

Re: A challenge to non-SRians

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"greywolf42" <mingstb@marssim-ss.com> wrote in message
news:<10gvgrlbde3ss88@corp.supernews.com>...

> *"Myxococcus xanthus" <mold-guardian@comcast.net> wrote in message
> news:ce5e7813.0408020936.2473435a@posting.google.com...*

>> *That sounds great! I'd even be willing to chip in a modest amount of
>> money, maybe \$20, to see this done. There should be enough interest in
>> this newsgroup to collect the funds in \$10-\$20 increments to help set
>> up the experiment. Of course, Greywolf needs to put up \$1000.*

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> *Sure. I also expect some investment costs.*

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>> *We need an escrow agent and money handler, somebody who could be
>> trusted by both sides.*

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> *Whaddya mean 'we' Myxo? You aren't playing. Though you are welcome to
> offer sage advice. ;)*

As I said, I'm willing to chip in a few bucks just to see this
through. As would, I expect, dozens of other people on this newsgroup.
So collectively, EVERYBODY willing to chip in would be part of "we".

>>> *though
>>> I doubt I'll ever really have to worry about anything materializing.*

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>> *There are several problems, besides the obvious ones, that need to be
>> overcome.*

>> *1) First of all, I doubt that Greywolf has the electronics expertise
>> to conduct the experiment himself, so he'd have to trust somebody like
>> you to set up and perform the experiment. Would he be willing to trust
>> you?*

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> *Why would I trust Bilge? If I need assistance, I'll ask my Dad. He
> designed communications gear for the US Navy ... including satellites and
> time standards.*

Ahem. Do you think Paul would be so stupid as to have the experiment

100% under your control? With your history?

- > > 2) *"Secret identities" need to be revealed. People like Greywolf and*
- > > *you have been very careful to hide your true identities.*
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- > *LOL! I freely provide my name to whoever asks. My name is Barry Mingst.*
- > *And a trivial effort by Google will provide this.*

Yes, if you would recall, I've addressed you by Barry on quite a number of occasions in the past. However, I always considered there to be perhaps a 1% chance that that would not be your actual name. Thanks for reducing the 1% uncertainty to 0%.

- > *Now Bilge (David Semon) is a different matter. But he's also irrelevant, as*
- > *he's not a party to the bet.*
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- > > *However, I*
- > > *don't see how a contract could be written up without revealing your*
- > > *identities to Paul and to at least one other person who would need to*
- > > *act as witness.*
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- > *So, who is the fruiting bacterium?*

My identity is a pretty open secret. Nearly a dozen people on this newsgroup already know who I am, from email correspondence. And I'm pretty free with leaks that would allow google searching. I maintain my handle mostly from a sense of fun, and because myxos are important to me. My Ph.D. dissertation was on myxos, and many current publications continue to cite fundamental research that I conducted nearly two decades ago, on an unusual genetic element now known to be widely present in gram-negative bacteria.

Wanna google?

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Myxococcus xanthus