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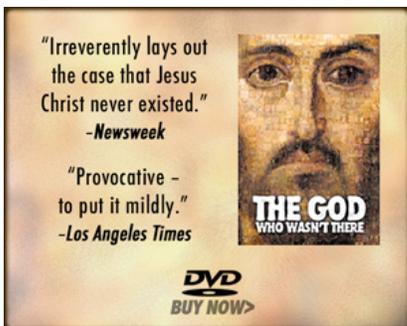


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Those Syrian Musicians -- The Truth

by Michael in New York on 8/04/2004 02:13:00 AM

Another New York Times article about that airline incident with those Syrian musicians is **truly illuminating**. The event was even less worrying than it sounded, which makes the fact that the NYT included it in a roundup of worrying incidents all the more annoying. Some reports made it sound as if when the plane was landing, the men all jumped up and took strategic positions. In fact, according to the Federal Air Marshall Service spokesperson, who previously hadn't challenged the wild tales flying around the internet -- the musicians were already standing in the aisle when the seat belt signs were illuminated, a flight attendant told them to sit down and they did. Much ado about nothing, harried on by passenger Annie Jacobsen who wrote sensationalized accounts -- not backed up by any other witnesses or the undercover air marshall(s) on board. It should be nothing, but watch this tale get repeated again and again.



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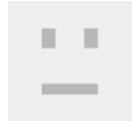
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