

It was certainly a pleasant surprise to see that [I came up in the 2007 play “End Days” by Deborah Zoe Laufer](#). I found out this when doing a Google search of my name. It so happened that in 2012 a theater in St. Louis was staging this play; we went to see it with a couple of friends. The play is about a family having members with different takes on Armageddon (End Days). It’s a dark comedy about a serious subject. One can get some idea of it from the feature that the same actor alternately plays Jesus and Stephen Hawkings! How did my name come in? There was nothing to it – the playwright, in need to describe a nerdy character’s reading list, happened to see my 2005 book and just liked, I believe, the sound of my name. Still, it was nice for me to get this free ride on the back of this play, which has turned out to be a very successful one – so far it has been produced more than seventy times in this country, as well as in Germany, Russia, and Australia.