

1. Much has happened to me (or in me) since my last communication. First, I was introduced by mail to someone in New York, whose questions led me to doubt all reality, including the whole external world, and even my own existence. At the same time, a completely unexpected action on the part of a member of my family made me wonder whether I could ever know enough about anyone else (or even myself) to be able to predict how they or I would act in any given set of circumstances. I remained in this condition for about four weeks, during which time I questioned everything I thought I knew, rejected at least temporarily everything I was not sure of, and rebuilt part of my reality, using only the blocks I felt were absolutely solid. The resulting edifice was quite small and incomplete, but firm as the Rock of Gibraltar. Its foundation was, "I am Myself; if there is nothing else, this is sufficient." Building upon this, I had begun to assemble a few other facts I felt I could depend on. During this period, my tone dropped, but not seriously.

2. Then, through the person mentioned above, I met another man. He apparently has been through the same mill, and has had much more time to put himself back together and to gather and sift data than I have had. What he knows, he knows; and what he tells me, I know is true because it agrees with what I have always known, but have hidden from myself for fear of being unscientific or superstitious. Much of what he told me is ancient knowledge, which he himself has separated from the error and ignorance of translators and interpreters who have not passed on the truth correctly because they could not believe it themselves. Where they were asked to translate something they could not accept, they apparently have doubted the accuracy of their own translation, or of the material that had been handed down to them, and so have tried to turn it into something that was reasonable and acceptable. The same data come to us from so many sources and in so many different outward forms, that if we collect and compare, we can hardly fail to accept what is true. Besides this, we already know the truth somewhere inside ourselves and only need to open our eyes to see it clearly.

3. Here is part of my present reality:

- (a) I believe in a God who stands in the same relation to us as each individual does to the cells of his own body; a God who is exactly like what you will be when you recover your full powers and become perfect.
- (b) I believe anyone, when he reaches a certain stage of development, or a certain tone level, can perform miracles. To do so would be dangerous without first acquiring certain ethical principles and the wisdom to know when to perform a miracle and when not to. Miracles must not interfere with the free will (self-determinism) of the victim or beneficiary.
- (c) You have free choice at all times of several alternatives: to live in your present body and keep it in perfect repair as long as you want to; to go back for a fresh one and be born again, with or without full memory of past lifetimes, whichever you prefer; or to live as long as you wish as a Spirit or Thetan without a body. Whichever you choose at any given time, you cannot be destroyed.
- (d) The knowledge and assistance you need for the next step in your development are readily available wherever you are. You know how to ask for it; by making your need known and believing it will be filled.

- (e) I believe in the creative power of thought and of the spoken word. Form a complete, accurate mental picture of what you want to be or what you want to have, believe in it completely, and there it is!
- (f) We are not alone. We never have been and we never will be.
- (g) We do not need to be afraid of anyone or anything.
- (h) All roads lead to the same Rome. Dianetics, Religion, Science, Mysticism, Theology and probably others. If you follow any of them far enough, and give up enough aberrations along the way, you will find they come closer and closer together, and eventually come out at the same point. Religion and Theology have had the Big Truth and lost it; Science has not yet discovered it. The great difficulty is in men's unwillingness to believe what they cannot see, or to open their eyes and see what they do not believe. How to overcome this difficulty? That is your problem.

4. A warning: Do not leave your body without first making arrangements to have it securely guarded in your absence. What would you do if you came back and found it occupied?

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Hello Gang:

I'm glad to be in the network. There's a job to be done and its up to us, the members of this network, and the rest of the dianetic community, to do it. There is no other group willing or capable of doing it. Its up to us.

This may be pretty heavy stuff for my introduction to the network and you guys may not like what I have to say. None the less, reality will not be denied.

As a culture, were headed for rough times. Personally, I think the collapse of 1929 was a Sunday School picnic compared to what we are facing to-day. I think we are facing a major evolutionary crisis and dianetics is the only possible solution visible at the moment.

For our own survival until the time when we've got the crisis under control we need two things above all else; good health and money. We can develop good health through processing. We can accumulate money by being thrifty. Lets go!

Our job is to develop a higher state of being that can handle our new environment. That environment contains world economic and social collapse and atomic power. There is an idea abroad in the dianetic community of how to go about the job. The idea is still somewhat tenuous and should not be broadcast until it is brought into sharper focus. You can help. Think about the problem and then tell me how you think we can best tackle the job.

I would like to state my position. I have accepted a goal and the responsibility for accomplishing that goal. Hubbard's basic work made possible the acceptance of this goal. I suspect that each of you have also accepted this goal and are in agreement with me up to this point, at least I am assuming this.

It is my responsibility and yours as well, to do a CEDA on each element presented to the dianetic community appropo to the solution of the problem; pre-natal engrams, grief charges, emotion charges, E-Therapy, the Thetan, etc., etc. Any of these may have great value or none at all, actually. It seems to me that there is an actual answer to the problem and that there are many psuedo answers as well. One of our jobs is to find the actual answer.

In this respect Hubbard is neither more nor less than another highly intelligent human being. Hubbard's work is not valid just because it is Hubbard's work. Neither is other work invalid because it is not Hubbard's work, and vice-versa.

Our attitude at the Foundation is to evaluate everything that is presented and try to select the good from the bad. In processing, we run anything that comes up in a case but we run it in the framework of Analytical Procedure. We are getting consistantly good results.