Criticism and Feedback: How Can We Improve?

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After the recent post and the overwhelming positive and necessary points about future goals and advancement. That has been an impressive post.

I marveled reading the many positive comments, especially those who mentioned how much Spiritual Satanism and the Gods have changed you and improved you. We must build further on this.

Most of the things mentioned are already under way. Admittedly that is very positive. The communal value is supposed to increase all the time.

Part of this is dealing with potential mistakes.

Now, it would also be a good idea before the end of the material year, to start another conversation.

This would be over things where you think there should be improvement or constitute mistakes.

Here, we might speak of mistakes or even criticism, but we must focus on this: It has to be functional and of use, and presented properly.

For useful conversation, even if this is aimed at other members or the community, it would be a good idea to express in a respectable manner. Among kin and like minded people with a common mission that is important.

If someone also has negative feedback or even very negative comments, I am open to listen to these of course, but I would request to treat other JoS members with respect, especially people who toil for everyone else everyday.

That is not a question for infiltrators, but for members. Except if maybe you are lukewarm infiltrators who are actually with us but you still say bullshit to yourself that you dislike "us" while you actually do not fall in this category in the end of the day.

That is not a post to isolate a member and start judging them, but rather for community improvement.

The degree of tolerance for error must be understood as being part of nature. We are diagnosing to raise the bar here, not to break people who already want to give.

Further, if one is new or one has not much to point out, then maybe one could write

about how they would expect to have a better experience. Or what made you struggle in learning or something similar.

Recognition of errors must happen on a basis of experience. But all opinions welcome.

Example: There has been a lot of editorial errors in many posts or even webpages. There were mistakes. We located them and fixed them. The outcome is that through pointing these mistakes and doing the proper criticism, then putting the work, the errors are being more and more fixed. The aim is to remove these mistakes.

The aim is this: To find out potential areas of improvement and have an upwards going trajectory for the good of the Gods and the JoS community, to reflect this back on members, for our collective growth.

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Reply from [ramses13th]:

I believe that everything related to spiritual advancement such as the "40 Day Program" and "Spiritual Warfare Training Program for Satanists" should come with a better and updated version that will lead beginners to good routines faster.

In 2018, when I dedicated I had a pretty rough time making a schedule myself, first I followed strictly the "Spiritual Warfare Training Program for Satanists" which is honestly not suitable for everyone, it lacks lots of details. And then I did the 40 days program which is way better but lacks the 6th chakra opening and got me really really confused at the time.

I believe that there should be a meditation section strictly for the new dedicated or novices which covers the daily must-do meditations, a checklist tasks such as opening the chakras to give them a sense of satisfaction in their routine and RTR info, which let's say redirects the user to a sermon about the importance and effect of the RTR's, how do they work and why are we doing them.

The idea is to make the freshly dedicated ss have an idea about how a routine should work quicker than browsing through 100+ pages, which I also approve because that's how you deepen information. But there should be a quickstart guide somewhere.

Reply from [SleepingWolf]:

I think our search bar needs a lot of work. It's not nearly as intuitive as other search engines, even on sites like reddit, to find what you're actually looking for. The default search settings rarely get the results I'd actually want, and I find it easier to just end up asking for solutions by making a new post.

There's no options to sort search result by most views or engagements and titles, which would help people find the the discussions with the most info, but even that isn't always great since that can be a lot of reading. It feels like it shouldn't be this difficult to find answers to questions that have been answered here, but with no way of rating posts (which I understand why they can't be) that also means no way of making it easier to find very good sources of information and great posts by other users here.

I don't know or have the perfect solution, but at the very least more options for the search engine would be a great improvement.

Reply from [Ursa Minor]:

ramses13th wrote:

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I second this, it would have been easier for me to get started if things were a bit more streamlined. I think also having a branching guide option would help too. Could have meditations, workings, and yoga, be in separate branches, when someone becomes comfortable with the category start with, they can include the others when they feel ready.

Reply from [Yurei]:

Perhaps there can be a glossary of commonly used terms within our spirituality and astrology?

Not everyone is going to know what cusp or nodes are in astrology.

Reply from [Soaring Eagle 666 [JG]]:

I will write one criticism for myself.

The JoS Search engine for the main site should be improved to show the piece of matched text in each page, like Google does.

That requires more complex logic, but it's actually a lot easier than writing a huge

engine like Google. Because the entire JoS site is only a few hundred megabytes of text, it can be kept entirely in RAM the whole time for lightning fast access without all the hassle of disk-based data structures.

This may have to wait a while, as I catch up on more important projects, but at least now it's noted in this thread.

Reply from [mercury_wisdom]:

My criticism and one of the biggest reasons I am not very active on the forums as I used to be.

Is the quality of posts. I usually read the most active topics but for sometime now, the trashiest, most time-wasting and toxic posts that garner attention goes to the top. This is not a good algorithm for trying to find spiritual info and wisdom.

What I do to offset this is reading the recent posts and replies of members that I highly-trust I will learn something new especially brother NakedPluto but also Lydia, VoE, Shadowcat, Blitz, etc. But this is not very efficient as a community.

We have to find a way to better move quality and informative posts to the top. (Other than announcements.)

Also, there should be a system in place if we can't ban some low quality and trash drama posts at least get them to the very bottom of the forums where they get zero attention and doesn't distract us from our spiritual growth.

Reply from [The Nameless One]:

The Satan's library needs to be organized by topic instead of by alphabetical order. It's very annoying, especially when you're trying to search for a PDF that you know what was about but don't remember its name.

The JoS website needs to be made more newbie-friendly. Like having a sort of walkthrough for new people: What to read first, how to proceed, what meditations or other things to do and a FAQ or guide for new people. Also remove the false info about them being in the order of "angels" or "seraphim" on the Gods' descriptions because it confuses many people.

There needs to be a subforum for general discussion about money/relationships or anything that concerns our daily non-spiritual life, since there are many posts about those topics by people asking for advice.

Reply from [Henu the Great]:

The forums are a mess.

We have several different subjects in one main category in the English section. I would imagine the situation is not much better in other communities. All the useful spiritual info and topics for guidance are next to less useful posts, outright blasphemy, usual trolling tirades, news articles, and so on and so forth. I believe there is an ongoing effort to gather all the useful material into one file. This would have been avoided if there was one section for spiritual info and counseling from the get-go or at least updated at some point, and other sections for news, off-topic, and so on.

I would welcome an initiative to reorganize topics. But first alternative sections would have to be created and perhaps other modifications made for this platform.

There was mention of requesting for adding additional visible markers for the hierarchy. I would propose two levels below JGs, those being Librarians, and Library assistants. Librarians would be those who have contributed considerably and consistently over time to the JoS and Library assistants would be those who have consistently contributed for the benefit of the community. This would give a clearer picture to people who they are talking to as those who handle more material also might know and understand a bit more than those who do not. This, however, is not something very urgent or perhaps needed at all, but seeing that this pops up here and there, there might be something to this idea.

Reply from [Egon]:

Henu the Great wrote: The forums are a mess.

I'd say a way to remove the English announcements from the non-English sub-forums' upbars - some new people click the pages and are like wtf, it's all in English - and give a higher limit of topics per-page because the fixed important topics in the sub-forums reached their limits and they are covering the new topics by everyday users.

Reply from [Nikois666]:

This embedded human ignorance of course affects Joy of Satan as well. I have found a small missing detail on the front page of the Satanisgod.org which I believe is very important and bounces off a lot of people from the JoS temporarily and even permanently. I share Satanisgod.org primarily when I want to share the JoS somewhere on the internet because it's front page serves as a front cover of a book

with interesting and attracting subtitles, the "666 Black Sun" and "Third Reich and Satanism" are quite attracting titles, on which when one sets their eyes on and reads them in their mind, they hit differently and a curiosity is born to open these sections. But I believe we can do more and better than this by adding what is missing.

As said there is a small detail missing to this front cover. Or should I say, a section is missing which is **"Exposing Islam"**.

Reply from [sshivafr]:

As pointed out many times, the difficulty to find interesting material could be solved by using keywords, like on twitter: #

Only advanced members, HPs and JGs as well as "librarians" (the ones who will maybe reorganize the JoS library) could use these keywords in their posts so that quality answers stand out when searching the forums and the library.

Reply from [AsraArdwulfLeberecht]:

A more guided approach for new members, as in advice about what meditation to do next, how much to practice it, when is one apt to switch to another one, how does one know they've done it correctly, variations in intensity etc, branching to more advanced meditations, and suggestions of meditation routines. I know someone should be able to figure these on the way, but in the beginning it can be very discouraging, not knowing what to do, and it can halt progress.

I don't want to put pressure on Clergy's shoulders, and I understand as I'm not an English native myself, but it would help in future library projects if Sermons/pages would be devoid of typos or grammatical errors, since the editing part would be much lighter and we'd only have to format it, which is pretty fast for a readied document. We'd be much more efficient in updating our library.

Reply from [Shadowcat]:

Ahh i have one suggestion that could help improve the JOS astro site, if possible. When one attempts to enter the city of birth the options to choose from are not specific enough and generic. For example, You type in your city and press search and one or two options come up along with the country. One of the only two options that shows up with mine shows as follows (name of my city, Chicago, USA) These options we can choose from as far as locations just seem too general and generic when it should be as accurate as possible.

USA is correct but Chicago is entirely in the north of the states and on a different timezone. Besides, there are other cities with this very same name in different states and time zones, and this counts for other cities as well. It seems to also explain why the degrees differ by one or half at least compared to astro.com. (if still seen as fairly accurate) Just a thought. Maybe it would be better to be able to choose city AND state from a dropdown menu?

Reply from [The Alchemist7]:

It's been raised before by more of us that it might be a good idea to create 2 categories inside the main Joy of Satan 666 forum, one for spiritual matters and one for non-spiritual matters. This has the obvious advantage of categorization of the content and then the two separate categories will hold new posts on the their first page for longer time, therefore most likely getting more views and exposure as there might be many members that login after such posts are already on the second page and many might not be checking there. There are probably many threads being opened daily so this will likely help. Also if this is considered, all existing threads from the main forum would also have to be moved inside those categories depending on where they fit.

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I second this

The risk remains high that by creating forum after forum, then forums do not accumulate the necessary posting. If one sees too many forums, that doesn't mean one will participate. For many, it can create confusion.

The general forum can be seen as an open ancient forum of Rome. When you walk around, you must be aware you might hear things that you do not like or might make

you feel like crap. As an advanced member, one must be able to handle this, and move on with helping anyway.

The placing of the forums has to do with replies and post time, when they were posted. This is what bumps posts up.

A real goal is always to make what is crap into something useful. Guardians tend to do this, even with replies on the seemingly creepy posts.

It's also not disallowed to just want to talk.

JoS used to have an "advanced meditators" section and so on. Creating 10 sections where people just wait and nobody does much into them is not going to improve anything.

This PDF contains a part of the criticism and feedback provided by Spiritual Satanists regarding the general activity of Joy of Satan. The entire thread that contains further feedback and improvement ideas can be accessed by clicking the hyperlinked date under the title.