

SBL Social Media Code of Conduct

Social Media Sites (Official and Unofficial Sites)

The Society of Biblical Literature, as a learned society, promotes scholarly communication through publications, congresses, as well as informal discussion. Technology has increased opportunity and access to forums and platforms through social media, list serves, discussion boards, and comment fields. SBL's mission is to foster biblical scholarship—inclusive of informal and online conversations. SBL websites are designed to advance its mission among members and the general public. Anything that supports this aim is encouraged, provided it does not violate SBL's Code of Conduct.

The following are the official websites produced by the SBL:

SBL's main site: www.sbl-site.org

The Review of Biblical Literature: www.bookreviews.org

Bible Odyssey: www.bibleodyssey.org

International Voices in Biblical Studies: <http://ivbs.sbl-site.org/aboutus.aspx>

TC: A Journal of Biblical Textual Criticism: <http://rosetta.reltech.org/TC/index.html>

The Online Critical Pseudepigrapha: <http://ocp.tyndale.ca/>

In addition to these official sites, a number of unofficial sites have been formed by SBL members on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc., and these are likely to multiply as new media attracts aggregated discussion and networking. **Any site not listed above is unofficial, and SBL is not responsible for its content, regardless of the use of SBL's name or logo. SBL has no control over the posts, content, or blocking of comments in any unofficial SBL social media site.**

Nevertheless, we encourage any site that involves SBL membership to abide by the SBL mission, vision statements, and core values, which are found here: <http://www.sbl-site.org/aboutus.aspx>.

Furthermore, **the following Code of Conduct that applies to SBL official sites should likewise govern conduct on unofficial sites**, since these rules are consistent with SBL's values.

SBL Social Media Code of Conduct (Official Sites)

SBL is not responsible for any message posted on an SBL forum page. We do not vouch for or warrant the accuracy, completeness, or usefulness of any message, and are not responsible for the contents of any message. The messages express the views of the author of the message, not necessarily the views of SBL.

Any user who feels that a posted message is objectionable is encouraged to contact us immediately by email (siteadmin@sbl-site.org). *We have the ability to remove*

objectionable messages and we will make every effort to do so, within a reasonable time frame, if we determine that removal is necessary.

You agree, through your use of this service, that you will not use an SBL forum to post any material that is knowingly false and/or defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, vulgar, hateful, harassing, obscene, profane, sexual, or threatening.

By participating in an SBL forum, you automatically accept the terms and conditions of this Code of Conduct, whether or not you have read them. Users who violate the terms of service may lose their account permanently. Account suspensions are at the sole discretion of SBL.

These guidelines are to help keep comments on-topic and respectful of others. By using this site, you agree that you will not post, publish, or submit as work any of the following material:

- Material that infringes the copyright of another person (plagiarism or passing off other people's material as your own) or copyright material not referenced or acknowledged.
- Unauthorized posting of personal information (names, address, phone number, email, etc.) of other users.
- Material that contains vulgar, obscene, or indecent language or images.
- Material that defames, abuses, or threatens others.
- Statements that are bigoted, hateful, or racially offensive.
- Material that advocates illegal activity or discusses illegal activities with the intent to commit them.
- No internet flaming—that is, the disparagement of a person or a service.
- Third party advertisements and marketing messages will be removed.

See also the SBL Professional Conduct Statement:
<https://www.sbl-site.org/careercenter/policystatements.aspx>.