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Horace LaBadie wrote:

> *In article*

> <hwlabadiejr-A1B87D.07364117032005@corp-radius.supernews.com>,

> *Horace LaBadie* <hwlabadiejr@nospam.highstream.net> wrote:

>> *In article* <[d1bp1a\\$4dg\\$00\\$1@news.t-online.com](mailto:d1bp1a$4dg$00$1@news.t-online.com)>,

>> *"Ekkehard Dengler"* <ED-RS@t-online.de> wrote:

>> *"For man in the West is by education, by tradition and by temperament*

>> *unprepared for the religion of ahimsa..."*

> *In other words, was not a word simply dropped unintentionally?*

To me, "by" does not introduce an agent there, but is equivalent to (roughly) "from, through, in the wake of". Like, for instance (I am making this sentence up): "He is half xyz by birth, full zxy by breeding"