

Re: How do any of you do it?

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Sam posted:

"Killfiles really help... I think it has been interesting of late to ferret out that some of the trolls don't understand simple concepts like "velocity" and "symmetry" and yet they have their own "better" versions of "relativity". Killfiles really help."

Sam, I respectfully have to disagree with that. Killfiles only provide filtration, no substance. If after you use your killfile, nothing worth reading remains, then as they say: "You can't get blood out of a rock".

Sci.physics began to go to Hell in a handbag arguably more than 5 years ago. First readers accused AOL as being the source of most of the Kook posts, then Webtv, then with the explosive growth of the ISP industry and Al Gore was cheering on the notion that EVERYONE was entitled to use the Internet, things here disintegrated rather swiftly. You've been around here long enough to recall that time when one by one all of the sci.physics regulars threw up their hands and stopped posting. Remember Jim Carr, Matti Meron, Uncle Al, and the others...now all gone. (Although Matti does post at irregular intervals.) I remember the time when anyone not posting from an .edu, .mil, or .gov domain was regarded with suspicion or looked down upon, and the newsgroup was so intense that even some physicists were intimidated to post here. All that has now changed, but not for the better.

Between the Kooks and the people posting about cosmology and speculative theory based on reading coffee table books, there are probably less than 3-post/week addressing actual physics and posted by individuals who have completed a course at the level of even Physics 101, but when a question, problem or a seed for a discussion is posted, the chances are minimal that it will today receive an informed, thoughtful response except from one of the increasingly rare serious posters, like yourself...and posters like you are becoming increasingly rare.

That's why I read this newsgroup only once a month or so, rather than on a daily basis which was the case.

In response to JLH, there is (or was) a moderated physics newsgroup

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called sci.physics.research moderated by Jon Bell, but that too had some problems but nothing like this place. Maybe worth a quick look.

Kindest regards, Harry C.

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