Issues in Anaphora: A New Perspective on an Old Perspective
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A. Binding Conditions

1. He thinks John is smart
2. John thinks John is smart
3. After he walked in, John sat down
4. ?After John walked in, John sat down
5. *He/John thinks the bastard is smart
6. *He/John likes John
7. *We like us
8. *We like me
9. *John told them that Mary should leave

10. The interpretation of an expression is given in one and only one way.
    Higginbotham (1983)

11. The students like themselves
12. The students like each other

13. a. Speaker's strategy: When a syntactic structure you are using allows bound-
anaphora interpretation, then use it if you intend your expressions to
corefer, unless you have some reasons to avoid bound-anaphora.

b. Hearer's strategy: If the speaker avoids the bound anaphora options
provided by the structure he is using, then, unless he has reasons to avoid
bound-anaphora, he didn't intend his expressions to corefer. Reinhart (1983)

14. *John thuong John Vietnamese
    John likes John

15. *John tin John se thang
    John thinks John will win

16. c n ch p c n Thai
    John likes John

17. c n khit waa c n chalaat
    John thinks that John (is) smart

18. (An R expression must be A free (in its Governing Category))

19. *No' thuong John Vietnamese
    He likes John
20. *
No' tin John se thang
He thinks John will win

21. *
khaw ch p c n Thai
He likes John

22. *
khaw khit c n chalaat
He thinks John (is) smart

23. A pronominal may not bind an R expression.

24. *
John thuong cai thang cho de Vietnamese
John likes the son of a bitch

25. John tin thang co de se thang
John thinks the son of a bitch will win

26. *
c n ch p ?aybaa Thai
John likes the nut

27. *
c n khit waa ?aybaa chalaat
John thinks that the nut (is) smart

28. *
c n ch p khaw
John likes him

29. *?aybaa khit waa c n chalaat
The nut thinks that John (is) smart

30. 
  a. him
  b. the bastard
  c.*John

31. I showed John himself (in the mirror)

32. *
I showed himself John

33. I showed the professors each other's students

34. *
I showed each other's students the professors