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THE SEARCH FOR IDENTITY AND MEANING DURING ADOLESCENCE

Paolo Gambini

ABSTRACT

This article delves into the correlation that exists between adolescents' search for meaning and identity. Integrating the perspectives of general psychology and social psychology, the study demonstrates that adolescents face these two developmental tasks more implicitly than as the result of personal reflection. The central idea lies in the fact that the meanings one gives to reality—even before it is culturally interpreted—are the fruit of what one directly experiences when coming into contact with it.

SOLIDARITY: A PATH TO LIVELIHOODS WITH DIGNITY FOR ALL

Howard Richards

ABSTRACT

An ethic of solidarity (or love) implies a duty to strive to meet the needs of others and a duty to share resources. Technology is now making most human labour obsolete in production and valueless in the marketplace. Confronting this reality, creativity is required to put solidarity into practice. Achieving adequate income, dignity, and self-esteem for all will require massive non-market employment; paying people to do things without market value but with human or ecological value. It can be financed by transferring surplus, moving resources from where they are not needed to where they are needed. Pioneering examples show how.

**SWARAJ, SWADESHI AND SATYAGRAHA:
A RETHINK AND A REVIEW IN TODAY'S INDIAN
SOCIO-POLITICAL CONTEXT**

Wyman Gonsalves

ABSTRACT

The article attempts to deconstruct Gandhi's thinking on *Satyagraha*, *Swadeshi* and *Swaraj* vis-à-vis the present socio-economic scenario in India. Progress and development is a paradigm that is always used to indicate and substantiate quality of life. However, the policies in place today are anything but inclusive of overall growth. The Gandhian thought on nation building struggles to express its relevance today, precisely for the fact that it is still influential. The dualism between action and activism plays out in Indian society today at the existential and the ideological level daily. The article invites a revisiting and reviewing of Gandhian thought from an ecological perspective.

**THE SEMIOTIC PROPOSAL OF JOHN POINSOT:
A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF *TRACTATUS DE SIGNIS***

Banzelão Teixeira

ABSTRACT

Poinsot offers some fresh insights to contemporary semiotics. He defines a sign as that which represents something other than itself to a cognitive power, thus enabling us to put together natural, stipulated, customary, formal and instrumental signs under a single spectrum. He also insists on the triadic nature of the sign and on its substitutive character. A true sign consists of a relation between the fundament, the significate and the cognitive power. By the substitutive character he means that the representative being substitutes the significate and functions as the *means* by which the significate is brought to the cognitive power.