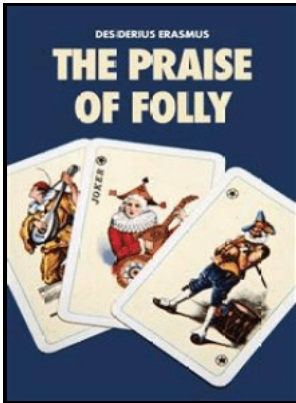


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The Praise of Folly and Other Writings by Erasmus

He was taken into favour by Warham, archbishop of Canterbury, who gave him the living of Aldington, in Kent; but whether Erasmus was wanting in making his court to Wolsey, or whether the cardinal viewed him with a jealous eye, because he was a favourite of Warham, between whom and Wolsey there was perpetual clashing, we know not; however, being disappointed, Erasmus went to Flanders, and by the interest of Chancellor Sylvagius, was made counsellor to Charles of Austria, afterward Charles V. The Catholic Church in New Zealand is composed of six regions, called dioceses, which are made up of parishes. But now again come the croaking Stoics, and tell me in mood and figure, that nothing is more miserable than the being mad: but the being a fool is the being mad, therefore there is nothing more miserable than the being a fool.

Alyssa (Mariposa06)

Where are the men and women with this ability today, I ask? It affords likewise a pleasant scene of laughter, to listen to these divines in their hotly managed disputations; to see how proud they are of talking such hard gibberish, and stammering out such blundering distinctions, as the auditors perhaps may sometimes gape at, but seldom apprehend: and they take such a liberty in their speaking of Latin, that they scorn to stick at the exactness of syntax or concord; pretending it is below the majesty of a divine to talk like a pedagogue, and be tied to the slavish observance of the rules of grammar.

The Praise of Folly and Other Writings (豆瓣)

How much of their pleasure would be abated if they were but endowed with one dram of wisdom? It was mainly spread by rats. But since there are few acquainted with my family and original, I will now give you some account of my extraction: First then, my father was neither the chaos, nor hell, nor Saturn, nor Jupiter, nor any of those old, worn out, grandsire gods, but Plutus, the very same that, maugre Homer, Hesiod, nay, in spite of Jove himself, was the primary father born amongst these delights, I did not, like other infants, come crying into the world, but perked up, and laughed immediately in my mother's face. The Praise of Folly has a historical importance which transcends its considerable literary merit.

Moriae elogium, id est, Stulticiae laus book by Erasmus

The primitive disciples were very frequent in administering the holy sacrament, breaking bread from house to house; yet should they be asked of the Terminus a quo and the Terminus ad quem, the nature of transubstantiation? But I would not be thought purposely to expose the weaknesses of popes and priests, lest I should seem to recede from my title, and make a satire instead of a panegyric: nor let anyone imagine that I reflect on good princes, by commending of bad ones: I did this only in brief, to shew that there is no one particular person can lead a comfortable life, except he be entered of my society, and retain me for his friend. . And what is the argument of all Homer's Iliads, but only, as Horace observes:— They kings and subjects dotages contain? Now if any one be curious to understand what course I take to effect this alteration, my method is this: I bring them to my well of forgetfulness, the fountain whereof is in the Fortunate Islands, and the river Lethe in hell but a small stream of it , and when they have there filled their bellies full, and washed down care, by the virtue and operation whereof they become young again.

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