

Re: List etiquette question

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Drew, Bill wrote:

- > *The replies are always at the bottom after the quoted part of the*
- > *earlier message. This is no the rule on the many other lists I*
- > *subscribe to. I am more curious as to why this is the case. This is*
- > *not a complaint at all.*

They're all wrong...

Seriously, "bottom posting" (quote interspersed with new material immediately after the text it's commenting on) has always been the rule for Usenet news and Internet mailing lists. Some other networks had other customs, but mainly this is because Microsoft's Internet e-mail clients weren't designed for the Internet.

It makes life a lot easier, because you can read the quoted material, and then immediately get the comment on it. So the comment is placed in context.

The rule is designed to make life easier for readers: a message will be written by one person but might be read by thousands. Not that it makes life harder for writers with properly designed e-mail clients...

James.

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E-mail address: james@westexe.demon.co.uk | 'Short for "Sic Transit Gloria Humanorum", which is Latin for "There goes the neighbourhood!"'
| -- Menno Willemse

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