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THE DESCENT OF MAN

A LECTURE GIVEN ON 5 JUNE 1955

60 MINUTES

Thank you.

We have today a very, very solemn and sad subject to cover—the descent of man. And in your hands at the moment, as have been passed out by the seminar leaders and others, you have slips of paper. These paper slips come from pads of such charts and these pads are so composed so that an auditor in auditing can keep a very accurate track of his preclear and make notes as to what he is doing with that preclear. The pad you have or the slip of paper you have in your hand is a new chart. I've already discussed this chart, already talked about it, but there you see a graphic representation of the descent of man. But let's take a happier look at it and call it the ascent of man.

Now, we'll take a look at that chart and we will see that a great many values or ideas have been fitted into their consecutive places and we have, in effect, a gradient scale of ability. Now, if you call this anything else but a

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scale of ability you'll be in trouble. Why? Because a person is not insane simply because he hides something. A person is not sick simply because he's trying to protect something. Now, he could get sick in trying to protect something and he could get sick in trying to hide something. But that is not our concern.

That is a chart of ARC. It is the same old chart of ARC that we've been working with for five years which was originated with the writing of the first book and became ARC in July of 1950, which was a long time ago. And we have borrowed the basics of this chart from Dianetics and we are using it in Scientology. And this chart represents the degree that a person can experience—the degree that a person can experience—affinity, reality, and perform communication. Now, that's—is merely a gradient scale. And the values which are on this chart from top to bottom, from bottom to top, are simply a gradient scale of that ARC triangle.

The most fundamental thing you could say about the ARC triangle is that it is impossible—impossible—to communicate in the total absence of an agreement of some kind. No communication is possible without an agreement of some kind. And no agreement is possible unless there is affinity of some kind or type. And no affinity is possible without a communication of some kind.

Now, you see how that works out? Now, did you ever try to talk to somebody that you didn't know, had never seen and didn't know where they were? Well, now that would be trying to communicate in the absence of agreement. At least we have to have an agreement on location before we can communicate.

And now you possibly know of somebody in your past who did you in or you did in and who is out of your life and you'd just rather not think about him. Well now, think of your attitude, your communication attitude about that person. Do you want to talk to that person? Don't want to talk to that person. That's the affinity factor—you don't like that person. That person—nah! So, you have an absence of affinity and you don't have any communication. So every time we drop out a corner of this triangle, we drop out the other two corners. It's just as nice a neat little plan as you ever saw in your life.

The only funny part of it is that it happens to be a very broad highway on the road back to ability. It isn't just a cute datum. It works. And as long as we pay attention to this triangle and as long as we process in connection with this triangle, we then achieve remarkable successes in enhancing and increasing the ability of Homo sapiens. And then increasing the ability of the beingness that he really is.

ARC: affinity, reality and communication. Great deal to be learned from that. If a person knew all the factors involved in affinity, reality and communication he could probably communicate with anything.

Now, there are several little maxims that jump up concerning this. One of the most notable is: When in doubt, communicate. Apparently we're always better to communicate than not to communicate. Because when you stop communicating, you acquire mass on the subject. But if you want to acquire mass, stop communicating. Do you see this? You stand up to a man and you've been discussing things with him and he's rather a violent sort of a man and you all of a sudden say, "I refuse to talk to you anymore," and then just shut up. The next thing you know, you're going to get some mass (snap)—a more violent representation.

But the actuality is, is you'll have a preclear who is sitting there with a huge ridge in front of his face, you know. And you say, "All right. Shut your eyes. Now, what do you see?"

He'll say, "Nothing."

You say, "What do you see?"

And he'll say, "Nothing. Nothing except this blackness."

How did he get it? He didn't get it by starting communication, he got it by stopping it.

Funny part of it is, is you could originate any number of communications and if they just sort of dwindled away, and so on, and there was nothing much left to talk about or talk to, why, there's no liability—you mean your interest is simply off of the subject now, and so on—there's no liability to this at all.

But you start communicating and then stop communication because you have a good reason to stop communication, and you've got a ridge. The best definition I know of for a barrier is something which stops communication. That's a definition of a barrier. A barrier is that which stops communication. Very often an individual is so anxious about communications himself that he gets into this alarming state. He starts to talk to somebody and he feels like he's being throttled or he feels a sudden mass hitting across the mouth. The body is a barrier and it will stop communication. As long as you use it to communicate with, however, it can't stop communication because something is in control of it that isn't stopping communication.

But we find many people in the interesting and obsessive state of *baving* to stop communication. It wouldn't matter who was communicating or about what, they would have to stop communication. And this is simply the dramatization of a barrier. For instance, the dissemination of Scientology finds, in many places and points in the society, people who

simply gibber. And they say they are angry about this or angry about that; or they say, "That's a cult, that's a religion, it's no good, and you shouldn't have anything to do with it." And they go on like this—and that's all very curious, because these people don't know anything about Scientology, you see? This is a fascinating thing. They're talking out of an enormous fund of no data. And as these—they see these communications going out, they see people talking to people interestedly on a subject, they see written material around and they see people getting together and talking together and being friendly, and so forth—and this must stop! And it wouldn't matter if it were Scientology or somebody had simply dreamed up a new way to knit—you'd always find some of these barrier people jumping up and finding something terribly wrong with this new way to knit. They simply have to stop communication.

Now, why do they have to stop communication? They have to stop communication because communication is in progress. Please learn that, if you learn nothing else. They stop communication because a communication is in progress. That is why they stop communication. These people have an obsessive barrierness and the human body, although we don't know anything about the human body and care less, the human body is apparently obsessed in some cases on this subject. It has to stop communication. It's just as though it had a great many automatic barriers that suddenly leap up in the air and get in front of a fellow. This fellow says, "Well, let's see, I think

I will tell her how much I love her," and all of a sudden he can't talk. You know, he'd say, "Tbb!" Now, where the dickens did that come from, you see? Now, how did that come to be? It came to be very simply, indeed. The body just suddenly said gnnk! He thinks, "Now I am going to communicate," and the body goes gnnk! and the body will shut off the communication to the degree that the person wants to-bas tocommunicate. It's very fascinating, you know? I mean, the fellow says—he's trying to say, "The house is on fire." You see immediately what happens.

One time in a—few years ago in a war that everybody fortunately has 5 forgotten, a submarine appeared on my port bow-it just appeared. We'd been hanging over it for some time and it ran up its periscope. The first sign they used to make, they used to throw up a patch of oil and then run the periscope up through the oil so as not to leave any salt scum or anything like that on their periscope lens, you know. So a blob of oil appeared and the fellow who was running the engine room telegraphs on the bridge was the only fellow looking in that direction. And he saw this blob of oil appear and he thought that was strange and interesting. We were going very slowly, we were almost dead in the water, and then right up through this big blob of brown oil on a blue sea comes a periscope susminishbb—and looks around in every direction but at our ship! If it had turned another ninety degrees it would have read the biggest doggone 422 that you'd ever seen, fully magnified for the skipper.

But anyway, the man on the engine room telegraphs is the only person who observed this incident in its various steps. And he stood there... The bridge was absolutely crammed with men because we were at general quarters. But nobody was looking right down there; they were looking out there, you know.

And the fellow on the engine room telegraphs would say, "Tbb." I finally noticed this strange performance and I was all set at this moment, you see, the second I saw this—flank speed and drop a depth charge right—even if it blew our own stern off, that was fine, you see.

And I said, "Kbb!" That was the awfulest mess of noncommunication! It finally came off all right. We dropped a depth charge, and so on, but we were laughing about this for days. Nobody could talk!

Well, what was happening there? We were merely getting the body's—it feels a tension or an urgency and then it shuts off communication. And a person is, after all, using the body's voice, so the body is perfectly capable of doing this. Well now, we get this condition just a little more deteriorated and we get this kind of a thing: a total and continuous mask or screen of some sort and we say to this fellow, "Be three feet back of your head so we can do Route 1 and get you in good shape." And this fellow says, "What are you talking about? I . . . I, I'm not going anyplace." Well, what's happened?

The body's got a barrier here and a barrier here and it's simply shutting off communication.

Now, the cure for it oddly enough is communication, not notcommunication. It is a condition of not-communication but if we continue to validate not-communication, we just get more not-communication. Well, the remedy for it is communication. It's an oddity—although it is not the best solution, it's just a test solution—that when these screens appear around the individual, it is an oddity that just Hellos and Okays to the screen will tear them up and do various things to them. Now, the oddity is that this will not banish the condition, it simply tears up the screen. The reason it won't banish the condition is because the screen is being manufactured by an automaticity which can manufacture more screens. And it can almost, and usually does, manufacture them as fast as the auditor is trying to tear them up. The thing to treat in this respect, if we're trying to exteriorize somebody, is the automaticity which provides the screen. Hellos and Okays to that produces some very interesting results, because you're disabusing something of the idea that communication is bad.

Now the one—there are two crimes in this universe and all crime stems from these two things: to be there and to communicate. Those are the two crimes of this universe—thereness and communicatingness. If you

have any doubts whatsoever about the criminality of communicating, you should realize that the law is powerless to act in the absence of a statement by the criminal. It can only punish if an utterance is made.

The Constitution of the United States has the Fifth Amendment and it tries to remedy this. Now, this man doesn't have to testify. But if you will look over law or if you will talk it over with a lawyer who knows his business, he will tell you that there's only one way to really incriminate anyone: He has to confess. He has to make a statement that he has done it. And as long as you do not make a statement of any kind—that is to say, you haven't prior to an interrogation written your best pal all about it in your own handwriting, you know—if you haven't put out pamphlets saying, "Now, boys, we're going to overthrow the US Government by force," such as the Commies carelessly used to do. (That's a very fine thing for the country that they did it, but nevertheless they had a lot of literature which more or less confessed this and this literature is about all they're hung on.)

Now here we have this condition of punishment only when communication exists. But this can invert too, and somebody who is alive and who is demanding communication can become very furious about not-communication, you see. But punishment is, you might say on a broad line, centered on the subject of communication. If you start

communicating and then stop communicating, you can be punished. Or if you communicate and say, "Well, I did that and that's it," and confess and sign it all up, and so forth, you could also be punished. This universe is very, very heavy on punishment of communication. And this is an oddity, isn't it, since it's a barrier universe.

Why should it punish any variety or state of communication? Because communication is the only way out. To continue an entrapment it is necessary, then, to punish communication or some phase of it—to enforce or inhibit communication. In order to continue a barrier, to continue a trap in existence, you would have to debar communication. So therefore, a universe which operates all too often as a trap resolves—an escapement from that universe occurs—when communication is expertly and knowingly handled. And when it is not well handled, it's punished. Now, therefore we get a fixation in this universe.

Now, thereness is simply a part of communication. It is the creation of 7 a station or a terminal from which one communicates. And that is thereness. So thereness and communicatingness are punishable things by those who desire to entrap. And they are good things to those who have some tolerance for and some desire for freedom.

So, we get the make and break of personality, of beings, above and below a theoretical line. And above this line a person would find nothing

terribly wrong with thereness and he would certainly find nothing wrong with communicating or being communicated to. And above this line he can survive as himself in full knowingness. And below this line we would have an obsession to punish or a feeling that there should be punishment for thereness and communication.

And that line and from there on down is succumb. And you see this marked on those pieces of paper which you're holding in your hand—survive and succumb. What is above that line? A tolerance for thereness and communication. What is below that line? An intolerance for thereness and communication. So you could say that to change the state of any being, whether to increase his intelligence or improve his personality, it would be necessary to improve his consideration, to improve his tolerance of the presence and existence of other things and himself, and to improve his tolerance of communication—so that we would have an improvement of consideration as the common denominator of the ascent to higher levels of ability.

It's quite important for an auditor, somebody studying Scientology, to recognize those fundamentals because there are no more fundamental fundamentals in terms of practice or technique than these things. There are more fundamental data, such as the exact definition and characteristics of the human spirit, the thetan. There is a more fundamental material in

the Axioms which trace the exact considerations which an individual has agreed upon and by which he is living to his detriment.

Now, we see this as a background of agreements. But as a background of practice, as a background of application, thereness and communication are the keys. And the keys which open all doors are simply thereness and communication.

So we have, then, on this pyramid—we have the survival band, and we could say a person is surviving when he could tolerate thereness and communication. We could say to some degree or another he is succumbing when he can no longer tolerate thereness and communication. Now, I won't bother to go into the exact thereness and communication characteristics of control since I don't think it is necessary to. When you start to control something, you have to locate it. And to continue control of it, you have to stop to some degree its communications and yet continue your own, making an imbalance of communication—to the unhappy state—the unhappy state of a jealous man who wishes to continue to communicate with his wife and desires no other man anywhere in the world to communicate with her.

Looks to me like that's one channel of communication open and one billion channels closed. And eventually he will neither know, recognize, sense or experience any pleasure from his wife. She will disappear as far as he's concerned. You know people get into a state finally where people will

simply occlude—they have tried to cut communication to them so many times that they'll see other people on the street and they can recognize their features very clearly, but the person that they've tried to cut communications about consistently starts to get blurry. You see, that's seldom noticed, but you do notice it on a hearing basis. Somebody whose communications have been cut consistently—that is to say, who has had communications cut by somebody else—the somebody else will eventually not hear or pay attention to that person. You know, Mr. A has cut communications to his wife so consistently and so continually that at last he's out of communication with her. And she says, "Dear, do you want coffee or tea for dinner?"

"Nuh?"

Now, how does that condition come about? It comes about through Mr. A's desire to cut her communication lines, one way or the other. Either cut them with the family or ex-boyfriends or his business associates, somebody. There is cut communication going on there all the time and eventually, because the individual is trying to keep one line open and all others closed, he eventually goes deaf himself on the subject. We can notice this quite easily. It's less apparent to us that it also happens in the field of sight.

But it also does happen in the field of sight. His wife buys a new dress. She looks gorgeous. Everybody tells her so. Two months later her husband says to her, "Where did you get the dress?" Now, there is control—individual trying to keep one line open and another line shut or trying to change lines.

And one of the more obsessive things that can happen in communication is the effort to continue to change communication. Somebody says, "Beans" to you, and you say, "Doughnuts"—that's what he said.

And he says, "No, beans."

"Oh, I've got you now—I've got you now—coffee cups."

What's happening here is we're getting a refusal to duplicate—a resistance toward a duplication—and we're getting an obsessive change. Now, control itself consists of start, stop and change. Start, stop and change of thereness—presence, location or even form—thereness; or start, stop and change of communication. And when you think of control, just think of start, stop and change by energy and you have the more—well, the Scientological definition of control, whatever else it might mean—it works that way.

Right out of this, we get a process. We could say to somebody, "Now, what would you like to have changed?"

And the individual says, "Oh, my!" and maybe turns on some terrific automaticity and just sits there and says, "And that and that and that and that and that," you know.

And after this is sort of run down—you've said okay to each one of these—you then say, "Well, what would you like to have remain unchanged?"

(comm lag) "My case."

And we could simply ask these two questions over and over: "What would you like to have changed? What would you like to have remain unchanged?" And we would get a remarkable alteration—some old-time Dianeticist had better perk up his ears right here—in the person's position on the time track. This is the fastest method I know of to change the position of a person on a time track: "What do you want changed? What do you want unchanged? What do you want changed? What do you want unchanged?"

Why? Because time is change.

The change of position of particles in space is time and when we agree upon a uniform rate of change, we have physical universe time. And when we process directly at change and unchange, we process directly at time. It's just as easy as that.

So, looking at that piece of paper you have in your hands, you see 9 there the-right there at that point we have, I think, on that piece of paper-Start, Stop and Change, don't we? That's Change-Stop is the bottom, Start is the top, Change is the middle. You see where that is there, hm? Well now, those three things together mean control. And we could write superimposed over those three lines-Start, Change and Stop-we could write in lighter letters "Control," because that is the mechanism of control. It's a very important button. The reason I'm talking about that button in relationship to this chart is because the only reason people do not exteriorize is because they are upset on the subject of control. And that is the basic primary reason they don't exteriorize.

But let us say that they cannot face straight up to the idea of control, then we have to go south from this very important button and go on down and find out what we've got earlier than that. And we have "responsibility as blame," which is marked on your chart there simply as Responsibility. And that is a lower button. A person believes that to be responsible for anything would be to be blamed for something. If he's responsible for a communication, giving one or receiving one, or responsible for a thereness of any kind, he believes he's in for it. So therefore he wants no responsibility. Yet in an obsessive and unknowing fashion he is actually controlling this thing, and yet he's not even

responsible for it; it's a fantastic condition. And yet the spirit gets into that kind of a condition with the greatest of ease! You see what happens?

Now that whole chart is a scale of knowingness versus unknowingness. If anybody really knew what he was doing anyplace on that chart, he would be free and clear at that level. Now, he may be doing a great many of the upperscale things on an obsessive, compulsive or hidden basis—in other words, he's going on doing these things but he doesn't know he's doing them. So this chart also has this connotation: One has to know where he is on it. It's not what one is doing on it, it's what one knows about on it. He knows he's doing this. And when he knows that he, to a marked degree, recovers his ability to do it and so it no longer troubles him. So he could be controlling something and be down at the level of responsibility. See, he was obsessively, unknowingly controlling something. Well, his knowingness is one step below what he's doing.

He's merely resisting. He knows—he knows very articulately—that he doesn't want to be responsible for things. This he knows. He knows he's doing this. He knows he doesn't want to be to blame. Yet he is—you know, sort of with his left hand in back of his right hand, you know—he's sort of controlling things, somehow or another, but he's not letting himself in on it. But he is letting himself in on the fact that he doesn't like responsibility.

Somebody comes along and says to him: "Well now, we're going to put you in charge of this whole service station."

And he says, "*Nnnyyrrrow!* No, I just want to stand here and put the gas in the cars. The county tax problem and the people coming up and . . . No, huh-uh!"

"I don't want that much communication" is what he's saying. But he knows this, see. He knows he doesn't want the responsibility. What he doesn't know is that he is obsessively controlling in several directions. So, he's at a state of unknowingness about control. He won't exteriorize.

Now, he'd be in pretty good shape, though. He knows exactly where he stands on responsibility. He's going to be a private for the rest of his life. Or obsessively the other way, he's going to run everything for the rest of his life. Both obsessive on responsibility. He knows this, however. He knows he's doing this. He knows—this is quite articulate. But he doesn't know he's controlling things and he won't exteriorize. But that fellow is in good shape.

Let's go a little bit lower and let's get to a level where a great many people reside. They know they can or cannot own and they know about ownership. Their level of knowingness about ownership is very good. They know how you own things. You go down, you put some money down and somebody issues you a deed of title and you drive it off. And

that's how you own something. You go down, you buy a license at the license bureau and marry the girl and you own something else—or you persuade *him* to go down and then you own something else. Meantime saying, of course, that you had nothing to do with it.

Now, this level is not a lightly unimportant level. The level of ownership as represented on that chart right there contains the clue and the key—and Dianeticists again sharpen up your ears—of engram erasure (snap)—like that. It's right there on that Ownership button. Just as the analyst with his large concern about guilt lived in the band of responsibility—guilt, he had guilt feelings, and so forth; that belongs in responsibility. Guilt of blame—other such things. But this "ownership" is apparently so innocent that I never suspected until I suddenly fell across it with a crash that it contains as a button and a level, the guide and key to the erasure of any and all engrams, locks, secondaries or bodies. You heard me, bodies—the erasure of. There's many a preclear who was run in Dianetics, who was not there to erase engrams but to erase his body if he could.

Now, what is an engram? It's a mental image picture containing pain and unconsciousness. And it's pretty darn hard to reach down to the large depths and the deep depths of unconsciousness that some of these pictures contain. A person has a painful experience, something takes a

picture of it and then he has that picture. And Dianetics was a science devoted to the eradication of such pictures and their control, so as to bring about a better physical and mental condition. We found practically anything and everything you wanted to find in these pictures. There's only one trouble with Dianetics—it took a long time. And there was only one criticism that could have been leveled at it—it was too mechanistic.

All right. Here was this thing called an engram. And in the many years which have proceeded since the release of Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health, article after article has appeared in the more popular medical publications, such as the Reader's Digest, which talk about birth traumas, and so on. Well now, actually this was a Freudian idea—basically a Freudian idea—but Freud never got, to be colloquial, the "put-together" of the brain, mind and picture. See, he never got this. But he did understand that there was something like a memory of the womb and of birth. And although he had no method of reaching it, he said that there was some sort of an idea connected with this because he had this as an obvious observation. He'd go into asylums and things like that and he'd see patients curled up in the prenatal position, and he couldn't help but assume that they had some, at least, memory of the womb. And he talked about their desire to return to it, and so forth. There was no desire connected with it. It was simply a picture appeared and says, "There you

are." And the picture had greater reality than the environment and so we had an insane person suddenly curl up in a prenatal position.

Now actually, a Dianetic Auditor in the old days could put any preclear, no matter how sane, through the same positions and attitudes as you'd find in insane asylums. In other words, he could turn on and off insanity practically at will. This was a very interesting thing because a person stopped being afraid of these things happening to him, so he couldn't possibly go insane because of them. The only way a person could go insane is when he is assaulted by some unknown force which suddenly engulfs him to his detriment and terror. And when the force ceases to be unknown and becomes knowable and handleable by the person, well, he says, "So what? So I know about that. So my head feels like it's blowing off. Ha! Engram." This is his attitude. Very close in to truth.

Now, these mental image pictures and the study of these mental image pictures made up the bulk of Dianetics. Of course, there was a lot of philosophy back of Dianetics—a lot of put-together, you might say, connected with it—which was useful and beneficial. There was an organization of knowledge and philosophy back of Dianetics which made Scientology possible.

All right. Where we had these image pictures and wherever we had these image pictures, we had misownership. Incorrect ownership alone

could throw into restimulation an engram, a secondary or a lock. You had to misown the picture before it could become solid or effective. And the moment that you correctly owned it, that you assigned its ownership to the correct thing, the thing that had made it—the moment you did this accurately, you had no picture—bang! Think of it. Nine, twenty-five, fifty hours on a birth. That's a Dianetic Auditor. He'd get rid of it—he'd grind it out, chew it up, put the preclear in control of it one way or the other. But that little button that you have there on that slip of paper—Ownership Processing—goes click, (snap) click, (snap) click, (snap) brrrrt! (snap) That was birth running out.

So, we're getting someplace and I do have something to tell you, don't I? Quite an interesting thing. You know, *The Original Thesis* was written here in Washington. Don't know if you knew that or not. It was written right here in Washington. I used to live down at 1902 R Street—basement apartment. And worked quite a bit on this material. I didn't do any research as such in Washington. I had already worked on patients and people elsewhere. What I was doing here, when I got back here, was adding up and squaring around a tremendous amount of accumulated data trying to find out where it fitted. And the conclusions about engrams and dramatizations and the actions of these engrams were reached down there at 1902 R Street, Northwest.

Now, it was very remarkable for the object which was doing the miscommunication to be isolated. That was remarkable for that to happen—the exact thing which was enforcing these pains and ideas on the person to be isolated. That was quite something. All right. A method by which it could be erased was something else, and I knew that the picture was at fault, and what was about it, but how to handle and get rid of that picture? And we did quite a bit of work on that, an enormous percentage of it very successful work.

And here at a time when we don't even need the information anymore—clear up here in 1955—we have that button on that piece of paper which you hold in your hand. And the way you use that button is simply this: "Get the idea . . . Oh, you got a picture? All right." We have several ways of getting rid of pictures, by the way. We know enough now to get rid of them and get them back. The preclear sometimes loves them. Say, "All right. Now get the idea that—you got a picture? All right. Get the idea that you own it, that your body owns it, that your body's machinery owns it, that your machinery owns it, that your mother owns it, that your father owns it, the doctor owns it, you own it, your body owns it."

And he says, "What picture?" Remarkable! Somewhere along the line you got the right owner!

Now, if you'd gotten the wrong owner too long and said, "Now listen, you understand that picture is really yours. You really made that picture." Now, what do you mean by you? You mean a spirit, that's what it means! And this is why all of this has become so pointed and so necessary to understand. When we say you, we mean a spirit, because Ownership Processing on the most casual preclear doesn't work unless you understand that a person is a thetan.

We say, "Oh, you—this birth. All right. Now, all right. Now, you've got birth there—doctor keeps dropping those drops in your eyes. All right. You keep seeing this all the time. Well, fine, fine. Now, you know you own that picture. Well, just get the idea now that you own the picture. That's fine. Now, all right. Now, let's get the idea that you own the picture. That you did it; that you own it." The eyedropper and the drops and the doctor and the walls of the delivery room will get solid enough to do 8-C on. It's a misownership, and we get solidity by misownership. Anything that is persisting as space and mass must therefore, perforce be misowned. If you get the right owner, it's gone. And that is the primary lie.

And so we take a look at this engram bank. This fellow has birth and 12 eight accidents and the death of his father and his mother and his grandmother and his grandfather and his cousins and his aunts and all of his shipmates. And we take a look at this engram bank with its tonsillectomies

and everything else in it, and we used to say, "Well, five hundred hours, I guess." You wouldn't do that today. You'd say, "All right. Now, what's happened to you in your life?"

The fellow says, "Well, I don't know. I had some bad times, I... grandfather died."

And you'd say, "Okay. Now, do you have a picture of that?"

"Well yes, as a matter of fact I . . . I have a sort of a black hazy thing out here every time I think of my grandfather."

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"All right. Now, let's discover who owns this thing. Now, you get the idea that you own it"—you see a thetan makes pictures too; they're of a different kind. There might be eight or nine of these engrams, all made by different things. "All right. Get the idea your machines own it, your body owns it. All right, that's fine. Now, get the idea that the pictures own it, the reactive bank owns it, that you own it, that your grandfather owns it, your grandmother owns it, your childhood home owns it."

Fellow is waiting for the fireworks. You know and I know that on Grandfather's death, who was the closest ally the fellow had, there's a tremendous grief charge. Where's the grief? *Pfff!* And it never affects the fellow again. Where did it go? Well, it could only affect him to the degree that it was misowned. He would only cry if he had the complete misownership of the picture of Grandfather's death. And if you kept

working at him, making him misown this picture—in other words, say this: "Get the idea that you created it. All right. Get the idea you created it. Now, all right. Now get the idea your grandmother created it. Now you created it. And your grandmother created it."

"Sniff, sniff, sniff, sniff,"

"Now, get the idea you created it."

"Huh. huh."

You see what you'd be doing? You'd be making him assign misownership to it and you would get the grief charge in full. In other words, the picture would become effective! So that Ownership Processing does the fantastic thing of just no effect, no picture. About the easiest slideout you ever heard of.

Now, because an individual does not really object to thereness, he has to inject a certain amount of unknowing ownership—misownership into his life. He has to say, "That's my car." Nah! You notice the car is still there. It's not his car either. He didn't make it.

Now, we have two kinds of ownership then. We have the ownership 13 which would evolve through a lie so as to get a persistence of the object so that you could control it. We've got an object and we can control it, see. Well, there's that kind of ownership and we're accustomed to that kind of ownership. Real, actual, truthful ownership is of a different category. You

only own what you make. Only the maker of the object is its proprietor and owner. If you made the engram, you own it. But if you know you own it, you haven't got it. So that's why there has to be a lie over there in that wall for that wall to continue to exist.

Now, we have several outfits in earlier religions which used to go around and say, "Repent, repent, repent, take the blame, take the blame, be responsible, be responsible"—look right on your chart there. What would they drive these fellows down into, huh? They would hound them and beat them and say, "Guilt, guilt, guilt, blame, blame, blame! Ask somebody's forgiveness." And the fellow would sink right down into misownership and all of his engrams would go into restimulation and they had him trapped. (snap) That kind of thing, if you wanted to call it religion, would make you sick and has made people sick. Why? Because you've told somebody to take on himself the reason for the creation of all of his difficulties. You've said to him, "Now look, you take the blame and then you'll be free." No, it didn't work that way. You take the blame and it'll all get solid, because he made some things and other things around him made some things. You see this? There were different authorships of incidents.

There are people right here right now that still, maybe, are grieving to some degree about some incident like a marital separation or the loss of a child or something like this, that find that persistent with them, who

are saying to themselves, "If I just could admit that I really did it." Or, you know "I really realized to a large degree that it's my fault. (sigh)" And it doesn't go away. They're trying to accept the responsibility. They're trying to accept the blame for this incident and they didn't do it! Somebody else did.

Full responsibility contains the willingness to let somebody else be responsible, too.

Now, any malcondition which is persisting is being misowned. It may be that the person did it and is saying somebody else did it and has a picture, then, which is misowned. He's saying, "I didn't run the car into the tree. I didn't run the car into the tree. The actuality is she was talking so much and so hard, she distracted me so much that the car ran into the tree and I didn't do it. I didn't do that." And they've got the accident right there all the time. They ran the car into the tree and they made the picture. Just like that. And they're shoving the blame off on somebody else so it persists. But equally they have other things which they're saying, "I did it. I was a nag, I was a bum, I should have lived better. I did it." And the thing is persisting. And they didn't do it. Their wife went bad or their husband left them from other causes than their own action and behavior. And this person is accepting all of the responsibility for some other person having

done something terrible or dreadful and is feeling bad about it when the actuality is they had nothing to do with it!

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Now similarly, the spirit says, "Look at all the trouble I've gotten this body into. *Daaah!*" And that body has gone down a genetic line and in this Ownership Processing you get a fantastically clear disentanglement of who is what and where and you just see it—the easiest, fastest thing you ever looked at. This thetan is saying, "Well, I've made a bum out of this body. That's all there is to it. I made it sick. It must be because I want it to be sick that it is sick and it goes on being sick." The thetan didn't do it. He's saying he did it and it persists. Obviously, he didn't do it. That's all the evidence you need.

You audit him on Ownership Processing and you simply ask him this:

"All right. Now, get the idea that you created all your difficulties, the body created all your difficulties, that you created all your difficulties."

And he says, "When I say I created all my difficulties, you know I get these great big heavy black masses around here."

And you say, "Well, get the idea that your body did it."

"Yeah, they're lighter."

"All right. Now get the idea your body machinery did it."

"Oh, they're much lighter!"

"All right. Now, get the idea that your body did it."

Why aren't we saying you did it anymore? Because he didn't. The most that he did would be to take a picture of the difficulty which had already been done, which would just be a light interest picture. So you'd hit it sooner or later and clear up that light interest picture. But his body was doing things without his consultation and without letting him in on any of it.

Now similarly, we have people around who are saying, "This body has just troubled me and troubled me and troubled me! I hate it! Look how sick it is! Look what it's doing to me!" It's persisting, isn't it? A condition is persisting. Nah!

You better have the thetan say, "All right. Now, get the idea your body did it. Now, get the idea you did it—that you created all this difficulty."

"Oh no, it doesn't seem very acceptable to me."

"Well, get the idea."

"Oh, I get the idea—I can just say it."

And very shortly the body is well.

It's a fantastic button, that Ownership button. It contains the answer to the riddles of Dianetics, as well as the answer to the riddles of why this

universe is here. I'll talk to you about that later. But now do you think we've brought something to this congress?

Audience: Yes.



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Well now, we were talking on and 2 on about this here chart. I hope you've still got a copy of this chart.

Audience: Yes, sir.

Told you something about ownership. This is lecture number nine. I'm going to tell some more about this chart and some more about these various buttons. Let me go in for a moment of review here. This is a chart of communication and thereness, of goals—succumb or survive, of knowingness or unknowingness.

Now, you understand a person could be on that chart all the way to the top unknowingly. It's a good thing to understand, see. He's not cut off on this chart. He doesn't go down this chart, you see, and only stay at

this level. He's on that chart unknowingly all the way down to the point where he's on the chart knowingly.

And this today we say in processing the preclear, "Find his reality level." In other words, find out what he knows he's doing. That's an interesting thing, that we've got to find what he knows he's doing.

Now, all the way up from there, he's doing everything else, one way or another, to some degree or another. I never saw people hide so enthusiastically in my life. But he doesn't know he's doing these things.

And so we have the basic definition of *Scientology*, which is "the science of knowing how to know," very, very thoroughly obeyed on this chart, see? Scale of knowingness.

Now, as you look at your preclear and plot a preclear on this chart, you're actually scaling all the way down on what he doesn't know, down to the point where he does know something. Now he knows something, and that's his reality, and then we can expand that reality.

And here is the oddity about this chart. Once we have found his level of knowingness and we have started to expand it, he will then, uniformly and rather routinely, give us the next step up.

This chart, then, is not a piece of guesswork which was picked out of the blue while sitting on a mount. Maybe it was that, too. But it did

occur—it did occur—that preclears in processing did demonstrate these various things.

Now, a staff auditor of the HASI, while I was still in Phoenix, was giving a report one day. And this was the first time that she had used this chart, and she said, "You know, the funniest thing has happened. I ran the preclear on Hide, and they started to talk about protecting. And I ran him on Protecting, and started to talk about owning. And ran him on Owning, and he talked about being responsible. And ran him on Responsibility, started talking about control. And after we got all through discussing control, we got into the subject of death." She says, "This is very strange."

Well, the old Dianeticist, in erasing an engram, would watch a person come up Tone Scale, up the Emotional Scale; that's the upper scale. Well now, as these processes are actually attaining some agreement with the reality of the preclear, we're finding where the lower scale is. And the person comes up the lower scale just as they used to come up the Emotional Scale.

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So you run the process long enough—you could go on and run the process flat if you wanted to, until there was no comm lag of any character in it, but somewhere before you accomplished that, the person would start talking about the next button. They don't know this chart.

They never read it. They're not looking over your shoulder, they're dead in their head. And here we have this person telling us about this chart. Now, that seems to me to be, then, a good prediction mechanism if our people start telling us what we're doing.

Matter of fact, an auditor in England many years ago was very startled, extremely startled, to have a preclear he exteriorized and ran through what existed then—more or less the equivalent of modern-day Route 1—this preclear starts telling him about the whole track. And might as well have been talking straight out of the pages of What to Audit (or A History of Man, as it's known in Great Britain), and started telling him all about this and added some new ones. Filled in some blanks. And this auditor was very edified. Made proper and immediate notes, and came over and told me about the blanks.

There was a college way back down the track, seems like. A thetan used to get outside of a huge bank of energy—unformed gases, planets to be, and so forth—and he'd hang off the edge of this, you know, for a million years or so, because he didn't want to go into it until it solidified enough to give him something to fool around with. And people just didn't seem to know—thetans just didn't seem to know—that they could be anyplace else with any ease. So this fellow, this preclear, was telling

his auditor all about this college that used to operate back there to teach thetans to *be* somewhere else instead of moving somewhere else.

Of course, this borders over into Para-Scientology. But here is an auditor, here is an auditor being taught about Scientology or taught about some phenomena by the preclear.

Another auditor—and many auditors had this experience—fellow sits back and says, "Yeah, yeah, yeah," and then imparts one of the Axioms to the auditor. Completely uncoached preclear, you see, imparts an Axiom to the auditor and says, "Well now, that's the way it is."

Well now, this chart has this similar characteristic. If you're going down a track of truth, you certainly are going to have preclears coming up with the data which you have in your hands. That's why you've got the data in your hands.

So, in this chart you start to run people, and they'll come upscale. Now, by the way, they sometimes do it in jumps. You know, the harmonics of the scale. They start doing it in jumps. They'll skip and apparently go fairly high on the scale, only to be found lower on the scale—the funny harmonic characteristic that Hide has all other buttons in it; so does Protect have all other buttons in it, you see, sort of squashed down. So these buttons will release, one by one. The person is apparently going upscale much faster than they're going upscale.

The test is the cognition of the preclear. Now, by cognition—we process today more by cognition than anyplace else. Where does the preclear alert to the fact that something is occurring, or that he knows something? That's cognition—he recognizes it. But we're not asking him to recognite; we're merely asking him to cognite. Because we're more interested in creating human ability than we are reviewing what the guy was once. By the way, did you ever run a preclear who "had been"? It's a much safer thing just to run him to "will be." All right.

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Where we look over the chart there, we got down and discussed ownership. Now let's go a little bit further south, and find another button that is apparently a button very germane to, and is the lower harmonic of, Control. And that button is Protect. You see Protect right down there.

All right. Protect comes about through an inability to move, but an ability to screen. See? Unable to move, but able to screen. We can't move this object, but we can put some barriers around it. We can't control it or predict it, but we can put some barriers around it.

Very often we do this with children. Child is running around in circles and going this way and that way, and so forth, and we just simply put a bar across the front door or something so they can't run out in the

street. We're not controlling the child, but we are protecting the child. So, that's the lower harmonic—the sort of "give up" on control. All right.

And we drop below that and we get to what is marked there as the bottom button, which is Hide. Now, what is a person who is thoroughly interiorized doing but hiding?

Here's the primary thing that in those lower buttons of this chart is—become quite interesting—is the mechanism of punishment.

Was talking to you yesterday about the fact that if people are enthusiastic, there must be a reason for them to be enthusiastic. Well, if a person is being punished, there must be a reason why he's being punished.

Now, this is where aberration sets in, and we're more into the field of psychotherapy than we are in the field of Scientology when we're talking about punishment and guilt and making somebody well and getting them over a bunch of wrongs, and so forth.

But let's look at this oddity that if a person is struck, he feels he has 5 done something. Now, look at that as a mechanism. If he's struck, he feels he's done something.

A person walks up to him, they're not even acquainted, all of a sudden the other guy hits him. He feels he did something. He's being punished, therefore he must be guilty. If he's being that thoroughly

punished, then he must have done something. And he'll get into this state of mind: "I wonder what I did?"

We run into somebody with a car, we injure him, we break his leg, dislocate his back, leave him in a hospital for a few weeks and get him out. This person after a while—no articulation, you see; it's just a sort of an obsessive whir-whir-figure-figure, you know—"You know, I must have been an awfully bad boy."

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When they go too far along this line, just out of nothing more than maybe an automobile crash or something, they're liable to start telling you, "You know, I have the definite feeling that I must have murdered somebody when I was nine or ten." See, they're trying to find out of what they're guilty. And you're looking right there at the whole root of psychotherapy, which is why we don't pay any attention to psychotherapy anymore. If the person is struck, if he is punished, if he is occasioned loss, he then supposes that he must have done something to justify it. And he does this obsessively. He doesn't rationalize it at all. He feels, very certainly, that he did something. And so he goes around wondering about the crimes of childhood. He goes around wondering and worrying about all the bad things he did when he was young.

Why is he doing this? Because he was punished. But maybe there was no intention to punish of any kind in the blow he received. Maybe it

was simply a car, somebody left its brake off and it ran down the hill and it hit him. It didn't even have a driver. And then without articulating it even to himself, as time goes on, he will begin to consider that he has done something. Might not happen right away—it just follows that if he was punished, he must have been guilty.

The public itself assumes this immediately that anybody is jailed or sued or anything of the sort, they assume, "Well, the fellow must be guilty of something." This is not true at all. Not true.

We take a city, it's—Rotterdam. The entire business area of Rotterdam 6 was bombed out by the "Fuftwaffe" or whatever they called it, just because they bombed it out. Hitler was running loose all of a sudden and having a fine time, and these boys didn't have anything else to bomb, so they bombed Rotterdam. A conviction continued to exist in Rotterdam that it had done something to the German Reich. It hadn't done anything to the German nation, it had tried to stay in good diplomatic relations. And there was a great deal of recrimination amongst its leading citizens as to who had betrayed Rotterdam. Some bombs fell on it, so something must have happened to cause the bombs.

And we're right back to what I was talking about: "There must be a reason." And man, and the spirit, being very handy at posing and resolving problems, can dream himself up a reason. But that isn't the right reason,

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so he'll dream himself up another reason. But that isn't the right reason, so he'll dream himself up another reason.

You know what the end product is? There being no right reason, no reason dreamed up will fit. And we get figure-fi

And what I'm just talking to you about is one of the reasons why psychotherapy has such a terrible time trying to advance or get anyplace or do anything for people. Because they're looking at these reasons, you know? Figure there must be a reason—there must be a reason for this, must be a reason for that. And we get dear old Dr. Freud, sitting there listening hour after hour, week after week, month after month, hoping that sooner or later the patient will suddenly turn up a satisfactory reason. And continuing fully in a belief that sooner or later the patient will. And they don't.

But what is this tremendous conviction that the patient is going to remember something which will then relieve some sort of a condition? It's because it happens every now and then that if a fellow communicates long enough and often enough or with enough, he will experience a greater freedom. Do you see that if the psychotherapist had

always said "Okay" and "Yeah," and so on—in other words, if he'd gone into a province which belongs more germanely to the Scientologist, and if he'd kept the patient in communication on a two-way communication basis—something inevitably, in every case, would have happened.

An auditor in Scientology can talk to somebody, and—if that person 7 would talk back—and get a considerable resurgence of case.

Let me tell you one of the cute tricks that a staff auditor does now, we dreamed up in Phoenix. We have a big assessment. We ask all kinds of questions of the preclear, for the very, very brief early part of an intensive. And we just ask these questions, ask these questions, and we get the preclear to talk.

And we have another sheet of paper. We give it to the preclear for him to fill out on the auditor, which contains a lot of pertinent, germane questions the preclear might be worrying about. But we're not interested in whether or not the patient is worrying about these questions. All we want to do is have him originate a series of questions to the auditor. In other words, get a two-way communication going.

If we checked that up very carefully and right after that was done, we'd find out that some change had already taken place in the case without the rest of the intensive continuing. It's not that a one-way flow of communication is going to damage anybody particularly, but it is that

by two-way communication we certainly resolve an awful lot of difficulties.

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So where the analyst consistently looked at this "there must be a reason" and waited for some adequate explanation to occur, he was looking at an effect, or a phenomenon which was not germane to any recovery the patient was going to make. The patient would have made the recovery as a consequence of having somebody interested in him, and talking. The patient never had to discover any reason about anything.

But we do a little bit different thing than this—did a little bit different thing than this (quite different in Dianetics, world of difference)—where we had a process known as Straightwire. We were actually straightwiring out the impacts and talking about the various knocks and pounds of life. We were putting the person into communication with his past on a wholesale scale. And it, of course, in terms of impacts, pain, unconsciousness, and so forth, would then tend to disintegrate. See, we were putting the person in contact with his past, and he was, in other words, introducing communication into his past. And we had just in that all by itself, a very superior psychotherapy, if that's what we have. All right.

Let me tell you just briefly here an interjection—not particularly germane to what I'm saying, but this is an interjection. One process that exists in Scientology which is a cousin to that old Straightwire process,

and which is modern Straightwire Processing. We get the person to recall with a picture, and then say Hello and Okay to the picture until it disappears, and then make the person get the picture back, and then say Hello and Okay to it till it disappears.

In other words, "Do you remember anything about your father?"

The fellow says, "Oh, yes."

You say, "Have you got a picture?"

The fellow says, "Yeah. Come to think about it, there is a picture of my father there."

You say, "All right. Tell it hello. Now have it tell you okay. Now have it say hello to you. Now you say okay to it. How is the picture?"

"Well, it's gone."

"Oh, get it back."

And we finally make him recover it and throw it away—and blow it away with communication, recover it and blow it away with communication, until he can get rid of his pictures with postulates. Commands. Just like that.

You say, "Have a picture of your father appear." Bang. "Have it disappear." Bang. "Have it disappear."

"Have a picture of birth appear." Bang. "Have a picture of birth disappear." Bang.

In other words, we just work him upscale on a gradient scale using communication, until we've restored his confidence in being able to handle his mental images.

But in view of the fact that we're not treating his mind or brain, it's not psychotherapy. It's a spiritual exercise—couldn't be anything else. And the reason it couldn't be anything else is because if you tried to get his brain to do this, you'd be working yet.

Now, here we have a condition of "there must be a reason." An occurrence has occurred, therefore there must have been something which caused its occurrence. And this method of thinking tears apart more thetans than you could easily put back together again.

What does he do, this thetan? Something happens. He himself feels impervious and all-powerful, so he says, "I must have had something to do with this originally."

Then they get him shoved downscale and they finally start saying to him, "Heh! All right, go ahead and say you're responsible for it. Go ahead and say you caused the accident. That's fine. You're in jail. All right. Now everything is going to go easy with you, bud. All you have to

do is really tell us what happened, we'll help you out and we'll give you a break. That's right. Just sign right there. That's right, thirty years."

After a while he says, "You know, this game backfires. I'm going to stop communicating all this stuff, although I know I'm guilty." Is he?

He's guilty of one thing—a spirit is guilty of just one thing—of being alive. So the obvious cure for this is to be dead. And so he goes downscale.

All right. Let's pick it up there at what is marked the bottom of that, and we get Hide. Now, the boys last night were proposing that there is another button below Hide. I agree with this. Known about this button for quite a while—and that's Waiting.

If your preclear can't get any reality on hiding, he can certainly get a reality that he's waiting. And what have many of your preclears been doing as they sat there in the auditing chair? They're waiting. We used to have a process on this. So this button Waitingness probably belongs below Hidingness. So we get development even now.

We have, on this whole scale, a successive series of reasons why the thetan is not exteriorized or able to control the body or objects while outside. We get a series of reasons why, and those series of reasons why are *the* reasons closer to the reason why than other reasons.

Now he's made a postulate—that's why it's become a reason. For some reason or other, the agreements of this universe cause him to make this series of postulates which go right straight on down from Serenity clear on to the bottom, to Hide.

If a person is punished and punished and punished—there's no reason for it, see—he's just punished. He's punished, he's hit, he's run into, meteors collide with him, he gets shot, he gets drafted—all kinds of cataclysms occur—and he decides that somebody or something is after him, that there must be a reason why he's being punished and therefore he's guilty, and his final conclusion is that he must hide.

Well, after that all he could do was wait, of course. What if you couldn't hide anywhere or anything? Well, you'd wait for something to happen or . . . it's all that you could do. So we pick up the preclear at his level of reality.

Now let's look at the side scale, and we find what we've called for a long time the Know to Mystery Scale at right angles to the Tone Scale proper. Now, actually these two scales are not an exact mesh, and they are somewhat duplicative. But they become very, very easy to plot. And you can plot your preclear there.

He refuses to know anything about hiding—negative knowingness about hiding. He doesn't want to know a thing about hiding. And that