

Dreaming Of Meaning

“I’m dreaming of meaning,”
said AJ Ayer to Noam Chomsky
“What,” replied the Statesman,
“do you wish to relate?”

“Well,” the Etonian responded,
“I’ve been doing some thinking.
And I’m a trifle confused
as to my mental state.”

“Dear man,” cried the American
“What can the matter be?
Is the answer not with you?
Heaven forbid! All ideas are inate!”

“Perhaps true.” said the doubter.
“I seek the foundation of knowledge.
Locating the meaning of meaning
is a task which can’t wait.”

“So, you see,” said AJ,
“is the meaning the action?
I know I was hungry
But how do I know that I ate?”

“How,” said the other, “did you swallow?
If your steak wasn’t eaten,
why not take it out of your stomach
and put it back on the plate?”

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The torso of a black child has been discovered in London's Kensington Gardens. Detective Chief Inspector Hawthorne and his men quickly discover that the boy was a victim of a ritualistic killing. At Heathrow airport a second child, Jubulani, and his mother disembark from their plane. On his arrival in London Jubulani is kidnapped. A Ju Ju witchdoctor in South London is preparing the new child, Jubulani, to be sacrificed. Hawthorne is racing against time to save the boy.

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