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Letter #2.

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Hi Gang:

Again I find time to kick something into the network. My last letter suggested that a way was needed to start the ball rolling at home and I asked for suggestions and ideas. Some very interesting ideas and suggestions have been received.

From all ideas and suggestions available we have evolved a plan called "Operation Bootstrap". We hope that the presentation is just the beginning of the plan and that it expands and improves as it goes along. We have some ideas that have not yet been included but that will be included later.

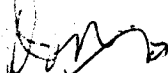
With the passing of each day and the accumulation of each new experience in the auditing room it is becoming more and more apparent that each individual is faced with the problem of lifting himself by his own bootstraps. At some time or other we have each accepted a belief that our service facsimile is a most useful thing in the pursuit of survival and have somehow hidden this belief so that we may use it and at the same time maintain our self-esteem. The service facsimile, itself, may be composed of incidents and data recorded at any or various points on a time track of any or infinite length; frankly, we don't know much about that. But we do know that at some point on the time track of this life we have accepted a belief that we should use this service facsimile if we want to survive, which we undoubtedly do.

There are various techniques that will bring this service facsimile into awareness. We can become aware of how we use the various facets of this total facsimile in our responses to the environment, by working with the various techniques available; and there seem to be literally hundreds of them. But we do not resolve the conflict between our belief and our need for self-esteem in this manner. What we need to do, apparently, is to come to grips with this basic belief, at which time it dissolves as mist before the morning sun. But coming to grips with it depends upon the self-determinism of the individual to come to grips with it by his own efforts. Techniques, alone, will not do it for him. They help a great deal, particularly the technique called Tracking, but in the final analysis, it is the self-determinism of the individual himself which can accomplish the job.

Hence, we feel the need to emphasize "Operation Bootstrap". It is a plan built on the premise that if we are going to make real progress we must each do it himself. So we are attempting to provide a set of conditions that will encourage and assist each individual to do that which he needs to do in order to bring his own self-determinism to bear upon his particular problem.

Here is the plan as it exists to-day. It is much less than perfect, we know, but it is a start. Once you become better acquainted with it as it now exists, you will see ways to improve it. When you do, will you communicate them to me so that they can be passed on to others?

More later



January 14, 1953

I'm really enthused about being a member of this network. I am a staunch believer in ARC, and here is an opportunity to develop a high level of ARC for our mutual good. I hope you don't get mad at me right off the bat and kick me out.

You have had some knowledge of Analytical Procedure. A short history of its development and a synopsis was published in the October issue of the Bulletin.

The second presentation is now complete in manuscript form and is in the process of being published. We should have the finished book by January 28.

I may be somewhat prejudiced but I think this approach is terrific. I highly recommend that you order a copy. There is much in this work that will interest and excite you and you will find a great contrast to Hubbard's Scientology. Excuse the commercial but this An. P. is really good.

Not being a sage or a poet but just a word butcher all I will be able to contribute is just raw meat. Hope you like it.

More later,

Don

