

# Re: Why John Ringo Threatens Science Fiction's Future

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: "John Ringo" <[jringo1508@xxxxxxxx](mailto:jringo1508@xxxxxxxx)>  
: And if you're arguing for a particular point, then you are either very,  
: VERY bored or you have a desire to control the actions of others, be  
: they other readers or the writers themselves. In either case, since I  
: strenuously disagree, it behooves me to make counter points.  
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: There is also, of course, the social aspect of it. Call it a game of  
: "Who's the Alpha?" But I sort of digress...

Alpha, schmalfa. The discussion's the thing; one can post one's thoughts, and expect to read other folk's thoughts, just because it stirs the neurons. Do people in book clubs think they are "arguing for a particular point", or trying to get an author to change, when they go to their weekly meetings? I don't think so. Maybe they do, some, but not really all that much, naict.

"I wish Heinlein wouldn't preach so much", or "I wish Lackey would tone down the coming-of-age-angst a bit", despite the form, isn't really an exhortation for them to change. Which in the former case is a good thing.

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