

PROFESSIONAL PROCESSING

"Processing" is the word used in Dianetics and Scientology to describe the activity of the auditor in administering the technology of these sciences to an individual. It is not synonymous with "treatment" any more than one would use "treatment" to describe the activities of a radio repairman in fixing a set.

"Preclear" is the name by which an individual receiving processing is known. The prefix "pre" denotes "in the process of becoming" and the word "clear" is used to denote the final product. "Preclear" is not interchangeable with "patient" because fully eighty percent of those undergoing processing are far from ill – and the word "patient" denotes "a person needing treatment".

The goal of processing is the state of "clear". This is a relative state rather than an absolute state. Because it is relative does not mean that it is not stable. The word "clear" means, essentially, any state higher than the customary state of homo sapiens, so long as that state of higher beingness is stable. "Clear" and "stable" are synonyms in Scientology. The term came originally from that field of electronics which makes and repairs "giant electronic brains". On these machines some unknown and arbitrary factor is sometimes entered by reason of a misconnection or even so small a thing as a drop of solder. One of these brains, at Harvard, made to compute vast astronomical problems, began, one day, to turn out wrong answers. The machine would receive the data for the solution of a problem but would give back an entirely incorrect reply. For several days technicians traced the miles of wire and thousands of connections which comprised the giant brain and finally discovered that one drop of sold had become loose and was "shorting out" the numeral five button on the machine. Numeral five was ALWAYS "on". No matter what problem, then, was fed to the brain, it was multiplied by five. Thus, if one put the problem "one times five" on the brain, the brain said that the answer was "25". If one placed the problem "ten times five" on the machine, it gave forth the answer "250". The machine was obviously "uncleared". It was aberrated. It was "neurotic". Once the drop of solder was out from between the connections, the giant brain again gave the correct answers. In that a purpose of the mind is to perceive and resolve problems relating to living, it can be seen that this analogy holds for human beings as well as for giant brains.

"An aberration", whether it be a fixation, a compulsion, a fear, an inhibition, an obsession, is not unlike the drop of solder which puts an arbitrary number into every problem. A man who, for instance, believes he must always be poor, on test will be found to defeat, in himself, every impulse to be rich. Into every activity of life he injects this arbitrary factor that he must be poor. He does not "know" he is doing this any more than the giant brain knew it was shorting number five. In the human mind this obsession with being poor is found to be a hidden and physically painful experience which adds itself into every decision even vaguely related to it. "An aberration" then could be said to be some arbitrary factor entered into Man which causes him to depart, in the business of living, from an optimum course.

Processing removes these aberrations, these "bits of solder" from the mind of the individual and permits him to resolve his problems and to act in a manner better calculated to con-

trol himself and his environment and to achieve those things which he desires and to avoid those things which he does not desire.

"Chronic somatics" is the name given to physical ills which stem from mental conditions. Some seventy percent of all illness derives from a state of mind. This does not make such ills less painful, it does not even challenge the obvious reality of a crooked limb or blindness. It does not argue that those things which are "all in a man's mind" must therefore be neglected. It does mean that most blindness, deafness, physical derangement, impotence, sterility, cancer and a thousand thousand other undesirable things can and do come about because of "mental blocs". For the mind is sovereign of the body, contrary to long-held belief, and when that sovereign abdicates from some portion of physical controls anarchy ensues. Processing, then, by actual test on thousands of people, has been found, when administered by competent auditors, to resolve without exception such illnesses.

The goal of the auditor, one who listens and computes, when processing a preclear, is to restore the self-determinism of that preclear to a point where the preclear himself takes care of whatever he conceives to be wrong with him. In the course of processing even the most severe aberrations and chronic somatics disappear with few exceptions. This disappearance of obsessions, fears, inhibitions, of aches and pains and physical malfunction is consequent to actual processing but such is the power of these processes that special "treatment" of such things is not undertaken; they simply vanish and, in almost all cases, remain conquered.

Earlier, with the more elementary techniques, the skill and knowledge of the auditor were such critical commodities that, quite often, preclears did not fully recover from their disabilities in many cases. But even with these techniques, techniques which have been superseded by technology greatly superior to them (for L. Ron Hubbard has worked ceaselessly to improve these sciences) seldom failed to at least markedly improve the outlook of the preclear even when they did not vanquish some chronic complaint. The skill demanded of the auditor is now far less and the degree and frequency of complete recovery is now far higher than ever before. Since the issuance of the first book on Dianetics in 1950, however, the skilled, professionally trained auditor, using orthodox techniques, has not failed to resolve any of these aberrations or chronic somatics. Such auditors have and continue to enjoy public repute and distinction in their areas not unlike the respect once accorded miracle-working priests. And this is as it should be for Earth has seen no such miracles as those obtained in Dianetics and Scientology: the blind see again, the lame walk, the hopeless attain again to their goals, and immortality itself is the highest gift of the skilled practitioner. All this is done in the frame of reference of engineering, of very quiet administration by people in business suits; it is noteworthy that it is done without making anyone "believe" or initiating anyone into some sacred mystery or by enforcing new regimens of existence upon the preclear; it is done by restoring his freedom to think and to BE.

AN INTENSIVE "RUN"

A course of processing which occupies ten to thirty hours is known as an "intensive run". Formerly all intensive runs were of thirty hours duration but in some areas they have become less due to the speed of the existing techniques.

A person desiring to become more able (and most preclears at the beginning are more able than the average Homo sapiens) contacts a professional auditor. He may do this either through reference to the auditor by some friend or by the family physician or by calling the HUBBARD ASSOCIATION OF SCIENTOLOGISTS in London (Maida Vale 3558)¹ and asking that the Association give him the name of a professional auditor in his neighborhood. The person so applying and so receiving auditing should be very careful to ascertain if his auditor is properly accredited by the Association (this accrediting is in the possession of the auditor either in the form of a professional membership card or a framed certificate signed by the Association officers and L. Ron Hubbard). This caution should be observed because many people have pretended to be practitioners who were in fact hypnotists or psycho-therapists who, while they had no vaguest notion of orthodox processing, yet were willing to call anything Dianetics or Scientology in order to get a fee; only standard techniques developed or specifically validated by the H.A.S.² are tolerated on the part of H.A.S. professionals. Many people, some of them themselves quite insane and in need of treatment, have represented themselves as practitioners and investigators in the past two and a half years. This is no comment upon the ethics, clarity and sincerity of Dianetics and Scientology; it is a scathing observation of the state of Earth and the "sanity" level of many of its populace. The techniques developed under the H.A.S. are tested on large numbers of people and in the hands of many auditors; "wildcat" and unorthodox techniques have been tested on none and the innocent applicant, no matter what he is told, may be the first guinea pig. H.A.S. recommendations are only to reliable, fully trained auditors. Self processing techniques (see below) are the only substitute for professional processing. This caution is given after long and hard Association experience. It is not given idly. In the present state of aberration, Earth has thrown anything from money-mad capitalists to raving maniacs at Dianetics and Scientology with rumors, with hopes of gain, with "new techniques" with wild recriminations and with death itself.

Having contacted his auditor the preclear usually arranges first his fee and its method of payment. A full intensive run of thirty hours costs, on H.A.S. standards, forty-five guineas³. This is on the rate of three guineas for a two hour session.

The hours of processing may be variously arranged. These depend in a large measure upon the commitments of the auditor who is usually quite busy. The "run" can occupy several weeks in the form of two hour sessions on various days but it is best done in as short a time possible, preferably in one week. There is no real limit on the amount of processing an individual can experience.

There are several conditions which are observed by the auditor in scheduling a preclear. These are listed as follows; they are based upon years of experience and they include all the causes of poor success in an intensive:

1. Too many auditors for one preclear. Changing auditors is antipathetic to results even where the preclear supposes he is doing poorly.

¹ Editor's note: The association's title and the address are not valid anymore.

² Editor's note: H.A.S. Abbreviation of *Hubbard Association of Scientologists* not valid anymore.

³ Editor's note: All the prices given are not valid anymore and can't be translated in today's currency.

2. Failure on the part of the preclear to keep appointments. Usually seated in an unclear effort to avoid getting well – just another aberration.
3. Failure on the part of the preclear to make his environment during processing as pleasant as possible. People close to him whom he might never suspect may desire him to remain as aberrated as possible in the error that he can then be controlled easily; these attempt to undo all that an auditor does. It is sometimes wise to part with such an environment during the course of processing.
4. Working a preclear too late or too soon after a hard day's work. The body is weary and holds back the processing. Further, aberration is more intense and less easily controlled when the preclear is tired and if any preclear is ever to "spin in" during processing it will be due to his being too tired before the session is begun. Such occurrence is, however, too rare for much comment, all auditors tending to observe this rule instinctively. A wise auditor cuts off a session before it progresses into the "small and deadly hours" of the night.
5. Working a preclear who is undernourished. Some preclears "believe that a cup of tea and a sandwich" are adequate fare. When undernourished the preclear recovers from aberration and psycho-somatics in particular much less rapidly than when well fed. A supplementary diet may be recommended. Vitamin B1 in heavy dosage (100 mg per day) is a necessity during processing. Nightmares and other unwanted manifestations are prevented by dosage with B1. This is not medical prescribing; it is announced as a discovered scientific fact.
6. The preclear discovers the auditor will not process exactly what the preclear thinks should be processed. Some preclears insist on advising the auditor. If the preclear knew what was wrong, he wouldn't be aberrated.
7. The auditor evaluates data for the preclear. But no professional will do this, for it is directly contrary to Dianetics.
8. The preclear becomes frightened that the auditor may impart to others some dark secret in the preclear's life. Auditors consider this beyond professional ethics; further, auditors are not interested in specific secrets and may go an entire intensive without learning one single shameful incident about the preclear. Scientology, unlike secret-thirsty psycho-analysis, has no concern with "hidden guilt". It isn't so much what the preclear has done as what has been done to him that is aberrative.
9. The preclear hears about "space opera" or "science fiction" in connection with Scientology or finds something he takes for it in his own past and is too alarmed to continue. As auditors didn't make the preclear's past or the past of Man, this is hardly an invalidation of Scientology.
10. The preclear is taking processing only to "please somebody else" or show them how they have driven the preclear to this. In short, the preclear has no goal of his own to get well or change for the better. But auditors can remedy even this.

The actual auditing is done in quarters provided by the auditor. He may have his office in his own home, even use for it his living room or he may have a formal office. Auditors

vary in this as the whereabouts of the processing has little bearing upon results beyond the fact of quietness, and an auditor chooses quarters mainly with an eye to lack of disturbing influences.

The preclear sits in a chair or lies on a couch. The auditor sits in another chair or at a desk. The preclear receives no drugs or electrical treatment or the laying on of hands. There is no physical contact or manipulation beyond the E-metering done by the auditor.

The auditor uses an E-meter to discover the "added in fives", the "bits of solder" which keep a person from being "clear". An E-meter is a small instrument which puts a tiny and undetectable current through the body, a matter of a millampere, less than that one would receive from a flashlight. The preclear's thoughts vary this tiny current and the auditor reads these variations on a meter. This meter then tells him if he has found any "held-down five". The preclear holds two small cylinders in his hands which he can drop at any time if he chooses (and as a matter of fact, the preclear can stop a session any time he feels he cannot go on) and the auditor completes an assessment of the person.

An "assessment" is not a "diagnosis" in any sense of the word. A "diagnosis" would be a discover of the aches and pains, fears and phobias of the preclear. The auditor is using techniques so fundamental and has such a breadth of human understanding at his command that he does not need this material; he can either see it for himself or he doesn't want it, for it is not used in processing. An assessment discovers abilities and inabilities on a level at which few preclears could understand as applicable to the case; but these abilities and inabilities may surprise him for often he is not aware of his capability or incapability in such lines. The auditor makes a list of these for his own guidance and then starts work.

The auditor then begins processing itself using Standard Operating Procedure, Issue 5. He comes to a step in this procedure which the preclear can do and then applies the technique called for by this action.

The precision of Scientology is based upon hundreds of thousands of hours of investigation and application. That precision does not vary. The difference between one case and another is that one case takes more of the same than another. The length of time necessary in auditing varies by the skill of the auditor and the state of the preclear and this is the only variable.

The preclear will find himself asked to "see" or "move" or "change" various items as called for by the auditor. These things are basically simple.

Processing requires no indoctrination or training from the preclear. While those things which are happening could be understood by him easily if he were to undertake training, the understanding of the preclear does not have a bearing upon processing. The preclear discovers soon that he can do, because of processing, many of the things he always wanted to do and many more besides. He finds himself able to handle people and the physical universe with ease and skill. And, probably the most important thing to him, he has recovered his peace of mind and his power of choice; he can exert his will successfully or not as he may choose. His health is better, his reaction time much faster, his ability to survive greatly increased.

SELF PROCESSING by Standard Operating Procedure and other earlier auditor techniques, after careful study and observation, can be stated to be useless and not only useless

but detrimental to one's own health. Many opinions have been expressed on this subject. Solid research has finally disclosed that there are no exceptions to this rule beyond the single instance of processing out bodily injuries which have just occurred, a thing very easy to do. General self processing is a snare, a trap a person makes for himself and its final result is lowered tone and malaise. One case tested for two years on self processing was found, at the end of that arduous period to be in a greatly worsened condition even though the "best techniques were used upon himself. Twenty-eight other cases similarly tested and observed each one achieved a reduced ability and tone.

The only self processing which works is not self processing but auditing by L. Ron Hubbard through the pages of the book SELF ANALYSIS IN DIANETICS. The book can be used with great success by an individual on himself or upon a group of people. It is based on the latest findings of the science and has a long history of results. It has been said that if all we had was SELF ANALYSIS we would have won over aberration without further knowledge. But even SELF ANALYSIS cannot approach professional auditing. Good auditors use this book as "homework" for their preclears.

RESULTS OF PROCESSING

By reason of being processed in Scientology by a professional auditor, what can a pre-clear expect in terms of ability? And how long will it require.

The able can expect to become more able. The disabled can expect to lead greatly improved lives. The husband can at last handle his wife, the wife can handle her husband. One's fear of life diminishes and confidence replaces it.

Very specifically, the gains may seem incredible or fantastic. The reason for this is that they are.

If one is processed fully to theta clear, a high goal, or theta exterior, an easy one, he can do things which mystics have been trying to do – and failing to do – for thousands of years. Poltergeist is the commonest and easiest one for a full theta clear. But these goals, and there are many of them, are more or less tricks. Still, they are part of the results. It is doubtful if one would want processing just because, afterwards, he could read minds – men thinking what they do.

Theta clearing takes from ten to fifty hours of professional processing, occasionally longer with difficult cases. The goal is plenty and happiness. That should be enough.

THE HUBBARD ASSOCIATION OF SCIENTOLOGISTS

Located at 163 Holland Park Avenue, London W11, the Hubbard Association of Scientologists⁴ exists to train auditors, furnish information and to regulate public and social programs.

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The primary goal of Scientology is security for man of the needs of life in plenty, the eradication of the international insanity called war and a general improvement of human institutions. It is attempting to achieve these goals by public information, lectures, publications and the creation of better human beings.

The organization does not exist for profit. It is not rich nor does it pretend to great property. All it has to offer is knowledge.

The H.A.S. is not and does not expect to be free from error in itself or from irresponsible attacks from without for if its programs win, those who live by hate and scarcity will lose. It confronts the world with the first major revolution in science and Mankind for centuries. The organization is not revolutionary and cautions strongly in favor of a gradual evolution. But Scientology poses the threat of a changed humanity, a world of peace. It is trying to accomplish this in the face of imminent war and a waiting atom bomb. These two things are bitter foes; the hate of Man for Man and a knowledge of Man's mind. Which, will win? The atom bomb or these books? The atom bomb can win only if you, as an individual, have grown so cynical, so impressionable, that you think nothing can be done and that you must mock those who think it can. Scientologists are giving their time and have given their lives in the cause of humanity. They neither want nor need thanks for if we lose this battle, there are no more battles to win.

A year's membership in the H.A.S. is £2-10. Is Earth worth that?

BOOKS AVAILABLE⁵

SCIENTOLOGY 8-8008 by L. Ron Hubbard. The text of the Professional Course. 1953. This is a fast edition which precedes by many months, by perhaps as much as a year, the general trade volume. Contains Standard Operating Procedure No. 3.

SELF ANALYSIS IN DIANETICS by L. Ron Hubbard. This is the specially revised British edition as published in hard covers by Derricke Ridgway in January 9, 1953. It is written for self use, for use in group processing and as "homework" by professionals.

SCIENTOLOGY: A HISTORY OF MAN by L. Ron Hubbard. This is the British edition of "What to Audit", brought up to date. A professional course book.

ELECTROPSYCHOMETRIC AUDITING by L. Ron Hubbard. A short manual for those operating E-meters.

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