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HACKING WITH THE HEART

Julian Fox, SDB

ABSTRACT

The article proposes that 'hacking with the heart' might well be an important task for the religious educator today. The challenge is to formulate a discourse that assists a Christian formation of good, true and faithful lives in the light of the rising ascendancy of techno-science as the formative cultural factor. It is a question of telling the story with our Christian vocabulary and grammar to enable other quests for the good and true.

DON BOSCO'S 'EXPRESSIVE' SYSTEM
An alternative perspective for a communication age

Peter Gonsalves, SDB

ABSTRACT

In calling his pedagogical experience the 'preventive system,' Don Bosco clearly wished to be in line with the progressive humanistic response to the rampant juvenile delinquency of his time, while also manifesting his abhorrence for the 'repressive' method of discipline. The article pushes further and asks whether Don Bosco's 'preventive' metaphor adequately encapsulates the wealth of his unique educational intuition and experience. After surveying the related literature, it proposes that a complementary metaphor—'expression'—may just be the key to fresh thinking and researching on the Salesian pedagogical discourse for our communication age.

**WITTGENSTEIN'S PRIVATE LANGUAGE ARGUMENT
Behaviourist? Verificationist?**

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ABSTRACT

The paper is study of two distinct strands in the debate around Wittgenstein's Private Language Argument. The first section argues against Mundle and with Holborow that Wittgenstein is no behaviourist: both the Diary and the Beetle Arguments highlight the dependence of the language game of inner experiences on that of external objects, as well as its divergence. The second section rejects, with Kenny, Thomson's accusation that Wittgenstein is a verificationist. Rules are not explicitly formulated; they are part of a form of life, into which we are trained. Thus they can be unwittingly violated, and yet are public.

**THE AFRICAN (YORUBA) CONCEPTION OF
PERSONHOOD AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE
ABORTION DEBATE**

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ABSTRACT

The paper argues that since the Western philosophical conception of a person is not sharp or decisive enough to bear the weight of a solution to the abortion and foetal research controversy, there is need for alternative conception. It draws on the Yoruba conception of *ohun abemi* (something that has life; that is living) as an alternative. Basing itself on this conception, it concludes by stressing not only that an entity conceived by a human being possesses life, but also that the foetus at all stages is obviously human in the genetic sense, though potential.

GANDHI AND THE FUTURE

Ch. 4: Tariq Ali

Howard Richards and Joanna Swanger

ABSTRACT

A classless society (assuming such to be desirable) might be brought about by the working class overthrowing the owning class; or it might be achieved by steadily whittling away the privileges of the upper class and the deprivations of the lower class until everyone is middle class. Tariq Ali tends to think in terms of the first path. He tends to attribute failure of revolutionary efforts to the lack of unity of the working class, a lack of unity he tends to attribute to betrayal by its leaders. Recasting the issues in Gandhian terms tends to favour the second path.