

Re: Starlord the Top Poster

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 - *Date:* Sun, 13 May 2007 13:30:44 +0000
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Mij Adyaw wrote:

What is wrong with top posting? It makes sense so that the reader doesn't have to scroll through all of the older messages in the thread if he has previously read them.

Evidence, please. I believe that if you were to examine every bottom-post in sci.astro.amateur from the last month, you would not find a single one that has "all of the older messages in the thread." In fact, the vast majority are properly trimmed so that the reply starts well up on the first page, and many fit the entire post on one page.

You are confusing two different things; whether to top post or bottom post, and whether to trim the quoted material or not to trim the quoted material. Top-posters, being as they are rude and selfish (they make 20 readers do extra work to save one writer — themselves — a small amount of effort), tend to also not trim, but the two are not inherently linked.

Did you bother to read even one of the URLs explaining this?
Do you have any counterarguments to the claims made there?

Read and learn:

Quoting Style in Newsgroup Postings
<http://www.xs4all.nl/%7ewijnands/nnq/nquote.html>

How do I quote correctly in usenet?
<http://www.netmeister.org/news/learn2quote2.html>

Common Mistakes in Usenet Postings and How to Avoid Them
<http://www.complang.tuwien.ac.at/anton/mail-news-errors.html#quoting>

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Bottom vs. top posting and quotation style on Usenet
<http://www.cs.tut.fi/~jkorpela/usenet/brox.html>

Why bottom-posting is better than top-posting
<http://www.caliburn.nl/topposting.html>

+What do you mean "my reply is upside-down"?
<http://www.i-hate-computers.demon.co.uk/quote.html>

Put an end to Outlook Express's messy quotes with this automated fix!
<http://home.in.tum.de/~jain/software/oe-quotefix/>

READ and LEARN. Or show yourself to be unwilling to learn.
The above URLs refute your arguments. Read them, Educate
yourself on the topic you are posting about.