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Hello friends. My best wishes for this new year of hope and its promise of greater freedom for all of us.

Many have asked for news of me and my work here, and for a description of my impressions of Saudi Arabia. Here 'tis:

I managed to find time for an intensive run just before I left the States. My auditor was tops and I have many times since been very happy that it was possible for me to do that. Naturally, I have had my ups and downs since, but progress is being made. The greatest contribution made by others, in my opinion, has been the steady flow of communication to me from many sources back home. Almost every mail brings me news of advances, new techniques, strides forward. I am finding it possible to reply to most personal letters within a few days of their receipt.

During the past two years I really haven't done much auditing - my job as Secretary of the Central Pennsylvania Group kept me rather busy. Here: what a difference! I could spend full time at it, really enjoy it, and it wouldn't begin to make a dent in the job which needs to be done here. Anybody want to join me? The Arabian-American Oil Company (ARAMCO) at Dhahran pays well, I hear, and they seem to need talent of all kinds from oil drillers to construction workers to secretaries.

Arabia, of course, is hot. But not all the year-round. During the past weeks, we are usually quite comfortable in light clothing outdoors around noon, but at night and in the morning it is definitely cool enough to require coats or jackets. This cool season lasts about four months. During the summer, the temperatures climb well over the 100° mark both night and day, and air conditioning is a necessity indoors at all hours. Almost all the buildings here are well supplied with cool air.

When one thinks of a desert, he usually visualizes acres and acres of hot sand. Only parts of this desert are that way. Where the sand is fine, it blows readily into dunes, which have ripples covering them like miniature waves. During certain seasons, the winds are high enough that the loose sand is continually on the move. These sand storms are called "shamaals"; when they occur, optimum behavior consists of staying indoors! But much of the desert is covered with rocks. Rocks of all shapes and sizes, from pebbles up to mountains, literally. The rocks do not blow with the winds, fortunately. They merely lie on the ground and provide interesting impediments to the weary feet or the badly bruised tires. There are certain areas where the "ground" consists of mile upon mile of flat rock outcropping; the land then suddenly changes to loose sand, blown up onto dunes; this is varied by the usual sand and small rocks in a meaningless jumble. The entire effect is that of a seabottom suddenly raised up, parched, and dotted occasionally with sources of reasonably fresh water oases, with grass, date palms, and an assortment of two-legged and four-legged living and moving creatures.

My job here with the US Air Force consists of flying airplanes from here to other parts of the Middle East, and supervising electronic communications systems and airways navigational aids. Someone asked me in a letter a few months ago: "What in the world is the Air Force doing in Arabia??"

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Simple. Present limitations on aircraft require that they land occasionally for fuel, and to let the pilots get some rest. The Air Force also seems to have some good reasons for wanting to keep intact a global network of communications stations, and a round the world system of air routes constantly in use. It is about 12 hours flying time from here to Cairo, and about the same from here to India. You've got to set down somewhere in between. Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, is it, just now.

Arabia is the center of the Moslem religion. It is interesting to observe the effects of these teachings on the local peoples, and to study their customs. No, I haven't audited any Arabs yet, and I don't think I shall attempt it. Hands are full with efforts in this direction along the 3rd Dynamic just now.

The people here who have become interested in a search for themselves are, I think, worth while additions to our ever expanding dianetic family. Those whom I have worked with at some length have taught me much too. We have no formal group - yet we are, in a very real sense, a Group. Affinity, Reality, and Communication are high, goals are very similar, and aberrations are gradually dropping by the wayside. Results are being attained.

For those who have maintained communication with the Central Pennsylvania Dianetics Group, and particularly for those who wish to establish such communication, the following is offered:

Letters to the CPDG should be addressed c/o Mrs. Edna Maier, 124 Oak Hill Drive, Middletown, Pennsylvania. During my absence from home, she has been filling orders for publications, and forwarding requests for technical assistance to me. I am therefore still active with the Group back home, and still hold the position of Secretary, with the capable assistance of my wife.

In order to make it possible for the group members here to get a higher degree of reality on developments back home, I have recently purchased a tape recorder, and expect to have it delivered within a few weeks. It is a dual track machine, equipped for both of the usual speeds, 3-3/4" and 7 1/2" per second. We are importing some of the better known tapes on the latest advances, and the "inspirational" material presented by optimums. An additional use we expect to make of this equipment is to converse by tapes with anyone who wishes to enter into this aspect of communications with us. To that end, we are getting a quantity of 3" plastic reels, which contain enough tape for 15 minutes of speech at the slow speed. The 3" reels were selected because they can be mailed cheaply by airmail, if that kind of speed is desired. For those who have more to say, we would like to add that the machine is capable of holding the standard 7" reels.

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The word "love" is most generally used in the 2nd Dynamic sense - the love of a man for a woman, or of a mother for her child. Some religions express love in the 4th Dynamic sense - the Brotherhood of Man; or Love Thy Neighbor. A common aberration (but only when carried to an inappropriate extreme, in my opinion) is for an individual to consider love only in terms of the 1st Dynamic - he loves himself a little too much.

I would like to quote here, with certain alterations, a very inspiring paragraph which I found in a recent publication which I think is beautiful and very worth while - the publication as a whole, I mean. It is from the book which arrived just in time to make Christmas that much happier - the publication of the Humanics Group in Colorado Springs, "Dr. Howes Discusses".

"The basic personality would be that part of you which said to you that it was natural, that it was nature, the finest in the world, for a mother to love her son, and for a father, too. It also said, this basic personality of yours, and mine too, that people are friendly. That they love one another."

(Instead of "Basic Personality" Ron was talking about "Endowmental Circuits". I feel that the concept is equally applicable when discussed in terms of the basic personality. In addition, the paragraph above can be quoted to a newcomer with little or no additional explanation needed.)

With the word "love" defined in its broadest sense - on all dynamics - I think it appropriate to mention a recent tribute paid by a pre-clear to an auditor. It was qualified to be applicable to the auditor only when he was at his best, and as such, it made him feel rather humble and yet gave him an appreciation of just how high are these goals we set for ourselves! It is from a poem by an unknown author:

I love you  
Not only for what you are  
But for what I am  
When I am with you.

I love you  
Not only for what you are making of yourself  
But for what you are making  
Of me.

I love you  
For the part of me that you bring out,  
For putting your hand into my heaped up heart  
And passing over  
All the foolish, weak things  
You can't help dimly seeing there,  
And for drawing out into the light  
All the beautiful belongings  
That no one else has looked  
Quite far enough to find.

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I love you  
Because you are helping me to make  
Of the lumber of my life  
Not a tavern  
But a temple;  
Out of the works of my every day  
Not a reproach  
But a song.

I love you  
Because you have done  
More than any creed  
More than any fate could have done  
To make me good.

You have done it  
Without a touch,  
Without a word,  
Without a sign.

You have done it by  
Being yourself.  
Perhaps that is what  
Being a friend  
Means; after all.

- and I would like to add my version of the final paragraph of this tribute; that which might be said during the final stages of the last run over the hump:

I love you  
For the freedom you have pointed out  
Is within myself  
If I but choose to use it;

For your patience  
And your quiet understanding  
Yes, even sympathy  
When I thought I needed it;

I love you  
For the crystal-clear mirror  
You have held so steadily  
And repeatedly cleared when I would have smudged it;

You did this  
By telling me, yet not telling me  
That I could; nay, must  
Do this all myself.

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A number of people have commented on my "being recalled" to serve with the Air Force, and they seem to think I was jerked out of civilian life rather suddenly. Not so. I have been in Service continuously since 1942; it just happened that I was stationed at Middletown, Pennsylvania, for three years (a rare length of service in one place, I assure you) so many thought that was my permanent home.

My home town is Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and my wife, Edna, comes from Bruce, Wisconsin - about 100 miles North-East of Minneapolis. Yup, I know Ed Matchesich; met him on a trip home last Summer.

I would like to tell you about my reactions to Dianetics as it was first introduced. John Campbell did a fine job of arousing interest in people like me. Three years ago, I wasn't interested in people; they were too complicated and you couldn't draw any circuits that duplicated human behavior so I was more interested in things I could understand. Like how to build radios and how to take good pictures and how to develop your own color shots and how to play a saxophone in a dance band. And how to fly airplanes. Kids? Well, I wanted to treat them better than my folks treated me (the way I remembered it, that is) but somehow I didn't seem to follow up on that praiseworthy desire.

Then John Campbell said "it works". I was sold right then and there.

I went to Elizabeth. Ron Hubbard drew nice diagrams and made inspiring talks about a sane world and demonstrated that it DID work. And it worked for us too. We were so interested and impressed because here was a good, solid, mechanical way of working with people. A clear, definite goal was held out, and the signposts were erected along the road. We went to it.

Of course, the road had holes in it. Many of them seemed to be dug by the very people who said they were trying to make the road easier. Many of us couldn't understand this; we still aren't very sure about that one because there are a number of possible answers. Interest seemed to lag for awhile, during the summer and fall of 1951.

Then we got a letter from Minneapolis. "We all have wondered about clears. Are there any? Can we be one? - - We know, now. There can be. We shall be. One man, in these rooms, made it. - - " Gawrsh. There was real emotion on that one. It's true after all. We havn't been chasing a will-o-the-wisp. A renewed surge of interest and enthusiasm followed, which has been steadily building and becoming stronger and more solid since. Have you noticed how new developments, and more and more encouraging news, have been snow-balling ever since?

I noticed something happening in myself, too. Being mechanically inclined, and attracted to Dianetics on that basis, I had little use for religion, meta-physics, philosophy, or anything remotely resembling them. This viewpoint gradually shifted. I no longer restrict myself to dynamics one, two, four, and six. It's nice to be able to take a good look at all of them. Oh, incidentally, some of you might be interested to know - I'm going to be a civilian again about November 1954. Another set of self-imposed limitations going, going, going - -

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Please note that my address is 1949th AACS Squadron, APO 616, c/o Postmaster, New York, N Y. A number of letters from the network were held up on the way here while the New York Post Office Locator Service decided that I was "APO 616". I think I got them all eventually.

For purposes of fast mail service, I am closer to New York than to Israel or England, so please place me in with people in the New York area for future relays. When I write to England, for example, the APO sends everything back to New York and then New York forwards to England. Israel is right next door, and the local airlines could carry mail, but the political situation is such that it's safer to go through New York for several reasons. If I were to visit my friends in Tel-Aviv, I couldn't get back into Arabia! A real international engram, if I ever saw one.

Here's something that might be tone-raising to pre-clears who have had certain types of 2nd dynamic difficulties:

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I am going to talk about love and the basic relationships between man and woman. What is love? First, there has to be a deep mental affinity; something such as many close friends, regardless of sex, experience toward one another. This is reinforced by 100% honesty, and wide open communication on the verbal level. Other levels of communication must be just as wide open and honest. By this I mean any form of communication you can think of. Facial expressions, emotions, the response to a touch, and all the subtle and exhilarating pleasures which are associated with intense physical contact. These are all forms of communication from one human being to another. And the reality between the two persons in love must be complete: this requires, again, full and open discussion on any point where one might hold a different concept of reality as compared to the concept held by the other.

In short, love consists of a complete, intense affinity, reality, and communication between two people, coupled with a strong physical attraction which is also clean and honest and uninhibited. If any of these factors are missing, love in its purest and most enjoyable form does not really exist.

Now, in this particular civilization, and in the society in which we live, there are many arbitrarinesses, many aberrations attached to this subject of love. Arbitrary number one: in order to be able to experience fully the physical aspects of love, the two parties to it must be married. This represents aberration only because it is an arbitrary. I am not speaking here of right or wrong. There are perhaps many good reasons why people ought to be married if they are going to sleep together. On the other hand, the fact that it does exist as an arbitrary, and is enforced in many arbitrary ways in this society, - this fact leads to much unhappiness where it needn't.

Young people in their 'teens often feel very strong attachments to one another. But society steps in and says you can't get married; you're too young, you're not responsible, you're not ready yet; you're foolish and it

won't last, you have the wrong religion, the parents don't get along with each other, that girl's family lives on the wrong side of the tracks, why who ever heard of a nigger marrying a white girl; -- and dozens and dozens more of such arbitrary judgements which have nothing at all to do with the basic fact that here are two people who feel a strong affinity for each other and they want to experience what nature probably intended.

Social codes come about because people observe that bad things seem to happen when they are not observed. If we didn't have the institution of marriage, then there would be many women supporting children by themselves because the father did not wish to face up to his responsibilities toward the children who came about as a result of his acts. But note that this doesn't work: we HAVE this arbitrary in heavy enforcement, and yet we STILL have children who are not properly supported by their fathers. This illustrates, in perhaps an incomplete fashion, the uselessness of arbitraries.

To me, a better answer to this need is to see that the people themselves would not have the aberrations which lead to this shirking of responsibility. And how can we achieve this? Theoretically, by removing the arbitraries in this society! This would be a very interesting thing to attempt, and no doubt many people would get killed in the process, if the arbitraries were removed all at once. This is too much responsibility for low toned people to accept in one package. Just think, nobody would tell me what to do, ever! Now I can kill that ~~###~~ who did such-and-such to me, etc.etc.etc.

A more optimum approach is that which we find happening in Dianetics. By helping to raise the tone of individuals, we find that they come to realize just exactly what the acceptance of these arbitraries has done to them. They are still free to accept the arbitraries if they want to, but it is in the full knowledge that they don't have to accept them.

What does this mean to you? Well, when the aberrations, the arbitraries, and the compulsions are all gone, you may find that you are basically good, and that you have all the information you need to reach the most rational solutions to all your problems with little or no effort. You won't need any arbitraries; you won't have to ask another soul whether what you want to do is all right or not. You will KNOW.

Now, how about the physical side to sex? People feel they have needs, which can only be fulfilled by performing certain acts with a member of the opposite sex. Is this, possibly, an arbitrary? Can even this be an illusion or an aberration?

To a certain extent, I think it is. Now this does not mean that when you have attained the optimum state, you would not experience the joys of love. Far from it. It means that you would never find yourself in a situation where you had to. You would not, in other words, become effect. You would be able to choose for yourself, exactly when and where and with whom you desire this wonderful experience. You would not fall in love with someone you did not completely respect. You might experiment, such as holding hands, kissing, dancing, etc., to see whom you would like to experience a deeper pleasure with; but these situations would be under full

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control as far as your body is concerned. You would never feel compelled to do anything; you would not "feel yourself slipping" and end up going farther with your partner than you really wanted to. You would also respect completely the desires of your partner.

Any compulsion; any feeling that things are getting out of control; any feeling of physical weakness coupled with a frustrating sense that this is WRONG; would be an aberration. As such, it would lead to unhappiness and to that extent the experience would be dissatisfying and incomplete.

Let us, then, postulate a perfect love, such as high toned people would experience. First, there would be no arbitrariness. Neither partner would have any feeling of ownership over the other. Each would feel an intense affection, which would not be soiled by jealousy; this can only mean that the attitude would be that if the other desired to have similar relations with a third person, it is entirely up to him. True love does not imply a control over the partner. I think you will find that under such arrangements, infidelity would not exist, provided both partners were free of internal arbitrariness and compulsions.

No formal marriage vows would be necessary, although each might think it a nice thing to do and so would request such a ceremony. You see, the marriage vows are in themselves arbitrary, because the two parties are bound for life. Why should unaberrated people have a need for such promises? They KNOW what their responsibilities are, and they simply intend to see that they are fulfilled. They need not be controlled, legally or in any other way.

Being optimum, my friend, involves a more complete freedom than you ever thought possible. It also involves a considerable responsibility; but this needn't worry you because the acceptance of the responsibility is automatic and effortless. It is not looked upon as an onerous task; why should it? It is the most natural thing in the world.

Of course, low toned people, coming into contact with some of these ideas, are often dismayed; they misinterpret them in many vicious and obscene ways. They are admitting that they cannot be trusted with full responsibility and self-determinism; so, they self-determine themselves into a controlled state, feeling that they need to be controlled. How futile! See what I mean when we call aberration an illusion which we thrust upon ourselves?

I hope this is of use to you. Please do not accept it because I say it might be so; just consider the various points and compare them with your experience. As your processing progresses, you will find your own reality on this subject.

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