

VICO: Very Intense Conceptual Open/*The New SCIENCE*
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Tiebreakers

This thinker used a concept developed by Lucretius in referencing an "upsurging as stupid as the clinamen of the Epicurean atom," in order to critique the notion that "Every man is originally free." One work by this thinker divides a group that adheres to norms lacking in human virtue into "mutilated" and "immanent" types. That work by this thinker devotes a chapter subtitled "the bread of disgust" to dismantling the stance of the author of *Les Jeunes Filles*, Henry de Montherlant. This thinker claimed that a certain group enjoys the "incomparable privilege" of "irresponsibility" in the concluding section of a book that also contains the line (*) "One is not born, but rather becomes, a woman." This thinker wrote the book *The Ethics of Ambiguity* in order to build an ethical system from her lover's *Being and Nothingness*. For 10 points, name this author of *The Second Sex*.

ANSWER: Simone (Lucie Ernestine Marie Bertrand) de Beauvoir <WHM>

One thinker claimed that "technoscience" has recently blurred the distinction between this phenomenon and one divided by Carl Schmitt into "civil" and "partisan" types. In that same work, another thinker characterized this phenomenon as the product of a failure of communication. In the aftermath of an instance of this phenomenon, one thinker wrote that it had transitioned from the domain of the poor to the domain of the rich, after describing the "spirit" of it as an "irruption of a death which is far more than real." Bruce Hoffman wrote a book titled "Inside" this phenomenon. Giovanna (*) Borradori brought together Jürgen Habermas and Jacques Derrida to discuss philosophy "in the time" of this phenomenon. This phenomenon is the subject of Lawrence Wright's book *The Looming Tower*, and its "strategic logic" is the subject of Robert Pape's book *Dying to Win*, which analyzes its suicidal forms. For 10 points, name this phenomenon promoted by organizations like Narodnaya Volya, Boko Haram, and al-Qaeda.

ANSWER: terrorism [accept *Philosophy in the Time of Terror*; accept *Inside Terrorism*; accept "The Spirit of Terrorism"] <WHM>

This thinker began his career by attacking Rousseau's views on language, in an appendix to his translation of the second *Discourse*. He hypothesized that hieroglyphics naturally lead to idolatry, and thus it required an enormous, possibly divinely granted leap, to transition to modern alphabets. He argued for separation of church and state by noting that the former only has "imperfect" rights and no powers of coercion; thus, "the power of religion is love and beneficence," as opposed to the state's "physical power." This thinker's most famous book begins by analyzing how Hobbes and Locke tried to protect "liberty of conscience" from the state, and then argues that Christianity's unprovable dogmas inherently repress that liberty. This philosopher attacked Friedrich Heinrich Jacobi's pantheist version of (*) Spinoza in *To Lessing's Friends*. Charles Bonnet's "physiological" justification of Christianity was used by Johann Kaspar Lavater in an infamous attempt to convert this philosopher. For 10 points, name this author of *Jerusalem*, the leading light of the Jewish Enlightenment, who was also the grandfather of a composer named Felix.

ANSWER: Moses Mendelssohn [accept Mosheh Mendelssohn] <JR>

A 2000 book argued that examples of this phenomenon are characterized by "mentalities," as opposed to "ideologies." A 2010 book by Steven Levitsky and Lucan Way argues that the "competitive" form of this phenomenon arose following the Cold War. Juan Linz created a typology of seven forms of this phenomenon, and argued that it rests on "formerly ill-defined" power, in combination with limited political pluralism and popular mobilization. A precondition for a form of this phenomenon is the saturation of domestic markets in the early stages of import-substituting industrialization, coupled with populist policies according to Eduardo (*) O'Donnell. A book titled for this kind of "personality" invented the "F Scale," and was co-written by Theodor Adorno. The "bureaucratic" form of this phenomenon occurred following coups displacing Joao Goulart and Salvador Allende. For 10 points, name this style of government often compared with totalitarianism and used to characterize the regimes of Getulio Vargas and Augusto Pinochet.

ANSWER: **authoritarianism** [accept *The Authoritarian Personality*; prompt on "totalitarianism" or "dictatorship"; anti-prompt on "fascism"] <WHM>

Warning: general answer required

Learning about these concepts does nothing to raise awareness of them, according to an experiment in which students predicted the results of the NYU "helping experiment," and which was conducted by Nisbett and Borgida. These concepts are mislabelled, and are more like side-effects of an "adaptive toolbox," according to Gerd Gigerenzer. An experiment testing one of these concepts at the University of Oregon had students spin a wheel of fortune that would stop at either 10 or 65, and then (*) estimate the percentage of African nations in the UN. These concepts can be modelled as System 1 failures that slip by System 2. The article that introduced these ideas, and is titled for them, discusses how the representativeness heuristic caused most respondents to fall into the conjunction fallacy when asked a question about the bank teller Linda. They were first postulated by Amos Tversky and Daniel Kahneman. For 10 points, name these patterns of faulty judgment, exemplified by how our ideas change due to "hindsight" and "confirmation."
ANSWER: cognitive **biases** [accept any more specific biases, like **hindsight bias**; prompt on "fallacy" and word forms; prompt on "illusion" and word forms; prompt on "heuristics" until mentioned] <JR>

This language group lowers the first of two consecutive high tones, according to a law named after Achilles Emile Meeussen. One of the most widely spoken languages in this group uses whistled sibilants denoted "sv" and "zv." Another law dealing with this language group requires the voicing of an initial "k" if the net syllable begins with an unvoiced consonant; that is Dahl's Law. This language group was the subject of a 1948 geographic classification by Malcolm Guthrie, which limited itself to this group's (*) "Narrow" languages. Unlike most of this group's other languages, the most commonly spoken language in this group is non-tonal, and takes its name from the Arabic word for "coast." This language group's namesake "expansion" probably started around three millennia ago in modern-day Cameroon and Nigeria. For 10 points, name this Subsaharan African language group, which encompasses languages like Shona, Zulu, and Swahili.
ANSWER: (Narrow) **Bantu** [or **Bantoid**, prompt on **Niger-Congo**] <WHM>

Certain examples of these entities have come to function as "enigmatic signifiers" designed to combat economic woes, according to a 2005 book by Charles Jencks titled for the "Iconic" type of them. One thinker argued that these entities should rely on a technique called *poché* instead of transparency, in a book titled for "Complexity and Contradiction" in the field associated with them. Another thinker distinguished between these entities' "served" and "servant" spaces. One of these entities called the "Big (*) Duck" is "subordinate to the overall symbolic form," according to a book co-authored by Denise Scott Brown. The use of *pilotis* in one of these entities in France accorded with its creator's "five points" of a new way of designing them. These entities were analyzed in the book *Learning from Las Vegas*. For 10 points, name these entities designed by people like Robert Venturi and Le Corbusier.
ANSWER: **buildings** [accept *The Iconic Building*, as well as more specific kinds of buildings—**skyscrapers**, **homes**, **houses**, **villas**, **casinos**...I don't really care] <WHM>

This book uses various versions of ordered pairs as illustrations of "defective nouns." This book presents a behaviorist theory of childhood language acquisition in "The Ontogenesis of Reference," and gives a "canonical notation" for paraphrasing sentences in "Regimentation." This book advocates "semantic ascent" to a kind of metalanguage at the end of its last chapter, (*) "Ontic Decision." This book's most famous thesis is used to contradict the idea that substitution is the basis of synonymy, thus supporting its author's attack on the analytic-synthetic distinction in "Two Dogmas of Empiricism." For 10 points, name this book in which "occasion sentences" with inscrutable reference, such "Look, a rabbit!" or "Gavagai!," are used to support the indeterminacy of translation, a book by William Van Orman Quine.
ANSWER: **Word and Object** <JR>