

"BEING ME" as requiring being thinker.....Elliott #1360

On the final in my CNR/CNR 79S "Philosophy of Religion," an Hispanic evangelical with no background in logic or philosophy answered a question in a way that reminded me of Erikson's "generativity" as the final stage of maturation.

The question was, "What did you find most helpful in this course?"

ANSWER:

"Since I am the one who is

making my decisions

and

living my life,

I must be the one

who is doing my thinking.

This realization has come

as a shock to me,

because

all my life

I had been taught

not to question my teacher.

I was never told

that if someone else

was doing my thinking for me,

even though I was living my life

I

was

not being me."