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The hardest task one can have is to continue to love one's fellows despite all reasons he should not.

And the true sign of sanity and greatness is to so continue.

For the one who can achieve this, there is abundant hope. For those who cannot, there is only sorrow, hatred and despair, and these are not the things of which greatness or sanity or happiness are made.

A primary trap is to succumb to invitations to hate. There are those who appoint one their executioners. Sometimes for the sake of the safety of others, it is necessary to act, but it is not necessary also to hate them.

To do one's task without becoming furious at others who seek to prevent one is a mark of greatness - and sanity. And only then can one be happy.

Seeking to achieve any single desirable quality in life is a noble thing. The one most difficult and most necessary to achieve is to love one's fellows despite all invitations to do otherwise.

If there is any saintly quality, it is not to forgive. "Forgiveness" is a much lower level action and is rather censorious.

True greatness merely refuses to change in the face of bad actions against one - and a truly great person loves his fellows because he understands them.

After all, they are all in the same trap. Some are oblivious of it, some have gone mad because of it, some act like those who betrayed them. But all, all are in the same trap - the generals, the street sweepers, the presidents, the insane. They act the way they do because they are all subject to the same cruel pressures of this universe.

Some of us are subject to those pressures and still go on doing our jobs. Others have long since succumbed and rave and torture and strut like the demented souls they are.

To re-save some of them is a dangerous undertaking. Were you to approach many ruling heads in the world and offer to set them free (as only a Scientologist can) they would go beserk, cry up their private police and generally cause unpleasantness. Indeed, one did - he was later assasinated by no desire of ours but because of the incompetence of his own fellows about him. He could have used

Scientology. Instead, he promptly tried to shoot it down by ordering raids and various beserk actions on Scientology organizations. That he was then shot had nothing to do with us, but only demonstrated how incompetent and how mortal he really was.

As we become stronger, we can be completely openhanded with our help. Until we do, we can at least understand the one fact that greatness does not stem from savage wars or being known. It stems from being true to one's own decency, from going on helping others whatever they do or think or say and despite all savage acts against one; to persevere without changing one's basic attitude toward Man.

A fully trained Scientologist is in a far better position to understand than a partly trained one. For the Scientologist who really knows is able not only to retain confidence in himself and what he can do, but also can understand why others do what they do and so knowing, does not become baffled or dismayed by small defeats. To that degree, true greatness depends on total wisdom. They act as they do because they are what they are - trapped beings, crushed beneath an intolerable burden. And if they have gone mad for it and command the devastation of whole nations in errors of explanation, still one can understand why and can understand as well the extent of their madness. Why should one change and begin to hate just because others have lost themselves and their own destinies are too cruel for them to face.

Justice, mercy, forgiveness, all are unimportant beside the ability not to change because of provocation or demands to do so.

One must act, one must preserve order and decency, but one need not hate or seek vengeance.

It is true that beings are frail and commit wrongs. Man is basically good but can act badly.

He only acts badly when his acts done for order and the safety of others are done with hatred. Or when his disciplines are founded only upon safety for himself regardless of all others; or worse, when he acts only out of a taste for cruelty.

To preserve no order at all is an insane act. One need only look at the possessions and environment of the insane to realise this. The able keep good order.

When cruelty in the name of discipline dominates a race, that race has been taught to hate. And that race is doomed.

The real lesson is to learn to love.

He who would walk scatheless through his day must learn this.

Never use what is done to one as a basis for hatred. Never desire revenge.

It requires real strength to love Man. And to love him despite all invitations to do otherwise, all provocations and all reasons why one

should not.

Happiness and strength endure only in the absence of hate. To hate alone is the road to disaster. To love is the road to strength. To love in spite of all is the secret of greatness. And may very well be the greatest secret in this universe.



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ACCEPTANCE LEVEL: The degree of a person's willingness to accept people or things freely.

ALTITUDE: The prestige which anyone has in the eyes of another.

BEINGNESS: The assumption or choosing of a category of identity. Examples of beingness would be one's own name, one's profession, one's physical characteristics. TO GRANT BEINGNESS means to permit or allow other people to have beingness.

COGNITION: A new realization of life. It results in a higher degree of awareness and consequently a greater ability to succeed with one's endeavors in life.

COURAGE: The theta (energy peculiar to life) force necessary to overcome obstacles in surviving.

GRADIENT: A gradual approach to something, taken step by step, level by level, each step or level being, of itself, easily surmountable, so that, finally, quite complicated and difficult activities or high states of being can be achieved with relative ease. This principle is applied to both Scientology processing and training.

LEVEL OF AWARENESS: That of which a being is aware.

LIVING: Having and following a purpose. (Only if an individual has a purpose toward which he works, can he be said to be truly alive, rather than just existing.)

MIND: A control system between the thetan (the person himself - that which is aware of being aware) and the physical universe. The mind is not the brain.

POSTULATE: (verb) To conclude, decide or resolve a problem or to set a pattern for the future or to nullify a pattern of the past.

RESPONSIBILITY: The ability and willingness to be cause (person who produces an effect). To accept responsibility for something is to accept that one operated as cause in the matter. It should be clearly distinguished from such lower level considerations as blame or praise which include the further evaluation of the goodness or badness of the thing caused.

SANITY: The ability to evaluate importances in life.

SCIENTOLOGY: An applied philosophy dealing with the study of knowledge, which, through the application of its technology can bring about desireable changes in the conditions of life. (Taken from the Latin word SCIO - knowing in the fullest sense of the word, and the Greek word LOGOS - to study.)

TONE: Any level of survival or state of being plotted on the Hubbard Chart of Human Evaluation.

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