

IDOL CHATTER: Besotted fans of TV hunk Colin Moss think he's literally divine. Picture: SYDNEY SESHIBEDI

OH GOD — IT'S COLIN!

IDOLS co-host Colin Moss's fame has spiralled out of control — to the point that besotted teenage girls are now calling him God. The silly fans have invented a "religion" they call Colinism. It requires total devotion to the 27-year-old TV stud. The admirers promise to obey his every command. One Moss devotee gushed on the *Idols* website: "Colin! Our high and mighty God! Glad to hear you liked our idea on

Silly fans worship *Idols* presenter

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our new religion, Colinism! You better start writing up that doctrine for us to follow (like the Ten Commandments) cos we need to obey your every order. Your wish is our command."

Another suggested, apparently in all seriousness, that Moss's birthday be a public holiday.

A third babbled: "Today Colinism takes over Africa, tomorrow, the world. We love you. All hail Colin."

Suggested Colinism commandments include: "Thou shalt be spanked and thou shall enjoy it" and "Thou shalt not dream of another lesser

man," suggested by new recruit to Colinism, Erin.

Another posted a mantra that read: "When I pass a white vest in the stores, I will imagine [Colin] in it, and pant. I will attend every single one of Colin's comedy gigs, even if it is in Tweebuffelsmeteenskootmorsdoodgeskietfontein."

Marriage proposals are regularly posted on the website. One reads: "Colin will you marry me? Those dark eyes, that gorgeous smile, the fabulous personality... Colin, I love you. You are the best presenter; cute, funny, clever and damn hot."

"With all the love in the world. Your future wife AKA Tarryn. PS: you can choose our honeymoon destination and our kids' names."

Moss is one of the most popular celebrities in the history of local TV. A women's magazine has bestowed the title of SA's



Sexiest Man upon him. Versatile Moss is also a stand-up comedian and soapie actor. He starred in *Isidingo* before presenting *Fear Factor* and then *Idols*, with Letoya Makhene. He recently received a nomination at the Sunday Times/ELLE TV Style Awards in the most stylish

male magazine entertainment show host category, while readers of the magazine Entertainment Africa voted him "most edible" local TV star.

Moss has taken a tongue-in-cheek approach to his sacrilegious young followers.

"It's an extended metaphor. The way I look at it, these are women with a great sense of humour. I doubt they are serious."

Having a cult following, he said, was "great" and he wasn't bothered about being called God.

If Moss's fans think they're being funny, organised religion isn't amused.

The South African Council of Churches said this week the whole Colinism business was laughable.

The council's Father Joe Mdhlela said: "It's not even worth our while to comment. People like glory and being elevated. But icons come and go and our God is everlasting and has been worshipped for many years."

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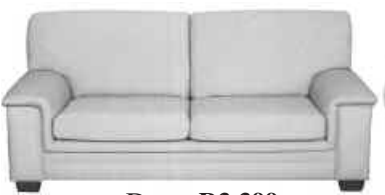
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In terms of section 35 (3) of the Act and section 11 of the EIA Regulations, any appeals against the issuing of the authorization must be made in writing directly to the Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism within 30 days from the date on which the Record of Decision was issued to the applicant (30 September 2003) using the contact details indicated below.

The Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism
Private Bag X447
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An appeal must set out all the facts as well as the grounds of appeal, and must be accompanied by all relevant documents or copies of them, which are certified as true by a commissioner of oaths. Any appeals must reach the Minister by 30 October 2003. A signed and certified appeal questionnaire must accompany all appeals. This questionnaire is obtainable from the department at tel. (012) 310 3590 or e-mail: cveeden@ozone.pwv.gov.za

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Copies of the authorization and Record of Decision can also be obtained from Nomi Muthialu & Associates - toll free on 0800 005 668 or email nmacpt@global.co.za.

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Kwaito star in another car crash

KWAITO superstar Tokollo Tshabalala last Saturday survived another horrific car crash — this time in Soweto.

Tshabalala made headlines three years ago when a car he was travelling in crashed and killed a Botswana woman. He sustained serious injuries to his head.

This week, Tshabalala is nursing a broken femur in his right leg and is walking on crutches.

Speaking from his parents' home in Fourways, Tshabalala claimed he was driving in Diepkloof Zone 4 when the driver of a bakkie sped through a stop sign. He hit the bakkie and the car spun out of control. He said the other driver fled before being caught by police. — Lesley Mofokeng