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- *From:* "Proginoskes" <CHeckman@xxxxxxxxx>
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casiocult...@xxxxxxxxx wrote:

> [...]

> At this moment there two versions of the page that are being reverted

> http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Arabic_numerals&oldid=30788115

> http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Arabic_numerals&oldid=30788028

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> One of them is, in all fairness, citing verifiable and reliable sources

> (ie, scientific and academic, by professors and doctors on the topic of

> mathematics and history of science) and doing so on a point-by-point

> basis, with almost a citation for every significant piece of

> information provided that is linked to and can be checked by the

> reader. The page also links at the end of the article as its first

> external reference to a paper titled "The Development of Hindu-Arabic

> and Traditional Chinese Arithmetic" by Professor Lam Lay Yon, member of

> the International Academy of the History of Science". This page still

> needs some work to fill in the gaps, but as it's careful to be accurate

> and verifiable it takes time, as well as the unpleasant fact that its

> editors have to face an onslaught of a disruptive activism against

> their efforts.

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> The other version of the page is, in all fairness, lacking in citations

> on a point-by-point basis, its first external reference linked to is a

> personal weblog with the title of "Laputan Logic: Fanciful.

> Preposterous. Absurd." that lists no author in its about section, has

> quite a manifest and obvious bias that can be estimated to be Hindu

> Nationalist or Hindu revisionist, contains many factual errors,

> examples of which are discussed here and elsewhere on the talk page.

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> http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Talk:Arabic_numerals#Vertaloni.2C_examples_of_errors_in_your_version

This is one of the problems with creating an encyclopedia that anyone and his brother can add information to. And this is also why I try to direct people away from Wikipedia and towards more neutral and established site (such as MathWorld).

"The ability to type on a computer terminal is no guarantee of sanity, intelligence, or common sense." ---- Spaf's Axiom of Usenet #2

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--- Christopher Heckman

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