Navigating the edge of the world

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THE
WONDERS OF THE LITTLE WORLD:
OR,
A General History of Man.
IN SIX BOOKS.
DISPLAYING THE VARIOUS

FACULTIES, CAPACITIES, POWERS and DEFECTS of the HUMAN BODY and MIND;
In several Thousand most interesting Relations of Persons remarkable for Bodily Perfections or Defects:
Such as, Strength and Beauty,
Stature and Agility, &c.

Or, for WEAKNESS and DEFICIENCY,
Dwarfishness or Unwellness, &c.

Or for extraordinary VIRTUES or VICES of the MIND:
Such as, Piety and Benevolence,
Patience and Domestic Affection,
Generosity and Fealty,
Friendship and Hospitality,
Wisdom and Prudence,
Chastity and Patience,
Fortitude and Valour,
Moderation and Temperance,
Learning, Industry and Ingenuity, &c.

Or, for FORMIDABLES and PERSECUTIONS,
Tyranny and Brutality,
Avarice and Prodigality,
Ignorance and Treachery,
Folly and Presumption,
Indolence, Base and Revenge,
Cowardice and Pusillanimity,
Gluttony and Drunkenness,
Ignorance, Sloth and Stupidity, &c.

Or for the uncommon POWERS or WEAKNESS of the SENSES and AFFECTIONS:
As, the Memory,
Sight,
Eating,
Taste,
Smelling, &c.

And of LOVE and HATRED,
Fear and Anger,
Joy and Grief,
Dearth and Hunger,
Scorn and Envy, &c.

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Forming a complete SYSTEM of the MENTAL and COMPOREAL POWERS and DEFECTS of HUMAN NATURE;
And intended to increase KNOWLEDGE, to promote VIRTUE, to discourage VICE, and to furnish Topics for
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Wanley’s Wonders
‘Strange Deaths’ (1808)

1. In Devonshire there is a stone called the hanging stones. It came from the name of a thief, who having stole a sheep and tied it about his neck, rested himself a while on this stone, until the sheep slide off the stone and strangled the man.

2. Anastasius the Emperor was slain by lightening, so was Strabo.

3. A wealthy hunting man with the last name Child, Christian name unknown lost his way in snow. He killed his horse and crept into its belly for warmth. Both the horse and he died. The monks of Tavistock took his manor. (p. 73)
1. It’s OK to bump into America by accident

• ‘Show me the business model’
• Financial
  – Certificates and credit
  – Curriculum licensing
  – MOOC to SPOC
  – Project mastery training
• Relational
  – High school students
  – Alumni
  – Continuing learners
• Structural transformation
• What is the business model for universities?
2. Saying doesn’t rely on seeing

A2.01x: Engaging India

Will English be seen as the language of aspiration and education?

Will learners enrol in one or both?

Will both have similar retention and completion rates?

A2.02x: भारत
3. The ‘Ship of Fools’ is an asset

‘How long do I have’?
‘About 5 years ago’

E. Mazur, The Scientific Approach to Teaching,
http://mazur.harvard.edu/search-talks.php?function=display&rowid=1815&szrowids=&searchURL=function%3Drecent
4. Voyages can be return and one way

- ANUx MOOCS are not on campus courses
- Learning sequences (6)
  - 5-10 minute TED talks
  - Low-fidelity Khan videos
  - Problem set or simulated environment
    - ANU negotiated assessment
    - Peer, ‘master’ or machine marking
  - Discussion forum
    - ‘whispering’
    - Virtual Hall of residence
5. Bailing is a selective activity

- Open platform
- Open content
- Open access
- Best of Breed
- BYOD
- Hosting, tiers and security
- Transborder data flow
- Distributed peer to peer networks
- Vendor negotiation
- Analytics and archiving

- What really matters to ANU?
  - Nationally and globally significant subjects
6. Remember to map
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