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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 we made a beginning in our last issue (see vol. VII, #1). So, let us hear from all of you out there. Notes, letters, and articles no matter how long, are welcome.