

Re: beanstalks (was Re: Metallic hydrogen ...)

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"Fred B. McGalliard" <frederick.b.mcgalliard@boeing.com> wrote in message
news:H29wF.Er1@news.boeing.com...

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> "Michael Varney" <varney@colorado_no_spam.edu> wrote in message
> news:lbKxc.88\$hs.37287@news.uswest.net...

> ...

> > > *And you're just like Hitler and those are the arguments all the Nazi's
> > used!*

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> > *And you have lost the argument.*

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> *Excuse me, but I think he was being humorous (I would hope) and referring
> to the first law of thread discussions. That law is, the first reference
to
> the Nazis or Hitler must kill the thread. (strongly paraphrased from
> memory).*

A common mis-statement of Godwin's law:

“As a Usenet discussion grows longer, the probability of a comparison
involving Nazis or Hitler approaches one.” Mike Godwin, 1990.

Nothing in there about winning, losing, or killing a thread.