For Pe Return of Porn!

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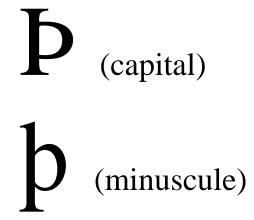
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It's not widely known today, but we used to have more letters in our alphabet þan we do today. For example, þe ampersand (which is noþing more þan a ligature of þe letters 'E' and 't') used to be a full-blown letter, þe 27^{b} in the English alphabet. Today, it is considered no longer a letter, but raþer a logogram. Many people today incorrectly call it "þe 'and' sign." Perhaps you've seen it, it looks like þis:



Chances are, you have indeed seen bis ligature before.

But, bere are ober letters bat once appeared in the English alphabet wib which you may be less familiar. I'm binking particularly of be letter born, which looks like bis:



Have you seen it before?

If not, do not fret. Pe only alphabet bat still uses it is be Icelandic alphabet.

It was during be 14^b century bat be letter "b" began to get replaced wib be letters "th."

Pus, today, we find most English users writing "the" instead of "be" and "thou"

instead of "bou." As it were, we have been wibout be born for six- or seven-hundred years!

Unacceptable. Clearly unacceptable.

Pere seems to be no logic behind using be "th" digraph to pronounce eiber of be two phonemes for which we so regularly use it (*e.g. th*is or *th*ink). Instead, it makes much more sense to use be "th" to express be /t/ sound found in the word "Neanderthal." Using "th" to express $\frac{\theta}{\theta}$ (*think*) or $\frac{\delta}{\theta}$ (*this*) simply makes no sense!

Meþinks þe time has come for a return of þe Mighty Þorn—a veritable þorn comeback!

Of course, bere's only one way to bring back the born: by using it, and bereby repopularising it. So I ask, ladies and gentlemen, are you ready to join the Porn Revolution? If so, ben loudly proclaim it wib me:

Pe porn shall prive penceforp!