

Re: Richard 01 101 (And for other newcomers)

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"firstjois" <firstjoisyike@hotmail.com> wrote in message
news:<urSdnSyQguq_VRfcRVn-uw@comcast.com>...

> >>> *I am not an experienced newsgroup contributor. I don't know the
> >>> jargon, and I don't know the manners (not that I've seen many). Why
> >>> should I? It's only very recently that I've been physically able to
> >>> access the internet at all, and discover a worldwide network of
> >>> others who have similar interests.*

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> *The normal proceedue upon joining a ne group is to search Google (or
> something like Google) for FAQ – example:*

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> *sci.anthropology.paleo faq*

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> *and you should get a document or reference to the group's FAQ or
> "Frequently Asked Questions" But some groups don't have this document and
> you could look for the charter if you can't find a faq.*

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> *There groups were supossed to be an open forum for discussions between
> professionals but they quickly became more open than anyone expected and
> because posters could be pretty anomomous, behavior quickly went to the
> movies. Just the same, people talk to people in these forums and there is
> no reason not to be polite.*

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> >>> *So, like a newcomer to the bar, I announce my position, and get
> >>> back a little more than I think I deserve.*

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> *But this isn't a bar. This is more or less a place for the exchange of
> information and the best way to look at how a groups works is to observe
> the group, this is known as lurking, it's reading without posting. You
> probably bet beat up a lot if you are used to walking into bars and
> announcing your position. I think you'd lose a lot of teeth that way and I
> don't get out to a lot of bars, I just suspect.*

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> *Why would the people in the bar be at all interested in having you announce
> your position? Are you talking about sports bars? A New York Yankee
> stronghold where if you talked the talk you'd be welcomed and hugged?
> Still doesn't sound right. Most of the posters here who have a position*

- > *are slightly wacko. A testosterone fixation, a disease that he'd like to*
- > *connect to Neanderthals ("Neanderthals are Me" kind of thing), terrible*
- > *bad athletes' feet, a mystical investment in eustrus, heck, there are lots*
- > *of them but they are pretty easy to identify and ignore. The group's been*
- > *here a while and is kind of tired of this kind of baloney.*
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- > *Others who jump right in are often "trolls" people who want only to make a*
- > *maximum amount of mess and leave, start fights, leave a trail of their*
- > *parents' swear words or the ones they just learned at school. Just seeing*
- > *if they can hook someone into a response, blow it up into a fight, and on a*
- > *happy day – start a fight between two or more groups. Generally groups try*
- > *to ignore trolls.*
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- > *So, you should (anyone should) pop in here with a question, something they*
- > *have looked at, maybe read a bit, did a Google search and still want to*
- > *learn more. I often post articles I want someone to discuss. Rich (and*
- > *others) post articles that others might not have seen or that would be*
- > *within the "paleo" topic, or something that was recently discussed. PB*
- > *tosses in a few articles and table of contents for a journal or two. There*
- > *are others but I'm trying to hurry.*
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- > *Or you should (anyone should) pop in here because you want to read and*
- > *participate in discussions. Not sell your religion or air your pompous*
- > *opinions. We have people here with knowledge that are helpful, act as*
- > *resources, point out good directions, books, articles and are even willing*
- > *to explain stuff you your little heart's content.*
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- > >>> *I've been accused by you as a liar*
- > *Was the accusation right?*
- > >>> *and by Su Solomon as a drunken pornographer*
- > *That's not so bad*
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- > >>> *That's a bit more than attacking my published opinions.*
- > *What have you got published? And in a groups that starts with "sci" your*
- > *opinion might not be worth as much as it is at home.*
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- > >>> *It's like resident*
- > >>> *territorial monkeys throwing things at newcomers to put them in*
- > >>> *their place, and perhaps a phenomenon worth studying on its own*
- > >>> *account.*
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- > *I think this comes from the bar room approach. I think it was also quite*
- > *fashionable to buzz all newcomers in some groups years ago but think it is*
- > *generally frowned upon now. If you hop in acting wierd you might you still*
- > *might get buzzed.*
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- > >>> *If you have time, perhaps you could advise (under a different*
- > >>> *headline, so others can understand) what the following mean:*
- > >>>
- > >>> *1) LOL*
- > >>> *2) Troll*

> >>> 3) Killfile
> >>>
> >>> and if there are signs ;-) and >:-(to try and express body language
> >>> over the web, are there others which can say, for instance –
> >>> – Oh **** – not that old chestnut again !
> >>> – You are talking nonsense – think before you post
> >>> – Why don't you read my post properly before you attack it?
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> Here's a short list:
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> <http://www.pb.org/emoticon.html>
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> I don't see too many of the emoticons used here and not all of the acronyms
> either but some get used. This is pretty much a high verbal group and most
> can write their way through what they want to say and aren't pressured to
> use the acronyms. But when we communicate without seeing each other we
> mess up, take something seriously when it was a joke, for example, and :)
> after a joke might not be a bad idea.
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> >>> – How can I conduct a discussion through swathes of >>>> and deep
> >>> strata of old messages?
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> That drives me crazy, too. Sometimes I name the wrong person but most
> survive here. You should be able to count the number of >>> on the
> conversation and match it up with the number of >>> next to the persons
> name. There is a service on the internet that is supposed to fix up the
> speakers with separate colors and translate the smilies :) in to "real"
> smilies with yellow or blue – whatever colored faces. Might help you.
> Helps me a little. OE Express with Quote Fix. Should be able to Google
> it.
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> >>> (Addressed to Jim) I'm not attacking you personally, but your very
> established and constantly–advertised (and in my opinion, erroneous)
> opinions.
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> I think I can easily name those few people here who might share your IMHO
> erroneous opinion.
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> [snip]
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> >>> If I remember I originally contacted you because your website
> >>> quotes a croc attack on my island (Siargao) which was quite untrue.
> >>> I didn't accuse you of lying, but merely of perhaps quoting an
> >>> erroneous report. Have you corrected it yet?
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> Do you expect people to correct their websites on your say–so? (I'm not
> too worried about Jim for he can take care of himself very well.)
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> >> (Jim) I'll be leaving for several months in a few weeks, so I may not
> get
> >> to email or messages here, but you could email me and I will get it

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- > >> *when I return in the early spring.*
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- > *Good for you! (And bad for us!) Sniff*
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- > *Go back, Richard, into the archives for SAP:*
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- > <http://groups.google.com/groups?group=sci.anthropology.paleo>
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- > *and see what the talk was like in 1994, for example. You can easily see*
- > *why all these years later many of the posters here treat AAT like a joke.*
- > *Hard, no impossible not to.*
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- > *Finally read those posts where you have been given good definitions of what*
- > *science is and is not.*
- >
- > *Jois*

Many thanks for the trouble you have taken on this one – I do appreciate it, and will try and follow your advice. Note – I have changed the title so it appears at least twice. Others might also be interested.