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Sorcerer wrote:

<pmb61@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:1164226643.350093.63170@xx

| Ken S. Tucker wrote:

| > Hi Pete, hope you'll stay awhile.

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| Forever this time. I the past 8-9 years of posting on the web I've
| learned ho to except things I disagree with and let them go regardless
| of how many people I think will end up with the wrong idea later. This
| was my main problem. I felt responsible if I let clear errors slide.
| But I won't bend easy since its these kinds of issues which made me
| look very deeply into very basic concepts.

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| > Lately a few of us have been considering forming
| > a new moderated group to encourage originality
| > and speculation that is discouraged in sp.research,
| > which is an educational group.

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| Actually I believe that it is a research group which ended up being a
| teaching group.

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| > The steering commitee is designated the Advanced
| > Communications Research (ARC) eList, send me
| > an email if you want to join.

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| Sounds great! It'd be nice to finally have a say as to how a forum is
| moderated. I hope we are mature enough to let the rules be flexible so
| that we can find a good set of rules through trial and error. I will
| join if everything is done to prevent insults in any way shape of form.
| Sound fare?

Ouch. I wouldn't mind fair, but you want people to pay? :-)

Who said anything about paying?

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Joking aside, there is no known cure for bigotry.
"Be reasonable, see it my way".

What I mentioned above works quite well in a moderated forum. People tend not to flame others when they know as fact that their flames will be deleted and if they keep doing it they will be asked to leave the forum. I've been posting at just such a place for years and it works great.

You remind me of Draper, Brown.

Please, call me Pete. :)

Draper:
I have to admit that I am demoralized at the moment.

Who is Draper?

I had hoped that we could fight ignorance with a proactive rather than a reactive approach, but this is clearly the improper forum for that. A quick survey of the length of threads initiated by or drifting to nonsense compared to the length of threads based on sound thinking reveals the true interest in the proposal.

While it would be a useful project to contribute to the FAQ, the intent was to educate in the context of discussion, a virtual "classroom" if you will. There's no point in contributing to a reference that none of the "students" will read or attempt to learn from. The intention was to focus on **exactly** what is wrong in someone's thinking (which varies from person to person), set it straight, and then make progress from there.

I had high hopes -- really -- that perhaps one misguided soul would read something sensible and say, "Oh... Really?...Oh. I see I was confused. OK, I get it now. Now what about...?" My head knew better, my heart does not.

[sitting in the duck blind, waiting with a shotgun for a duck to appear]

| Is so then count me in. I had a major crash where my C

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| drive crashed and I had to replace it and start over from scratch. This
| means that I lost my address book. Please send me your e-mail address
| to my permanent e-mail address which is
| peter102560_deletethis@xxxxxxxxxxx

| > It's designed to be a much more vibrant group that's
| > very much needed.
| > Best Regards
| > Ken

| I look forward to working more closely with you Ken. How's about we
| create a web site with the basics of the physics and math on it. That
| will give us a baseline. I'd be glad to do the work myself with input
| from you and others. Have you invited Bill Hobba? He's a nice guy who
| will be learning more math in the future. I hope he studies
| "Geometrical Methods for Applied Physics" by Schutz. You should study
| this text as well. We actually should form an e-mail study group and it
| will make it easier for all of us. It wouldn't be bad to have Tom
| Roberts there too. He's certainly knowledgeable on the physics. Of
| course we'd have to edit out his capital letters and his shrugs so as
| not to alienate new commers.

New commas are not "aloud".

Yes, please take Roberts.

"This is PHYSICS, not math or logic, and "proof" is completely irrelevant." – Roberts

Nobody is perfect. I've decided years ago to try to ignore people's faults and try to focus on their good points. It comes with too much time in hospitals fighting very serious illnesses which brought me back to my religion, i.e. Christianity. When I failed with certain individuals I just blocked them from my view and that made things pretty easy. So my new philosophy has been working pretty good for me for some time.

Best wishes

Pete

ps – Why not tag along and see how it works out? You can get a feel of such a forum by joining www.physicsforums.com. Its a great place to post. I merely had a problem with their rule of posting references. Seems that they won't allow me to link too a web page where I ground out the math to topics which come up often.

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