6403C17 SHSpec-11 The Road to Perfection

LRH has had a gamble on time going since January of 1963. The question was, "Could he complete the job before the roof fell in?" He neglected organizations and scientologists until February of 1964, in order to research full time. MSH caught the brunt of it. August marked the point at which he found out that it could be done. The materials were there. From then, until January of 1964, the material was labelled, codified, and put together, so that it could be communicated.

At the same time, a bridge had to be created from the man on the street up to a reach for the upper levels, one that would be real to the man on the street. That was a more difficult operation. A person has to be walked forward with wins at every step that are real to the person, so that he will keep going forward and not get discouraged. Some PCs, in fact most PCs, cannot have a win that amounts to anything at all. The tiniest of wins is all that would be tolerable to such a person. At apathy, there is a low acceptance level of a win, e.g. "Nothing terrible happened to me today," would be the highest acceptable level of win to such a person. So you may have to rehabilitate the PCs ability to have a win, too. For this reason, it is more difficult to get someone from Level 0 to Level IV than to get him from Level V on up. He has no certainty yet. It is easier to climb Mont Blanc with an experienced mountaineer than it is to climb a foothill with a girl in a tight dress and spike heels.

There is a political problem, in that we are faced with a world that is getting more and more pessimistic and bent on giving people no wins. The acceptance level of win dwindles away to practically nothing. Anyway, LRH did the job in time, so now he is working out organization, classification, etc. Basic auditing has been put into good condition. It has been rough, but it has made seasoned individuals. Things don't have to be smooth, if they are certain.

Giving someone a gradient series of wins can be interfered with by his having minor ARC breaks and stopping auditing for awhile. Or, there is someone who is "open-minded". A win isn't available, and you get discouraged and give up. Seeing that no win is available, you don't create one. Dissemination hangs up on this one point -- the available win. You write off someone if you see no win available. But that is monitored by your acceptance level of a win. You have to be able to accept a level of win that is so low that it is real to the public person. The scale of win is a gradient scale. It is important to anyone trying to get somewhere with scientology. It has two sides: an outward win of assisting someone and an inward win of being assisted. It is a win for someone if he assists and a lose if he fails to assist, based on his intention to assist. If an auditor helps a PC and the PC doesn't recognize the change, in order to feel good about it, the auditor must have a certainty of observation that requires no agreement from the PC that something has been done. You have to be able to see and be certain of having seen a win in a PC whose acceptance of wins is so low that he doesn't know that he has had one. Your certainty level has got to be high. That is an almost impossible level to attain, but if you don't attain it, you will go into agreement with the PC on acceptability of wins.

Comfort, a relaxed frame of mind, and some serenity about things, requires that you know the exact situation and know that it is the exact situation. True self-confidence and poise, as opposed to the ability to endure or suffer, depends on the ability to conceive the truth of any situation. Knowing the truth of the existing situation is the only thing that supports self-confidence. Most departures from the truth come about as an effort to attain safety and self-security, from a fear of what might happen to him. Man's civilization forces lies on him at many points, by making telling the truth uncomfortable or even fatal. It promulgates the idea that "if you said nothing but the truth for 24 hours, you would lose everything.... But if one fails to announce truth, one is, to that degree, protecting a lie." At this point, a person begins to surround himself with lies. So society brings the individual to tolerate lies. It sees virtue in lies. It aids lies. Recognition of the truth is therefore converted into enduring, the truth. This is a downscale mockery of an upscale item.

Recognition of the truth in a situation is the only way to as-is the situation. However, one can be confronted with so much truth that one cannot as-is it, and one gets swamped by it. This

discourages a person from recognizing truth, also. It leads to a not-is of truth. It is a lack of gradient that brings a person away from recognition of truth and makes him less clear-sighted. There is no gradient, and you've got to have one. Time enters into it, since it is part of a gradient. For instance the French Revolution was the result of ramming in a couple of major truths too fast. Political freedom is OK. People could be educated to advantage. But there was no gradient, so the French people ended up more debased after the revolution than before. The truth of the situation wasn't gradiently recognized or approached. There was no evolution from darkness to dazzle.

The "True Believer" has no real reality with the truth that he espouses. Truth requires reality, which is the ability to assimilate truth. If someone reaches with no gradient, with no reality, they wind up with no reality on truth. It is not ever assimilated. Assimilation depends on cause-distance-effect, on communication, and on an even balance of mind (affinity), while assimilating. Truth without ARC is denied to the individual and can wrong and harm him. Truth must go hand in glove with understanding. If there is no understanding, truth is not truth to anyone. It is just truth. All truths are attainable. Transcendentalism, the notion that the truth transcends our ability to understand, is a lot of baloney. There is no point in studying the route to truth if you don't know what the truth is. Studying the truth when one has no idea of what the truth is, when one has no idea of what one is looking for, is like looking for Memphis without having any idea that there are any towns called Memphis, or even that there are any towns. It is an idiotic activity: "Let's all sit down and study how we can get to GMPSXGRTZ." And then nobody ever asks, "What is GMPSXGRTZ? What do you mean, 'how to get there'? Is it a road across space? Is it measured by time? Is it a space-time journey that we are making? What kind of a journey is this, to GMPSXGRTZ???" The answer is, "Well, no.... Let's just discuss how to get to GMPSXGRTZ."!! The above totally bogs down philosophy. Kant "solved" it by saying that you could never find out what GMPSMGRTZ is. He cut off speculation. The work of all current gurus, adepts, and of Lao Tze, etc., is all concerned with how you approach truth, with no idea of what truth is. This is ridiculous!

LRH performed the flatworm experiment in 1938, and found that memory was transferable in a monocell. LRH points out that current experimenters in the area will quit soon, because their results will shortly get bizarre enough, as with the advent of past lives in the Wichita Foundation, so that their appropriations will be cut off, since their researches will be too unreal to their money sources.

We are in an optimum condition, with regard to knowing what truth we are trying to approach, since we can demonstrate by exteriorization a separation between the person and the body. We know that we are going towards the free individual. We know [that our road to truth is] the creation of such an individual. We know that there is no difference in orders of life between a man and a vegetable. We know what truth we are trying to attain. Everybody has some sympathetic harmonic with that truth. What is their reaction to it? It depends on their reality on the approach to this truth. We know that life is right there where the PC is sitting, so to get to truth, "a journey across time and space" is not really required. The journey consists of undoing the lies by which the person has walled himself in. All we have to do to recover the individual and his ability is to undo the turns for the worse that he has taken. We are traveling a road that has been followed, only backwards: the Way, the Tao, whatever. We know what it is. "It is the road that the individual has followed from a degree of perfection and beingness and selfness ... on down to a disintegration, forgettingness, bluntingness, until he's in the state you find him in.... All the auditor has to do is walk him back that road. It's all there; it's all metermarked." We are taking each lie in turn that landmarked a further degradation and undoing it. We are recovering the individual and his potential.

So the road to truth adds up to:

1. The individual's potential.

- 2. The situations in which the person's potential got lessened, and what has happened to this individual.
- 3. How this individual is related to the rest of the universe.
- 4. What we can do to restore the potential of that person. That is all part of the truth. "Truth, from the viewpoint of the auditor, is what actually happened, or the situation that actually exists at any moment in the state of beingness of an individual." It is not "the ultimate that we are seeking to attain". It is not something transcendental. Truth is "that which exists." The road to truth might be better called the road to perfection or to an ultimate truth. Truth is "usually all hedged up in so many 'pitches' and so many directions that people want you to go, so many curves on the line, that you can't separate the wheat from the chaff."

We know where we are going and how to get there, what it takes but "we have not mastered an estimation of the individual's ability to conceive of truth." You may be talking to a grocer about scientology, but actually "you are talking to him about the road to perfection ... the composition of himself.... Who are you? What do you consist of? What potentials [do] you have? What potentials ... have you robbed yourself of? Where are you going? What is life? What is your relationship ... on any dynamic? You may be using the word, 'scientology', but these are the things you have embarked upon to discuss. And the unanswered question is, 'What can he recognize?'" We need to master the estimation of a person's ability to assimilate truth. It is not hard to overwhump someone with a big chunk of truth, e.g. by exteriorizing him. You have had the experience of exteriorizing someone and then having him say, "Omigawd: I'm me and it's it:!", and then, "two hours later, "What exteriorization? I wasn't exteriorized! Well, possibly something happened, but I don't know.' You've shot [the guy] momentarily into the rarefied air of [being able to] see it, ... but he couldn't have it. So you can show people things they can't have, and [that's] how you generate an unreality."

If we had no gradient between wog and OT, we would soon get very unreal to everybody but ourselves. You can show people things they can't have, thus generating an unreality. The common denominator here is "hit with too much truth, the individual degrades. You hit this [guy], he exteriorizes, "Bang!" He says, 'I'm me! I'm a spirit! I don't have mass. A body is a body! I'm different than it!' Two hours later, he's harder to process." His ability to win has been exceeded, and he has lost. It puts you on a withhold not to lay the truth before people. So, lay out the truth, "but provide the road ... by having levels of acceptable truths or realities that an individual can attain.... Establish and rehabilitate his ability to win, ... so that, eventually, ... he can have truth, and that way, you won't just throw [the person] into a complete, frothing, ecstatic, worshipping apathy." [This is the condition of the True Believer.]

In the past, when people got some truth, they built up secrecy about it. But the route must exist and must be wide open, not cloaked in secrecy. Training and skill do have to be there, but there is no other effort at secrecy. The main point is to provide a gradient scale to get people up to a higher reality. The route must exist, wide open, even if 100% of the people don't travel it.