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Hello? Hello?

Anybody in your body?

Roll down your electronic lids so I
can see what color your private eyes are.

The sun seems to rise differently in you. I'd like
to know why. Is this planet so bizarre you must
separate yourself from creatures like me? Is your
body temperature self-sustaining or do you need
the glow of illusion to keep you warm? Yes, yes,
I see. I see. Does this make you rich or poor or neutral
on the subject? Switzerland was neutral in World War II
now we find out Nazis deposited gold Jewish teeth in her
safety deposit boxes. Can't have a history these days without
some kind of skeleton. So your glass is half rich, right? No, no,
just kidding. You don't have to answer that one. I can tell by
your face color that credit becomes you and your debt is manageable.

If you were a crayon what name would you give yourself? Read your
license plate? O.K. "Red Devil." And your church affiliation? Figures.

Is five "Our Fathers" a safe enough distance between you and sin? What of
massage parlors... doesn't your spouse do something wild in your unincorporated
areas? I'm sorry to hear that. If an abortion were happening right in front of you
would you kill the doctor, kill the patient or financially support a child for 20 years?
If a new store opened up called "Gimme Gimme Gimme, Want Want Want" would

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you shop there some of the time, most of the time or all of the time? No, really?
You home shop? Exclusively. You are the new wave. E-mall or phone? Both.
No stamps in the house, right? Yeah, I thought so. Got one right. Would
you know a poor person if you crashed into one on the street—aluminum
cans scattered everywhere, grocery cart totaled, no insurance? O.K.
What kind of remorse do you feel when you walk past someone
who is homeless? There's no one homeless in your subdivision.
Makes sense! O.K. You know Disney has a town in Florida
you might like. There's no crime. No slime. No winters.
No police. No houses. Just condos and a mayor.
It's totally maintenance and stress-free except
there is an ordinance against mousiness. I
had to throw that one in there, sorry. One
last question and I'll let you go. If you
were called "socially unconscious,"
would you get real mad, ignore it
or wish people would learn to
use English properly? Great.
Excellent. I'm all done.
Thanks for your time.
No, I'm not a college
student. Thank you.
Goodbye. Goodbye.