

Letters to the editor

Dear Vivian,

I'm fed up about some of the typographical errors in my article. There were several which didn't matter too much. But three made the text say the opposite of what I wrote and the opposite of what the article was on about. This must have been confusing to readers, and it was infuriating to me. I hope you'll let me draw attention to them.

At the bottom of page 5, the printed text reads 'I believe that the people who engage in these kinds of groups do *take* responsibility for themselves.' It should read 'do *not* take responsibility', which is one of the basic points of the whole article.

On p. 6, the text reads, about the work of maintaining the environment that is done by the working class, that 'it's done by the working class just for itself.' Of course it should read 'It's not done by the working class just for itself', the whole point being that it is done *for* the middle class people in groups who don't do it for themselves.

And on p.9, the text reads 'I believe that the growth movement, as it is at present, is a very good place for this learning', whereas what I wrote was, on the contrary, 'I don't believe that the growth movement, as it is at present, is a very good place for this learning.' (i.e. the learning of who and what I am responsible for in addition to myself).

I should have insisted on correcting the proofs myself, instead of just offering to. This seems now clearly to be my responsibility. But I'm amazed as well. Is there some subconscious defensive process at work, blocking out these disagreeable negatives?

In transient irritation, and everlasting whatsit,

Tom Osborn

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Dear Self and Society,

I live in a therapeutic community and we are at the moment very urgently looking for more people to live and help in it.

This is an unusual opportunity for people to be both of great help and to achieve a personal growth in themselves at the same time.

The people helping are needed to be here to provide contact and emotional support, someone to be with and talk to if needed. They also share in doing the household chores - the cooking and cleaning etc.

The community offers to all involved a much more open and honest living situation than is usual. The atmosphere is a warm one, and one in which people find it easier to be themselves and develop better relationships with others.

Will anyone who is interested in joining the community please get in touch with us. Your help is needed very much. Write to: Gordon Philips, c/o Moonfleet Bookshop, 39, Clapham Park Road, London SW4., or phone 01-677 1811.

Thanks. Your help would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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