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ESCAPE

by

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Well, I've been working now for a lot of years to bring Dianetics and Scientology up to a point of super-magic.

It was easy to get them up to magic. In a world where no results, aside from accidentals, had been the order of things, it was simple to create magic. A cloying illness resolved, a fast heal of a broken limb, a recovery from fixations and obsessions, it was easy to repair these. That was simple magic.

And time and again I've told you "this is better" and it's been true and auditing worked better.

But what were we really looking for?

We knew all of us that we were in a sort of trap called physical universe. And although it was all right to say we'd gotten in ourselves and that it was each man's fault, it is nevertheless true that it was a trap complicated by innumerable traps.

It was all right to say that it was "natural" for man to kill deer. But that wasn't making it any easier on the deer.

It was all right to recover enough data to know that dying wasn't fatal but still men died and dying often hurts.

By no actual consent of our own we are torn from our friends and possessions and crushed into new lives. But just

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because we understood it made it no less arbitrary, no less painful. Just because we could better understand the trap made it no less a trap.

I've heard people say, "I don't know what I ever would have done if you hadn't come along, Ron." All right, why should somebody like me have to come along if all the world is right and the universe an expression of deep love.

We curse at man-made hells. We spot cause in villainies uncountable. Yet, think now, what are we doing in a universe in which hells are possible.

Sure, maybe you even asked to come here. But deep in pain and shock, shadowed by your own forgetting, why puzzle now if this Universe is a good place.

You wouldn't say a lion's cage is a good place for a child. Nor would you jeer at and accuse a child who unwittingly stumbled into a lion's cage. What is the cage doing there in the first place for a child to fall into?

Let's be sane. We can rationalize this universe, we can explain complaints, we can blame the inmates but is it not true that we came unwitting into it?

What do we really want out of Dianetics and Scientology? What could I really give you that you want.

Escape.

Is there anything wrong with escape? Is a man mad who seeks to leave a fire that chars him, a mass that crushes him, a world that laughs at his dreams and scolds him for his stupidity?

Escape.

Why not escape?

Why not let a few others escape. After all, we're not all only ones. We can feel and we can cry.

Tell me why Christianity won so well. Wasn't it because of promised escape?

Tell me why Buddhism won so sweepingly. Because it promised escape.

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MUST NATIONALISM GO?

Invented as recently as Napoleonic times, Nationalism, has lately come into question as a way of thinking.

On the radio, in newspapers, in polite company people are wondering whether "nationalism," so rabble-roused by Garibaldi and others, hadn't better go before we all go -- assisted by an atomic war.

Invented originally to get a peasant to confuse his farm land with all the land of the state, nationalism has meant for man, they say, nothing but war.

If we are to survive the tempers of politicians, it would seem that their favorite weapon of nationalism should be removed, so say these people.

Only if National boundaries continue to exist, say some authorities, can atomic bombs cross them to do us in.

Actually nationalism as a public idea, is rather dead in Europe. The American public seems to be following suits.

States still have their teeth. Anti-nationalist sentiment might very well draw them before this millenia is out.

Are you a nationalist or an Internationalist. Or neither. Myself, I prefer the third category of "neither". I'm just me and I have an aversion to being fried.

Napoleon, Garibaldi, Hitler and Mussolini rather unpopularized nationalism. Stalin and his successors have all but finished off Internationalism - and the BROTHERHOOD OF COMMISSARS.

It's time for a new look. Read Book 3, Chapter X, pages 404-8 of Dianetics, the Modern Science of Mental Health again. Maybe it's time for humanity to have a stab at it.

Tom Esterbrook

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Well, why not escape. If the great religions of all time became great on the promise of escape, we must assume that a lot of people want out and that there's something wrong with in.

This universe is a breaker of bones, a defiler of deeds, a mocker of gallantry and peace. I can say this with equanimity. I don't have to get emotional or even personal about it.

A spirit seeks to advance, to improve. Each way is blocked. This universe knows only how to decay.

Is there a way out?

Yes there is.

We have it in Scientology now. I have found it and charted it. I know exactly how to open the gate.

For whom. Ah yes, that's the news. We used to say -- "if your case is in good shape" or "if you really want to". Of course you want to. But it didn't require magic to open the gate. It required a super-magic to let our friends go free.

For seven years or less you have believed in me. You saw enough to know two things: (a) that I was sincere and would continue to work on it and (b) that a progress line existed which improved.

All right. What has been done? The auditing skills have been created which led an auditor up to this.

What has been done? In the lower steps of CCH we can rescue the people lowest down, even the unconscious people.

I told the 18th ACC -- "I am through researching south. All further HGC researches will consist of going North." I went North faster than I had thought I would. I have now taught the auditors in Washington and the Academy instructors how to go all the way north.

All the way.

I know why you're here and the fast way out. I have taught auditing skill to Academy students and the 18th ACC. I've taught all the way north to the HGC auditors.

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IN THERE AN EXPERT OUT THERE?

We're not the most assisted organization on earth, you know.

H.A.S.I. LONDON DOING FINE

The Hubbard Association of Scientologists International office in London is doing wonderfully well these days.

It is ably headed by John Sidney Parkhouse, D.Scn., Secretary for Great Britain. It occupies two buildings, 35 and 37 Fitzroy Street, London West One. These quarters were secured through the assistance of Reg Sharpe, head of Telesurance in London.

Ron and Sue started the London office on September 24, 1952, just five years ago. That is also the birthday of their daughter, golden-headed little Diana Hubbard who was on that date born in London at 30 Marlborough Place. Diana, with British and American citizenship, is a symbol of the London office.

For five successful years Scientology has flourished in Great Britain. Starting modestly at first, it has kept going upward, steadily and honestly, proving that Scientology offices do not always change around in a country.

In 1955 Ron and Jack Parkhouse began its present upward climb. Their labors in organization have had many trevails but Scientology has won all the way. Helped by such people as Rosina Mann, John Northwood, Rhona Swinburne, and many fine others, Scientology has come into a high level of respect in Great Britain.

The only real fault with the HASI office in London is that it is hurricane busy.

Recently John Fudge, D.Scn., was loaned to HASI London by the U. S. office to assist and raise training standards at the Academy London.

L. Ron Hubbard, Jr., is there at this writing as Technical Director.

The London office is a wonderful triumph of Scientology. The British auditors are great people and have been called "the best auditors in Scientology." The British auditor is now coming to grips with Validation and with Nibs (LRH Jr.) and John Fudge "on deck" is taking CCH in his stride.

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Ron has been criticized for spending so much time in England at the expense of U. S. organizational advances. But Ron is very fond of British Scientologists and they of him. London HASI shows the signs of so much attention. Ron has now been in the U. S. for a year, working extremely hard on U. S. organization. The U. S. is beginning to show the results of this. Things like good quarters, successful Academy training, alert people are getting as usual in Washington as they became last year in England.

Scientology today is an Empire. HASI offices exist on each of the five continents. With the U. S. and London offices secure and doing well, the others are now coming up smoothly.

We are winning everywhere. Don't join us if you can't have a win. It's a far cry from 42 Aberdeen Road, Elizabeth, New Jersey. Seven years of wins.

Frank Turnbull, D. Scn., recent gold seal graduate of the 18th ACC and the first Scientologist in New Zealand, has now been placed in full charge of the H. A. S. I. activities in New Zealand, Australia and Oceania -- a big section of the world. Dr. Turnbull, working directly under Dr. Parkhouse in London, is aligning all operations of Scientology in his area. These are many -- Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Auckland and other cities. Each has had an office for years.

Respected and well-liked, Dr. Turnbull is wished every success.

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