

**There will never be peace in Nomenclature**  
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There will never be peace in Nomenclature, because every generation has the secret wish or the unconscious wish to destroy all that the preceding generation has left behind, names included, and to baptize all things anew.

An opportunity is easily found in spite of all the International Rules or even because of a few of them. These laws start from the conception of Man as a Reasonable Being. Unfortunately, Man, in general, is not so much a Reasonable Being, as a Hominid Mammal, and his behaviour-patterns are mostly those of a Mammal. So his conduct is severely, if not totally, influenced by unconscious wishes or tendencies, which by some investigators are still called Instincts (although we have now better and more detailed names for them). Between them are the Oedipal wishes from childhood, which never die completely, and are refreshed by every conflict.

Now a name is not a neutral thing ; it is the bearer of highly loaded complexes. To "make yourself a name" touches some of the most primitive wishes of the highest voltage. The name is the only part of the person which is eternal and I need not recall here the innumerable occasions where the choice of a name for a child, a poem, a street etc. is quite seriously discussed. In folklore, f.i. with the Dajak tribes of Borneo, (Headhunters, who essentially are Name-hunters), it plays a prevailing role. The victim's last word or utterance will be the name of the child who needs one. Names are bearers of a kind of Glory-called "Honour" and are acknowledged as so mighty a core of personality that even life will sometimes be sacrificed for it.

The author who gives a name proves therewith his virility and sexual ripeness as a father ; and if he succeeds in replacing an existing name by a new or exhumed one this means a symbolical murder of the author of the former one.

In short, Name-giving is a heavily loaded *magical* deed, not so very much different from the habits of the Dajak headhunters or the Comanche scalp-collectors. So there is a marked preference for it among biologists, and if they might lack that, they are pushed to by some ambitious female, by a chief or by Public Opinion.

So far the deep and mighty Hate-factors in name-giving, culminating in the symbolical murder of the Father, as is prescribed by the remnants of the Oedipus-tendencies. (The positive part is represented by the love of the Collection, with its boxes.) They will never be excluded by logical prescription or International Rules. The Oedipus-wishes are more international than any other one. An author only has to declare a variety to be a subspecies or a species, or to discover some priority, to give him free play and the rule, (a rule of very doubtful profit) that variety-names have no status in Nomenclature, gives him always opportunity to obey his unconscious wishes.

A much smaller part is played by "Fashion". My sisters-in-law in their youth were called Jo and To ; now they are called Jops and Tops,

etc. Nevertheless Fashion does not count for nothing. An author who writes about the habits of *Sphinx convolvuli* is a relict and may be wiped out. If he calls the insect *Protoparce convolvuli* he has to be corrected and proves not to have studied literature. But if he calls it *Herse convolvuli* he is up to date, one of the Titans who tower the Pelion upon the Ossa. "One of Us" just so as a white-banded arm was the distinctive mark of a member of the Home-Guard. In this way the members of the Revolutionary new Generation recognize each other in the eternal struggle between the generations. Each will have a new Nomenclature of his own, and that's why, my dear, diligent, learned and naïve fellow-students of Entomological Antiquities, it is sure that by the combined forces of r e p r e s - s e d (unconscious) w i s h e s and the satisfaction to be recognized as a modern scientist, every thirty years at least, the make-up of Entomology will be changed and there never will be peace in Nomenclature.

**Résumé.** La Nomenclature biologique ne saurait jamais être stabilisée par les Lois Internationales, parceque des désirs inconscients incestueux, s'y opposent.

Chaque génération désire une Nomenclature, propre à elle, et réussira sans beaucoup de peine, malgré les Pères et leurs serments.

**Zusammenfassung.** Wenigstens alle dreissig Jähre wünscht ein neues Geschlecht seine eigene Nomenklatur und setzt sie unter irgend einem Vorwande durch.

Diese Wünsche sind an sich unbewusste oedipale Reste, und lassen sich nicht durch logische Gesetze hemmen.

Die Mode spielt auch eine Rolle, als geistige Uniform der jungen entomologischen Forschergeneration.

Das Gesetz, dasz Varietätsnamen vogelfrei sind, erleichtert die Um-täufung.

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**Araschnia levana L.** In Juli zag ik in Naarden 5 *prorsa*'s, bovendien een *Limenitis camilla L.*, en veel exemplaren van de zweefvlieg *Volucella pellucens*.

Later vond ik in Naarden ook drie nesten rupsen.

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Op 11 en 26 Juli zag ik in mijn tuin te Amersfoort een *prorsa*. Beide waren zeer gave exx., zodat het wel twee verschillende individuen geweest moeten zijn. Toen ik destijds vlinders verzamelde, gold *levana* voor een grote zeldzaamheid, maar dat is een halve eeuw geleden!

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Ik zag in mijn vacante slechts 1 *prorsa*, een prachtig gaaf ♂ op 7 Augustus langs de vaart midden in Ter Apel. Deze vindplaats is echter al bekend. Een tocht naar het Metbroekbos bij Vlagtwedde, expres ondernomen om te zien of *levana* er al zat, leverde geen resultaat op. Het biotoop is er anders voor geknipt: een vochtig loofbosgebied met veel brandnetels aan de rand. Stellig geen onvruchtbaar terrein voor lichtvangst, maar zeer arm aan dagvlinders. — Lpk.