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# Letters to the Editor

## THOUGHTS ON ADAPTATION

*To the Editor:*

I continue to read with interest each issue of ANS and wish to commend the editor and editorial board for the journal's significant contribution to the development of nursing science and scholarly dialogue.

The issue on "Stress and Adaptation" (ANS 1:4, July 1979) and follow-up letter to the editor by Crate Habeeb (ANS 2:2, January 1980) were most stimulating and thought-provoking for me. As a theorist dealing with adaptation, I accept the challenge to "examine the humanistic, scientific and ethical considerations undergirding" the concept of adaptation and its relationship to health.

Again, my thanks for your fine work, and I hope you will see its fruits reflected in ongoing

efforts within the nursing community, particularly my own.

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