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, Yes, I like DIFFERENTial. The average fan publication is entirely too long... Being primarily a collector I dislike slogging through 50 pages of crud to find a few gems... EROTICA 7½ was quite interesting in its own quiet pathetic way... DIFFERENTial shows that you don't have to be in fandom long to put out a worthwhile publication. Keep up the good work.

BILL OSTEN

Egad! Something new! It's OK!!. Once heard of a man who was so narrowminded he didn't have room to turn over questions and consider both sides. Glad you print on both sides. Good luck. Keep smiling.

GARY LABOVITZ

Nice Concise Thanks for the zine Old bean

JAMES TOREN

(DIFFERENTial) is rather dull. So far I haven't read anything in it... that I hadn't read before in many other publications... I would not... say that DIFFERENTial is a particularly bad fanzine; it just isn't a particularly good one. Not yet, anyway.

BOB COULSON

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### editorial

LIFE, DEATH, AND THALIDOMIDE

There is a school of thought which holds that bebies deformed at birth (whatever the cause) should be killed at once to save them from the "intolerable suffering" later on.

I suggest that the "intolerable suffering" exists only in mother's hysterical mind. Certainly at birth and for some time after the baby is not suffering. Why not wait until the child reaches the age at which it is capable of some understanding of its condition and then simply ask the child whether it is indeed suffering, and if so, whether it wishes to be put out of its misery.

On the other hand, I appreciate that many parents are not vorried so much about the child as about their own difficulties in raising it. Perhaps in this case it should be the parents who should be killed at once to save them from intolerable suffering later on. SWPW

"Ignorance is a much more exciting state of mind than omniscience. Ignorance is dynamic, omniscience is absolutely static." SWPW

### comment

"Science-fiction has long been neglected by most engineers. It should be compulsory reading for every engineer. I would even go so far as to suggest that regular reading of science-fiction should be required in every undergraduate curriculum".

A. Douglas Kaill, BSc, MEIC, MISA, ASME, P.Eng., editor "DESIGN ENG-INEERING".

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"We've simply got to have more love, "said Ak pumping up a planet, "There just isn't enough to go around."

Op was busy lighting a sun and didn't reply until he got it going.

"You and your love," he said at last, "If you didn't go spreading that icky goo on so thick you wouldn't be running out of it all the time." He placed the sun carefully on the velvet spacetime.

"Icky goo, my id," Ak was indignant. "If I hadn't invented love where would you be now? Back at the loom weaving spacetime day in and day out."

"All right, all right," said Op. "You got those planets ready for me?"

Ax sighed. "I told you: I didn't have enough love. Here's two. You'll just have to wait for the rest till I mix up another batch."

There is always conflict between belonging (growing closer) the individual will. But conflict is the creative principle which out of a static unity brings forth a dynamic diversity, which distorts the featureless void into structured time-space-energy, which is directly responsible for the exhilarating variety of being. We grow closer ecause of the external pressur. of our ignorance and insecurity but our precious individual egos, our multilateral creativity, our dynamic varietism act as a repelling force which keeps us from becoming compacted into a homogeneous inert monolith. It is well that this is so. SWPW

Fans arg: . Sometimes they fight. Personal letters, publicly in fanzines, even lawsuits. — There are three simple little words, eleven letters in all, that will stop a feud every time. Once they have been used, the one at whom they were directed cannot continue the

Op picked up the planets gingerly. They were sticky with fresh love. "Ih, what a mess," he said in disgust, "do you have to put this stuff on so thick?"

"Remember that planet a while ago I was skimpy with love on?" Ak reminded him. "We were lucky at that. Destroyed it in just the nick of time. Another few eons and I shudder to think what the consequences might have been."

Op sighed. "I wish this stuff wasn't so godey." With great care he inoculated each planet with a speck of virus culture and started them rolling around the sun in precise orbits. Ak watched him with an air of concern. Only when everything seemed to be in order he relaxed.

"Vicious stuff - life," he remarked finally. "Much too dangerous to cultivate without adequate attenuation." He left to make another batch of love.

-- Paul Wyszkowski

feud without losing respect of his supporters, nor can the one who used them without proving himself a hypocrite. -- No suggestion of backing down on a principle is involved. These words, in fact, express the highest principle known to man. He who uses them honestly is immune to any criticism or accusations. -- The magic words:

"I FORGIVE YOU."

-- Clayton Hamlin