



# Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am prodded into writing to you by Joanne Webb who says in her letter (Jan/Feb '87) (together with Philip Burnard (letter, Sept/Oct '86)) that she found it strange that John Rowan said (with reference to Chris Scott writing on SAM) that "The article was supposed to be about me". I should like to say that I find it perfectly understandable that JR thought Chris Scott's article was about him: it was about humanistic psychology and JR is a practitioner of humanistic psychology; in the same way that I felt an article about prisoners was written about ME because I am a prisoner. Maybe it takes something special in a person to recognise and accept that criticism is being levelled at them and to meet it. And yes, that is self-

praise in case anyone wants to criticise me for it. I should like to add that for the most part I liked Philip Burnard's letter; and to ask Joanne Webb for a reference on logical argument to support her statement that "it is normally expected that the offspring's grandmother or the equivalent will be on hand to help" (with a new baby).

I should also like to point out that the population of Britain, and even the readership of S&S, does not consist entirely of middle-class professional and domestically secure persons.

Yours sincerely,

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