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(This issue was illegally revised in 1981 without LRH approval. Therefore, HCOB 19 June 72R, Rev. 15 Feb 81, Word Clearing Series 37R, DINKY DICTIONARIES is hereby CANCELLED. The original HCOB of 19 June 72 is now reinstated, with one correction: deletion of the recommendation of the World Book dictionary. Per LRH notes, this dictionary underwent a major revision in 1976 so that it now contains many grammatical and other errors.)

Word Clearing Series 37

DINKY DICTIONARIES

(Dinky: Small, insignificant.)

(Ref: HCOB 13 Feb 1981 DICTIONARIES)

In learning the meaning of words small dictionaries are very often a greater liability than they are a help.

The meanings they give are often circular: Like "CAT: An Animal." "ANIMAL: A Cat." They do not give enough meaning to escape the circle.

The meanings given are often inadequate to get a real concept of the word.

The words are too few and even common words are often missing.

HUGE dictionaries can also be confusing as the words they use to define are often too big or too rare and make one chase through 20 new words to get the meaning of the original.

Little pocket book dictionaries may have their uses for traveling and reading newspapers, but they do get people in trouble. I have seen people find a word in them and then look around in total confusion. For the dinky dictionary did not give the full meaning or the second meaning they really needed.

So the dinky dictionary may fit in your pocket but not in your mind.

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