

CRSnet Rules and Guidelines

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Since its inception in 1994, we've developed and adopted various rules and guidelines by which CRSnet operates. Tichomir Tenev (ticho@tenev.com) is the current primary moderator who enforces the rules. Any issues with the service needs to be addressed to the CRS Office at crsvarc@crsvarc.com.

There is nothing else like CRSnet. This has been a great experience for all of us. Let's all do what we can to maintain its uniqueness and high standards.

Anyone who violates a rule may, after repeated warnings and at the sole discretion of the Primary Monitor, be temporarily suspended from all CRSnet participation. The first temporary suspension will be for two weeks, with subsequent suspensions doubling each time. During a suspension, a person who uses other CRSnet members for continued posting of comments, or as channels to complain about the rules, may be subject to permanent removal. After three temporary suspensions, the violator will be permanently removed.

RULES

1. Privacy

The names and affiliations of the participants MUST NOT be released outside of the group without their permission. Similarly, CRSnet posts cannot be published or reposted to other discussion groups without the permission of the author(s). CRSnet posts should not be shared with other personal friends and acquaintances, without permission.

2. "Way to go," "Amen," and "Thank you" replies; personal messages.

These replies add nothing to the discussion. If you wish to simply agree with someone else, to only congratulate someone for a previous reply, or just to thank someone, send a message to that person privately — NOT to the group.

In a similar vein, if someone indicates that he has material he is willing to send privately, your request for the material should be sent privately. Messages that are strictly meant as personal correspondence should not be sent to the list.

3. Number of posts per topic

We have set a maximum limit of 50 replies per topic. In the rare occasion where a topic actually reaches 50+ replies, we will lock the topic and encourage users recenter the conversation by starting a new topic.

4. Posts

The main purpose of CRSnet is, as you all know, the discussion of creation and evolution from a young-earth creation perspective. This necessarily involves predominantly scientific matters. However, since the subject of origins has philosophical and metaphysical overtones, we must deal with these implications as well. And of course, with Scripture as our foundation, we will from time to time discuss biblical passages that pertain to creation and the Flood.

We have a 3-tier process on monitoring CRSNet posts:

	Examples	Moderator Response
Tier 1 – Clearly On Topic	This includes anything related to creation and evolution. The sort of stuff that CRSNet is designed for.	Go for it. Keep the discussion cordial and have fun. Moderators will only step in if it strays off topic, gets ugly, or exceeds the 50 post limit.
Tier 2 – The Gray Area (Topics that are not clearly off topic, but may descend into chaos)	These are Biblical or scientific issues that do not directly impact the Creation model, but may prove to be a fruitful discussion OR a conspiracy laden slug fest. Ultimately, this is the moderator's call. Examples: Covid, Bible translations, transgenderism	Moderators may allow, but will monitor closely. If the discussion deteriorates, the moderators will shut it down. We want to be a place to raise controversy, but not let it get out of control.
Tier 3 – Clearly Off Topic	Politics/Current Events/Biblical issues unrelated to Genesis and origins	Moderators will lock the thread immediately.

IMPORTANT: If someone just happens to mention something which “pulls your chain” but is off topic, PLEASE resist the temptation to set that person straight via CRSnet. If you really feel that the issue should be discussed further, and that it can be done so civilly and in a Christian manner, then do so by replying directly to that person (i.e., privately off-net).

5. Character and attitude

CRSnet is not the place to discuss rumors, innuendo, or grievances concerning other creation organizations and creationists. Positive news reports about other creationists and creation organizations are fine, but negative commentary should be avoided.

We will not tolerate unchristian behavior, language, and attitudes. It's fine to be critical of the ideas expressed on CRSnet, but each participant shall be treated with respect.

Your responses should be about the topic under discussion, not your opinion about the character or scholarship of others on CRSnet.

6. Website links and URLs

Website links should not be sent without comment. Please include a brief description of the website, a reason why we should look at it, or a brief excerpt.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

These are not rules, as such, but are suggestions that will help improve communication:

1. Do not post and then be the first one to reply to your own post. REVIEW / EDIT your post BEFORE you

hit the “Send” button. If you don’t have time for this, then you don’t have time to write well thought-out posts. In general, ALL posts should be reviewed/edited to ensure their understandability and accuracy.

2. Please read ALL the posts in a thread before replying to any one of them. This prevents multiple people “saying the same thing again” which is annoying and wastes time and bandwidth.
3. Please be careful with “Over-promotion” of a book or other product. A single announcement of publication of a new book is OK.
4. Use of ALL CAPITALS in subject line or body is not good netiquette. Capitals provide EMPHASIS and should only be used as such.