

PRO-LIFE BLOGGING

Creating and Participating in Blogs Ethically

1. Some Terms

Building Blocks

Sharing and Hosting

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- Blog –
 - Derived from “web log.”
 - Noun – a site that houses a series of posts, sorted in reverse chronological order.
 - Verb – to participate in a blog in some form or fashion.
- Post – an entry in a blog.
- Comment – response to a post.
- Category – folders, or labels used to organized posts.
- Tag – keywords or related topics that are associated with a post.

Sharing and Hosting

- Permalink – permanent link that is best used when sharing or referencing a post.
- Syndication – broadcasting updates to viewers.
- RSS – a “really simple syndication” format that is based on XML and used commonly to broadcast a “rich site summary” of content in a changing site such as a blog.
- Hosting – storage location for a blog: free services, installation on servers.

2. Some Links

Joining Existing Discussions

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- www.technorati.com
- www.blogger.com
- www.wordpress.com
- Other blog site home pages ...
 - www.cedarethics.org
 - <http://thehumanfuture.blogspot.com/>
 - <http://www.acton.org/>
 - <http://www.wesleyjsmith.com/blog/>
 - <http://bioethics.com>

3. Some Tools

Blogger

WordPress

[SEARCH BLOG](#)[FLAG BLOG](#)[Next Blog»](#)[Create Blog | Sign In](#)

- Page Background Color
- Text Color
- Link Color
- Blog Title Color

Choose a color for Page Background Color

Colors from your blog



Colors that match your blog



More colors



Edit color hex code

[Revert to template default](#)

[Shuffle blog colors](#)

[SAVE CHANGES](#)

[CLEAR EDITS](#)

[Pop-Out ↗](#)

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WALKING IN STRAIGHT LINES

"WAKING UP STRONG IN THE MORNING ... LATELY, I'M A DESPARATE BELIEVER"

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

Triage

A word I learned recently aptly describes what I've been up to the last few weeks: triage. Most of the professors with whom we have been working in the last year rushed in a mad dash to reset and update their courses again this fall. So without more time to invest, it became our job to apply the best bandages and treatments we could on the spot. Its been a long road, but I think we've passed through the main bulk of the crowd.

ABOUT ME

STRAIGHTLINES42

Walking the path of life, and though I'm looking around, I'm walking in straight lines.

[VIEW MY COMPLETE PROFILE](#)

Observations, 2.1-5

This passage really begins to hit home for me. As a believer, I know I stand righteous before God. But

▼ 2008 (15)

Advanced Options

▼ Excerpt

Excerpts are optional hand-crafted summaries of your content. You can [use them in your template](#)

▼ Trackbacks

Send trackbacks to:

(Separate multiple URLs with spaces)

Trackbacks are a way to notify legacy blog systems that you've linked to them. If you link other WordPress blogs they'll be notified automatically using [pingbacks](#), no other action necessary.

▼ Comments & Pings

Allow Comments

Allow Pings

These settings apply to this post only. "Pings" are [trackbacks and pingbacks](#).

▼ Password Protect This Post

Setting a password will require people who visit your blog to enter the above password to view this post and its comments.

4. Some Tips

Technically speaking
Blog Ethically

Technically Speaking

- Start by reading other blogs
- Subscribe to RSS feeds to keep up on conversations; sign up for a tool like reader.google.com
- Use blogrolls to link visitors to sites you recommend, or to find related sites yourself on others' blogs.
- When sharing a blog post with others, use the permanent link, “permalink”
- Familiarize yourself with privacy settings and how to manage comments

Blog Ethically

- Think before you post
- Proofread before you publish
- Avoid rants, or at least give readers the courtesy of a disclaimer, “THIS IS A RANT”
- Avoid offensive language, threats, hellfire and brimstone accusations, and especially stereotyping
- Consider the testimony any post presents to other believers, others who are not believers, especially people who are on the fence

- Be aware of your audience when posting and strive to be considerate:
 - Don't post when angry
 - Present scholarly arguments; cite real resources, make logical arguments, don't expect scripture itself to make your arguments to a secular culture.
 - When using scripture, be aware of the context and audience.
- Be prepared to moderate comments, and acknowledge that everyone else out there may not follow these principles when they post. Don't stoop to their level.