens, will all win this war of terrorism, hate, and injustice.

**Mona Ramavat**, University of Hyderabad, India: Dear Mrs. Pearl - We are all deeply saddened by the death of such a wonderful journalist and more importantly a very good human being. May God be with you and your family always and give you strength in this trying time. Love and regards.

**Sheri D. Stern**, USA: My heart breaks for your loss. What a joy Daniel must have been to all of you. Please know that my family and I have you in our thoughts.

**Zette Emmons**, NYC: As one who loves South Asia and my friends there, I know he and his wife must have had some wonderful experiences before this terrible tragedy happened. May his family find some peace in the passage of time.

**Diane Ballone**, Glen Mills, Pennsylvania: Yesterday a group of women got together to talk about peace and the importance of dialogue for that endeavor. We dedicated this meeting to Daniel and Marianne Pearl. This tragedy broke our hearts but like Marianne said it will not take our spirits. Because of Danny's death we have recommitted ourselves to working hard for world peace, his bright smile reminds us that it is not the way we die that matters but how we live. Marianne and her child have such an important mission, she has reminded all of us how to behave like human being with dignity and honor even when those around you behave like beasts. Thank you Danny and Marianne. We won't forget.

**Rinna Samuel**, Rehovot, Israel: My thoughts and profound sympathy with his family and friends, and actually with all men and women of goodwill everywhere who endure this outrage with them.

**Brigitte McCormack**, USA: I was so heartbroken to learn of Daniel Pearl's murder. I was hoping for his release and believed he would be released. I want to say to the wife of Daniel Pearl that she is a hero. Her hope and her love reached all around the world. She inspires us to uphold what we know to be good, and to fight against evil. Her husband was an innocent man. I am so sorry this happened. Her reaction to this monstrosity reflects her strength, her love, and her goodness, as well as that of her husband. She makes me feel proud to be a woman. I hope to emulate her determination, compassion, and dignity. I feel like I knew Daniel Pearl. He did come into my world through the news of his captivity, and he emerged as a good hearted down-to-earth, intelligent scholarly man, whose professionalism in no way detracted from his humanity. His death is a huge loss to me, but my resolve to do something about the terrorist network has been infinitely strengthened by his bravery and the emmense courage of his wife. Pearl's wife has sounded the call, and millions of people around the world have heeded it. Fight the terrorist network! Believe in our joined strength to eradicate the shedding of innocent blood in the name of God. I can't speak for everyone, but my God doesn't reward murder, even when the persons responsible think they are pleasing im. To Pearl's survivors, I wish you courage and strength in the coming years and I thank you for the example you have already set. Be blessed.

**Daniel Hamilton**, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii: I found this tribute site to Daniel Pearl after reading some more articles about the great man he is. His life may have been taken, but as his wife said, his spirit will live on. I'm currently serving in the US Marines and I truly hope we are asked (if not us, then someone) to go over there and return with his body, and those responsible for his death.

**Purity Aketu**, Nairobi, Kenya: I did not know Daniel Pearl or his family, but my prayer is that the God of all Comfort will comfort Mrs. Pearl and Daniel's family. All that people can do is wish you well and your unborn baby Mrs. Pearl, but the Lord is able to comfort you at this time. The bible says that He is a father to the fatherless, a husband to the widows, and I pray that during this time, you will allow God to be your husband, and to be a father to your fatherless child. May the Lord wipe all your tears. May God comfort you even during those times that you will be alone and hurting. May He wrap his hands of comfort around you, and may He provide you with the wisdom, and the knowledge of how to bring up your child. I love you sis and will be praying for you!
In Memoriam Daniel Pearl (b. 1963 d. 2002)

A Poem by David Novak, edavidnovak@hotmail.com
Feb. 24, 2002

Inviolate the sadness that we feel
Today, together, who have faced the fact
That yea, the world is cruel; cruelty is real
As we have known; but mostly men enact
The cruelty and perverted shames that have
Grown up within the heart. Can there be one
That is not moved, that one should meet his grave
In awful circumstance, and so alone?

Yet, though we mourn the death as mourn we do,
Tis best to focus our attention on
The life as lived, and celebrate, renew
Our faith in one another: well be done
With mourning at the close of life that each
Must face alone, though if God wills it, under
Happier circumstance when we do reach
That fatal juncture--though it makes one wonder
Is there a happy death? Perhaps some few,
But mostly happy deaths are only born
Of life well lived, and in this very sphere
The man we mourn, from living rudely torn,
Excelled, and sets example for us here.
For he was kind, and gentle, and sincere,
Beloved husband, soon to be a father,
Beloved son and friend, beloved brother,
Beloved colleague well-esteemed by many,
Respected and admired, without any
Trace of superbia or arrogance,
That fell into a hapless circumstance.

We mourn the man, but let us, while we say
He shouldnt have met death this way, or else
He deserved better, let us not betray
Ourselves to thinking this death takes away
The value of a life profoundly lived.

Together people come, bereaved ones gather
To celebrate and to commemorate
The life that is not with us (for his soul
Is surely near, not least within the heart
Of each of us, that were not rendered whole
Without his presence there); thus must all hate
Be banished as we try to love each other.

Loving is not an easy task, yet it
Is something from which he did never quit,
Love of humanity, and striving to
Better communication between cultures.
That this goodheartedness, this altruism
Was taken advantage of, and was exploited,
Is something we must rue—that there are vultures
So godless as to perpetrate a crime
In furtherance of ends which now must be
Rendered as illegitimate, this we
Must see as yet another cause to rue—
Yet overwhelmingly we must accept
That love which warmly shone in him sublime
Is now in each one here uniquely kept
As light refracted through an angels prism.
Daniel we hardly knew ye.

He arrived
Unto the gates of heaven, and this quells
Our grief perhaps a little, for we know
That we may see each other later on
If heavens blessing falls to us. For we
Must not despair, must not resort to anger
Or rabid thirst for vengeance in this time,
For so the world has been replete with danger
That knows no sheltered season, place or clime.

All is uncertainty, yet this we know
That when he in through heavens gates did go
Heaven perhaps have gained a matchless pearl,
While here on earth, that have been left, bereft,
That have been left to try to heal the cleft
Now springing betwixt man and man, we must
Within our little span from dust to dust,
Love and preach love, and watch events unfurl.

News & resources page: http://www.saja.org/pearl.html
From Manjeet Kripalani
Bombay bureau chief, Business Week

Monday, January 28, 2002

My heart is breaking. Danny is one of six of us foreign correspondents in Bombay, and we all keep in active touch with each other. He was the last person to take a poor risk, especially because he and Mariane are so much in love, he would never do anything to jeopardize their happy lives. He's a very mild kind of person, sweet and kind. Someone betrayed him.

We are contacting our sources here in India for information on Danny. But meanwhile, can you urge every reporter you know, especially the ones in Washington covering the White House and attending the daily briefings, as also all reporters in Islamabad who attend the foreign press daily briefings, to ask EVERY SINGLE DAY about Danny's disappearance? We have to keep up the heat and create a terrible stink so that Danny stays on everyone's radar screen every single day until he is found.

We must help. Somebody should protest loudly - we should. We are losing our own in large numbers, and we are not paid to die.

Regards,
Manjeet