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## REDEFINING TERMS USED FOR AFRICA

How many school educated Africans do not use such terms as "pagan", "tribe", "pygmies", "bushmen", "ancestor-worship", "primitive", "ritual", "witch-doctor", "stateless societies", etc., in a sense which is derogatory to Africa's image? How many of these terms do erstwhile colonialists use to describe their own societies? This is food for thought. *Ufahamu* is inviting observations on possible alternative terms and re-definitions for these. It is time Africa calls herself what she wishes to be called by *not* what alien peoples would want to call her. As we promised in our last two issues, we have made a beginning by publishing in this issue a fairly long article on the use of "tribe". So, let us hear from all of you out there. Notes, letters, and articles are welcome.