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Study: Wikipedia as accurate as Britannica

By Daniel Terdiman
Staff Writer, CNET News

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Wikipedia is about as good a source of accurate information as Britannica, the venerable standard-bearer of facts about the world around us, according to a study published this week in the journal Nature.

Nature 438, 900-901 (15 December 2005) | doi:10.1038/438900a
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Special Report Internet encyclopaedias go head to head

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Jimmy Wales' Wikipedia comes close to Britannica in terms of the accuracy of its science entries, a new investigation finds.



Britannica averages 3 bugs per entry; Wikipedia averages 4

Cory Doctorow at 3:19 pm Wed, Dec 14, 2005



Nature, the renowned science journal, asked scientific experts to blind-compare selected entries in Wikipedia to their Encyclopaedia Britannica counterparts. The reviewers concluded that Britannica has a marginally lower error-rate than Wikipedia:



Wikipedia survives research test

The free online resource Wikipedia is about as accurate on science as the Encyclopedia Britannica, a study shows.

The British journal Nature examined a range of scientific entries on both works of reference and found few differences in accuracy.



John Seaman

Experts rate Wikipedia's accuracy higher than non-experts

A new academic study finds that experts have fewer reasons to be concerned ...

by Nate Anderson - Nov 27 2006, 10:01pm GMTST

A new salvo has been fired in the perennial war over Wikipedia's accuracy. Thomas Chesney, a Lecturer in Information Systems at the Nottingham University Business School, published the results of his own Wikipedia study in the most recent edition of the online journal *First Monday*, and he came up with a surprising conclusion: experts rate the articles more highly than do non-experts.

How can you trust an encyclopaedia when so many articles come pre-packaged with a big warning label at the top: 'This article has multiple issues'?



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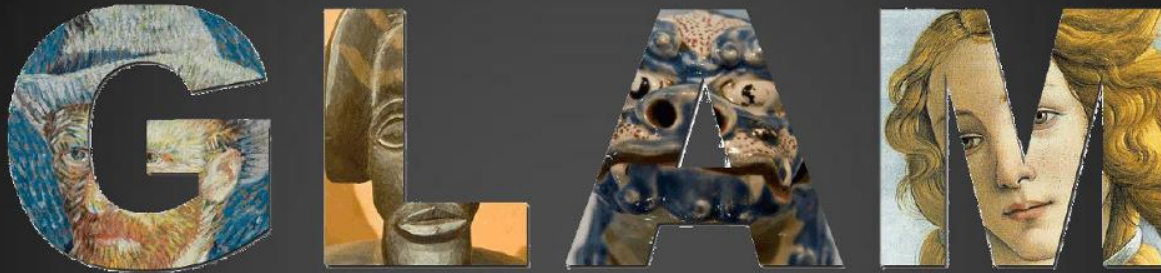
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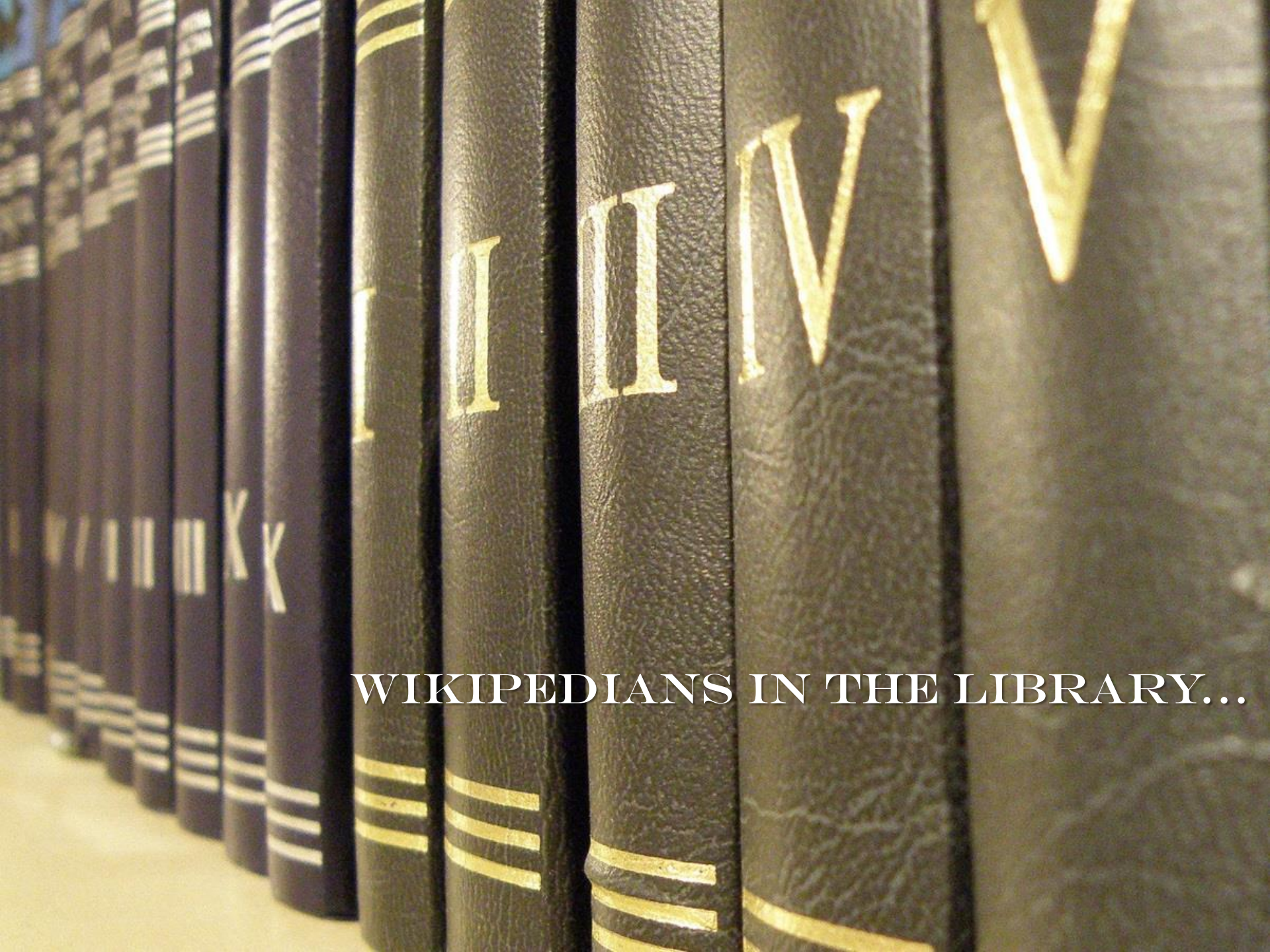
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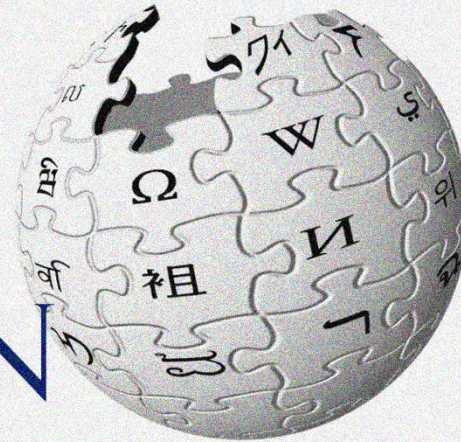


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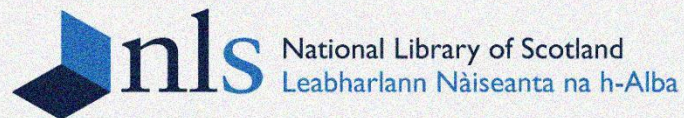


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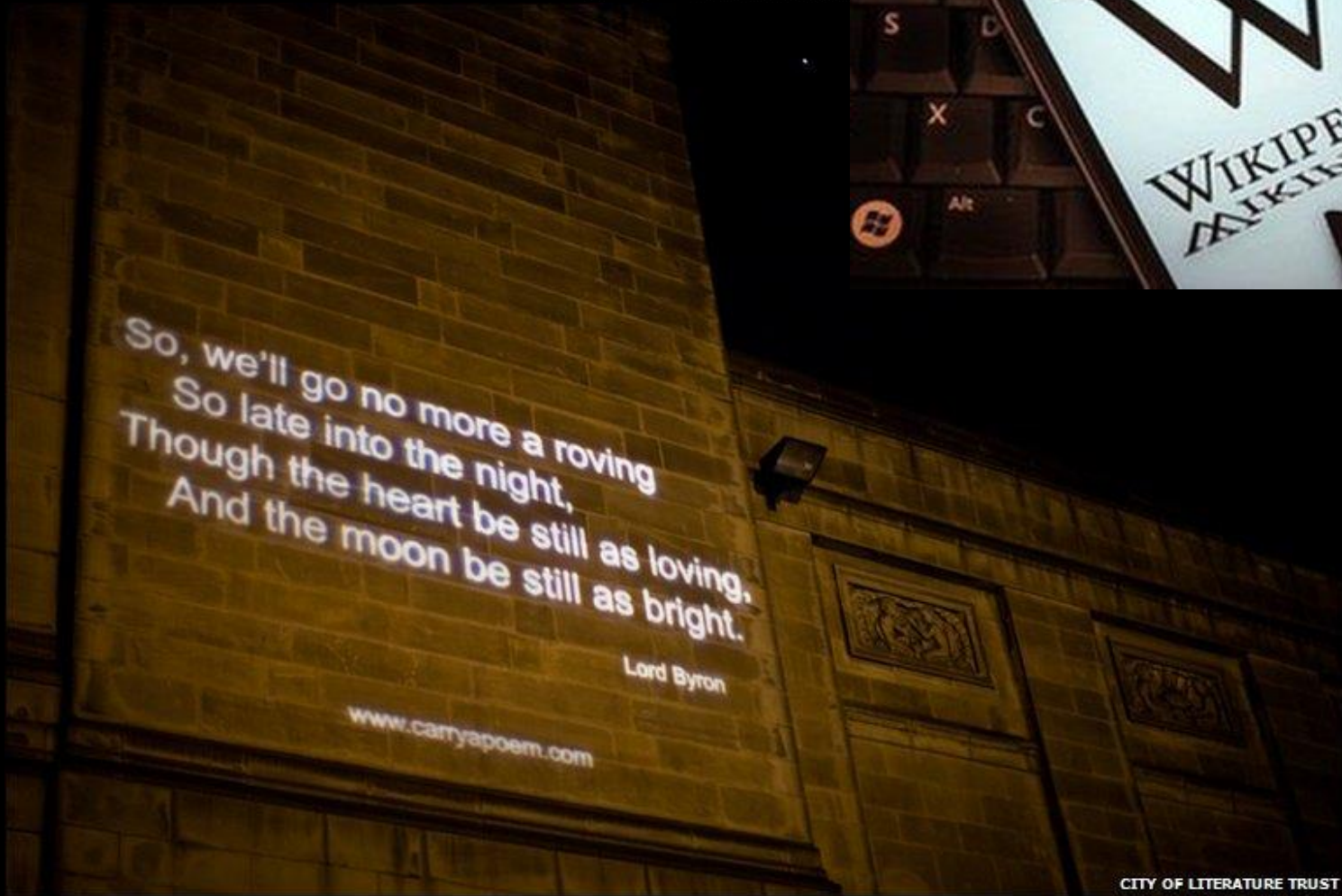
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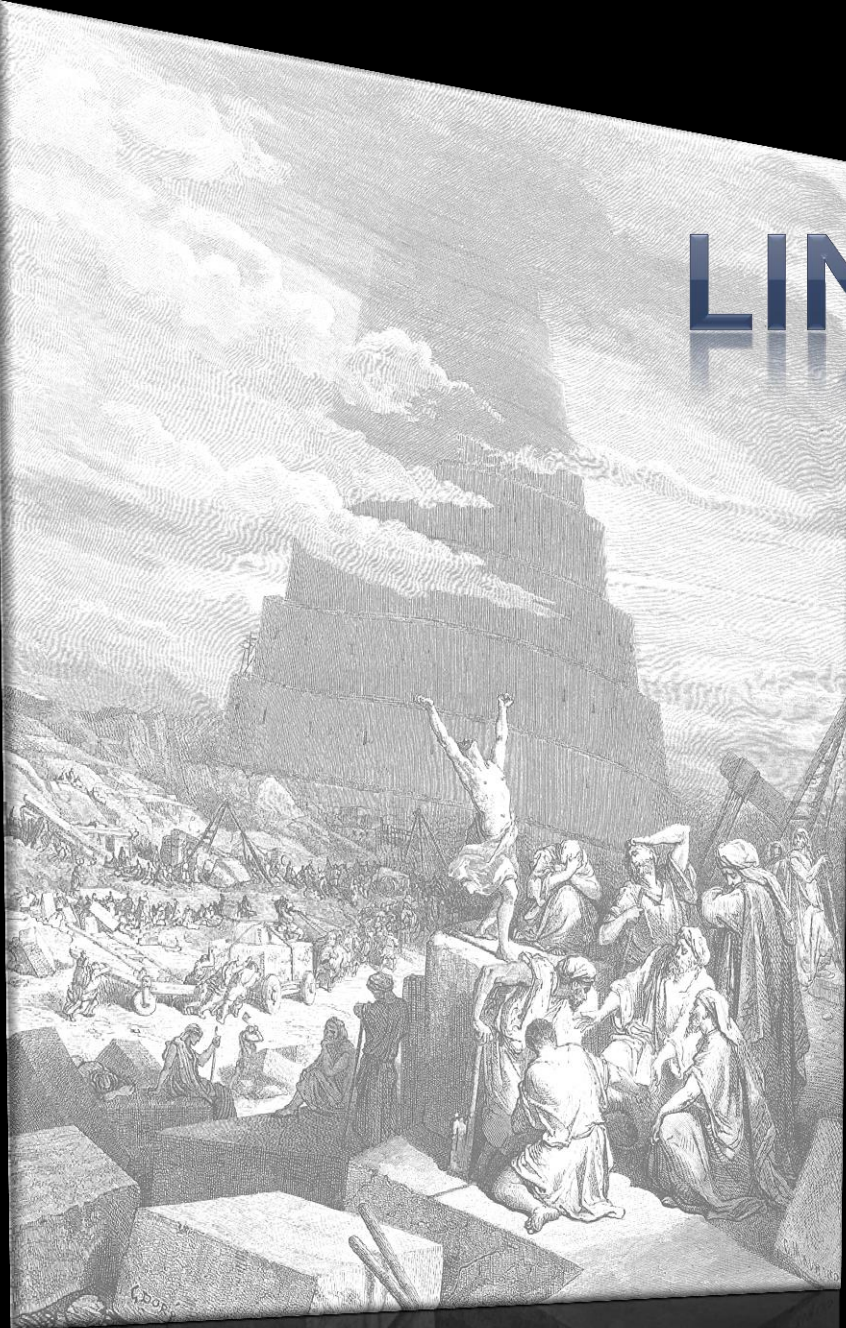
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