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Ability

"Offbeat" Processing

by L. Ron Hubbard

Experimental auditing has its place. Indeed, we got where we are because of experimental processes. Every process was once experimental.

BUT when you want results you had better use standard techniques and procedures. After all, I have sweated through their testing for years and we now KNOW what will ease or clear a preclear.

Most clearing "failures" are caused by use of non-standard techniques and procedures. Also, such failures can be caused by ignorance. An auditor thinks he is using standard material. He isn't sufficiently trained to know.

Such an auditor who has had failure, should take a leaf from New Zealand. Frank Turnbull wasn't getting the results he wanted way "down under". So he grabbed a plane and came half way around the world for a two-day briefing. Frank was right. They weren't using techniques properly -- and their old style E-meters weren't even working and they didn't know it.

Now if a smart, clever auditor like Turnbull can doubt his command of the subject, I am sure other auditors would experience no disgrace in following through and getting squared around. For clearing is easy if you know how.

Such stories as an auditor who "clears his pcs each week" are more tragic than funny. And rather costly to luckless pcs.

Some auditors don't understand "What is a Clear" and get confused with their own cases -- but that doesn't mean a Clear doesn't have a precise definition, an exact and distinct beingness -- and very worth while, as any clear can assure you.

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Perhaps the saddest case of experimental auditing to come to my attention was the case of a young man whose wife was depressed. She was making such difficulty in the family that he could not work. He had had training as an auditor but felt he could not help her. He had no money for auditing from a professional.

I reviewed the case and asked him why he did not at least try to help her, and recommended he use standard auditing and procedures. This he did with adequate results and his efforts succeeded very well so that he was able to resume his work, his wife sharing his responsibilities.

And then it seemed to him that he might go a bit further faster. That is the usual stumbling block -- anxiety to do it all at once.

But preclears cannot do it all at once and the thoroughly experimental approach he used, born out of his own basic lack of reality, was not successful. He "audited" his wife down - ward into a condition almost as low as she had been in before, thus cancelling over two-thirds of his gain.

Now none denies his right to undo what he had done to help her, but his intention was to help her swiftly and spectacularly. Had he read his PABs he would have found as of three years ago a mention of his "discovery" as an unworkable approach, in defiance of the principles which make Scientology function.

Once more he had to quit his job and his wife has lost confidence in his willingness to assist her.

Fortunately, another auditor has now volunteered to assist -- and he will use standard, proven, tested techniques and procedures.

You see, there is a thing called Scientology. It has axioms. It has principles. It has the goal of empowering a thetan to overcome his own problems. This standard Scientology we don't change every day. The uninformed, not knowing that a standard exists see in each new release a new subject. So they say, "Why don't I experiment on my pcs?" And they experiment with the standard background, not with a further reach of old, tried, principles.

Without a guiding central organization Scientology would fall into an anarchy of opinions in a week for there are too many who can go through the motions of auditing who do not know their basics. They think a new thing, Scientology, is an experimental thing. It is not. The basics are inflexible and have been for years.

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"Fortress in the Sky", by L. Ron Hubbard (the first article recommending Moon bases) in AIR TRAILS, May 1947, was circulated to pertinent government agencies and Edson's office in Nov. 1957 and evidently inspired the following Army press release which uses most of Ron's data. So we really are three feet back of the society's head. Previous to our re-circulation of "Fortress in the Sky" the Army, and Congress, advised by von Braun and Teller, were all set to let the Russians build the first moon base -- a somewhat fatal omission which we have remedied.

Edson's Forecast:

ROCKET TO REACH MOON IN MONTHS, MAN TO FOLLOW IN '60s, BASE DUE IN '75.

By James Carberry, Staff Reporter

A top Army scientist predicted yesterday the United States will fire a rocket to the moon within months, put a man on the moon in the early 1960s, set up a base there about 1975.

"Am I'm scared pink I'm being overly pessimistic," said James B. Edson, assistant director of research and development for Army Secretary Wilber M. Brucker. Edson addressed a Civitan Club luncheon in the Mayflower.

Both the United States and Russia are presently capable of shooting a rocket on the 4-day, 240,000-mile trip to the moon, said Edson. "The race," he said, "will be close."

Asked after his talk what is holding up the U.S. shoot, Edson answered:

"Sometimes to get a thing developed you have to give the scientists, say, $10 million and be willing to wait a year. This has not always been understood."

Whichever country controls the moon, Edson told the group, will be able to strike any place on earth with armed rockets without much fear of retaliation. Hitting the earth from the moon is much easier than going from earth to the moon, he explained.

He said one reason is that the moon's low gravitational pull (about 1/6 that of the earth) permits even relatively weak rockets to make the trip.

A second reason is that on the moon visibility is always perfect because there is no atmosphere, which permits better aiming of a missile.

"Whoever holds the moon," Edson concluded, "literally has got the jump on earth. With this power, a single nation controlling the moon might be able to end all terrestial wars."

Edson hinted after his talk that the first rocket fired at the moon may never actually set down there.

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"If the rocket hits the moon and explodes it may appear to people on earth to be a warlike act," he said.

"But if the rocket goes up and circles the moon -- maybe taking some pictures -- and returns here, that would be something different."

The Army scientist was asked what next?

"Mars," he replied. "we might get a rocket there within a decade."

In the March issue of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, Edson predicted military and commercial competition for lunar possession by 1968-73. He also anticipates the first manned expedition to Mars during this period.

Edson is highly pessimistic about the prospects for world peace.

"The prevention of exclusive lunar occupation by another power may some day be a major objective of U. S. foreign policy," Edson wrote.

The article speculates that the moon might become an agreed area of conflict for the settlement of power disputes in order to avoid damage to the opposing sides, the winner emerging in a position to impose his will upon the earth.

The Army researcher expresses the fear that the human race may be exterminated, but says, somewhat hopefully, that once the planets begin to be populated with human colonies, the destruction of mankind on any single planet will be like the loss, in earlier times, of a city or a culture -- a tragedy, but not the end of everything.

Edson is a physicist whose specialty is rocket research and astronautics. He has been with the Army since 1945 and was appointed assistant research director in 1957.

Edson predicts in his article, "Astronautics and the Future," that surveillance of the earth by satellites will begin within the next year or two.

The world soon will be forever nakedly innocent of secrecy and privacy, he states, for satellites with optical and electronic eyes will be able to watch, in some detail, all the shipbuilding, industrial and military activities of the world.

Edson speculates that the first permanent lunar base will begin in a cave or fissure that will provide protection from hot

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