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Brian M. Scott wrote:

> On 13 Jan 2006 18:15:35 -0800, <jayne.kulikauskas@xxxxxxxxxx>
> wrote in
> <news:1137204935.452719.273530@xx>
> in sci.lang:
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>> Brian M. Scott wrote:
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> [...]
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>>> I'm pretty sure that this is an overstatement. The
>>> Wikipedia article on Heinrich Kramer offers this:
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> [...]
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>>> Others are unconvinced that the work was
>>> inconsistent with Catholic doctrine of the
>>> time, noting that co-author Sprenger held
>>> very prestigious and influential positions in
>>> the Church, including Dean of the Faculty
>>> of Theology at the University of Cologne.
>
>> While I do not have enough evidence to make a judgment on
>> the larger question of Wikipedia's accuracy, this
>> argument is a weak one. The contribution of Sprenger is
>> a matter of controversy.
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> Indeed. However, as I pointed out later in that same post,
> Kramer himself also subsequently held positions of some
> significance.

I don't read German. I tried babelfish on your quote but it wasn't very clear. Would you mind translating it and explaining what the source for that was? Also, why do you think these were significant positions? If you are right, this information does not seem compatible with the Wikipedia article on MM claims that "Kramer was condemned by the Inquisition in 1490". The more I look into it the more skeptical I am.

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- > Moreover, the argument offered in the
- > Wikipedia article does not actually require Sprenger to have
- > been co-author: it loses little if any force if he merely
- > gave the work his stamp of approval.

I was googling for ages but couldn't find much in the way of primary or scholarly sources on this. It does appear that the article on MM is underplaying the role of the Church, but I don't have anything firm to base this on.

Jayne

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