

General Topics :: Please require real names and email addresses of forum members

Please require real names and email addresses of forum members - posted by Leo_Grace, on: 2009/11/9 10:31

It has become apparent that some people register in this forum to post messages intended to create strife and confusion . It appears also that some of them register more than once in order to bolster their agenda using different accounts.

I respectfully suggest that real names and real email addresses be required of all forum members to try and minimize this distasteful practice. Anyone who wants to post in this forum should be willing to stand by their message by presenting their true identities upon registration.

Re: Please require real names and email addresses of forum members - posted by enid, on: 2009/11/9 10:40

Maybe you should have sent the moderators a private message and suggested this to them.

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Thanks.

Re: - posted by Leo_Grace, on: 2009/11/9 10:44

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Thanks.

You may be right, but I felt this was something that needed to be discussed openly before any decisions are made by the moderators.

Re: Please require real names and email addresses of forum members - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/11/9 10:51

Quote:
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Amen! and AMEN!

I have wished this for a long time...on the other hand, am I understanding you correctly? Are you talking about the profile page? I agree it is a tad bit disconcerting to go to the profile page and find nothing there about this poster.

I use a nickname because I thought that was the proper thing to do back when I signed up...

Have a blessed day!

ginnyrose

Re: Please require real names and email addresses of forum members, on: 2009/11/9 10:56

This is a very good suggestion in my opinion.

Re: Please require real names and email addresses of forum members - posted by Laviver, on: 2009/11/9 11:02

Leo_Grace wrote:

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Re: accountability vs: slithering in the tall grass., on: 2009/11/9 11:23

I like the idea too. Many web sites require users to have valid E-mail, checked against other sources that prove that you are you.

This would squelch the "drive bys", trolls, and disruptors pretty fast, I think.

I'm sure Greg Gordon could assess the practicality, work, and cost as effectively as anyone there is. I think that it could bring more accountability too.

I'd be willing to chip in if necessary....

Re: - posted by Leo_Grace, on: 2009/11/9 11:33

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If they were to do as you suggest:

1. They would be constrained to lie, which would be an affront against God whom they would have to face. It would also be basis for expulsion.
2. Unless they change their actual physical addresses, there are email/IP reverse lookup services that can determine the location (within 20 miles I believe) or even the actual identity of the owner of the email address. These services are normally used to track hackers and spammers, but can also be used to for our purpose. These are not hard to use.

The truth will set us free.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2009/11/9 11:42

Greetings

I used my real name when I signed up. It is maryjane:-) I could not think of anything clever as a nickname so I just went with my name. Some people really like to use a nick name for privacy reasons though. They do not want to give to much info out about themselves on the internet. I can understand this considering how much identity theft goes on. Not sure if you were suggesting the use of just a persons first name or their last name as well? I can understand your frustration though and desire to not have sermon index pages filled with a lot of false teaching. I think being a moderator is a very difficult job though and one that requires a great deal of discernment when dealing with people.

God Bless

mj(oh I never go by mj in real life. I just thought of that. maybe mj is my nick name on here. I only sign off with that when I am tired of typing LOL)

Edit: I will also add as a woman I will not give to much personal info out even to be apart of this forum. It is just not wise to do so.

Re: - posted by Leo_Grace, on: 2009/11/9 11:48

For the purpose of tracing multiple accounts or new accounts of old members who may have been banned, the valid email address would be the key info. I don't see any problems with using nicknames in the threads and profiles, if identity theft is a concern.

Re: Please require real names and email addresses of forum members, on: 2009/11/9 11:48

Real names maybe something that you would like to see, but I certainly don't want my name splashed over the internet. I've only opened up to a few here that I have come to know. In a community we may know one another by name, however in a large city who cares, there is just too many to comprehend and to know each others names is not important. An email address connected to a handle is all that anyone needs on the internet. I like my privacy and I don't want someone who got my name and then my region, then my city and then try to hunt me down from God knows where or worse call me by phone.

"Hi, you don't know me. But I took it upon myself to track you down with the information that I collected about you off the internet."

My reply, "Who are you?".

"Oh nobody, you were picked randomly to see if I could do it, but (haha) I know where you live".

"Have you checked the children?"

I'd feel like I was violated.

No thank you!

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/11/9 11:54

This in idea seems like a great idea. but sadly in rule and principle is much harder to make happen.

But we will pray and look into ways this could be implemented better.

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No thank you!

LOL! Actually the suggestion does not pose any added security risk for anyone. If you have a valid email address that you use to communicate over the internet, then anyone out there can already track you down by paying a few dollars for the reverse lookup service.

However, I will admit, DeepThinker, that this will force you to think deeply about what you post... otherwise a whole bunch of members might just go over and pay you a visit one day... :-P

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2009/11/9 11:55

This is a nice suggestion but not something practical. Anybody can register a gmail or hotmail account under a fake name, and then come here and sign up under the same fake name.

Re: - posted by Leo_Grace, on: 2009/11/9 11:58

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As I said before, if these accounts are registered using the same internet provider and from the same house, they can be traced to the same person/location using reverse lookup services already available for fighting hackers/spammers.

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2009/11/9 12:06

Not everybody has an e-mail address through a provider.

Re: Please require real names and email addresses of forum members - posted by narrowpath, on: 2009/11/9 12:38

Some people want to stay anonymous because they may share some things that would get them into trouble with their churches or other people. Also, this may betray confidence when sharing prayer requests.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2009/11/9 12:48

Greetings

What KingJimmy said was true. I know some people who only post when they are at work (on their lunch) because they do not have home computers. I also know of some who go to the public library or local Starbucks and post. Even myself I have more than one account, my husband has an account (although he does not post anymore) and I have a niece who has an account as well as a neighbor friend who used to come by and use my computers. It would be hard to implement I would think? Then there is also software available that allows a person to surf anonymously. As well as hardware firewalls that offer true stealth from behind a router. I would think that you would almost need a police warrant to get exact location of a person who is posting. Even when they have those pirating law suits they have to subpoena the service provider to get the private info of the person to know who and where they are right? Just my rambling thoughts about this as I was thinking how hard it would be to put into effect:-)

God Bless
maryjane

Edit: what narrowpath said is also true.

Edit again: Just to clarify when I said that I had more than one account, I did not mean me personally, that I signed in on more than one. I meant that from my home computer people have used their accounts to sign in. Just so there is no misunderstanding.

Re: , on: 2009/11/9 13:10

I asked this same question when we were getting lambasted a couple of weeks ago via PM. Although it's impossible to monitor someone's real name, an e-mail address is something that can be tracked as a duplicate. It isn't difficult to get an e-mail address these days with the various entities (yahoo, hotmail, aol, etc). It may not be full-proof but it makes it harder for the troublemakers to keep using multiple accounts if they have to register for multiple e-mail accounts.

Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss (), on: 2009/11/9 13:32

Wow...why would this even be necessary? Even if we don't know the exact names, IP addresses and locations of a particular poster, we can still judge the specific words of a person effectively enough.

Besides, the purpose of this website is NOT to promote theological discussions about every controversial doctrine under the sun. In the (<http://www.sermonindex.net/about.php>) ABOUT US section of the website, Greg states the underlying purpose of this website:

Quote:
-----'The mission of SermonIndex is the preservation and propagation of classical vintage preaching and the promotion of genuine biblical revival to this generation.'

"The work and ministry of sermonindex can be encapsulated in this one word: Revival. Sermonindex is not an organization, business, or any attempt by man to build something for God. It is rather an expression of a heart burden to see the Church revived and brought back to holiness, purity, and power with God. The main thrust of the speakers and articles on the website are towards an 'apostolic' vision of the church of God found in Holy Scriptures. This biblical balanced Christianity is something needed in contrast to our modern day commercial, superficial, cultural Christianity. The desire for a spiritual awakening is in hopes that it will restore this original apostolic church in this world as a better expression of what the Church should be."

I think that it would serve us well to remember that "all men are grass." No matter how much I might respect a particular member on SermonIndex, I have yet to meet anyone that I would place my faith and trust in all of their words. I don't think that Greg's goal was to serve as the "conscience gestapo" for people who want to discuss doctrinal issues. Rather, the forums were likely meant to foster discussions from believers from different backgrounds who feel that same heaviness for true apostolic Christianity in all of its powerful simplicity. Yet, instead of discussing those heart-pounding messages contained here, people tend to discuss many various topics that they believe to constitute "apostolic Christianity." The problem is that most believers just can't agree on everything.

Continuing in the ABOUT US section, Greg includes a couple of questions and answers:

Quote:

Q. Who runs SermonIndex?

Answer. The body of Christ. Since its inception volunteer support has made it possible to archive over 16,000 audio sermons and other resources on the website. The true ownership of the website belongs to God's people who have made it an intra-denominational expression of the body of Christ worldwide. Greg Gordon has been the full-time moderator for the last 6 years who has facilitated the volunteers in accomplishing this task.

Q. Does SermonIndex have a certain denominational emphasis?

Answer. No. SermonIndex desires to be an expression of the apostolic church found in Scriptures. It is an intra-denominational ministry with 100's of different denominations and ministries involved. Biblical truth and desire for revival is the emphasis which is foundational for the ministry. A general statement of faith can be read below.

Q. Is there a statement of faith for the website?

Answer. Being undenominational, we seek to minister to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity (Eph. 6:24), and to love all who love Him (John 15:12; 1 John 4:20-21). By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another (John 13:35). We hold to the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, as the inspired word of God. We believe in the New Birth, and that Salvation is a free gift of God through Jesus Christ to all who will repent, and believe the Gospel (Mark 1:15; John 3:16). We believe in the virgin birth of Jesus, the only begotten Son of God (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-35; Luke 2:1-7; John 1:14; John 3:16; Acts 13:16-41; 1 John 4:1-15). We believe in the deity of God the Father, the deity of Jesus, the Son of God, and the deity of the Holy Spirit. We believe that, while we were yet sinners, Jesus Christ shed His precious Blood on the cross, and died, th

at we might have life, and have it more abundantly (Rom. 5:8; John 10:10). We believe that Jesus rose again from the dead (1 Thess. 4:14; Luke 24:1-8; Acts 10:34-41; Luke 24:33-46). We believe that Jesus, some days after His resurrection from the dead, ascended to God in heaven (Acts 1:1-10; Eph. 1:15-23). We believe in the personal return of Jesus with power and great glory (Luke 21:27), and that His return is an event for saved people to look forward to with great expectation and with constant watchfulness and prayer (Luke 21:34-36; 1 John 3:2-3). We believe that this same Jesus, which was taken up from the apostles into heaven, shall so come in like manner as they saw Him go into heaven (Acts 1:1-11). We believe it is the privilege and duty of every Christian--to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and to live a holy life, and to be always ready for the return of Jesus, and that, in the meantime, each Christian should Occupy (keep busy in His will, and in His service) till the Lord's return (John 7:37-39; Acts 1:8; Eph. 5:18; Matt. 24:44; Luke 19:13; Titus 2:11-15; 1 Peter 1:13-19).

Not only would it probably be impractical to implement some sort of verification process for SermonIndex registration, it just doesn't seem necessary. We can easily judge the specific words of the various posters without feeling the need to go any further. Over the past six years, I have seen some people who created screen names who wanted to remain anonymous to save themselves from embarrassment for their prayer requests or in their search for advice and instruction about issues that might embarrass them. In light of the debate over a recent thread, I understand the desire for such verification. However, I just don't think that it is truly necessary. The words on the forum can be moderated by the moderators and can continue to be judged by other posters.

Does that make any sense?

Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2009/11/9 13:46

Bad idea.

Very institutional churchish... Reminds me of the tithe list handed out at churches... or having to "join" the church and having your name on a list at a church.

Gun laws... Only affects those who follow the laws.

Way too many things can go wrong with something like this. There are WAY too many people that do not want their information to get into others hands. I personally don't care if people know who I am (hence my signature), but I am not about support that on everyone that wants to be a part of this ministry.

Also, would we be having this discussion about information if we were in China, Iran, N. Korea... Would we want our info out there?

Re: , on: 2009/11/9 13:51

"Besides, the purpose of this website is NOT to promote theological discussions about every controversial doctrine under the sun." ccchhhrrriss

Yet you are the one of the first to jump in on most of the 'theological war' debates and continue with Chapel until the cows come home. The reality is that it is a venue for these debates... right or wrong.

These were merely suggestions by concerned forum brother's and sisters who deal with malicious heresies that can be construed as attacks on the forum itself... we're not trying to revamp the website. If they are not practical then throw it out.. suggestions aren't mandates. I just think Leo wanted to start a thinking process concerning an obvious problem and I can see his end of it.

Re: , on: 2009/11/9 13:54

CCrider

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amen.

side bar to brother Christiian, on: 2009/11/9 14:07

Quote:
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amen. Thats why our home state of Wisconsin is the best in the nation, a free land flowing with milk and honey, clean drinking water flowing out of limestone, just like Jerusalem, and the most liberal gun ownership laws in the land.

in other words,gun control means hitting yer target, amen and amen.

and my name is neil, and I stand behind everything I post, some heere even knowe my last name and my phone number . I love fellowship with the Body of believers.

the spammers, imposters, sooner or later get exposed, just let God work.

neil

Re: side bar to brother Christiian - posted by Miccah (), on: 2009/11/9 14:44

Natan4Jesus wrote:

Quote:
-----and the most liberal gun ownership laws in the land.

Actually, don't you mean the most conservative gun laws in the land? Get me drift? 8-)

Blessings my fellow Badger.

Re: - posted by Laviver, on: 2009/11/9 14:47

I'm sorry, what's the point of all this again? Reverse search engines and cross-referenced IP addresses? I just can't see the need. What would we do with information? Excommunicate the heretics from the universal body? Put up wanted posters? Are not the current forum rules enough to keep order and decency here?

Did not Jesus let the tares grow with the wheat?

If it is pressing on your own heart to advertise your name and email, please feel free to, but all this just sounds motivated by personal agenda against certain threads that have been happening around here lately.

Re: , on: 2009/11/9 15:07

I don't see Leo Grace or others who were concerned about the attacks on the forum as having a personal agenda... let's keep it to the logistics. The problem wasn't just the doctrine but the deception of those who use multiple accounts to circumvent the rules... just like Orthodox did by coming back on after Greg told him not to. If it's not logistically possible to prevent that then that's fine.

Re: - posted by ccchhhrrriiss (), on: 2009/11/9 15:16

Hi ccrider...

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I'm not saying that we cannot discuss such issues. However, there is a difference between arguing and discussing. Although I am aware that I have entered debates, I think that I have usually tried to do so as to point out variance of opinion about absolutes that are often produced. In Chapel's "non-resistance" threads, I simply entered to show that his views on the matter were not the standard set for all believers. I felt that the rhetoric had meandered from introducing and discussing particular views on a matter to actually dismissing the very faith of those with whom some may have disagreed. This seems to be the end result with many of the more controversial theological discussions here.

Of course, this thread contained a mere suggestion by concerned individuals...as well as the responses to that suggestion by *other* concerned individuals. I just don't see this issue as meriting any such response merely because a few individuals might misuse this opportunity. I think that it would be wise to remember that all men are seeing "through the glass darkly." As such, I think that we should use the same level of contemplation and testing (via the Word of God) for every word written in the forums.

Re: , on: 2009/11/9 15:19

Hi ccchhhrrriiss. I understand. Thanks for the response.

Re: - posted by Leo_Grace, on: 2009/11/9 15:21

Dear brothers and sisters,

There is no personal agenda here, as ccrider pointed out. It is merely a suggestion that, hopefully, would make it harder for wolves in sheep's clothing to post here.

Why is this necessary you ask? As I was typing this post, there were 77 guests in SermonIndex, some of whom will be reading the forums. Hundreds do this each day - some of them are seekers, some are young Christians - this is after all a Christian forum. Shouldn't we be concerned about what they might read?

Is it unreasonable to ask that anyone who wants the privilege of posting here before hundreds of readers, some of whom are spiritually impressionable, should at least "step into the light" and identify themselves ?

Re: , on: 2009/11/9 15:32

I do have this question for the moderator's though: Are multiple accounts under different identifications allowed here??

If yes, then okay.

If not, is this then grounds for termination of the account???

My point is this. If this is not allowed then those who have multiple accounts know their deception (of course). And if it is

s revealed that they are acting deceptively in this way then should they be banned just as the unrepentant brother?

I say this because neil and others have accused at least one of the 'regulars' here of multiple accounts on this very forum. An accusation doesn't mean they are correct but what about this kind of bantering?? Is it worth looking into if multiple accounts are not allowed?? But again, if it's allowable then that is much different.

Re: , on: 2009/11/9 15:37

This is a bad idea. This is a privacy issue.

My family was violated by someone who got information on us from a similar forum. Fortunately because I know how to protect my family nothing serious happened.

Just a bad idea all the way around.

If people want to use deceitful means in order to debate scripture... well, they may burn in hell with their arguments if they don't repent and get saved.

Krispy

PS: ok ... now hang on a minute while I switch usernames in order to bolster my thoughts! :-)

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2009/11/9 15:47

Greetings Leo

I understand your heart in this matter. In all truth I have been deeply troubled by some of the threads and prayed over all that might read some of the lies being put forth as Biblical truth. However I am also mindful that I am a woman who is vulnerable to some of those same eyes that are anonymously coming to SI. Not everyone who comes here is coming to seek the Lord. It would be naive to assume that they are. For safety reasons I do not want my main email given. I will admit I use a sub email account from another provider besides my ISP. I do not want my private info out on the internet for these very reasons. I do think it can be a safety issue.

God Bless
maryjane

Re: , on: 2009/11/9 15:49

See... y'all didn't know that I am really maryjane, did ya!!

Krispy

Re: - posted by Leo_Grace, on: 2009/11/9 15:53

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God Bless
maryjane

I appreciate your concern, maryjane (and Krispy, or is it KrispyJane/Marykrittr?), and it is a valid one. I know this will even make it more difficult for Greg, but in other websites it is possible for members to submit their authentic information, and then opt not to have it seen by others so that only site administrators know who they are. This way, the original intent of

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My suggestion would be accomplished while your concerns would also be met, and those who don't mind can have their info publicly listed.

The key is the administrators will have information they can check to reveal poseurs and multiple account holders (assuming such is not allowed).

Addendum (edit):
Spiritually speaking, this is too valuable and too influential a forum to allow just anyone to come in and post whatever they want. We need to have some accountability for content - don't you think?

Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2009/11/9 16:17

KrispyKrittr wrote:

Quote:

Fortunately because I know how to protect my family nothing serious happened.

This is code for "concealed carry" law. :-P

Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2009/11/9 16:34

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This message has been encrypted if you can't read it please send a signed message so that your email client can de-encrypt the message according to recipient's cipher.

If you have less than 300 posts don't bother.

Re: - posted by Laviver, on: 2009/11/9 16:49

I understand your point, and it seems reasonable in theory. As has been already said, it just seems highly impractical. Would moderators just have the info or everyone?

What if different IP addresses were used with dummy emails? Usually people today have access to the internet by several means: cell phone, laptop, home pc, work, library, school, on and on. I think that if these disruptors are truly that sinister, than this will not stop them. Like the gun law logic used earlier, only people who follow the law need apply. Thugs and gangsters will still do what they do. And if that's the case, I don't know what knowing everyone else's real name and email would do besides opening up privacy issues as has been brought up. Like knowing my name wouldn't mean anything to regulars or the guests who frequent here because you don't really know me and certainly haven't heard of me.

Not trying to be obstinate, it just is too much.

Re: , on: 2009/11/9 16:58

Quote:

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Someone is paying attention... very good!

Krispy

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2009/11/9 17:06

Again, I think it is good to reiterate: the forum is not a church. SI is essentially an online sermon archive with the emphasis on revival. The forums are ancillary to the downloadable material; they are an added bonus, a privilege and not a right, and they shouldn't be the focus and the means by which new regulations for overall membership to SI is granted. But, like Greg, I certainly understand the idea behind such a notion!

As it stands, moderators periodically visit the forums to make sure abusive language and/or strife and contention are not running amuck. IP's for repeat offenders are taken into account and recorded.

Brother Paul

Re: , on: 2009/11/9 17:10

I think Greg has that information about every single person coming unto this site. The IP address is recorded and the location. He doesn't know their names or address, just their location. I could be mistaken, only he could confirm that.

oops :-? I just read Paul West's post below me, so it is true that they are recorded.

Quote:

-----PS: OK ... now hang on a minute while I switch user-names in order to bolster my thoughts!

:P Ah man that is too funny.

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2009/11/12 0:49

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Re: - posted by Laviver, on: 2009/11/12 0:53

Quote:

HeartSong wrote:

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Indeed. Curiously true.

Re: - posted by sonofthunder (), on: 2009/11/12 6:42

Interesting discussion ... we could also ask and wonder then WHY the author of the book of Hebrews did not come forth and reveal his identity)! why not - Don't you think? Why be Anonymous? Why he must have something to hide perhaps? but as touching on that issue - Does anyone know the full name of Brother Andrew? Who smuggled bibles into China? why it didn't seem to be an issue to those at the time - who read his books and heard of the great things he did! And NO seemed to be jumping up and down on the spot screaming ohh ...but he never revealed his full name! So let's call him (he must have something to hide) For that matter who knows the surname of the Apostle Paul? Notice too (on this same vein) Jesus' own brethren (who did not believe in him) said "there is no man that doeth anything secretly - And he himself seeketh to be known openly ... so if you do these things then shew yourself to the world" they said this because Jesus went not up OPENLY to feast (of tabernacles) but secretly, as it were. Hmmm.

AND WHAT ABOUT AUTHORS AND WRITERS WHO JUST PUT THERE FIRST AND SECOND INITIAL BEFORE THERE SURNAME...WHY NOT REVEAL THERE WHOLE NAME...EWWW SPOOKIE MAYBE THEY GOT SOMETHING TO HIDE TOO??

:-(Why no one knows FOR CERTAIN who wrote the book of acts (we assume Luke ...but the author does not identify

himself per say at the beginning ...of the writing of the book

Now Some people may use there business laptop or there partners business laptop - and so to both reveal there personal and private information and have that splashed all over the internet might not be - so good a thing!

And though some might (pooh pooh) this next thing:

Nonetheless it's true - there are "wierdos and cooks" out there (strange people) that get on the net - and get on the web! therefore to have your personal & private details for all and sundry to read....again may not be awise decision. (people have there reasons - it doesnt nesarilly mean they are dodgy - or up to no good) suspicious minds cant convict without evidence or without facts. And as ive always said: You have nothing to be suspicious about -unless you have grounds FOR that suspicion, to be suspicious based on assumptions, is TO BE "pre-sumptious" on your part actually! And in a court-of-law you cant convict anyone without cold hard facts ...as circumstantial evidence rarely (if ever) convicts the person - being tried. Paul warns of "evil surmisings" in timothies epistle! Other versions i believe say "Baseless suspicions"

People will always surmise and be suspicious because your full name is not known....but honestly you would have had (the same) issues with paul and other writers in the bible - who chose for whatever reasons to remain anonymous or seperated for a seasonwhy ive read some of the puritan writers of old hated and despised (being known) due to the risk of being magnified in the flesh by others ...who might otherwise idolize them and there worksand/or were frightened of stealing away (glory from God)and that was there reasoning (for not putting a name to there writings) Judge not according to the flesh, but makea righteous judgment (Christ told the scribes) Good advice!

As ive said before in this forum - and as being a regular contributor since 2006 ...i am KNOWN by many pastors where i actually live, WHAT my full name is, and my personal phone number (many of them) have and hold. And i might add: Many of them have heard my preaching and my doctrine. I preach the same way in person as i do in the forums. I also see and maintain contact with pastors (personally) and on a regular basis. They both know me and i know them....and nothing is hidden - and all is open and above board. In here (SI) my choice is to be known as Brother Stephen (which is my real name) by the way ...or AKA brother son-of-thunder.

Incidently: Paul was not known by face to any of the churches that were in Christ Jesus in Judea for some 17 years....except that peter and a handful of others had some form of contact with him. Why in the flesh one could easily stumble over such absence and seperation. Yet was he the author of most the new testament epistles you read from daily!! (Gala tions bears this out)

Thanks for having me!!! Gents and brethren! :-)

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2009/11/12 9:20

Quote:
-----Spiritually speaking, this is too valuable and too influential a forum to allow just anyone to come in and post whatever they want.

To make any changes based on this precept would be spiritual suicide.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/11/12 9:32

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Re: , on: 2009/11/12 10:05

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Re: , on: 2009/11/12 10:09

1 Corinthians 5: 12-13

12What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? 13God will judge those outside. "Expel the wicked man from among you."

..Deception is wicked and seeks to destroy truth.. we are to expel them which means not let them back unless sincere and convicting repentance ensues....

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Col 2:2-4

2My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, 3in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. 4I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments.

2 Cor 2:2-4

2Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; WE DO NOT USE DECEPTION, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2009/11/12 10:26

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Ginnyrose,

Consider for a moment that the Holy Spirit speaks through many different vessels - as does the evil one. There are really only two voices, but there are many vessels. We must all choose which voice we will hear - and in so doing, which one we will serve.

I do not think that there is a way to extinguish the voice of the evil one here on this earth. We must all learn to distinguish the one from the other as sometimes the vessels will change sides.

EDIT: The point here being that it really makes no difference if the voice is coming from just one vessel, or many vessels, it is one in the same voice.

Re: - posted by Heydave (), on: 2009/11/12 11:56

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And I thought I was confused..! :-P

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/11/12 14:44

Quote:
-----EDIT: The point here being that it really makes no difference if the voice is coming from just one vessel, or many vessels, it is one in the same voice.

So some will speak with a forked tongue! I think Brother James has something to say about that and it ain't flattering at all! He says it ought not so to be! (James 3:9-10)

Still, it is intimidating to have opposition and now come to find out it in reality *could* have been one and the same person! This is hypocrisy at its worse, IMHO. SIGH.

Oh well...a body learns something new everyday and today this a new piece of information I have to deal with.

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2009/11/12 14:50

Ginnyrose, just give it to Him. In Him we can stand against anything - no matter how great the opposition. Man's laws will not protect us against the enemy - only the Lord can protect us from the wiles of the devil.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/11/12 15:02

Quote:
-----Man's laws will not protect us against the enemy - only the Lord can protect us from the wiles of the devil

True.

Thanks!

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/11/12 16:07

Quote:
-----But again, if it's allowable then that is much different.

And if it is I would think the forum loses its credibility.

ginnyrose

General Topics :: Please require real names and email addresses of forum members

Re: Please require real names and email addresses of forum members - posted by twayneb (), on: 2009/11/13 15:33

Leo-Grace: Maybe one would want not want all of this information shared with the general public who may view the site, but at least the information you suggest should be required to create an account and accessible to the moderators. I think some sort of application for membership should be filled out (perhaps with a testimony) and all new members approved by the moderators. More work for them I understand, but the application process alone would probably deter a good number of those who only seek to cause trouble.

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2009/11/13 16:16

Quote:
----- . . . the application process alone would probably deter a good number of those who only seek to cause trouble.

What if the Lord sent some of those trouble makers so that they might be saved?

What if the Lord let some of those trouble makers come to SermonIndex to test our faith? To see if we could bear the taunts and criticism in His Name? To see if we would show forth love or hate? To see what words would flow forth from our lips - to see if those words would build up or tear down?

What if . . . what if.

Re: , on: 2009/11/13 17:29

What if they lured a new christian into a false doctrine or a false church like Catholicism???

You can 'what if' all you want on both sides. Christ said that many are led to be 'two fold sons of hell' by bringing others down with them.

'What if' what if. The one's most people are talking about are those who seemingly aren't interested in being saved... they just want to propagate their doctrine, deceive and cause trouble. I would much rather have a scenario where someone is deceived here seeking truth than those deceivers who 'should be saved'. Multiple accounts are used to deceive, and not adhere to rules or anything we have to say. They are here for one reason... otherwise they wouldn't find it necessary to have two accounts. Why have two accounts???. Justify this to me???. One account can save a soul.

Re: , on: 2009/11/13 17:33

Quote:
-----One account can save a soul.

Well the old account was settled long ago. On account of this statement what account can you give that one account will save a soul?

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2009/11/13 17:39

Quote:
-----What if they lured a new christian into a false doctrine or a false church like Catholicism???.

If we sit here and spit and argue with each other, are we not just as false as they? What makes their falseness worse than our own?

Re: , on: 2009/11/13 17:59

Quote:
-----If we sit here and spit and argue with each other, are we not just as false as they? What makes their falseness worse than our own?

How true! :-o

Re: - posted by twayneb (), on: 2009/11/13 18:25

What if... Heartsong, ccrider, both of you are absolutely correct. Two sides of a coin, but part of the coin nonetheless.

What if we as Christians could just do away with our humanity, our tendency to think ourselves right and win the argument, our tendency to let our emotions take us places the Spirit of God would not have us go, our temptation to lose our cool under pressure, our frustration when things are not as we idealize them to be...

SI has been a great resource to me. I am glad that I stumbled across it. There are many people here whom I would someday like to meet. You know, in a starbucks sort of way. Sit, have coffee, and get acquainted. I will someday meet many of you in the coming kingdom. I feel like there are people who are members here who have a heart's cry to see the kingdom of God come in the hearts of men. There are others who come for strife and contention's sake. What do we do with them?

I guess obviously love them. There were times when Jesus said let the wheat and tares grow together and I will sort it all out in judgment. There were other times when He confronted and rebuked. I am not sure what the solution is, or if there is really a problem that needs solving at all. I do know that we as believers, although it is OK to discuss and even sometimes "debate" an issue, must remember that the world will know us by our love one for another. We must always seek the edification of our brother or sister.

I want to say that I appreciate SI and all of you that I have had the opportunity to "meet" and enter into conversation. May God's blessings and His Holy Spirit dwell in you richly.

Travis

My dear sister GinnyRose, on: 2009/11/13 18:39

Quote:
-----I find it unnerving, unsettling to think that one person who posts here goes by more than one name.

Beloved, here's what I believe, here's my conviction as led by God, pity the poor sinner who play games with the DEEP Things of God.

Poor Uzziah, and all he was trying to do was keep the Ark from getting overturned!

Look at Ananias and Sapphira!

This humble website, dedicated to God is just that, dedicated to God, and if somebody plays games, deceit, trickery, etc.well, I don't know what to say, except God have mercy on them.

My counsel would be keep it like it is, and God will take care of the enemy, amen....and my name is neil, and if anyone wants to know my last name, and I know you in the Spirit, PM me, let's all just keep ourselves real, authentic and genuine, and let Jesus' Blood and the Spirit, keep us holy.

much love in Him, neil

Re: My dear sister GinnyRose - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/11/13 18:55

Quote:

-----lets all just keep ourselves real, authentic and genuine, and let Jesus'Blood and the Spirit, keep us holy.

Amen!

ginnyrose

Re: , on: 2009/11/13 22:10

deepthinker.... One account as opposed to two accounts being used to deceive. Heartsong said 'what if' the people ab using the rules are here to be saved. My point was 'then why do they need two (or five) accounts'?? Can you justify this deep thinker?? You know why I said this? Because if they are kicked off of here and come back over and over again to attack the forum then do they really want to be saved?? Their first account was their chance if they were sincere. But th is is not the reality... if it was this wouldn't be enough of a problem for the moderators and forum members to express the ir concerns. Here's the problem, some are making this a philosophical argument. I countered to make a point that the ' what if' can go both ways.

Multiple accounts aren't allow here... period. Those who use two or more accounts have been using them to deceive and propagate their doctrine.. period. What part of this don't you understand?? It's a problem, otherwise the moderators wouldn't have asked for it to be reported. Someone suggested that they might want to investigate a preventative measure . So sentiments have been expressed. There was no mention of anything other than troubleshooting a problem. Now, how is this a problem for you??? And before anyone says 'well God is in charge' then I say 'then don't say another word' . Put your faith where your mouth is because you really shouldn't make that statement if you want to continue stating your opinion and counterpoints. God's in charge yet I will continue to produce MY argument??? For me, as much as this statement is true about God's sovereign authority, it's also a cop-out for those who want to do nothing. If every 'would be' missionary said this, no one would labor in the fields.

Re: , on: 2009/11/13 22:31

"If we sit here and spit and argue with each other, are we not just as false as they? What makes their falseness worse than our own?" heartsong

You have 1952 posts... have these been void of argument?? If you want to call 'spitting and arguing' as false then every one here is in big trouble. Tell that to Paul and Barnabas. I'll make a deal with you heartsong. If you promise from now on not to 'spit or argue' with anyone here moving forward then I will do the same. We can define what 'argument' is since this is somewhat vague.. but if we can agree on a definition then I'm all for it.

Re: - posted by chapel (), on: 2009/11/13 22:44

Luke 17:1-4

Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come! It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.

Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

Maybe we should obey the Lord. He seems to have it all covered.

Re: , on: 2009/11/13 22:57

Romans 16:17-18

I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. 18For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites.

He's got it covered no doubt... but that doesn't preclude His instruction. Stay away or forgive if they repent. So far I haven't seen much of the latter from those who are attacking the forum. Perhaps we should stay away... but who trusts that these people will go unchallenged by all here?? ;-)

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2009/11/14 5:51

Quote:

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Dear ccrider,

Do you not see that from what the Lord has taught me, this is you? Should I now try to find a way to keep you away? Should I now try to create or employ a law to take you out? The problem with this "law" business is that someone can always turn it around and use it against you. It becomes a dog eat dog environment where the one(s) in power endeavor to take out one(s) that are a threat to their position - whatever that happens to be. This is not the way of the Lord.

The sun just came out :) and I must move on to happier things. I love you dear brother, make sure that you spend much time in prayer so that the Lord can reveal His full intentions for your life. God bless you.

Re: - posted by Leo_Grace, on: 2009/11/14 10:45

Dear brothers and sisters,

The original post was a mere suggestion meant for the moderators of this forum. I chose to post it as a thread in General Topics to allow you all to post your comments for the moderators to see before they make any decisions. We all know it will ultimately be Greg Gordon's decision whether to take up the suggestion or not. My only motive was to propose a way to discourage those who seek to mislead readers by the spamming of false doctrine and contrived discussions.

It would have been enough if all of us had just posted our comments for final consideration by Greg. However, instead of remaining a mere thread for suggestions, this has become a vehicle for argument and recrimination, and all for a small thing that really does not matter that much at all. Many have become too passionate for nothing of value.

I beg of you all to let this be the last post here, and leave it all for Greg to read and decide. If it all comes to nothing, that is fine with me -- it was just a small suggestion.

Re: GinnyRose - posted by Lysa (), on: 2009/11/14 11:09

Quote:

-----I find it unnerving, unsettling to think that one person who posts here goes by more than one name.

There are 'trollers' everywhere you go, most do it to have fun or make fun.

There are 'deceptive' people everywhere you go, most do it because they don't know any other way; until Jesus brings it forefront to them, they will not admit it or seek deliverance.

And like DeepThinker's two identities, he was found out (and praise God he had ears to hear) and the Lord worked on him.

No matter the amount of rules that are in place, they (the deceptive people) will find a way around them because that is what they do. I find it hard to believe too but I am also learning that in every arena of life, it is a trust issue with the Lord; or else I get bent out of shape! And me getting bent out of shape does not show forth the righteousness of God!!

I hope this helped but I pray for Greg and the moderators to do what the Lord wants them to do!

God bless you!

Re: , on: 2009/11/14 13:44

Leo, it was a good suggestion and I thus far have enjoyed participating in this thread, yet I don't know why others have become so passionate, it's just a suggestion, nothing is set in stone.

Maybe a Suggestion box can be created on the side panel of this website instead of using this method, that way no one can see what the other has suggested, only the Mods can.