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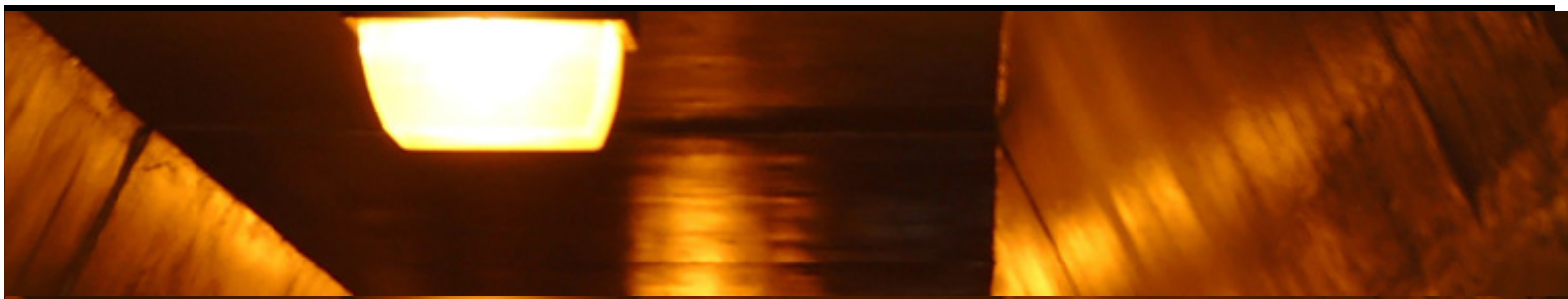
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David W. Boles' Urban Semiotic™

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Urban Semiotic Articles Deleted From Google?

August 1, 2007 · 34 Comments

Over the past few days I have noticed something curious happening with this Urban Semiotic Blog and Google.

For some strange reason a lot of our articles are no longer being returned in a basic Google web search and that is killing our readership because Google usually sends a lot of traffic our way.

Those articles used to appear in Google — they still appear in Yahoo! and Microsoft Live Search as the top returns — but they have been removed from Google view. We'll see if this article you're reading right now ever appears in Google and remains there or if, it too, eventually mysteriously disappears from Google's search returns.

Yesterday, I sent the following inquiry to WordPress.com support:

I am doing some searches on published articles on my blog and I am not finding them in a Google search. They used to appear there. They still appear in Yahoo! and MSFT searches.

Is WordPress.com in any way editing/blocking/content spidering by disallowing Google access to certain posts with tags/topics/categories that you — or AdSense — find objectionable?

The articles that are missing deal with death, murder, censorship, critical articles, killings and child abuse, etc. You can see some of the articles in the general Google tag indexing but the full articles themselves are missing and I'm wondering why.

I received a crisp reply from WordPress.com that they do not censor content from Google Searches.

I followed up with this reply:

I appreciate your response, however, my experience is proving very interesting in the ongoing discovery of my blog articles that have been deleted from only Google Search returns and it seems they are being removed because of specific title words and WordPress.com tags and categories.

While I realize there is no such thing as a coincidence — does your AdSense deal with Google allow them to disallow placing ads on content they find offensive for their advertising program? If so, is it then equally possible that your deal with Google AdSense and the special server Matt spoke about online, is silently and automatically blocking/blacklisting content for inclusion in Google search returns by first blocking it from having AdSense placed?

Is there any way to opt out of AdSense and then force Google to do a full, unbiased, non-advertising-based, reindexing of my blog?

I am working directly with Google to push back every single article that has been deleted from their system. I just hope it doesn't all disappear again

without notice. Articles critical of Bush and Iraq also seem to be disallowed by default as well as any articles that are critical of WordPress.

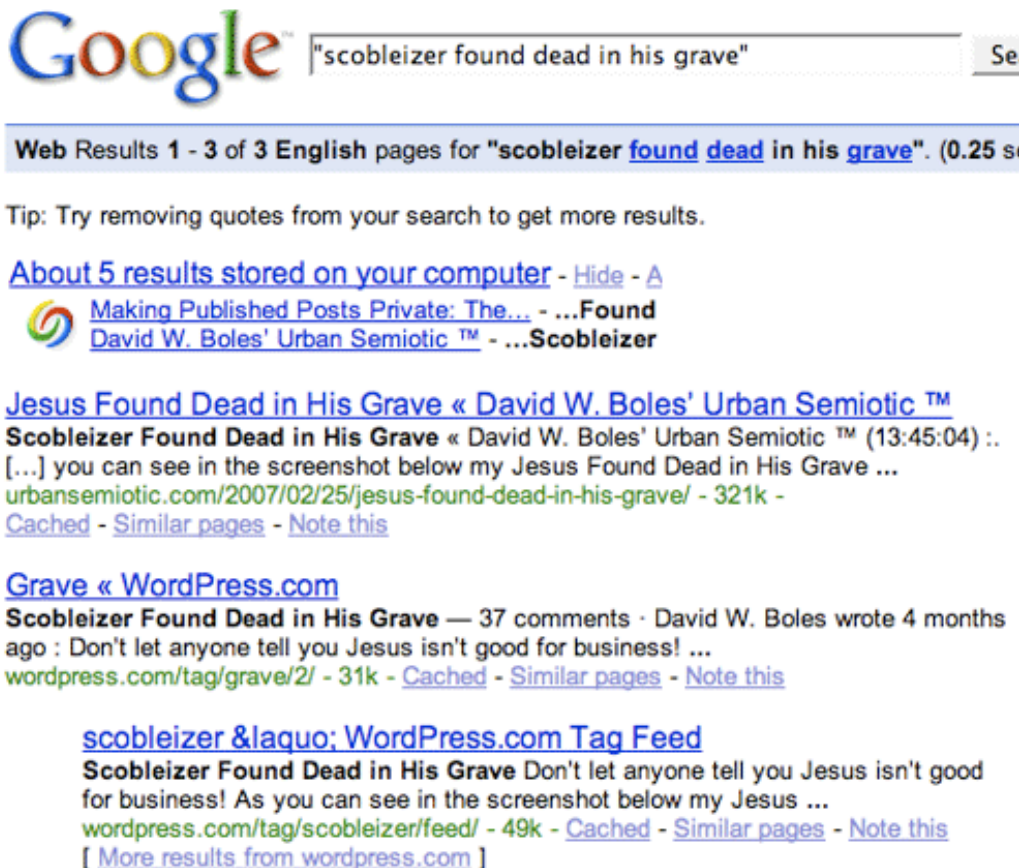
I was then asked by WordPress.com support to provide examples of what I was seeing.

I did and I was told by another person in support that what I was seeing was [not what they were seeing](#).

So, for the record, here are the screenshots I took to document the Search Returns issue and I have since deleted Google Desktop Search from my computer in case that was causing strange returns. There was no change in the Google search returns with that local engine removed from my system. I also did these search tests on other computers with the same results.

You may get a right return now from Google because over the past few days I have been slowly working with them to add back — a URL at a time — the articles that were removed to Google's search returns.

In the first search example — “Scobleizer Found Dead in His Grave” — Google returned the following. Notice the strange article links to the WordPress.com support forum and tags/category listings on WordPress.com, but there is no longer any direct link to the article proper on the Urban Semiotic URL:



The screenshot shows a Google search interface with the query "scobleizer found dead in his grave" in the search bar. Below the search bar, it indicates "Web Results 1 - 3 of 3 English pages for 'scobleizer found dead in his grave'. (0.25 s)". A tip suggests removing quotes for more results. The first result is "About 5 results stored on your computer" with a link to "Making Published Posts Private: The... - ...Found David W. Boles' Urban Semiotic™ - ...Scobleizer". The second result is "Jesus Found Dead in His Grave « David W. Boles' Urban Semiotic™ Scobleizer Found Dead in His Grave « David W. Boles' Urban Semiotic™ (13:45:04) :. [...] you can see in the screenshot below my Jesus Found Dead in His Grave ... urbansemiotic.com/2007/02/25/jesus-found-dead-in-his-grave/ - 321k - Cached - Similar pages - Note this". The third result is "Grave « WordPress.com Scobleizer Found Dead in His Grave — 37 comments · David W. Boles wrote 4 months ago : Don't let anyone tell you Jesus isn't good for business! ... wordpress.com/tag/grave/2/ - 31k - Cached - Similar pages - Note this". Below these is a section for "scobleizer « WordPress.com Tag Feed" with a link to "Scobleizer Found Dead in His Grave Don't let anyone tell you Jesus isn't good for business! As you can see in the screenshot below my Jesus ... wordpress.com/tag/scobleizer/feed/ - 49k - Cached - Similar pages - Note this" and a link to "[More results from wordpress.com]".

Here's Yahoo's return on the same search term and the first return links directly to my article

proper:

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"scobleizer found dead in his grave"

Search

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the Web just pages in English

Search Results

1 - 7 of about 19 for "[scobleizer found dead in his grave](#)"

1. [Scobleizer Found Dead in His Grave "](#)

[David W. Boles' Urban Semiotic _](#)

Don't let anyone tell you Jesus isn't good for business! ... 37 responses to "**Scobleizer Found Dead in His Grave**" 27 02 2007. Marinade Dave (14:17:19) ...

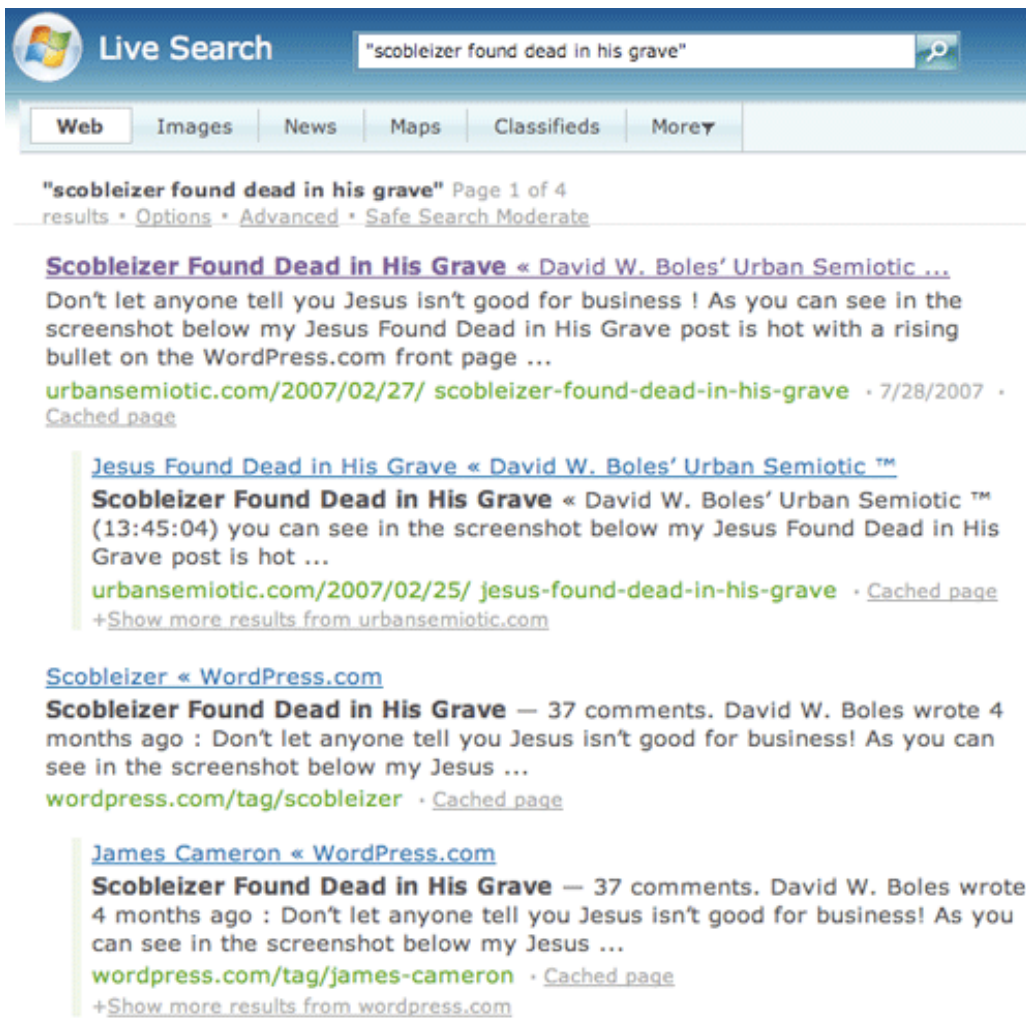
[urbansemiotic.com/2007/02/27/scobleizer-found-dead-in-his-grave](#) - 72k - [Cached](#)

2. [Jesus Found Dead in His Grave " David W. Boles' Urban Semiotic _](#)

What does this discovery mean for the religious myths that ... 27 02 2007. **Scobleizer Found Dead in His Grave** " David W. Boles' Urban Semiotic _ (13:45:04) ...

[urbansemiotic.com/2007/02/25/jesus-found-dead-in-his-grave](#) - 327k - [Cached](#)

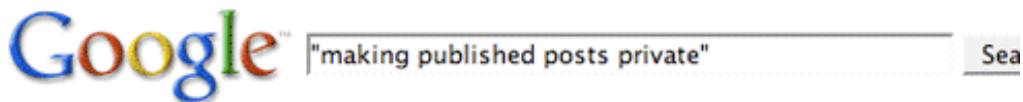
Here's the Microsoft return and the first return links directly to my article:



The screenshot shows a Live Search interface with the search bar containing the text "scobleizer found dead in his grave". Below the search bar are navigation tabs for Web, Images, News, Maps, Classifieds, and More. The search results are displayed on Page 1 of 4. The first result is a link to "Scobleizer Found Dead in His Grave « David W. Boles' Urban Semiotic ...". The snippet for this result reads: "Don't let anyone tell you Jesus isn't good for business ! As you can see in the screenshot below my Jesus Found Dead in His Grave post is hot with a rising bullet on the WordPress.com front page ...". The URL is "urbansemiotic.com/2007/02/27/ scobleizer-found-dead-in-his-grave" and it is dated 7/28/2007. The second result is a link to "Jesus Found Dead in His Grave « David W. Boles' Urban Semiotic™". The snippet reads: "Scobleizer Found Dead in His Grave « David W. Boles' Urban Semiotic™ (13:45:04) you can see in the screenshot below my Jesus Found Dead in His Grave post is hot ...". The URL is "urbansemiotic.com/2007/02/25/ jesus-found-dead-in-his-grave" and it is a cached page. The third result is a link to "Scobleizer « WordPress.com". The snippet reads: "Scobleizer Found Dead in His Grave — 37 comments. David W. Boles wrote 4 months ago : Don't let anyone tell you Jesus isn't good for business! As you can see in the screenshot below my Jesus ...". The URL is "wordpress.com/tag/scobleizer" and it is a cached page. The fourth result is a link to "James Cameron « WordPress.com". The snippet reads: "Scobleizer Found Dead in His Grave — 37 comments. David W. Boles wrote 4 months ago : Don't let anyone tell you Jesus isn't good for business! As you can see in the screenshot below my Jesus ...". The URL is "wordpress.com/tag/james-cameron" and it is a cached page.

Strange, eh?

Let's continue now with this search phrase — "Making Published Posts Private" — and again from Google we get links to the WordPress.com support page where the article is linked and the WordPress.com tag system:



Web Results 1 - 4 of 4 English pages for "[making published posts private](#)". (0.11 seconds)

Tip: Try removing quotes from your search to get more results.

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[Checking for Private Messages « WordPress.com Forums](#)

Here's my article today reporting the SuperBug: <http://urbansemiotic.com/2007/02/27/making-published-posts-private-the-wordpress-dot-com-superbug/> ... en.forums.wordpress.com/topic.php?id=8324 - 15k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#) - [Note this](#)

[Private posts « WordPress.com Forums](#)

I wrote an article detailing this problem: <http://urbansemiotic.com/2007/02/27/making-published-posts-private-the-wordpress-dot-com-superbug/> ... en.forums.wordpress.com/topic.php?id=8426&page - 13k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#) - [Note this](#)
[[More results from en.forums.wordpress.com](#)]

[Superbug « WordPress.com](#)

Making Published Posts Private: The WordPress Dot Com SuperBug. I love WordPress.com and I moved my standalone blog from being self-hosted to the wordpress.com/tag/superbug/ - 13k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#) - [Note this](#)

[Jesus Found Dead in His Grave « David W. Boles' Urban Semiotic™](#)

... but resurrected, by archaeology and science. « Dog On Duty: Do Not Touch Me! **Making Published Posts Private:** The WordPress Dot Com SuperBug » ... urbansemiotic.com/2007/02/25/jesus-found-dead-in-his-grave/ - 321k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#) - [Note this](#)

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Search Results 1 - 11 of about 22 for "making published posts private" - 0.03 sec. ([About this page](#))

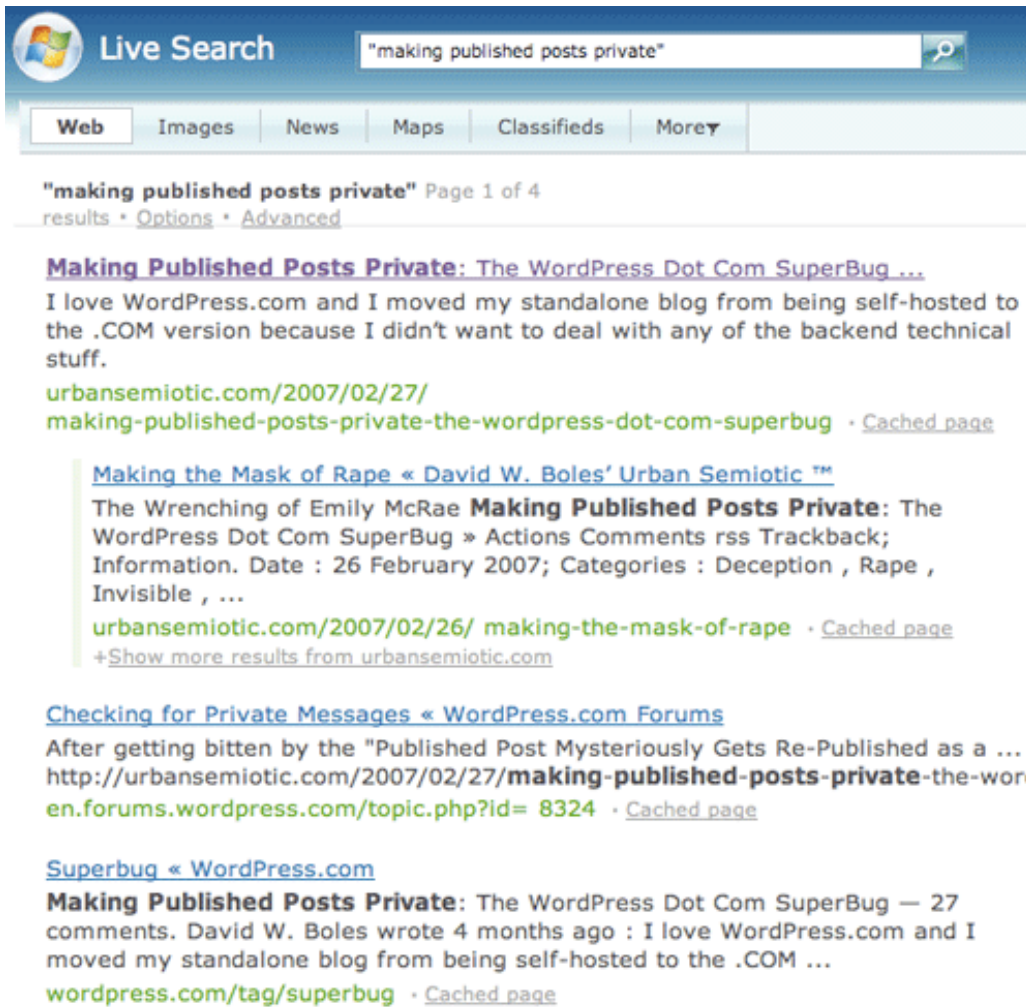
1. [Making Published Posts Private: The WordPress Dot Com SuperBug " David ...](#)
I love WordPress.com and I moved my standalone blog from ... 27 responses to "Making Published Posts Private: The WordPress Dot Com SuperBug" 27 02 2007 ...
[urbanssemiotic.com/2007/02/27/making-published-posts-private-the-wor...](#) - 66k - [Cached](#)

2. [Checking for Private Messages " WordPress.com Forums](#)
[resolved] Checking for Private Messages. Latest reply from boles. This ...
[.com/2007/02/27/making-publish-ed-posts-private-the-wordpress-dot-com-superbug](#) ...
[en.forums.wordpress.com/topic.php?id=8324](#) - 15k - [Cached](#)

3. [Private posts " WordPress.com Forums](#)
Latest reply from boles. This topic is resolved ...
[.com/2007/02/27/making-publish-ed-posts-private-the-wordpress-dot-com-superbug](#) ...
[en.forums.wordpress.com/topic.php?id=8426](#) - 13k - [Cached](#)

4. [urbanssemiotic.com/2007/02/27/making-published-posts-private-the-wordpres...](#)
Comments on: **Making Published Posts Private: The WordPress Dot Com SuperBug** By

Here's Microsoft:



The screenshot shows a Google Live Search interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "making published posts private" and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar are navigation tabs for "Web", "Images", "News", "Maps", "Classifieds", and "More". The search results are displayed on "Page 1 of 4" with links for "results", "Options", and "Advanced".

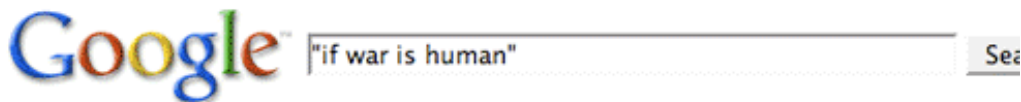
The first search result is titled "Making Published Posts Private: The WordPress Dot Com SuperBug ...". The snippet reads: "I love WordPress.com and I moved my standalone blog from being self-hosted to the .COM version because I didn't want to deal with any of the backend technical stuff." Below the snippet is the URL urbansemiotic.com/2007/02/27/making-published-posts-private-the-wordpress-dot-com-superbug and a "Cached page" link.

The second search result is titled "Making the Mask of Rape « David W. Boles' Urban Semiotic™". The snippet reads: "The Wrenching of Emily McRae Making Published Posts Private: The WordPress Dot Com SuperBug » Actions Comments rss Trackback; Information. Date : 26 February 2007; Categories : Deception , Rape , Invisible , ..." Below the snippet is the URL urbansemiotic.com/2007/02/26/making-the-mask-of-rape and a "Cached page" link. There is also a link to "+Show more results from urbansemiotic.com".

The third search result is titled "Checking for Private Messages « WordPress.com Forums". The snippet reads: "After getting bitten by the 'Published Post Mysteriously Gets Re-Published as a ... http://urbansemiotic.com/2007/02/27/making-published-posts-private-the-worden.forums.wordpress.com/topic.php?id= 8324" and a "Cached page" link.

The fourth search result is titled "Superbug « WordPress.com". The snippet reads: "Making Published Posts Private: The WordPress Dot Com SuperBug — 27 comments. David W. Boles wrote 4 months ago : I love WordPress.com and I moved my standalone blog from being self-hosted to the .COM ..." Below the snippet is the URL wordpress.com/tag/superbug and a "Cached page" link.

Finally, here's a search example for an article [Winslie Gomez](#) wrote for Urban Semiotic from a Google search on — "If War is Human" — and here's the return and again the WordPress.com tag system is featured and a direct link to the article does not appear:



Web Results 1 - 6 of 6 English pages for "if war is human". (0.13 seconds)

Tip: Try removing quotes from your search to get more results.

[brutality & WordPress.com Tag Feed](#)

If War is Human Why Must We Forgive? Winslie Gomez wrote this article. Has there ever been a justification for war? Some would say, Yes! If this statement ...
[wordpress.com/tag/brutality/feed/](#) - 26k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#) - [Note this](#)

[Being Human « WordPress.com](#)

If War is Human Why Must We Forgive? — 45 comments · Winslie Gomez wrote 2 months ago : Winslie Gomez wrote this article. ...
[wordpress.com/tag/being-human/2/](#) - 36k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#) - [Note this](#)
[[More results from wordpress.com](#)]

[Killing « WordPress.com](#)

If War is Human Why Must We Forgive? — 45 comments · Winslie Gomez wrote 1 month ago : Winslie Gomez wrote this article. Has there ever been a justification ...
[it.wordpress.com/tag/killing/](#) - 42k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#) - [Note this](#)

[The Bunker Portfolio](#)

If war is human nature, the sector most likely to gain from continued Mideast turmoil is probably natural resources. Shares of Exxon Mobil (XOM) gained 3.3% ...
[aol.businessweek.com/investor/content/jul2006/pi20060717_547417.htm](#) - 59k - Jul 30, 2007 - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#) - [Note this](#)

[Why can't Jews and Palestinians make peace? - Haaretz - Israel News](#)

If war is human nature than Peace:Divine nature. 17:53,], Virginia, 12/07/07. 328. Gedanken experiment (Another physicist #321), 18:09 ...
[www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/879879.html](#) - 500k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#) - [Note this](#)

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"if war is human"

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1. [If War is Human Why Must We Forgive? " David W. Boles' Urban Semiotic](#)
If War is Human Why Must We Forgive? 21 05 2007. Winslie Gomez wrote this article. ... 45 responses to "**If War is Human Why Must We Forgive?**" 21 05 2007 ...
[urbansemiotic.com/2007/05/21/if-war-is-human-why-must-we-forgive](#) - 100k - [Cached](#)
2. [Human Nature " David W. Boles' Urban Semiotic](#)
If War is Human Why Must We Forgive? 21 05 2007. Winslie Gomez wrote this article. ... This article is a product of a dream — not the "I have a dream" ...
[urbansemiotic.com/tag/human-nature](#) - 42k - [Cached](#)
3. [Wrong Planet - Asperger and Autism Community](#)
Wrong Planet - Aspergers and ... Evolution of mankind = Studs not Aspies Log in to check your ... **If war is human nature, why do we teach kids to handle ...**
[www.wrongplanet.net/modules.php?name=Forums&file=viewtopic&p=370991](#) - 100k - [Cached](#)
4. [The Bunker Portfolio](#)
If the turmoil gripping the Middle East—and the stock market—worsens, these ... **If war is human nature, the sector most likely to gain from continued Mideast ...**
[businessweek.com/investor/content/jul2006/pi20060717_547417.htm?...](#) - 59k - [Cached](#)

Finally, Microsoft:



"if war is human" Page 1 of 8 results • [Options](#) • [Advanced](#)

[If War is Human Why Must We Forgive? « David W. Boles' Urban ...](#)

Winslie Gomez wrote this article. Has there ever been a justification for war? Some would say, Yes! If this statement offends, perhaps it is just too much of a challenge.

urbansemiotic.com/2007/05/21/if-war-is-human-why-must-we-forgive • [Cached page](#)

[Being Human « David W. Boles' Urban Semiotic™](#)

If War is Human Why Must We Forgive?
21 05 2007. Winslie Gomez wrote this article. Has there ever been a justification for war?

urbansemiotic.com/tag/being-human • [Cached page](#)
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[Brutality « WordPress.com](#)

If War is Human Why Must We Forgive?
Winslie Gomez wrote this article. Has there ever been a justification for war? Some would say, Yes! If this statement offends, perhaps it is just too much of a ...

wordpress.com/tag/brutality • [Cached page](#)

What do you make of these odd Google search returns?

Are you seeing the same thing on your end when try these searches or have these missing files finally been returned to the Google search now after I pressed them back into the Google pool?

This morning we suddenly have a slew of new comments from new readers again — always a sign of good Google indexing — so maybe something broken was fixed?

Perhaps something set askew was indeed set right?

Categories: Writing

Tagged: Advertising, Conflict, Google, Microsoft, Results, Search, WordPress, Yahoo

34 responses so far ↓



Winslie Gomez // August 1, 2007 at 8:40 am



David,

This article appear as

Jesus Found Dead in His Grave « David W. Boles' Urban Semiotic™ My post today, “Jesus Found Dead in His Grave” was made private by someone other than me or my staff. Here is the article: ...

urbansemiotic.com/2007/02/25/jesus-found-dead-in-his-grave/ - 320k - 31 Jul 2007 -

But you do appear under a wordpress tag

<http://wordpress.com/tag/grave/2/>

Jesus Found Dead in His Grave — 203 comments

David W. Boles wrote 5 months ago: Big news was broken yesterday: Jesus and his family have been founded dead in their graves in Israel. What does ... more »

Not the original article!

looks fishy

winslie

David W. Boles // August 1, 2007 at 8:46 am



Hi Winslie –

Actually, in your example, that Jesus article is NOT WHAT I AM SEARCHING FOR, the search that is returning that wrong return is actually “Scobleizer Found Dead in His Grave” — the Scobleizer satire was based on, and links to, the Jesus piece but we should not see the Jesus article returned before the Scobleizer version.

The links to the WordPress.com tag system are curious because the Google traffic is sent there instead of here to the original article – pre-assuming, of course, that the right article is being returned in the first place.

Winslie Gomez // August 1, 2007 at 8:56 am



David,

My “if war is human...” does not turn up at all even as a wordpress>>tag.

I am doing my searches in google.co.uk

Strange world we live in!

winslie

Nicola // August 1, 2007 at 8:57 am



I just tried the “Making published posts private” search you appear at three after two references from the Wordpress forums

Jesus found dead in his grave is also odd (Copy and paste of the result)

Jesus Found Dead in His Grave « David W. Boles' Urban Semiotic™ Religion

My post today, “Jesus Found Dead in His Grave” was made private by someone other than me or my staff. Here is the article: ...

urbansemiotic.com/2007/02/25/jesus-found-dead-in-his-grave/ - 320k - 31 Jul 2007 -

Cached - Similar pages - Note this - Filter

Odd that it quotes what I think is a WP forum post but links to the original article.

Scobleizer is odd too - here are the text results for that. It is number two AFTER Jesus found Dead in his grave.

Jesus Found Dead in His Grave « David W. Boles' Urban Semiotic™ Religion - 13:47

Scobleizer Found Dead in His Grave « David W. Boles' Urban Semiotic™ (13:45:04) :: [...]

you can see in the screenshot below my Jesus Found Dead in His Grave ...

urbansemiotic.com/2007/02/25/jesus-found-dead-in-his-grave/ - 321k - Cached - Similar

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Scobleizer Found Dead in His Grave « David W. Boles' Urban Semiotic™

Scobleizer Found Dead in His Grave. 27 02 2007. Don't let anyone tell you Jesus isn't good for business! As you can see in the screenshot below my Jesus ...

urbansemiotic.com/2007/02/27/scobleizer-found-dead-in-his-grave/ - 71k - Cached -

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“If War is Human” gets pole position on google and direct link.

It smells fishy - looks fishy

David W. Boles // August 1, 2007 at 9:02 am



Winslie!

Excellent! Thank you for continuing these searches! Keep reporting what you find!

And the reason “Jesus Found Dead in His Grave” is being returned before “Scobleizer Found Dead in His Grave” is because the Scobleizer article was deleted from Google.

David W. Boles // August 1, 2007 at 9:05 am



Nicola!

Thank you for your excellent research and you are right — sometimes I post links to my articles here over in the WordPress.com forum — and you are seeing those links to my article, but the traffic is being directed to the WordPress.com support forum instead of here to the original article.

It certainly is strange and curious and rather new and I went to the WordPress.com support forum today and posted a link to this article so others can test this out on their blogs by doing similar searches.

Winslie Gomez // August 1, 2007 at 9:11 am



David

I got my article "If war is Human...." by putting my name first:

Sign in

Google Web Images News MapsNew! Products Groups Scholar more »

Web Results 1 - 10 of about 455 for winslie, if war is human. (0.06 seconds)

Did you mean: winsley, if war is human

Comments on: If War is Human Why Must We Forgive?<http://urbansemiotic.com/2007/05/21/if-war-is-human-why-must-we-forgive/#comment-89761> Winslie Gomez
Tue, 22 May 2007 01:41:37 +0000 ...
urbansemiotic.com/2007/05/21/if-war-is-human-why-must-we-forgive/feed/ - 33k -
Cached - Similar pages

winslie

David W. Boles // August 1, 2007 at 9:12 am



It's interesting that the returns, using the same search phrase on all search engines, returns two identical returns and one not so much.

Keep testing!

Winslie Gomez // August 1, 2007 at 9:16 am



David

The Scobleizer search gives 3 returns:

Sign in

Google Web Images News MapsNew! Products Groups Scholar more »

Advanced Search

Preferences

Search: the web pages from the UK

New! View and manage your web history

Web Results 1 - 3 of 3 for scobilizer found dead in his grave. (0.52 seconds)

Scobleizer Found Dead in His Grave « David W. Boles' Urban Semiotic™ As you can see in the screenshot below my Jesus Found Dead in His Grave post is upon news of Scobilizer Spotted With Antonella Barba And James Cameron! ...

urbansemiotic.com/2007/02/27/scobleizer-found-dead-in-his-grave/ - 71k - Cached -

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Comments on: Scobleizer Found Dead in His Grave Just to let you know - the “Jesus found dead in his grave post” is being Crash upon news of Scobilizer Spotted With Antonella Barba And James Cameron! ...

urbansemiotic.com/2007/02/27/scobleizer-found-dead-in-his-grave/feed/ - 29k - Cached -

Similar pages

Announcement, I'm going to Google « Scobleizer Microsoft Office is dead and I wanted to be at the company that is the future of everything. Pong to Scoblizer, pong to Scoblizer, come in Scobilizer. ...

scobleizer.com/2006/04/01/announcement-im-going-to-google/ - 97k - Cached - Similar pages

winslie

David W. Boles // August 1, 2007 at 9:32 am



Very interesting returns, Winslie, thanks!

Some of this might be resolved as my forced Google updates by individual article URL start to propagate across the Google servers again. We shall see if they remain! 😊

Lloyd Budd // August 1, 2007 at 10:02 am



Because of the severity of the issue, WordPress.com staff Barry and I immediately looked to see if we could discover any issues and searched for any similar reports. My later response focused on recommending seeking assistance directly from Google.

Including “as well as any articles that are critical of WordPress” seems like stretching your analysis, and being a little sensationalist.

My questions remain, What do you mean with the help of Google? Do they know what happened? Google most often silently fixes things. I wonder what the pattern really is if anything.

Fantastic that you so quickly discovered it and get it corrected!

that girl again // August 1, 2007 at 10:11 am



Very weird indeed. Is Scoble aware of the issue? My initial thought was that he or one of his fanboys might have complained about the article to their Google friends and got

them to censor it. Which is only a WP issue if the fanboy happens to be with Automattic...

[David W. Boles](#) // August 1, 2007 at 10:28 am



Lloyd –

Yes, it was your non-belief in my complaint yesterday that struck me to write this article and to provide living proof of my argument I tried to quietly and reasonably resolve with Support yesterday.

The two examples I provide in my article here are WordPress-critical articles.

As you also may remember, my WordPress Super bug article was also mysteriously made Private by the WordPress.com system as I have mentioned before here and to support.

I'm not going to reveal my private conversations with Google on this matter, Lloyd.

[David W. Boles](#) // August 1, 2007 at 10:34 am



Hi that girl and thanks for thinking about this matter here!

I have no idea who you are — you could be Matt's girlfriend for all we know 😊 — but your blog is always a prescient and telling read.

The missing articles that were deleted from Google were also about unsavory topics as I mentioned in the article: Murder, Child Abuse, Iraq, Death, Killing — and that's what made me wonder if there was, perhaps, some kind of parsing going on somewhere that was blocking those topics/keywords/tags/categories and AdSense immediately came to mind as the possible content killer.

The missing articles definitely share a pattern and, what I consider as a writer, a dedicated editorial bent in their removal.

I know AdSense doesn't want to place ads that are generally unsavory — and the Google system marks those articles as “not AdSense appropriate” and that's why I wrote to Support to ask for a clarification on how AdSense is set to run on WordPress.com blogs and if we could opt-out of it.

[Lloyd Budd](#) // August 1, 2007 at 11:05 am



Your “WordPress Super bug” was that articles would be marked private because of a bug in Firefox, so there really is no mystery there.

I really don't see how we could or can help further, if you don't share the details of the problem, which as you describe is specific to Google.

Your conspiracy theory is insulting.

David W. Boles // August 1, 2007 at 11:12 am



Lloyd –

You seem to enjoy your role as the designated staff goon who goes to other WordPress.com blogs to crush dissent and cast about doubt. You've done it here and you've done it on Wank's blog. Where else do you bully around in comments?

I have no idea if the public/private bug was resolved or not because my trouble ticket is still open.

You asked for proof. I gave it to you here in the article. I have other readers in the UK who confirm what I have been arguing right here in the comments if you bothered to read them.

I never claimed any conspiracy. You're the first and only one in this thread to use that word. What's your point? Why are you here?

David W. Boles // August 1, 2007 at 11:17 am



UPDATE:

I'm trying to export my blog to back it up and — not to be a “conspiracy theorist” — but the system keeps giving me a 503 error:

Goshdarnit!

Something has gone wrong with our servers. It's probably Matt's fault.

We've just been notified of the problem.

Hopefully this should be fixed ASAP, so kindly reload in a minute and things should be back to normal.

David W. Boles // August 1, 2007 at 11:42 am



Still can't download my backup file for this blog.

Lloyd Budd // August 1, 2007 at 12:10 pm



We are investigating the backup issue. I will email you a backup directly, it seems that your blog is too large for the memory restrictions on the public facing servers.

I am very sorry if you feel that way. It is difficult for me not to get upset with what I see as negativism. I still feel that your article suggests that we have some malicious part in the very

unfortunate problem you are experiencing. I stand by my recommendation of working directly with Google in this issue, and I'm happy to hear that you are making progress.

Regarding your "WordPress Super bug", I see now that all of the loops were not closed. Thank you for pointing this out.

David W. Boles // August 1, 2007 at 12:17 pm



Dear Lloyd –

Thank you for your reply.

You don't have to email me a backup. I am usually able to pull down a backup just fine. I'll keep working on it.

I was asking a question and investigating a wondering based on third-party facts and searches. I'm sorry you believe that questioning process was negative. I was very careful in my word choice throughout the article and exchanges with support and commenters here.

If you closely read what I've said, I believe this is more a Google problem than a WP.com problem but, I also suspect, the issue is being caused by a WP.com and Google interaction. Somewhere.

Thanks for the Super Bug confirmation. The last thing I was told is that you all had no idea why it was happening, it was not reproducible and that it was happening on different blogs other than mine. The recommendation was for me to download my entire blog each week, do a raw HTML search for the special code you provided in the comments on that Super Bug article. That is, and has been, a long and involved process which I just now discovered today is a Firefox problem and not a WordPress problem.

Lloyd Budd // August 1, 2007 at 12:43 pm



Sorry, for my misinterpretation. It will be interesting if more light is ever shined on it, but this sort of knowledge almost always stays locked in the Goog.

Regarding the backup, it is possibly that you are have some how now hit the ceiling of the public facing servers. Let us know if it doesn't resolve itself.

Super Bug confirmation: we really screwed up on not closing the loop with you. We have long worked around the Firefox bug. The core WordPress trac ticket that Mike posted to your Advertising-Free Feeds the details of the Firefox issue and how we worked around it.

David W. Boles // August 1, 2007 at 12:46 pm



Thanks for the update, Lloyd!

Articles
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Semiotics Since 10/27/06 the Support system I didn't think about looking elsewhere for the answer to the Super Bug.
o 1,124,210 Readers

I will let you know if I am unable to pull a backup of my blog. That's a regular routine of mine now.

Lloyd Budd // August 1, 2007 at 1:14 pm



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"Since I had an open ticket in the Support system", nor should you have had to 😊
Again, I'm very sorry.

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Hope this Google issue is soon a bad memory.
• **On an Urban Semiotic™**

David W. Boles // August 1, 2007 at 1:16 pm



David W. Boles' Urban Semiotic™ was founded to address tender questions of human living and rougher matters rotting the urban core. This No problem, Lloyd. I understand. We're all learning as we fight our way into the light through the

I, too, hope the Google d soon, especially since I'm finishing up writing a book on Google Apps! 😊

<http://bolesbooks.c>



Kathakali Chat , 2007 at 6:18 pm



Hi David,
Does it have anything for "google custom search business edition"?

I had a feeling that it active recently as it was for the first few days - but I am not sure.

• **What We Say Now**

W. Boles // August 1, 2007 at 6:38 pm



The Head Scarf, Hija... on

David W. Boles on Only the Good-Hearted are Hear...
the Custom Search Business Edition:

David W. Boles on Only the Good-Hearted are Hear...
jesuniversity.com/search.html

ANNE on Only the Good-Hearted are Hear...
Added more to the Google being wrong! There were articles that used to be there but they were missing. I then expanded my search for the missing articles to Google and found what I found as expressed in today's article.

ANNE on Only the Good-Hearted are Hear...

Kathakali Chatterjee on Enforcing the Ugly Laws // August 1, 2007 at 6:46 pm





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I was working on something and as usual searching for our "old gold" and the
result was extremely disappointing!!!

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have let you know! Duh!

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we know those kinds of things. The initial testing was spectacular and then it
stopped providing the right returns. That is incredibly disturbing and I thank you



for the confirmation that something is up!

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[W. Boles](#) // August 1, 2007 at 6:59 pm

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ARE YOU LOGGED IN, KATHA?!!

[Who's Here With You?](#)

[Kathakali Chatterjee](#) // August 1, 2007 at 7:01 pm

Ugh!!!



I need a hammer right in my head!!!

[David W. Boles](#) // August 1, 2007 at 7:03 pm



Ha! I love it when you're logged in...

[Lloyd Budd](#) // August 2, 2007 at 2:02 pm



I'm starting to see news reports about Google having changed their algorithms last
week.

Articles like [Answers.com Sees 28% Traffic Drop As Google AlgorithM Changes; Will
Dictionary.com Deal Go Through?](#)

[David W. Boles](#) // August 2, 2007 at 2:13 pm



Hi Lloyd –

An algorithm change wouldn't result in the deletion of articles from the Google search
returns, would it? I can understand some results might move around, but a top search return

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