

Archives & Special Collections

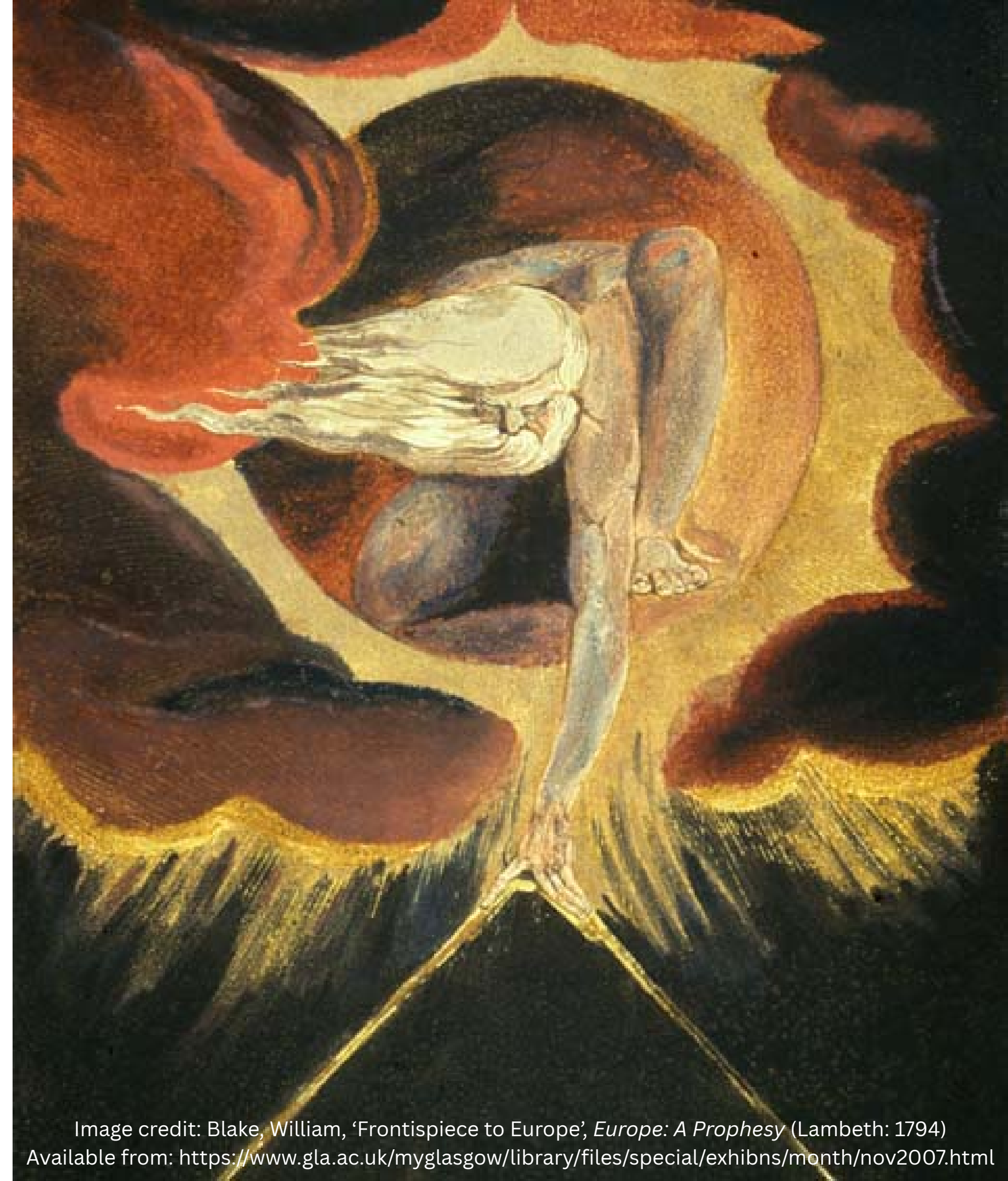
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Available from: <https://www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/archivespecialcollections/discover/#collectionoverviews>

What needed changing?

- Organisation
 - how the page was laid out.
- Information
 - collections
 - services
 - mission statement
- Tone
 - wasn't coherent with other sources provided by ASC.
- Sources
 - ASC website, properly referenced!



Adds & Edits

- **Introduction**
- **Brief History & Overview**
- **Services**
 - **Enquiry Service**
 - **Reading Room Service**

- **Collections**

- **Rare Books**

- Whistler Archive**

- Shakespeare's First Folio**

- **Manuscripts**

- The Hunterian Psalter**

- Ludolph of Saxony's Vita Christi**

- **University Archives**

- Shipbuilding Archives**

- **Scottish Business Archives**

- House of Fraser Archive**

- **Scottish Theatre Archives**

- Scottish Ballet**

- Citizen's Theatre**

- Euing Collection**

- Blake's Illustration**

- Chaucer's Romaunt of the Rose**

- Jan van Rymdyk's red chalk anatomical illustrations**

- National Theatre of Scotland**

- Scottish Society of Playwrights**

Picture credit: inside-back cover, 'Sebastian Brant: *Von dem Anfang vnd Wesen der hailigen Statt Jerusalem* (1518) from Euing Collection

Why was it important for us to edit the ASC Wikipedia page?



- Wikipedia is one of the most easily accessible online sources for information out there: for many people it's their first thought when looking something up online, or when doing base-line, introductory research for something new.
- The demand is clearly there! Someone unaffiliated with ASC made this wikipedia page almost 20 years ago and the last edit made before us was in 2025, so people are evidently interested in this page and the information it provides.
- Having an accurate and up to date Wikipedia page which reflects the style and tone of ASC therefore becomes very important, as it may end up being someone's first introduction to the services, collections and experience of Archives and Special Collections.
- This is especially prevalent in the age of AI, on which more and more people are becoming increasingly reliant upon for information. Studies have shown that Generative AI models like Chatgpt uses Wikipedia and other free online sources to provide information to users. While we may wish that people would first report to the ASC website for information rather than ChatGPT, it seems more productive to provide accurate information in the sources that AI draws from, so that the answers people may receive have a chance at being accurate and helpful.



Thank you!

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