

Re: The Origin of Life

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On May 1, 4:36 pm, Muhammad <mzafrul...@xxxxxxx> wrote:

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Thanks for the double talk. There is a really offensive thread going on right now, by the title of "fucking". I note that someone has given the OP a single star, but no one has come out to say that the thread was out of place and downright filthy.

You do have a point there, and I must admit posting a quip in the thread you mentioned.

The problem is most posters who start threads like that are utterly incorrigible, and to complain would be like water off a duck's back.

In fact most of those kinds of posters are what are called trolls, whose only goal is to elicit replies and stir up discord. So the best way to discourage them is to ignore them.

Generally the only time it makes sense to rebuke a poster (such as your well-expressed reply to "The Lantern") is if it seems there is any chance they will listen.

Otherwise you're only wasting your time and playing into their hands, or at best letting off steam with little prospect of any result!

So, paradoxically, on that basis, mathman's reply wasn't "picking on" one person and ignoring others more deserving of censure, but trying to reason with someone who might have a bit more sense than an idiot troll.

Cheers

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