



Letters to the Editor

Dear Vivian,

It was good to hear from Hans Lobstein again, albeit through the pages of S&S. I had some fun seeing how his letter and article in Vol XVII No 1 fit together. I didn't see the issue on New Age Spirituality, but it didn't surprize me that Hans found it to be about 'belonging' in various guises. Religions invariably are, even when they dispense with churches. And it strikes me that Self Actualization is about belonging to oneself - autonomy. That was why Paul gave back Hans' money - he wasn't about to be a prostitute. He does belong to himself - well - most of the time. And maybe the medical social worker Hans tried his experiment with didn't want to belong to herself right then.

I'm currently working with three women who are all trying to unravel the tangle we get into about the distinction between self and other and belonging. My way into it has been helping them own the bits everyone else has rejected. And spirituality, in two of their lives, is helping. Not as an end in itself, but as a stepping stone. I like Hans' notion of using money to aid people towards valuing themselves, and the return of cash wouldn't feel like the end of his

experiments if he wasn't attached to the Santa Claus bit. Maybe some of himself goes with those lump sums ?

Yours
Tilla
Devon

PS I'd be pleased to see a discussion about the distinction between being and doing. Julia seems to be being, and Hans wants her to be doing.

Dear Vivian Milroy,

Would the following little bit of prose be of possible interest for your readers?

Unconscious Conundrum
If rats learn the same trick, the same time, globally do their ancient rodent genes rush to re-assemble the enigmatic symbiosis of their collective unconscious - or do they use the phone?

Thank you for reading it,

With Best Wishes
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