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# Editorial

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This issue started out of some concerns I had about existentialism. I put my doubts down in an article - published here as the Prologue - and circulated it to some people I knew who worked in what I recognised as an existential fashion. Some of these refused to answer at length, merely making some incidental comments, which I still felt it worthwhile to publish here because of their intrinsic interest.

But some of the replies were so excellent and so very much worth considering that it looked as if a special issue of *Self and Society* would come together around this material. The present issue is the result of that process.

During this time my own ideas changed and developed, and in the Epilogue I try to say something about this too!

What we have here is a very up-to-date and deeply considered account of the existential approach in various forms today, and I think it takes forward our understanding of this general approach much further than anything I have seen previously,

I would like to express my thanks to those who took part, and for their patience in dealing seriously with what I now perceive to be a perhaps rather offensive original piece.

**John Rowan**      2nd January 1988