

1. Smith four. M-101 - Yea, M-102 - Yea, M-103 - Yea, but see para 2 below.

2. I can't see any real objection to increasing the size of the net, but there should be some way of ensuring that members do communicate. The original suggestion (Smith one) was to give six month's grace, but possibly it might be better to cut this to three or even less? To illustrate this point, I have on my list 16 names (including my own) and, to date, have received communications from six of them, to wit:-

Fortune 1

Ed Calkins 1, 2 and 3

Tullis 1 and 2

Pope 1, 2 and 3

Smith 1, 2, 3 and 4

Kerlin 1

also various private letters which have been answered separately as not coming within the purview of the net. To complete the record, I have launched (with this one) three.

From where I sit, it appears that less than half the net is active and so it might be better to make room for active communicators by dropping the inactive ones after a shorter period than the one of six months originally suggested?

3. On the subject of communication, it appears from Smith three that several people have sent out circulating letters. These seem to me to have several disadvantages; (a) they take an awful long time to get around, (b) when you do get them, you won't have a copy for your file (unless you make one), (c) early recipients will not see the remarks of later commentators so that there bound to be allusions and comments that are not clear to all, (d) by the time they get back to the originator three or four months later, they are apt to be somewhat out of date. Personally, I am all for the broadcast type of communication, it may be a little more trouble, but it will tend to keep the net more in present time as it were.

4. Smith three. "How are we to decide who is and who is not worth salvaging?" A pc not worth salvaging could be one you don't get on with very well or : ... something like that? More seriously, instead of trying to decide whether the person "has all the goods in the shop window", whether there really is something worth salvaging way down inside, would it not be better to concentrate on the material at hand? There is only one preclear you know is worth salvaging and that one is yourself. How much auditing do you do in comparison with the amount of processing that you have had? If you have any ideas about "helping suffering humanity" I don't mind taking the risk of invalidating you by evaluating this as a circuit and saying that the sooner you run it out, the better for you. Which all seems to lead quite naturally onto the subject of self processing -

5. Self Processing. As I see it, the presence of an auditor has a value far above just having someone to ask awkward questions. For one thing, he will stop you going to sleep (I see Ed Calkins (2/7) has the same trouble as myself), he keeps you on the beam and you can run stuff you wouldn't even get a flicker of on your own. By yourself you are likely either to run into the edge of something nasty (there are some very unpleasant incidents on the whole track) and frighten yourself, or you waffle (or go to sleep).

5 (Cont.) Whatever you do, the net result is that you consolidate your own circuits, which are designed to keep these things tucked away nicely out of sight.

I am forced to the conclusion that this ego, this conscious, rational, logic chopping human mind, this "thinking reed" of which we are all so proud is nothing more than a circuit, a synthetic entity constructed out of facsimiles and conformity to the cultural pattern of the MEST universe. And the purpose of this entity is simply to hide the existence of "I" even from "I", and to take responsibilities that "I" will do anything to duck owing to MEST universe conditioning. (On re-reading, I think this paragraph definitely rates HAN).

This is not to say the "ego entity" is not capable of some pretty high grade flights of fancy, or that it is not able to think up some striking aspects of truth ("What is truth?" said jesting Pilate), but these tend to be very much in the abstract. "Physician, heal thyself" is an old saying, isn't it? Can you pull yourself up by the bootstraps? I doubt it, I doubt it.

6. To inflict some personal experience upon you, I have been some three months in coming to terms with Scientology and they have not been the most comfortable ones of my life. Reading "What to Audit" and the Scientology lecture booklets started a process of re-stimulation, then I got a good idea of the Scientology techniques which set me up for a short time. I was co-auditing with a friend here using these techniques and we gradually bogged down, we touched all sorts of incidents, but resolved none of them because we didn't know what we were doing.

I decided that the only way out of this impasse was to have a short intensive from a competent auditor in London, and did this towards the end of last month. For reasons which I need not particularise, but which I think are peculiar to my own case, the benefits from this intensive were confined to gaining a large measure of reality about my own time track and, to me, this degree of "knowingness" has been a great satisfaction. It has enabled me to orientate myself with regard to this universe and to make some plans for the future.

From my own experience I would like to offer to you the advice that you consider your own case the most important one that you have to deal with, to get some competent auditing from someone who knows what the score is and, if possible, to have it intensively. I have discussed this latter point with several people and the general agreement is that a pc can do things in an intensive that he will not normally do in twice the time of ordinary processing at the rate of one or two sessions a week. In some way, he builds up momentum and can do more faster (a pc I know ran more engrams in a 20 minute scan of this lifetime than he had run in 60 hours of previous AP auditing. This was during the last session of a 30 hour intensive after running some 2 ~~two~~ hours of line charge.).

There it is then, find a competent auditor (theta clear if possible), blow a few dollars and get some reality about your own time track. You won't regret it.

7. I have just received a copy of "Scientology:8-8008". This is a mimeographed book of some 60 quarto pages, not particularly well produced and published by the HAS, London @ £1. However, one is inclined to forget the format on reading it. This book has a scope and breadth of vision far above anything that Hubbard has yet written. It is quite definitely on the grand scale and it is difficult for me to give much idea of it without many pages of quotation.

Briefly, the book is laid out on the following plan. First, the beingness of man and theta-MEST theory, a restatement of what has been covered in earlier publications with a development of some ideas about time and 'cycles of action' which introduces the idea of time spirals. Then follows an interpretation of the tone scale in terms of 'Differentiation, Association and Identification'. An important section follows with a detailed discussion of the chart of attitudes (HBFPC), some eleven pages being devoted to the different columns leading to rising scale processing.

The next section is abstracted from 8-80 and covers the minus tone scale and the dichotomies. Then follows postulate processing and S.O.P. issue three with the definitions and seven steps more or less the same as before (partly covered by Ed Calkins 2 and self 2/1-7).

The remaining sections 'General Processing', 'The Anatomy of Space', 'Creation and Destruction', 'Be, Have and Do' lead on to the final section on Creative Processing which is, as I said (2/2-7), the last word on Illusion Processing.

This gives you the bare bones of the book but, as I said, it is not possible to do justice to it without many quotations. I have picked out a few more or less at random.

On truth: "There is no more tragic track than the sordid ransacking of facsimiles to discover TRUTH; for all one discovers is what is true for the MEST universe. This wandering and endless trail is bleak with the bones of lost beingness. Earlier explorers have, almost without exception, destroyed themselves in this search for TRUTH in the MEST universe, for all they discovered was further and further agreement and more and more facsimiles, and all they achieved as individuals were the traps and snake-pits of implants on the whole track.

To stand at last near the heights of discovered beingness has withered the sadness of standing on other men's bitter and, until now, probably unrewarded search. It was necessary to ransack the facsimiles which are themselves one's sole inheritance for travail in the MEST universe, to discover the common denominator of facsimiles and to discover that they were only facsimiles, how they were created and how experience was impressed upon the individual. One might well have the feeling of having narrowly escaped a terrible tragedy when he views the thinness on which he stood to view this brink of oblivion, for it was obviously never intended that anyone should ever recover from participation or even spectatorship in or of the game called MEST universe. Dante's inscription above the portals of Hell might better have been written on the entrance gates to this universe."

7 (Cont.) "The title "Scientology: 8-8008" means the attainment of infinity by the reduction of the MEST universe's apparent infinity to zero and the increase of the zero of one's own universe to an infinity of one's own universe. This road is attained by postulate processing and creative processing."

On I AM - I AM NOT: "On the chart of attitudes which accompanies the Handbook for Preclears, it will be found at 22.0 "I am myself". The only true identity is "myself". It is not a name, it is not a designation. Orders, titles, ranks, praise and enduring fame alike do not bring about the condition "I am" or an actual identity; they bring about instead an identification, with all the liabilities of identification. The finality of identification is 0.0 or lower on the tone scale.

The concept of the infinite mind is not new, but it has always been assigned to another beingness than self. The preclear will be found to be intensely aberrated who has sworn allegiance to some infinite beingness and has then agreed that all space belonged to that beingness, and that the rights of creation and energy belonged to that beingness and did not belong to self. This is a handy and, to the badly aberrated, acceptable way of denying any responsibility for anything. It is also the shortest route toward I AM NOT. Infinite mind is individualistic. All mankind does not depend upon or share a portion of the infinite mind. On the contrary, the highest individualism attainable is the individualism of the infinite mind."

"The commonest plea on the part of the preclear is "Who am I?" He feels that if he could answer this, he would be happy. He then ransacks his facsimiles for all of his past identities on his many spirals and, as these amount to hundreds of millions, he finds no surcease. He succeeds only in damaging himself with the many injuries contained in the facsimiles through which he is searching. He is identifying to the point where he is searching not for the state of I AM, but for WHAT HAVE I BEEN LABELLED? The attainment of the state I AM depends upon one's ability to again be able to create space, energy and objects in and for his own universe, by himself or in co-operation with other thetans, and the rehabilitation of the many additional abilities of the thetan - for the creation of energy is but one of a very large number. Thus the state of I AM is reached through creative processing and postulate processing rather than the processing of MEST universe facsimiles or endless searching with an E-meter to discover what one has been."

But the whole book is quotable. If anyone wishes it, I shall be very glad to send a copy upon receipt of your dollar cheque or other remittance for \$2.80 plus say 10 cents for postage.

Good hunting and new realities!

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