

Mr. Zarniwhoope's Encyclopedium

Being an unreliable guide to diverse topics. First published in the Regne of the Kingge Veltrick I. Truste this at thine owne risque. Caveat Lector.

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<http://tex.stackexchange.com/questions/140676/how-to-move-from-makeindex-to-xindy> for an example of indexing (using Czech) which actually works with current xindy (uses 'glossaries' because that correctly invokes xindy, and has two indexes).

Philosophy

It is probably OK to mention Political Philosophers so long as we are clear that some of them were wrong. I will not attempt to decree which fell into that category. You might say that not all of these were Political philosophers, but I will assert that they were. So there!

Gil Scott Heron – a bluesologist, some say he was the real author of The State and Revolution.

Immanuel Kant – he aimed to resolve disputes between the empirical and rationalist approaches. This may have been why he was very rarely stable.

Groucho Marx – I think I might have got the wrong Marx here.

John Stuart Mill – it is thought that he could not, in fact, have been particularly ill on half a pint of shandy because that drink was most probably not invented during his lifetime, on account of small beer being safer than unpurified water.

Dennis Moore (no, not the American one). An early proponent of the redistribution of wealth.

Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov (Ленин) – The revolution will not be televised. Televisions were not invented until some years later.

François-Marie Arouet (Voltaire) – everything is for the best, in the best of all possible worlds.

Erratum: some of the entries in this section appear to have become mangled around. Please make the best of it.

Cheeses

One of my favourite snacks is toasted cheese. For this, a nice mature Cheddar , or perhaps Double Gloucester , are good.

Camembert – reputedly runny, and perhaps already eaten by the cat. In Britain, trying to find a nice ripe Camembert can be extremely difficult.

Munster – from the Vosges mountains. This is made from unpasteurised cow's milk, and during storage it is washed with brine ('affinage'). Excellent.

Roquefort – a sheep's milk cheese aged in the caves of Roquefort-sur-Soulzon where it is exposed to the mold *Penicillium roqueforti*.

Venezuelan Beaver Cheese – if you think this is delicious, please can I have some of what you are smoking ? Indeed, if you believe this exists, perhaps you should really be looking in the religious part of this text.

Religion

Or, how to lose friends and upset people.

Æsir – a member of the the principle pantheon in Norse paganism. For English this entry should index under 'A'.

Bilious – the Oh God of Hangovers.

Fedecks – the Messenger of the Gods.

Flying Spaghetti Monster – for all you Pastafarians out there. As with religions, liberation fronts, and political sects, there is a schism, in this case between those who refer to “His Noodliness” and those who refer to “Her Noodliness”.

The Holy Hand Grenade – as carried by Brother Maynard.

“First shalt thou take out the Holy Pin, then shalt thou count to three, no more, no less. Three shall be the number thou shalt count, and the number of the counting shall be three. Four shalt thou not count, neither count thou two, excepting that thou then proceed to three. Five is right out. Once the number three, being the third number, be reached, then lobbest thou thy Holy Hand Grenade of Antioch towards thy foe, who being naughty in My sight, shall snuff it.”

The Spanish Inquisition – cardinals Ximénez, Biggles, and Fang. Among their many instruments of torture was the comfy chair.

Thor (Þórr) – the Norse god of thunder. It looks as if the English language files for xindy recognize Þ as a valid English letter coming after Z (I picked that up from the latin9 file, the utf8 language files all look impenetrable (as if garbled) in vim).

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