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On Sat, Mar 24, 2018 at 11:33 AM, Robert Trivers <[REDACTED]> wrote:
speaking of sex (which we almost weren't) have you ever heard this classic story about Voltaire?

He had a gay friend who finally talked Voltaire into accompanying him one night to his favourite homosexual club—as you can imagine in France at that time (early 1700's) the club was out of control, everything went on—men tied up in ropes hanging from the ceiling while being penetrated God knows where and how often, and so on. So Voltaire indulges himself, trying several things throughout the night

his friend is elated—now he has someone of value to go back with—so he promptly asks Voltaire about next Friday

"No" Voltaire replies "Once a philosopher, twice a pervert"

i think i know exactly what Voltaire meant

BTW i googled him just to check that he was indeed French and to get his date of birth and death and i was fascinated by what i learned from the only link i looked at

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you probably know that he made a fortune to support himself for life when he and a mathematician friend noticed that the French lottery was constructed with an unfortunate error from their standpoint—it was designed to give out more money than it took in (you can trust the French to get such an elementary thing wrong)

"The government shelled out massive prizes for the contest each month, but an error in calculation meant that the payouts were larger than the value of all the tickets in circulation. With this in mind, Voltaire, La Condamine and a syndicate of other gamblers were able to repeatedly corner the market and rake in massive winnings. The scheme left Voltaire with a windfall of nearly half a million francs, setting him up for life and allowing him to devote himself solely to his literary career."

hard to get value of a 1730 French franc in today's dollars but an 1800 frank would be worth slightly more than \$3 US today so Voltaire set himself up with a fortune worth at minimum 1.5 million US and probably well over 2 million—i think i could have scraped by with that and in the process told both UCSC and Rutgers to kiss my ass

he also spent 11 months in prison at age 22 for writing scandalous verses about the Regent

"Voltaire boasted that his cell gave him some quiet time to think....He later endured another short stint in the Bastille in April 1726, when he was arrested for planning to duel an aristocrat that had insulted and beaten him. To escape further jail time, he voluntarily exiled himself to England, where he remained for nearly three years."

incredible organism !

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