Subject: Re: Top or bottom posting; does it really matter?
Posted by Mike Spencer on Mon, 27 Sep 2021 04:41:05 GMT
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Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> writes:

> On Sun, 26 Sep 2021 20:51:37 +0100
> gareth evans <headstone255@yahoo.com> wrote:
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>> In groups.io, a similar facility to usenet, top posting predominates.
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> It is common politeness, when joining a group, to adopt the
> conventions of that group, it is a joy when those conventions are also
> sensible and a minor burden when they are not.

Just so. I occasionally top-post when a previous post may be needed
for reference but my own contribution is essentially stand-alone and
not in the nature of conversation. This appears to be common in
business email where I find it workable and correct -- at worst a
"minor burden".

Most Usenet posts are more or less in the nature of conversation so
top-posting is a stumbling block as is massive quoting -- failure to
trim -- when responding to some small element of a previous post.

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