

Re: Ethics of Asking Questions Without Providing Answers

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aruzinsky wrote:

I am appalled by the large number of people on these fora who ask questions but never provide answers. To me, it's like beggars on the street. All take and no give.

If I were running these fora, for each person, the first question would be free and thereafter one answer must be given to another before another question can be asked. Then these streets wouldn't be so filled with beggars.

Maybe not but the quality of the information would take a huge hit. We would all then spend more time sifting through bad information and spending much more time correcting bad advice. So you would have lowered the quality and raised the costs.

Probably the most valuable benefit of newsgroups is access to the archives. The ability to google for an answer to a question previously asked and answered. The "beggars" contribute by asking new and varied questions. (That being said it is very annoying if they don't bother to google before asking an FAQ.)

When you go to the hospital do you expect to see patients performing surgery?

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