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GRADIENT SCALE

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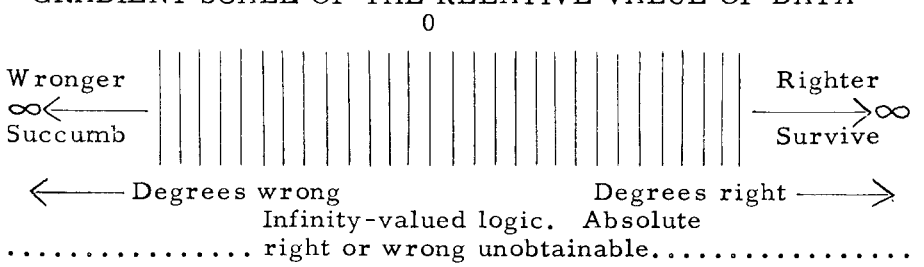
IN DIANETICS [AND SCIENTOLOGY], THERE IS A NEW WAY of thinking about things which underlies a great deal of its technology. Instead of two-valued logic or three-valued logic we have infinity-valued logic. Here is a gradient scale which permits no absolute at either end. In other words there is not an absolute right and an absolute wrong, just as there is no absolute stillness and no absolute motion. Of course, it is one of the tenets of Dianetics that absolutes are not attainable but only approachable. Thus we have gradient scales. Death is approached by degrees, in terms of failures, being wrong, accumulated sicknesses and accidents. An accendency upward toward life is an accumulation of minor successes which lead to higher and higher levels of survival, successes in organism growth and perfection and in education and in attaining goals.

EVOLUTION OF LOGIC



Single-valued logic.	Two-valued logic.	Three-valued logic.
Will of God.	Right, Wrong,	Right, Wrong, Maybe.
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	Aristotelian.	Engineering logic.

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Gradient Scales are the tool of infinity-valued logic. Terms like good and bad, alive and dead, right and wrong are used only in conjunction with gradient scales. On the scale of right and wrong, everything above zero or center would be more and more right, approaching an infinite rightness, and everything below zero or center would be more and more wrong, approaching an infinite wrongness. The gradient scale is a way of thinking about the universe which approximates the actual conditions of the universe more closely than any other existing logical method.

(From SCIENCE OF SURVIVAL **By L. RON HUBBARD**

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Behind the Scenes at a Scientology Congress

It is 1:00 o'clock, the lights lower and the curtain goes up: Ron walks on the stage and the Congress begins..... that is, it has begun for the audience. For the Staff here at the Central Organization the Congress begins many months before that curtain goes up at 1 o'clock - at least as far as preparation goes. Maybe you Congress goers would like a peek behind the scenes at a Congress.

The very first step in preparing a Congress takes place shortly after the preceding Congress. The staff here has a Congress meeting right after a Congress to bring to view any flubs (such as the slide projector not working right, as happened in the last Congress), and to decide what to do to forstall a repeat of it at the next Congress. We also discuss ways and means of improving the smoothness and services at the next Congress. The next step which takes place shortly after that is Ron's. He announces to the staff the title and dates of the next Congress.

And so then the staff here goes to work on it. The very first thing to do is to let you know about it. This is done by letters, Ability Magazine and other mailings. In the very first announcement of the State of Man Congress coming up on January 2nd next, the typist made an error which no one caught, and called it the Spirit of Man Congress. However, as we don't let typists name Congresses (it is Ron's priviledge), the name of the forthcoming Congress is still the State of Man Congress.

Starting about two and a half months before a Congress the staff goes to work in earnest. Appointments are made to the various posts that you see us busy with at the Congress, and all Congress "hats" are totally reviewed and revised wherever we see that we can give better service with more efficiency (and thank you for your very good suggestions, you Congress goers.)

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The next step is that Committee meetings take place and the drilling in just exactly what-to-do-when takes place. One of the most interesting of these is the seminar drills. All seminar leaders, assistants and anyone who does anything on a seminar are thoroughly trained and drilled through and through from setting up seminar flags, through helping you through the drill, to putting the chairs back in place for the next lecture. And all on a precisely timed schedule.

While all this is going on here, the materials to be used at the Congress are procured and assembled for transport. Everything used at a Congress has to be taken to the Shoreham. Any little thing forgotten can lead to a major type emergency if it isn't at the right place at the right time. For instance, one Congress the heavy drawing pencil that Ron uses on the big tablet on the stage was forgotten and this was discovered in the intermission just prior to the lecture when he wanted to use it. Believe me, there was some scurrying. Someone did a super job of dodging traffic in getting over to the Academy to get it and got back there just before the curtain went up. The staff breathed a hugh sigh of relief. The audience didn't know.

As the time for the Congress grows closer, we get more and more excited about it. The big excitement is when the first Congress attendee arrives. That news travels fast around the staff. Then more people arrive. We keep getting the word that so-and-so has just come in. It gets pretty hard to stay on post. It would be much more fun to go up to the Communication Center and talk to people.

Finally it is the morning of the day the Congress begins. Generally we have been able to transport the books, posters, forms and other things used at the Congress the night before, including all the end-of-Congress party materials (except refreshments). But when we arrive at the Shoreham, the job of putting everything in order - putting the posters up, the books on display, the stage materials in place, etc. - this job has to be done by 1 p.m. The first thing is to get the Registration tables set up so we can get you registered and your seminar assignments made quickly. We know you want to get around and see all your friends that you probably haven't seen since the last Congress. While the registering is taking place in the lobby, the rest of the staff are busy preparing the booths in the auditorium.

Finally the lights blink and everyone has taken their seats Expectancy is in the air. Like I said, it is 1 o'clock..... the lights lower and the curtain goes up: Ron walks on the stage and the Congress begins.

By the way, at this point - and during all lectures - the staff becomes audience, too. We are as anxious to hear what Ron has to say as you are!

Marilynn Routsong, CONGRESS MANAGER

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A Scientology Congress is like a circus. Behind the smooth operation and precise timing of a Congress there is all the precision of plan in the bustle and flurry of activity that there is in the setting up of a Big Top. Every Staff Member knows his part in the total production of a Congress and every Staff Member has his "Congress Hat". (A "hat" is a complete write-up of the purpose and function of a post in the Organization. A "hat" enables a Staff Member to act creatively and on his own self-determinism on his own post and yet carry it forward within the purpose of the whole Organization.)

At Congress time each Staff Member puts on his special hat or hats---Congress Manager, Congress Supervisor, the hats that man the Congress registration line or the Congress information booths. There's the Master-at-Arms and assistants at the door; there's a team on stage to handle stage arrangements, lighting, etc. There's Nursery-in-Charge and the Public Relations booth. There are the hats of Seminar Leaders and Seminar Assistants. Even, or I should say, especially, L. Ron Hubbard puts on his Congress Lecturer hat.

All this behind-the-scenes organization and planning has been done to enable you, the Congress-goer, to get all you have come to expect from attendance at a Scientology Congress. You know that the Lectures, Seminars and other events will begin and end on schedule. You know that you will be able to obtain answers to questions about training, processing, memberships and any other matters you have been wanting data on at the information booths set up for this purpose. You know that you will be able to buy any books you wish to add to your Scientology book shelves or stocks of books to use for dissemination in your area at the Distribution Center booth, which is always a completely equipped Scientology Bookstore transplanted to the Congress scene.

At a Scientology Congress you see old friends you have met at earlier Congresses or attended courses with. You make new friends among the livest people on the face of this planet, people who've come from all over this hemisphere and some from abroad. Communication--that we have plenty of, high-quality two-way communication. Some Scientologists still live in areas where there are few other Scientologists to communicate with--and they do make up for lost time at a Congress. The Congress party is held at the end of the Congress and tops off all the socializing part in fine style.

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Elanore Eddy, ABILITY Editor

CONGRESS PROGRAM

January 2, 1960			January 3, 1960		
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Opening Lecture	1:00 p.m.	to 2:00 p.m.	Intermission	10:30 a.m.	to 11:00 a.m.
Intermission	2:00 p.m.	to 2:30 p.m.	Seminar	11:00 a.m.	to 12:00 noon
Lecture Two	2:30 p.m.	to 3:30 p.m.	Lunch	12:00 noon	to 1:00 p.m.
Intermission	3:30 p.m.	to 4:00 p.m.	Lecture Four	1:00 p.m.	to 2:00 p.m.
Lecture Three	4:00 p.m.	to 5:00 p.m.	Intermission	2:00 p.m.	to 2:30 p.m.
Dinner	5:00 p.m.	to 7:00 p.m.	Lecture Five	2:30 p.m.	to 3:30 p.m.
Seminar	7:00 p.m.	to 8:00 p.m.	Intermission	3:30 p.m.	to 4:00 p.m.
Intermission	8:00 p.m.	to 8:30 p.m.	Lecture Six	4:00 p.m.	to 5:00 p.m.
Seminar	8:30 p.m.	to 9:30 p.m.	Dinner	5:00 p.m.	to 9:00 p.m.
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