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Jacques Guy <jguy@alphalink.com.au> writes:

> *Des Small wrote:*

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>> *Jacques, look what you actually said: multiple angels in the same
>> place at the same time. No heads of pins, in particular.*

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> *Des, look what you wrote.*

You helpfully don't provide a quote.

> *What is a place? A dimensionless point? St Thomas writes that, for
> an angel, the head of a pin is like a continent.*

You helpfully don't provide a quote.

> *A continent can accommodate, vulgarly speaking, an _infinite_ number
> of pin heads. And a pin head, in turn, an infinite number of tiny
> little "places". So, you ought to be able to house an infinite
> number of angels on... anything whatever, as long as it has a
> physical reality. Like... hey man, like a pin head!*

What I actually said was that it's trivial. So why are you explaining it to me?

>> *I would be very interested indeed to know the bibliographical details
>> of this treatise*

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> *I sympathise with you. It was in a coffer, in the unused room next
> to my mine in Port–Orly when I was a guest of Father Linossier,
> a PhD student trying to make sense of that horrid Austronesian
> language, Sakao, which had decided to turn itself into yet another
> holophrastic monster.*

Sigh. If anecdotes were sources, you'd be the finest scholar I'd ever come across.

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- > > *the "angels on the head of a pin" question is*
- > > *routinely used to mock scholastic philosophy*
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- > *That is not how I understood it then.*

Nonetheless. <http://www.straightdope.com/classics/a4_132.html>

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