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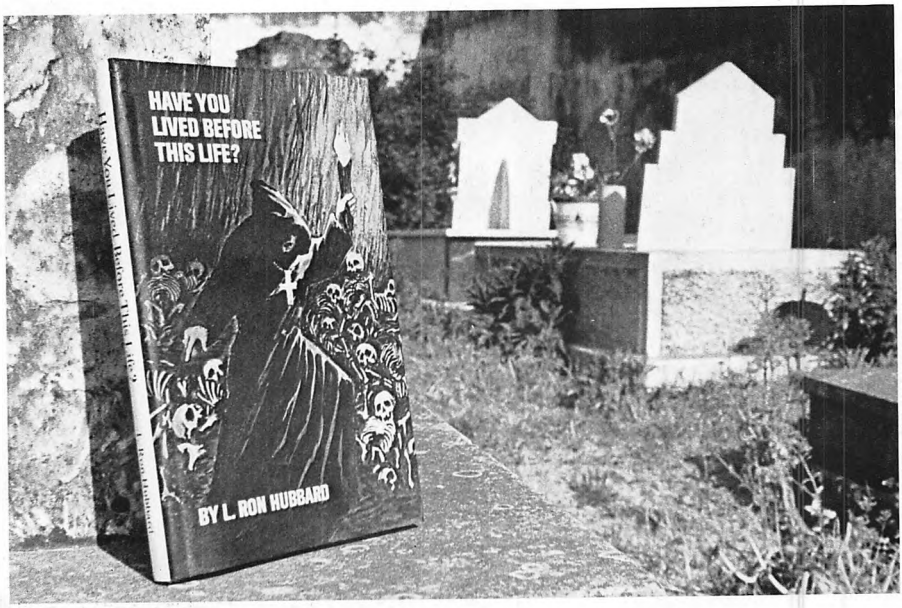


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To the Reader

The great bugaboo in today's world no longer appears to be the A-bomb or even the H-bomb. The great bugaboo is, apparently, the E-bomb. E-bomb? Yes, E for Economics.

It's a far more efficient and sophisticated weapon. In place of wholesale destruction it seeks to undermine free exchange and dominate all economic choices–in short, create a 1984!

Economics just means "the social science which studies the production, distribution and consumption (use) of commodities (things) or services."

In a sane society economics is understood and one and all can prosper. In an aberrated society "black economics" is used instead to make a power grab to control the whole exchange system which of course is the key to the control of the society itself. Spiralling inflation, oppressive taxes, increasing controls, are all symptoms of black economics. It gets harder to live and make one's way in life as the counter-forces and duress increase. That's the result of "black economics".

So how does an individual handle this? Is there a way?

Recently in one major country a survey was done which asked Scientologists "In light of increasing economic duress what do you think is the

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Letters to the Editor

Letters from Advance! Mag readers are welcomed and as many as possible will be published monthly. You can express your views on the articles and any other features of the Mag as well as on other subjects of interest to Clears and OTs.

I want to thank you for putting out such a fantastic Mag.

A few weeks ago I had just about finished paying for my OT Package, but I had so many cycles of action left to finish that I didn't know when I was ever going to get to AOLA.

Your Mag gave me the boost I needed to really get rolling and to start to get these things completed. I'm sure I will be Clear and OT by June.

I would like to be added to your mailing list and receive issues 13 and 16 if possible.

Larry Polak
Houston, Texas

Larry, you've been added to the mailing list and issues 13 and 16 are on their way. The Ed.

I really enjoyed issue 15. It's a great job you are doing. Keep it up.

I haven't received any issues since that one. Would you please make sure I'm on your list for future issues. Would appreciate any past issues if they are available also.

Chuck Daniels
Los Angeles, California

You've been added to the mailing list and been sent back issues of 13, 14 and 16, Chuck. The Ed.

Please put me on your mailing list for Advance! I love reading it, but I don't always have the chance to borrow someone else's copy. I agree with your other readers that Advance! is by far the best magazine put out by Scientologists, in fact, it's tremendous.

Even the advertisements are worth reading. I'm not Clear or OT or even a release YET, but I enjoy reading the OT phenomena. However, I do think the magazine would be too high a gradient for most public, though I'm sure the other mags could take some hints from it. The main difference which sets it above the other magazines, seems to me to be the useful and relevant information in ads, the exact reference to data by other writers; even having a list of the people producing it helps to know who to write letters to! This, added to the variety and content of coverage of items makes Advance! really great reading.

Isabelle Griffith
Swaythirg, Southhampton
England

In filling in the attached form [Advance! Mag Survey No. 4] I rather feel as if I were being asked to advise Leonardo how he could improve the Mona Lisa!

Advance! is just wonderful, it is vital, the top magazine on this planet.

I am very glad that you are not restricting it to 'Clears' and 'O.T.s'. It has a very positive message for me too. To me it says, "Those hopes, those very secret dreams you hardly dare to hope for, they can be realised at Advanced Org."

The stories on helping disembodied thetans were an enormous help to me. It has been pretty real to me for a long time that close friends who have lost their bodies visit me, usually soon after the funeral. With a sort of, "Can you with that Scientology stuff tell me what to do now?" But I thought this was some particular quirk that I had, maybe I was a bit odd-ball that this happened. It is a relief to find that others do this. Also, that they have the same attitude about it that I have. A wanting to help, but at the same time cannot be a sort of 'open-house' to every thetan in the area.

So reading Advance! has been so validating and so extremely helpful.

Please do continue to do what you are doing and please keep me on your mailing list.

Douglas Saunderson
Chesterfield, Derbyshire
England

Congratulations for Advance! magazine! I received edition 15 a short time ago, and my husband and I think it's tremendous. It's wonderful to read the adventures in "OT Phenomena" which makes so real to me the potentials of myself and family.

Bronte Riordan
Victoria, Australia

I have just seen issue 16. It is great. This magazine should be on newsstands and don't worry about the letters column or success stories. It is true it may turn some people off but it would get more people thinking and that is what we need to do.

Please send me issues 13, 14 and 15 of Advance! Magazine. If there is any charge send bill with magazine. I would be happy to pay.

Floyd E. Alcorn
Edmond, Oklahoma

Your copies of back issues are en route Floyd, no charge. The Ed.

My sincerest "Thank You" for the two lovely "ADVANCE" magazines. This is what I have been waiting for: an inspired and spirited magazine. I am now more than ever certain I am on the right track. I read every note, and every article. I love reading about OT Phenomena—they are really in agreement with the promise, to make man more able. Ron's articles are superb. I feel I really want to absorb them. The magazine in itself looks beautiful, such as for example, the front and back pages. Both my husband and I really enjoyed reading them. Would you be kind enough to continue sending them even for a fee if that should be necessary. We will both look forward to issue 16. Thanking you in advance.

Alice and Jorgen Wanscher
Naremburn, New South Wales
Australia

Numbers 13, 14 and 15 were good, even tremendous, but with Advance! No. 16, the AO staff has really outdone themselves—I can't refrain from sending my congratulations!

As a Book Auditor and Extension Course student who hasn't one terminal in the immediate area (SW Pennsylvania-Pittsburgh), I certainly appreciate the reassurance that Advance! gives me in reaching my goals of Clear and OT. I *know* that the "bridge" is wide open and just waiting to be walked. I've cognited that receiving the magazine validates my position as an auditor; a position I must keep trustworthy.

In short, thank you all for being a reliable team and thank you for communicating the truth of Scientology through the medium of Advance!!

John W. Yuknalis (HBA)
Hutchinson, Pennsylvania

Advance! Magazine is good and getting better all the time. I rate it as probably the best of all Scientology mags I receive. I was on the Drug Rundown and just completed one fantastic session when I read issue 16. Wow, man, it really keyed me out in a big way when I read it . . .

Richard Ackerman
Johannesburg Org
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I shall be grateful if you will put my name down for your Advance! Magazine.

I am doing my Dianetic Internship here at Durban Org, and we enjoy your magazine immensely.

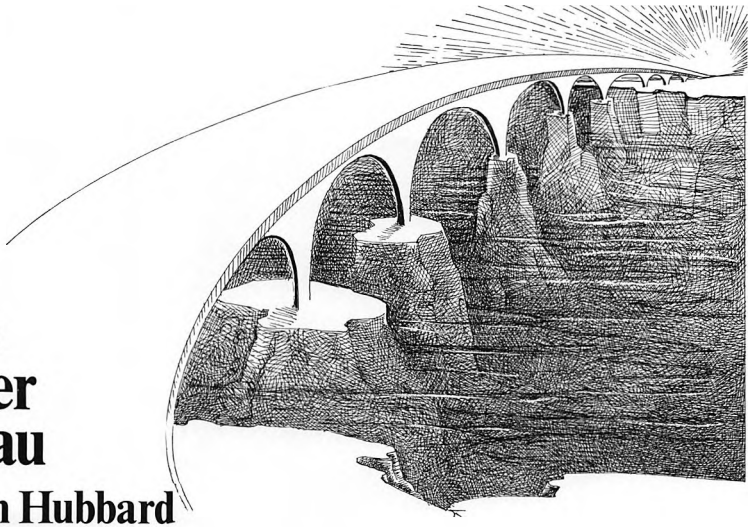
Thank you.

Mrs. Audrey Target
Durban, South Africa

Just a short note to say what a wonderful product the new issues of

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The Way to the Higher Plateau



by L. Ron Hubbard

THE BRIDGE is a term originating in Dianetic days to symbolize travel from unknowingness to revelation. It itself is based on the mystics' abyss allegory, wherein a wide, deep chasm is seen to separate a lower state of existence and a higher plateau of perfection; many attempting to attain the higher plateau do not but fall, instead, into the abyss. We conceive Scientology as a bridge between the lower and higher state, a thing hitherto lacking.

The bridge could be seen to exist as several linked spans, each one of which could be called a level. The lowest level is the approach to the bridge from the lower states of existence and higher levels, one by one, lead on to the higher plateau, with Clear and O.T. the highest end of the bridge and the point of egress[1] onto the plateau.

This allegory is easily communicated and is quite true. Man has had awareness of a higher plateau but no bridge and Man's earlier efforts to attain the plateau have rather uniformly ended in the abyss, with the possible exceptions of Buddha or Christ.

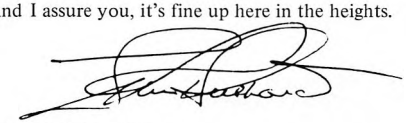
Man has lacked then a bridge that any could travel. Scientology is the first bridge. It is complete, detailed and safe. There still exists the danger of attempting, say, to start travelling the bridge from Level IV. In trying to start from Level IV, one omits recognition of being at Level O and travelling Levels I, II and III. This drops the person into the abyss. Therefore, the Gradation Programme[2] is the road map over the bridge and reduces the danger of crossing the abyss and makes a successful negotiation of the bridge a comparatively easy thing.

The targets of all religions, mysticism, spiritualism, metaphysics and all other studies, hopes and ambitions that Man has had are summarized and obtainable to their full feasibility in crossing this bridge.

You may already be well on the way case-wise. But the thing to do is keep going up. Get your Grades, one by one, keep taking the next step.

Release and then Clear are reached by small, certain steps, not by huge leaps.

And I assure you, it's fine up here in the heights.



[1] egress: way out, exit.

[2] Gradation Programme: The sequence of Dianetics and Scientology Training and Auditing which, when followed step by step, leads the individual from pre-Scientology through lower levels on up to O.T.



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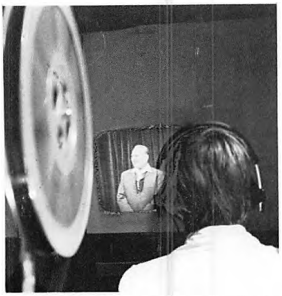


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The Meaning of the Way

The way that exists in the physical universe
is not the real way,
the name that can be named is not an absolute;
although existence is the mother of countless things
eternal non-existence first brought heaven and earth
into being.

Thus begin the first four lines of the TAO TE CHING (pronounced Dow Du Jing), China's great contribution to man's religious heritage. The title of this short book of 81 poems or chapters means "The Book (Ching) of the Way (Tao) and its Power (Te)."

In the last 30 years most translators of the TAO TE CHING begin by telling us that the book has been translated more frequently than any other book besides the Bible and then proceed to give us yet another translation.

What is it about this book written over 2500 years ago in the valleys of northern China that attracts translators and commentators like some philosophic Mona Lisa's smile?

And each commentator begins by saying how baffling and enigmatic it is as if it was written in some secret code which hasn't yet been fully deciphered.

Is it possible that now some 2500 years later a breakthrough has occurred and a key now exists with which it may be possible to decode this great message to man?



TAO. *The Chinese character (a symbol representing concepts used by the Chinese in writing) is composed of a head, representing a knowing person and another part that primitively depicted the process of walking.*

Let us first examine the historical background of the Tao Te Ching and the religion it expressed and inspired: Taoism.

The Question of Authorship

The identity of the author of the book is as veiled as the meaning of the book appears to be. Traditionally authorship is assigned to Lao Tzu (meaning literally "old philosopher") whose traditional dates are 604 B.C. to 531 B.C.

This assignment rests upon the authority of none less than the great Chinese historian Ssu-ma Ch'ien (about 100 B.C.) who among his many volumes of history collected the then extant data on Lao Tzu. Ch'ien records the circumstances surrounding the writing of the book:

> Lao Tzu resided at the capital of the country but after a long time, seeing the decay of the dynasty, he left it and went away to the gate leading out of the royal domains to the regions beyond. The gatekeeper recognized him and said 'Before you leave for good, Sir, I beseech you to write a book before you go.' On this Lao Tzu wrote a book setting out his views on the Tao and its power, in two sections, containing no more than 5000 characters. He then went away and it is not known where he died.

Later scholarship through linguistic analysis is more prone to place the work in the 4th century by an author or authors unknown. While respecting this scholarship one can note in passing that there appears to be a 20th century tendency to establish hidden collective sources for a major work replacing a single originator.

Suffice it to say that for our purposes the work was written sometime during or after the lifetime of Confucius (551-479) and that Lao Tzu is the name of its source.

Of course the old philosopher himself would have chuckled over such controversy because it is written in the Tao Te Ching: "As to the Sage, no one will know whether he existed or not."

The Philosophic Environment

The work itself was not an isolated phenomenon. It arose in the golden age of Chinese philosophy, a culmination of over 1000 years of Chinese thought. From Confucius in the late 6th century to the beginning of the 3rd Century an extraordinary burst of enlightenment occurred. All subsequent native Chinese thought traces back to this period.

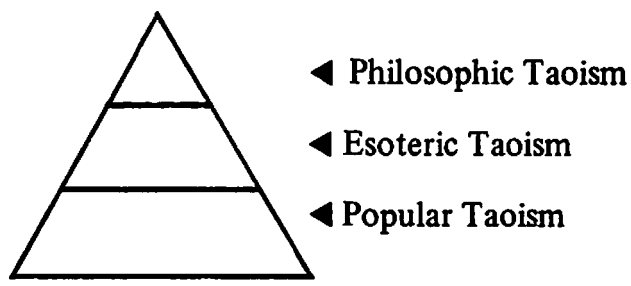
But Lao Tzu's age was not just fertile intellectually for China. It is fascinating to take a panoramic sweep over earth from 600-300 B.C. and find that the flowering of Chinese wisdom coincides with the work of Buddha, the preachings of Zoroaster, the golden age of Greece and the ripening of Hebrew-Judaic thought. One need not speculate aimlessly on the source of these coincidences but it is apparent that the idea of wisdom got a very strong forward thrust somewhere about that time.

The view that Chinese philosophy was aloof or "unearthly" would be far from correct. The bent of Chinese philosophy was actually toward application. The ivory tower musings of Kant or Hegel which characterize so much of post-Greek western philosophy would have been out of place in ancient Chinese philosophy. There, life pressed in on the philosopher and philosophy pivoted on the desire to resolve the ideal governing of the social order in alignment with basic principles. The answer of the ancient Taoists was that a society was no more than its individuals and that the only route to a perfect social order was perfecting individuals.

It is interesting to note that one of the ways the early Taoists hoped to promote the general good was by putting adepts of high attainment in each village who, just by being there, and not "doing" anything would be able to make things go right in the area.

The Three Ways of Taoism

Historically Taoism divides itself into three branches or levels: philosophic Taoism expressed in the Tao Te Ching, esoteric[1] Taoism and a popular religion. These could be viewed as levels of a triangle with philosophic Taoism at the top. As time went on the second and third sections or levels of the triangle departed further and further from the apex. In fact, the history of Taoism presents to us the rapid and vivid decline of a great religious movement from its original breakthrough into a much lower order of religious practice.



Esoteric Taoism

The religious practice of Taoism, as separate from the religious philosophy, seems to have primarily taken on the form of a quest for immortality. One of the earliest schools was called the "Hygiene School." In this school certain diets, breathing exercises and gymnastics were pursued as a means to immortality. Meats and wines and cereals were not allowed. Theoretically an adept, refraining from cereals, meat and wine, gradually restricted his diet until he existed only on breath and saliva. Here we appear to have some rudi-

[1] intended for or understood only by a chosen few, as an inner group of disciples or initiates.

mentary attempt to free the spirit by overcoming its dependence on the body.

By the beginning of the first millenium of our era the search for the magic pill or potion which would impart immortality had become the abiding passion of the descendants of the original adepts.

Taoist alchemists[1] became important personages in the realm and sought the great elixir[2] of life which would transform base metal into gold and provide immortality. The heyday of the Taoist alchemists was perhaps Sun Tai-Chung in the 8th century A.D. who claimed he had made an elixir which "made itself." An envoy from the throne was duly sent to investigate this fantastic claim and here is his report:

> Water was placed in the stove and charcoal at one side. The stove was then sealed up and we went away. Several months later the paste of the seals was found, when touched with the finger, to be hard set and the seals quite intact. Then in the presence of the officials of the district and other persons, the door of the stove was opened. The charcoal was found all to be reduced to ashes which were collected in a place apart. Without human intervention, the Elixir had duly come into being. At first it emitted rays of all the five colors, but finally it assumed the appearance of a Sun, shining at the edge of the stove.

As alchemy is said to be the father of chemistry, one explanation is that Sun had managed to discover a phosphorescent substance and developed a technique for breaking and replacing seals without trace.

Another attempt for immortality involved the search for the isles of the Blest somewhere off the northeastern coasts of China where Taoists hoped to find and return with the "mushroom" which prevented death.

Taoism as a Mass Religion

In the first millenium Taoism peaked as the most popular religion in China and then rapidly declined in the second. As a popular movement its rituals, charms, superstitions, magical formulas, hierarchy of priests and even orgies were a very far cry from the sublime and rational principles and truths laid down hundreds of years earlier in the Tao Te Ching.

Taoism as a national religion was peopled with hundreds of invented deities and inevitably like Buddha and Jesus, Lao Tzu himself was deified as a supreme being.

Thus just as religion stems from the basic subject of philosophy (love of wisdom) so the philosopher himself later becomes the God, the originator not only of a religious philosophy but a cosmic creator as well.

[1] one who practices Alchemy. Alchemy is an early form of chemistry, with philosophical and magical associations.

[2] a substance sought for by alchemists to change lead, iron, etc, into gold or to prolong life indefinitely.

The Meaning of The Way

But what then was the original message of the Tao Te Ching?

The answer lies in this direction.

If the Tao Te Ching contains basic truths which became obscured by time, language changes and cultural gaps and if these truths were rediscovered and stated more simply and comprehensibly and with greater accuracy then wouldn't we have the missing key?

The answer is yes. Does such a subject now exist and does it unlock the door to a better understanding of what the venerable old philosopher "insighted" and wrote down for later ages? Yes.

The breakthrough back into basic truth is called Scientology, a 20th century religious philosophy discovered and developed by L. Ron Hubbard. Lao Tzu's greatest successor is L. Ron Hubbard. And from the pinnacle of Scientology we can suddenly look down the ages and see the inner meaning of the Tao Te Ching.

The $64,000 question is what does "Tao" really mean.

Does it mean "nature" or "god" or "the way" or "cosmic order" or what?

Literally the pictogram[3] (see page 6) means the way of knowing or the way to ultimate knowledge. This is the Chinese predecessor to the word "Scientology,"[4] knowing how to know.

This would be using the word in the context of the physical universe. But Tao is used in the Tao Te Ching in an absolute sense to signify an essence which stands outside the physical universe.

A review of the parallels between Tao Te Ching and Scientology indicates the answer (see opposite page).

Tao is a word which primarily signifies "theta" or "static" or "native state" or "basic truth". *The Book of Tao and Its Power is about theta at Tone 40*[5] *on the tone scale.* Read in that light the book takes on new meaning and the ambiguities satisfactorily resolve.

The Influence of Taoism

The Tao Te Ching has had an immense influence in China. It has been stated half the soul of China is Taoist. Although Taoism did not survive as a popular religion in China it was absorbed into Neo-Confucianism, the state religion from 1297 to 1905, which became part Taoist in character. It permeated Chinese Buddhism to make Chan-Buddhism, known to the Japanese and most of the West as Zen-Buddhism. It had great influence on

[3] a picture or picture-like symbol representing an idea.

[4] taken from the Latin word SCIO—knowing in the fullest sense of the word, and the Greek LOGOS—to study.

[5] the highest level of beingness on the Scientology Tone Scale.

PARALLELS BETWEEN TAOISM AND SCIENTOLOGY

(All quotes of Taoism are from the Tao Te Ching;
all quotes of Scientology are from the collected works of L. Ron Hubbard)

TAOISM	SCIENTOLOGY
Revealed it is not dazzling, Hidden, it is not dark, Infinite, it cannot be defined, It stretches far back to that nameless state which existed before the creation. It is called the form of the formless, and the image of non-existence, It is called the mystery. Meet it, you cannot see its face; Follow it, you cannot see its back. By adhering to the Tao of the past You will master the existence of the present And be able to know the origin of the past. This is called the clue of the Tao. *(from Chapter 14)*	AXIOM 1. LIFE IS BASICALLY A STATIC. Definition: A Life Static has no mass, no motion, no wavelength, no location in space or in time. It has the ability to postulate and to perceive. AXIOM 44. THETA (THE STATIC) HAS NO LOCATION IN MATTER, ENERGY, SPACE OR TIME. IT IS CAPABLE OF CONSIDERATION. AXIOM 35. The ULTIMATE TRUTH IS A STATIC. A Static has no mass, meaning, mobility, no wavelength, no time, no location in space, no space. This has the technical name of 'Basic Truth'.
There is a thing inherent and natural, Which existed before heaven and earth. Motionless and fathomless, It stands alone and never changes; It pervades everywhere and never becomes exhausted. It may be regarded as the Creator of the Universe. I do not know its name. If I am forced to give it a name, I call it Tao, and I name it as supreme. *(from Chapter 25)*	
Since the world points up beauty as such, There is ugliness too. If goodness is taken as goodness, Wickedness enters as well. For is and is not come together; Hard and easy are complementary; Long and short are relative; High and low are comparative; Pitch and sound make harmony; Before and after are a sequence. *(from Chapter 2)*	AXIOM 31. GOODNESS AND BADNESS, BEAUTIFULNESS AND UGLINESS, ARE ALIKE CONSIDERATIONS AND HAVE NO OTHER BASIS THAN OPINION. LOGIC 8. A DATUM CAN BE EVALUATED ONLY BY A DATUM OF COMPARABLE MAGNITUDE.
Cultivate the Tao yourself, and your Virtue will be genuine. Cultivate it in the home, and its Virtue will be abundant. Cultivate it in the village, and the village will endure. Cultivate it in the realm, and the realm will flourish. Cultivate it in the world, And Virtue will be universal. *(from Chapter 54)*	The first Four Dynamics: DYNAMIC ONE is the urge toward survival of self. DYNAMIC TWO is the urge toward survival through sex or children, and embraces both the sexual act and the care and raising of children. DYNAMIC THREE is the urge toward survival through the group or as the group. DYNAMIC FOUR is the urge toward survival through all mankind and as all mankind.

TAOISM	SCIENTOLOGY
Regard the small as great; regard the few as many. Manage the difficult while they are easy; Manage the great while they are small. All difficult things in the world start from the easy; All great things in the world start from the small. The tree that fills a man's arms arises from a tender shoot; The nine-storeyed tower is raised from a heap of earth; A thousand miles' journey begins from the spot under one's feet. Therefore the Sage never attempts great things, and thus he can achieve what is great. *(from Chapter 63)*	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. *(from Scientology Abridged Dictionary)*
Therefore the sage, in order to be above the people, must in words keep below them. In order to be ahead of the people, he must in person keep behind them. Thus when he is above, the people do not feel his burden. When he is ahead, the people do not feel his hindrance. Therefore all the world is pleased to hold him in high esteem and never get tired of him. Because he does not compete; therefore no one competes with him. *(from Chapter 66)*	PAN-DETERMINISM means determining the action of self and others. It means wider determinism than self . . . One is self-determined, then, in any situation in which he is fighting. He is pan-determined in any situation which he is controlling. To become pan-determined rather than only self-determined it is necessary to view both sides. *(from The Fundamentals of Thought)*
Choosing hardship, then, the Wise Man Never meets with hardship all his life	**EFFECT SCALE** Can cause or receive any effect. 40.0
He who sustains all the reproaches of the country can be the master of the land; He who sustains all the calamities of the country can be the king of the world. *(from Chapter 78)*	The handling of a problem seems to be simply the increase of ability to confront the problem, and when the problem can be totally confronted, it no longer exists. *(from Scientology: A New Slant on Life)*
He who assists a ruler of men with Tao does not force the world with arms. He aims only at carrying out relief, and does not venture to force his power upon others . . . So it comes that relief is done without resorting to force. *(from Chapter 30)*	AXIOM 11.(d) NOT-IS-NESS is the effort to handle IS-NESS by reducing its condition through the use of force. It is an apparency and cannot entirely vanquish an IS-NESS.
The non-existent can enter into the impenetrable. By this I know that non-action is useful. Teaching without words, utility without action— Few in the world have come to this. *(from Chapter 43)* By non-action everything can be done. *(from Chapter 47)*	Q2. THETA CREATES SPACE, ENERGY AND OBJECTS BY POSTULATES.
Not knowing that one knows is best; Thinking that one knows when one does not know is sickness. Only when one becomes sick of this sickness can one be free from sickness. The Sage is never sick; because he is sick of this sickness, therefore he is not sick. *(Chapter 71)*	. . . The reason why one can't learn is one thinks there is nothing there that he doesn't know and he feels he knows it all, so he doesn't learn it . . . He doesn't even know what he doesn't know . . . Study has to do basically and most formally with just really one thing: willingness to know. *(from Introduction to Study)*

Chinese poetry and art. And surprisingly enough the following lines from the Tao Te Ching express the fundamental principle of various Japanese and Chinese martial arts, such as jujitsu, aikido and t'ai chi chuan[1]:

> If you would have a thing shrink,
> You must first stretch it;
> If you would have a thing weakened,
> You must first strengthen it;
> If you would have a thing laid aside,
> You must first set it up;
> If you would take from a thing,
> You must first give to it.
> This is called subtle wisdom: the soft and weak
> Can overcome the hard and strong.

Crossing the Pacific at the turn of the 20th century we discover Frank Lloyd Wright found in the Tao Te Ching the philosophic basis of his art: "Lao-Tze expressed this truth, now achieved in architecture, when he declared: 'the reality of the building does not consist in the roof and walls but in the space within to be lived in.' I have built it. When Unity Temple was built this sense of interior space began to 'come through'; 1906."

Coming up closer to present time Jonathan Livingston Seagull himself flies in the tradition of the Great Bird (in the Taoist parable) who could fly through successive realms of space and time (symbol of the unfettered spirit).

[1] Jujitsu roughly means "the gentle way". It has also been translated "to conquer by yielding". Aikido (Japanese) and Tai Chi Chuan (Chinese) roughly mean "the way of body and spirit". Generally speaking the three forms disclaim the use of force or physical exertion in defense.

The Failure of Taoism

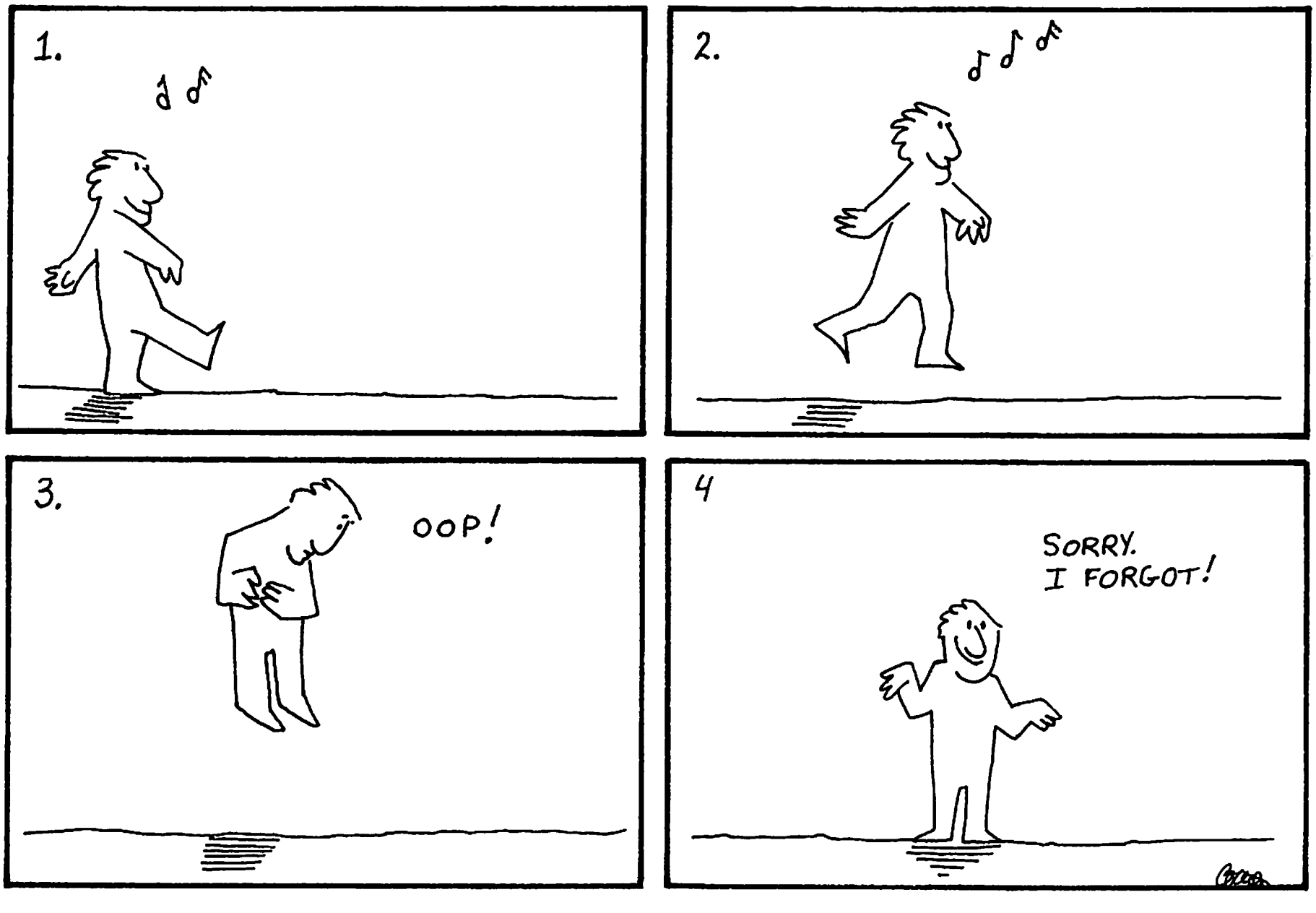
The basic failure of Taoism can be stated in one phrase: it formed no bridge. It postulated a great goal "Return to or alignment with basic truth or static or native state," but paradoxically although called the way it gave no way man could follow to arrive.

It is relatively easy to postulate a great goal and describe it with stupendous insights. The hard, rather the impossible task until L. Ron Hubbard did it, was to throw a bridge across a chasm which all beings could cross to the highest states.

But we salute old Lao Tzu and his fellow hermits in the hilly recesses of China who dared to illuminate the inner mystery of the ultimate source of existence. We acknowledge from them our receipt of a vital chapter in the spiritual background of the Advanced Courses.

And now because of us their efforts were not in vain. Now over 2300 years later we have achieved the goal they sought.

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This is the fifth fascinating article in the series from the OT type taped lectures of L. Ron Hubbard.

In each article Ron takes up the basic attributes and abilities of a thetan and his relationship to universes.

In this issue Ron describes the relation of illusion to an individual's universe and the MEST universe, why people can't control the MEST universe and how to resolve this inability.

Your Universe, the MEST Universe and Illusion

By L. Ron Hubbard

edited from LRH taped lecture of 2nd December, 1952 "Gradient Scale of Handling Space, Energy and Objects"

A thetan has never differentiated this one interesting point: The MEST universe is not his own universe. Instead, he believes that his universe and the MEST universe are identical.

The reason for this is his home universe became devoured (allegorically speaking) so fast and at such an impact of shock to him that when he next looked around he thought he was still in his own universe.

But it had changed!

The Anatomy of Failure

In his own universe he could start something or create it, change it, dwindle it down a spiral and then destroy it. That was his power.

Then all of a sudden he found himself in what he thought was his own universe and started some actions, followed through to the next step, and said, "We'll change it." But he ran into inertia, instead, and it didn't happen!

For example, he fires a cannonball and decides half way in its flight it shouldn't land, so he says, "All right, the cannonball will now go 20 feet to the left and miss the target." But the cannonball goes right straight on and hits the target!

Did you ever see anybody firing on a range? If you watch an expert rifleman on a range you'll see that the instant he pulls that trigger and the bullet is off aim he realizes it and tries to lift the bullet.

Factor number 24

The universes, then, are three in number: the universe created by one viewpoint, the universe created by every other viewpoint, the universe created by the mutual action of viewpoints which is agreed to be upheld— the physical universe.

This gives us the anatomy of failure. A person starts some action and the action goes off, then suddenly it isn't going in the direction he intended so he reaches out with everything he's got and tries to right the action and change it into a better course and it doesn't change! The anatomy of failure is just this: the inability to handle that which has been started.

What happens in a family? The guy has a little child. The child is a nice kid and he says, "I'm going to be president." Well, what do you know— he turns out to be a subway conductor.

Now that obviously can't happen in his universe and he "knows" this is his own universe.

How does he know? Well, he knows he is himself and considers all these other people around are people he's made! Actually if you asked people with an E-Meter "Did you make everybody that you've seen?", they'll look at you sort of strangely, get the strangest feeling and say, "Yeah, I did . . . no, I know I did! But they don't do what you tell them to do!"

A thetan is still under the basic postulate that he is running his own universe!

He's never crossed this bridge: he's never said, "I had a universe once which I monitored completely, and this universe somehow or other got left behind and I found myself in a universe which I wasn't monitoring."

The Way Out

To handle this you don't have to tell him or convince him that he has to cross that bridge. All you have to do is take him and show him that he has a universe. It's just as simple as that.

Through Scientology you let him reassume the ability to create and control his own universe. When you do that he can get right back into what he was doing at the time when he got blown out of his universe.

Gradually the fellow feels better and better and everything goes along fine and he moves uptone, his disabilities decrease and he gets bigger and bigger and more ambitious.

Formerly he was saying: "To heck with this MEST universe. I don't want anything to do with the thing again." Now he says: "Well, this is just another universe. Ah, let's see. What do you do with universes? Well, let's saw a chunk off the left-hand corner and reverse it just for the fun of it this afternoon. There's nothing to it."

Constructing a Universe

A universe can be constructed of space, energy

and objects. Any universe can exist; it can be perceived, therefore, it can exist.

This is old Descartes'* stuff going round and round, only he was on a slightly cruder level than we're operating on because we're operating with positive proof. We can prove this experience. How do you prove an experience? By experiencing it of course! That's where we are.

You can make a universe out of space, energy and objects. You could make a universe which consisted of five-dimensional space. You can do anything you want with universes.

You can even make a piece of space exist and have it rigged so when you walk down the walk in your bathrobe and hit the side road you're dressed for the office. And that happened because of a space warp you put across the side-walk.

If you got really good you could sell the warp. "Now how would you like to buy some more space?" "Sure, I'd love to have some more space." "What kind of space do you want though, what's to happen?" "Is this the kind of more space that I'm going to come out the other side of dressed?" "Well, we have that, but there's an improved kind that doesn't necessarily work in the opposite direction so when you walk home from the office, you don't necessarily get on the other side of it and appear in your bathrobe and walk up the steps. It doesn't undress you, just does the dressing work. And that's much superior, but that costs a little more."

All you'd have to do is just get everybody to agree that this is what's happening and that this has become very usual and routine. Actually there's no space there anyway unless the person postulates there's space there.

Actually a thetan can make anything and it would exist if it could be experienced.

Now, you'll find that an individual who can't mock things up and can't make them disobey (or not) what he calls "natural law" which he hasn't differentiated as the "natural law" *of the physical universe* is in a state of complete obedience to the MEST universe.

There's a comparison here with a hypnotized subject who's in complete obedience to the hypnotist and the subject is deluded as the hypnotist wants him to be. Well, we can consider the MEST universe a hypnotist and a given person the subject and we find, to continue the comparison, that the degree of agreement with natural law is also the degree of aberration of the person.

* Rene Descartes (1596-1650), philosopher, mathematician, scientist, whose motto was "I think, therefore I am."

But experience doesn't necessarily have anything to do with the physical universe. That would be an awful arbitrary to enter into it to say that the only experience that anyone could have would have do with the physical universe. You know immediately that that isn't true because, in fact, a man is as alive as he has dreams.

Dreams

If a man loses his last dream you've got a corpse on your hands. You don't kill a man with a bullet, that doesn't really kill him at all. You kill him by one by one taking away his dreams and goals, his illusions.

What's the most common thing you hear from people? "I lost my illusions" and "I haven't any illusions any more". They know what's wrong with them; they've lost their illusions, and they lost themselves when they lost their illusions.

A man is dead when the last of his dreams are dead. That's the long and short of it.

Illusions

What do we mean by illusion? We merely mean "that which one makes which can be experienced." And what do we mean by reality? We mean "that which is made and commonly experienced by agreement." And what's delusion? "That which somebody else makes and tries to push off on us as an arbitrary necessary experience."

In the past an illusion has been defined as "something which doesn't exist or had no existence", but when you say something has no existence that would mean something that can't be experienced. Now you can experience an illusion, therefore it exists.

Let's take an example of a kid.

The world around a child is a bright world. A child comes in with the idea that he is free, has a new start, a new chance. This time he will do something spectacular. He can put a perception there and perceive it with great facility. The world is beautiful to him. He has a certain freedom.

Then they start working on him. They say, "Johnny, why do you overwork your imagination? You know very well there's no battleship out there in the backyard." He knows there's no battleship out in the backyard, he's never made a mistake on it in his life. But he wants to put a battleship out in the backyard, so let him! A child goes downhill and becomes impossible to the degree that he loses new hope.

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A History of Advanced Courses

Ron's research and work which culminated in the Advanced Courses began, in this lifetime, when as a very young man he speculated on the composition and destiny of Man as he travelled through Asia. These were summarized in an unpublished work, called *The Excalibur* in 1938.

Moving up through the years, we find that in 1948 in *Dianetics: The Original Thesis* Ron mentions the existence of the 7th Dynamic, "The urge to survive through thought."

Formal research into the capabilities of the Spirit and how these could be developed began in 1951 when in Phoenix, Arizona, Ron isolated the existence of the spirit.

The materials of the early 1950s, such as documented in articles by Ron in Advance! Mag edited from the Philadelphia Doctorate Lectures, are a complete picture of the potentialities and capabilities of OT. Thus, as early as 1952 Ron had uncovered the full range of OT phenomena.

L. Ron Hubbard on the steps of his home, Saint Hill Manor in England. It was in this beautiful manor where Ron researched the major breakthroughs which resulted in the development of the Gradation Chart, R6EW, the Clearing Course, OT I and II, and many other astonishing achievements.

The track, or history, of the thetan going back trillions of years was laid out in detail in *A History of Man* (originally titled *What to Audit)* written by Ron in 1952.

But it wasn't enough to have realized the existence of the thetan and to have recorded his abilities and track. Ron continued on in his search for the workable route by which all people could reach OT.

In 1961 Ron began research into goals and R6, the basic bank. These were the final steps in the long journey involving thousands of hours of further research, in fully mapping out the Reactive Mind and the complete route to Clear and OT.

Ron researched and developed the Clearing Course from his research office at Saint Hill Manor, East Grinstead.

In August 1965 the historic release of these materials occurred. The dream of *total* Clear on the first dynamic was now an obtainable reality by others!

Until October '65 only Saint Hill Briefing Course Graduates and Class VII Auditor Internes, after completing Grade VI Release, were allowed onto the Clearing Course. Then, in that month, LRH devised the Solo Auditor route. This opened the door for all non-professional auditors to go Clear.

OT I and OT II were released in July '66. Until the end of '67 OT II was the highest level available.

During the last months of '67, Ron made his fantastic breakthrough on OT III and found the way through the Wall of Fire for others. This path was now open to all Scientologists who had gone Clear and up to OT II. It was announced and released on 18 January 1968.

OT III was such a breakthrough and so powerful that it required a whole new, especially trained organization to handle it. Only in a safe and OT environment could a being cross the Wall of Fire successfully. Thus in January 1968 the first Advanced Organization was established aboard a chartered ship to provide not only OT III but all Advanced Courses. It was manned mainly by Clears and OTs as all Advanced Organizations have been since.

On 23rd January '68, Ron simultaneously released OT levels IV, V and VI as well!

Staff at Saint Hill UK could continue to go Clear and up to OT II at Saint Hill but all students and staff wanting OT III went to the new Advanced Organization.

No armchair philosopher in an ivory tower, Ron's travels, explorations and research dealt with life and action. As well as a writer, philosopher and Founder of Dianetics and Scientology, he is an expert photographer, glider pilot, navigator and ship's captain, horticulturist, engineer and the list goes on and on; a universal man. The photograph of Ron below was taken in the early 1930's next to his plane.





Operating Thetan
Section One

L. Ron Hubbard

(Top) Ron's study at Saint Hill. This is the exact corner of the universe where Ron researched Power Processing, R6EW, Clear, OT I, OT II and many other monumental breakthroughs.

(Left) Most of the Advanced Courses are in Ron's own handwriting, as is this cover sheet from the materials of OT I.

Late in March of 1968 the Advanced Organization moved to a large hotel in Alicante, Spain. The hotel turned over a sizeable part of its facilities and space to accommodate the AO and its many students.

Then came the great news that an AO was opening up in Edinburgh, Scotland in May of 1968. This was the Advanced Organization United Kingdom (AOUK). The Alicante Unit closed down and AOUK was *the* AO. This location made it very convenient for students from Saint Hill (England) to come to Edinburgh for their OT levels.

A new OT I was released in July 1968.

24th September '68 heralded another huge breakthrough–Class VIII and the new audited OT IV rundown.

The Class VIII Course was first taught by Ron in the beautiful setting of Corfu, Greece. Only highly trained auditors, who are OT III and above, can take this course.

This course is of great importance to the OT levels. It gives the Class VIII auditor the ability to audit pre-OTs, both on repair actions and the new OT IV rundown first introduced with the course.

1968 was a truly incredible year for technical advancement: OT III, IV, V and VI, the new OT I, Class VIII and the new OT IV Rundown were all released.

There were now two Advanced Orgs for in mid 1968 a *new* Advanced Organization was opened in Los Angeles, America, to handle the huge expansion of Scientology and the ever-growing number of Advanced Course students in the U.S.

In March '69 a *third* Advanced Org was opened in Denmark, Scandinavia, again to deliver Clear and OT levels to the growing number of students in Europe and Scandinavia (and also for the convenience of African Scientologists).

In September '69 Ron brought out OT III Expanded for the three AOs.

In April '70 Ron released a new solo audited section to be added to the fabulous OT IV Rundown at OT IV.

OT VII was developed by Ron in the summer of 1970. It was couriered to the three Advanced Organizations by OT Tech Missionaires personally trained by Ron. These Missionaires drilled the AO auditors and ensured that OT VII was correctly delivered. This was in September 1970.

There are currently, in 1973, three places in the world where one can go Clear and OT: the three Advanced Orgs–AOSH UK, AOLA, and AOSH DK.

Today, thanks to Ron, Scientology technology is available to all, laid out in easily attainable steps which begin at the lowest levels and go all the way up to levels exceeding the dreams of Man. Clear and OT and Total Freedom are available to all.

It's an easy, safe ladder to climb, guided all the way by Case Supervisors and Course Supervisors and the wins and gains are all that Ron ever promised and far more than any being has attained in trillenia.

Going Clear and OT is not only the greatest adventure ever embarked upon, but is also aiding LRH and all Scientologists in the postulate and goal of a Cleared Planet.

"I expect and need your help to carry out the broad mission of decontaminating this area of the Universe. If you wish to help, your first duty is to protect the repute of the State of Clear by exemplary conduct. Your second duty is to attain OT as soon as possible. Your third, if you still wish to help is to become part of the endeavour to clean up this sector of the universe and make it safe not only for ourselves but the billions of others who have been harmed."

L. Ron Hubbard
(from "An Open Letter to all Clears")

Ron has given Man and the Future many gifts but the greatest gift of all is the ADVANCED COURSES.

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A Description of Upper Levels: R6EW through OT VIII

R6EW–On the levels leading up to Grade 6 one releases more and more of the bank until at this level one is released from a major portion of the bank itself. The result is freedom from dramatization, one no longer has to act on other determinisms.

CLEAR–At Clear is total personal freedom forever from one's own bank! One gains the ability to be cause over mental matter, energy, space and time on the 1st dynamic.

OT I–Clearing handles the 1st dynamic. With OT I one begins handling the rest of the Dynamics. A delightful level, you re-familiarize yourself with the physical universe and others around you.

OT II–Large areas of non-confront and charge on the whole track are confronted and handled, leaving one prepared to tackle OT III.

OT III–A level of immense magnitude as demonstrated by the fact that no one before L. Ron Hubbard had been able to even approach the mysteries handled on this level and come off alive. Here are contained the secrets of the disaster which resulted in the decay of civilization in this sector of the galaxy; here one finds the answer and its full resolution. At this level you discover why it is important for all to go Clear and OT as fast as possible.

OT VII–Teaches a thetan to project intention across a distance. This is truly OT communication! It resolves any difficulties a person has on OT III, and makes OT III Expanded a breeze.

OT III Expanded–The Wall of Fire, OT III, is fully, completely handled, leaving one fully self-determined and free from overwhelm–ready to move on up the upper OT levels. This level is the turning point in one's ability to really become an OT.

OT IV–Here are handled those things which can trap a thetan and one is lifted above any bank computations *forever.* On completion one has certainty of self and is an exterior being, ready to begin operating.

OT V–On OT V one views the physical universe while outside the body to become refamiliarized as a free being with the MEST universe.

OT VI–At this level one learns to exteriorize at will and operate freely outside one's body. One learns to influence the universe of others independently of one's body.

OT VIII–Not yet released or described.

O.T. Phenomena Successes

After eons of becoming less powerful and aware, after eons of knowing this and searching for a way back to power and freedom, there is a way.

The Way is the Bridge of Scientology, culminating in the Advanced Courses.

The gains and wins of the lower levels of Scientology are themselves more than man ever hoped for. The Upper Levels . . . well, read on and discover through the experiences of others what lies ahead for you and all Mankind.

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A dilemma. How do you see what a surprise is and not see it?

I have been here at Saint Hill for some training and my OT courses and while being away my husband has been doing things in the house which are supposed to be a surprise. Well, the other side of the story is he is expecting me to look and see what he has done and for me to write and tell him what it is. Well, things got the better of me and I decided to take a look. And what a surprise! The place looks like a palace. He has done all the things I wanted done for years. So what do I do now? Write and tell him to satisfy a hidden standard for OTs, or leave it and get a "surprise" when I get home?

Viki Dickey
OT

I rushed up to the St. Louis airport only to find a long line of people being told their planes were cancelled because of the fog. I noticed that every flight up to mine was cancelled. I decided "Oh no—you're not cancelling MY flight". So I started intending away the fog.

I put out my intention in wide sweeps all around the airport for a distance of a mile or two.

I got my ticket and the counter girl said that the flight was delayed for at least an hour but she wasn't really sure what was going to happen due to the fog.

I hadn't eaten yet, so I walked down to the other end of the airport and ate my lunch, continually intending the fog away and watching it slowly melt right before my eyes.

I finished my lunch, walked over to the counter, found out that the plane that I was leaving on was arriving in 20 minutes and that the fog had broken enough for it to get in and out.

As I got my boarding pass I asked the guy, "Hey, that fog lifting?" "Yes, FINALLY!" he said. I just smiled and got on the plane. Sure is handy to be OT!

Bob Pinkos
OT

I am still on OT III, however, there have been so many wins that it is time to write some of them down before I forget them—or "get used to them" which has often happened.

There are some fun little things like–seeing a person over the phone more clearly than I see with my eyes in person! Knowing when someone is calling on the phone before answering by getting the communication from the person directly first. Knowing what someone is about to say because they have intended it to me before actually saying it.

And knowing if something dangerous is about to happen by picking up the evil intentions prior to the enactment. That has happened a few times.

There is an incredible change in my communication lag. The distance between conceiving of an action and the completed product is shortened beyond my wildest dreams.

Barbara Code
OT

This has to do with postulates and intention. I was driving down Alvarado Blvd. toward a bookstore that I wanted to stop in to for information. But I knew that the parking around the place was usually very difficult and I didn't want to spend the time walking from a distant parking place.

So I just started intending that there would be a space available for me in front of the store. Just a light little postulate and with no counter-intention there. A half a block away I could see that there were no parking places available. But when I was within 100 yards of the store a man came out and got in his car which was parked all but in front of the store. I just pulled up behind him so that he had plenty of room to pull out and in a twinkle I was into the spot.

Jonathan Fox
OT

While at a company picking up some supplies I was waiting at the service counter for a supplies personnel to handle my order. The person who was to handle me was shuffling papers at his desk and gave me a few cursory glances, but still didn't get up to help me.

I was in a hurry so I intended him to get up and handle me.

He immediately dropped his work, shuffled over to the counter and apologized profusely for not handling me sooner.

Ken Hardy
OT

Two hours ago as I was unpacking one of seven cases of artifacts from Papua, New Guinea sent to me for an exhibition, something funny happened.

I was unpacking and some figures got damaged, one on the head. I got the special glue to stick the pressed earth with feathers and shells on again. As I was holding it lightly some fell off again and something or someone got mad. I realized it was a spirit in the figure (which belonged to a tribe of the Sepic River). He got upset with me pushing on his head and I realized he got restimulated (resulting from originally being pushed inside the wooden figure). He said "Stop fiddling around. Tie a band around my head and leave it."

I acknowledged him for his communication. And went and got a rag and tied up his head.

Maybe he is a bit lonely because of no one talking to him!

Dodo Folkerts
OT

This is very special to me as an OT.

Last month my dear old uncle decided to drop his aged and ill body. He had little Scientology contact but responded to the personal contact and ARC and touch assist I gave him.

I was concerned briefly that he would hang around the body, etc. I need not have been for he visited me and his only question was should he remain here in this area or not. The sound of thetan laughter was great and a decision was made. This is the exact communication I received that day: "As sad as I thought I was, that's how happy I am for I did not die, it was all a lie (peal of thetan laughter), I am! This time I will join the band from a different land, one with a lot of sea and sand."

A. Morgan
OT

I'm on OT III and I'm getting all sorts of "side-effects". I was in a fish and chips shop and I ordered plaice and chips. Then I thought to myself "A double plaice would be very nice." And it arrived! I never ordered it, it just arrived!

Trudy Chamberlain
OT

I've had a few OT phenomena successes myself like going to a funeral and finding the thetan being a corpse on top of the casket, telling him that it wasn't that serious and then finding him sitting crosslegged on top enjoying his son's eulogy.

Then going to the cemetery and finding the place full of thetans not knowing what to do. Upon being informed to "go pick up another body" then they gave out a cry of joy and anguish as they went off.

Another time I was going to a grave side ceremony and had to search for the thetan, only to find that I was *within* the thetan's area (about 100 feet in diameter around the casket). She was serene and quite collected. After the ceremony she went serenely on her way to select a new body.

Merle E. Fields
OT

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You can regain the abilities that are inherently yours on Advanced Courses

"Operating Thetan is the top-most state to be reached in this universe. Never before in the history of the universe has there been anything but a *released* OT, a being who is temporarily exterior and feels great and powerful but whose bank sooner or later, within minutes or centuries, catches up with him and he falls on his head.

"Our definition of an Operating Thetan is that of a *Clear* Operating Thetan. This is a proofed-up being who no longer has a bank or an impulse to make one *and* who has experience. This is a completely stable state, a being who won't hit the banana peel.

"Such an OT knows the whole pattern of what the causes and effects of various things are, how they are interwoven and what happens and doesn't happen. He knows these things by experience. Without suffering from the experience, he yet has the experience. So he experiences everything and doesn't have to experience things he doesn't want to experience.

"He is, in actual fact, a walking miracle who is himself comprehending all the miracles."

L. RON HUBBARD

The Advanced Courses take you from Grade 6 up to OT VII.

These levels are so far out of the realm of what man has known and experienced that the most amazing thing that a person realizes is that one man—L. Ron Hubbard—discovered and went through and mapped out this unknown territory.

Without the technology of the whole bridge of Scientology, it would be impossible to go OT. With the technology known and applied it is not only possible, but people are daily going OT and discovering new states of existence that they formerly never even dreamed existed.

The Advanced Courses are a tremendous adventure. Here you are gradiently freeing yourself from countless ages of suppression, recovering abilities and viewpoints in a road that leads out of the decay of an old old game back up the spiral to renewed intelligence, fantastic awarenesses and abilities.

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Johnny's imagining he shoots tigers out there in the backyard. Why, he's liable to bring the tiger into the house!

If Johnny got really hot he could think up Jesse James and Jesse James would come in and go through the house and there probably wouldn't be any silver left in the house! And if the battleship "Missouri" got placed out there in the backyard, my gosh! . . . and it's so hard to grow flowers on turrets!

Again—what do we mean by illusion? We mean that which one makes which can be experienced.

When we go in this direction this question arises: is the MEST universe an illusion? That's an interesting question.

Let's make a test, let's take perception. How do you make a wall clearer? How do you step these perceptions up?

Well, you can agree with this MEST universe and go on agreeing with it and it won't get any clearer. In fact, you can agree with it until it gets thinner and less distinct and you become less active and more lethargic, like a stone or a piece of mud. But that doesn't make the universe any brighter and clearer.

The question is, how do you perceive the MEST universe?

You put the wall there that you see! And you keep putting the wall there in order to go on seeing it. And "see" is just the sight-band of perception, the wave-length of perception which is manufactured energy. It's a very wonderful gimmick! A thetan can manufacture energy any place.

By test we find out that the ability to perceive an illusion determines the ability to perceive the MEST universe. How do you discover this?

By this—as a person becomes more and more capable of producing and perceiving illusions, their character, depth, size and emotional tone, his ability to perceive the MEST universe increases uniformly with it. And what do you know! You have to be able to see an illusion before you can see MEST!

Conclusion

Experience is not necessarily limited to space, energy and objects. It just happens to appear that way from where we sit here in the MEST universe—because the MEST universe is made of an agreement on space, energy and objects. But actually an experience, for example, could pass as a postulate from a mind to a mind without the existence of space. A postulate could be an experience.

Thus, a postulate, at a high level, can exist as just a pure experience that has nothing to do with action—so when we say "experience" we're running into a communication difficulty. People think experience "normally" has to do with action. Well, we can orient that better by saying an experience is "a test or perception of existence."

If we can get a person to create and experience a universe independent of the MEST universe he has a greater choice on his ability to experience the MEST universe.

What we're doing is giving a person back his power of choice on whether or not he has to experience things.

And we're giving that back to him by rehabilitating his power to create and experience a universe.



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Do you want that? I know you do. So here's the magical formula: "Get to Clear and OT as fast as possible and give a hand to others to follow".

Remember, Nero who fiddled while Rome burned is an example of a dying civilization. "A civilization can survive." So let's go full speed ahead for all our dynamics!

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Poetry

Poem: Autumn

Autumn becomes you,
embers from golden fires
dot the countryside.

Visions mingle with windswept clouds.

Fantasies of galaxies evaporate
as I approach present time.

C. J. Hendershot

DEFINITIONS

ARC: A word made from the initial letters of Affinity, Reality and Communication which together equate to Understanding.
AUDITING: The application by a Scientology Minister or Dianetic pastoral counsellor of Scientology procedures to someone for that person's spiritual betterment.
AUDITOR: A listener or one who listens carefully to what people have to say. A Scientology Minister trained and qualified in applying Scientology processes to others for their betterment.
BANK: A colloquial name for the Reactive Mind.
CASE: The way a person responds to the world around him by reason of his aberrations.
CASE SUPERVISOR (C/S): A highly trained Scientology specialist who supervises all auditing in a Scientology organization.
CLEAR: A being who can be cause, knowingly and at will, over mental matter, energy, space and time as regards the first dynamic (survival for self).
DIANETICS: Means through thought or mind. Pastoral counselling.
DRUG RUNDOWN: A process which helps a person understand why he needed drugs or alcohol and frees him from a need for them.
DYNAMICS: The manifestations of the common denominator of Life; the urge, thrust and purpose of life–SURVIVE! There are eight dynamics.
E-METER: A religious artifact used in spiritual counselling and in solo auditing.
EXTERIOR: The state of the thetan being outside his body.
GRADE: Release Grade, a distinct and definite step toward greater levels of awareness and ability.
MEST: The physical universe. A word coined from the initial letters of Matter, Energy, Space and Time.
METHOD 4 WORD CLEARING: A method of locating words that were not understood in materials studied in the past.
MOCK-UP: A mental model, construction or picture; used in a special sense to denote something created by a thetan either mentally or in the physical universe.
NO INTERFERENCE AREA: From Levels R6EW through OT III. Due to the nature of the bank, when a person is in this area it is important he receives no other auditing but the processes of these levels or any actions needed to repair solo auditing errors.
ORG: An abbreviation for Organization.
OPERATING THETAN (OT): A Clear who has been familiarized with his environment to a point of total cause over matter, energy, space, time, thought and life, and who is not in a body.
OUT-RUDIMENTS: A case not set up for a session action. Rudiments are a specific process or processes done at session start to set up the pc for the session action.
PRECLEAR (PC): Anyone who is not Clear. It is principally used to describe a person who, through Scientology processing, is finding out more about himself and life.
PROCESSING: That action or actions, governed by the technical disciplines and codes of Scientology, of administering spiritual counselling to a preclear in order to spiritually release or free him.
POSTULATE: (noun) A decision regarding a state of beingness. A consideration. The highest capability of life, taking rank over the mechanics of Space, Energy and Time.
REACTIVE MIND: That portion of a person's mind which works on a stimulus-response basis (given a certain stimulus, it gives a certain response) which is not under his volitional control and which exerts force and the power of command over his awareness, purposes, thoughts, body and actions.
RELEASE: A person whose Reactive Mind is not influencing him. There are eight grades of Release.
RESTIMULATE: To bring into reactivation a past upset or difficulty by the appearance in the environment of something similar to something in the Reactive Mind.
R6EW: Routine 6 End Words; the process used in solo auditing to release oneself and thus become a Grade VI–Whole Track–Release.
SESSION: A period of time in which auditing is occurring between a pc or pre-OT and auditor.
SCIENTOLOGY: An applied religious philosophy, dealing with the study of knowledge, which through the application of its technology, can bring about desirable changes in the conditions of life.
SOLO: (Solo Auditing) The auditing technique which one is trained to use, where one is both auditor and pc, in auditing the Advanced levels.
THETAN: The person himself–not his body or name: the spirit which IS the individual. (From Theta Θ, the Greek symbol for "thought" or perhaps "spirit").
TONE SCALE: A scale measuring the various factors of behavior, emotion and thought.
TRACK: (Time Track). The consecutive mental image pictures of facsimiles recording the consecutive moment of "now" through which the individual has lived.
WHOLE TRACK: The moment to moment record of a person's existence in this universe in picture or impression form.

Book Review

THE POETRY AND CAREER OF LI PO 701-762 A.D. by Arthur Waley. Copyright 1950. London: George Allen & Unwin, Ltd.

This is one of the most delightful books I've read in years.

It concerns the life and poetry of the eighth century Chinese poet Li Po.

Before we go further into the book itself, a mention must be made of its author Arthur Waley. Mr. Waley is probably the foremost western authority on Chinese religions and has done some of the best translations of ancient Chinese religious and literary writings.

There is a unique charm about the book that stems from Mr. Waley's truthful and complete writing about a brilliant and very interesting individual.

Li Po, 701-762 A.D., is the most celebrated of all Chinese poets and certainly the most colorful. More has been recorded of his life than of any of his contemporaries which undoubtedly assisted in the presentation of a complete picture of this individual.

You will find yourself immediately caught up by Li Po who is projected through 18 centuries as bright and as real as if he lived today.

He grew up and lived in China, with his first recorded poem written at 15 years old.

He continued his writings throughout his life, often as poems of farewell or news to friends and acquaintances, as formal poems and as various official government and religious documents.

Poetry in Li Po's time was more integrated as a routine part of life than it is today. Today we find poetry is more isolated, more a private rather than social communication until it is formally published.

Li Po was hardly a model citizen. Unusual for his time, he held no official post but journeyed through China living with friends and relatives. He loved wine as dearly as he loved companionship.

Yet in a country whose poets were far more highly esteemed than in the West, Li Po was admired as a genius of geniuses in his own lifetime and was a national celebrity. Mr. Waley summarizes in his book a contemporary account of Li Po: "his new poems are on everyone's lips, he is sent for by the Emperor countless times and comes home still half drunk . . . the local magnates . . . tumble over one another to do him honour and pay as much as a hundred pieces of gold for the privilege of knowing him. But his real friends are the rivers and hills, the clouds and moonlight."

Something of the flavor of Li Po's life can be sensed in this famous poem translated in the book:

"Long ago, among the flowers and willows,
We sat drinking together at Ch'ang-an.
The Five Barons and Seven Grandees were
of our company,
But when some wild stroke was afoot
It was we who led it, yet boisterous though we were
In the arts and graces of life we could
hold our own
With any dandy in town—
In the days when there was youth in your cheeks
And I was still not old.
We galloped to the brothels, cracking our
gilded whips,
We sent in our writings to the Palace
of the Unicorn,
Girls sang to us and danced hour by hour on
tortoise-shell mats.
We thought, you and I, that it would be
always like this.
How should we know the grass would stir and
dust rise on the wind?
Suddenly foreign horsemen were at the
Hsien-ku Pass
Just when the blossom at the Palace of Ch'in
was opening on the sunny boughs.
Now I, unhappy, am on my way to banishment
at Yeh-lang,
Wondering if a day will come when
the Golden Cock[1]
Will bring me pardon and return."

Arthur Waley shows us that Li Po is, intellectually, also a fascinating figure. He was a Taoist mystic and alchemist who at the same time was well versed in Buddhism. He routinely wrote inscriptions and dedications for both Taoist and Buddhist temples and monasteries.

Arthur Waley observes that Li Po was called a "Banished Immortal" by a noted contemporary and that Li Po considered it "simply a record of fact." As Waley notes "It was commonly believed that immortals who had misbehaved in Heaven were as a punishment banished to live on earth for a fixed period, where they figured as wayward and extraordinary human beings."

In a poem addressed to a monk called Tao-Uai Mr. Waley reports "Li Po claims to have 'seen the Greater Earth sharp and clear as in a mirror' and to have 'revolved through space with the Wheeling

[1] Hoisted when an amnesty was proclaimed.

Wind' that is to say, to have reached the stage of concentration . . . in which the untethered mind wanders at will through space."

Thus Li Po's life itself was a poem and Arthur Waley's "translation" of it won't fail to interest you.

An important part of the *Poetry and Career of Li Po* is Arthur Waley's translations of several of the most famous poems of the poet. Mr. Waley not only faithfully renders the poems but brilliantly conveys their rhythm as well.

For example here is a poem Li Po addressed to a friend in 742, beautifully captured by Mr. Waley:

"My friend is lodging high in the Eastern Range,
Dearly loving the beauty of valleys and hills.
At green spring he lies in the empty woods,
And is still asleep when the sun shines on high.
A pine-tree wind dusts his sleeves and coat;
A pebbly stream cleans his heart and ears.
I envy you who far from strife and talk
Are high-propped on a pillow of grey mist."

This book vividly illustrates Li Po's life and poetry against the background of 8th century Tang Dynasty China, its customs, politics, geography and the co-mingling of two great religions: Taoism and Buddhism.

This is a very well written book, easy and thoroughly enjoyable reading—certainly a recommended addition to your library, whether you're familiar with Chinese history or not.

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Letters to the Editor

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Advance! (Nos. 14 and 15) are. They surely are "evidences of the demonstration of competence" and I know all concerned feel good about them.

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Phil McAiney
Canadian Director
Narconon
Toronto, Canada

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Philip Carr
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Dorothy Van Der Poel
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Peter Sparshott
Church of Scientology
Sydney, Australia

I would appreciate if you would send myself and Carl Lundgren the future editions of the Advance! Every copy I read brings me to a better understanding of Scientology. We are in a Narconon program here, and are winning every day. Everything that I read brings me one step closer to Clear. I hope that within a couple of years of my release that I will reach that goal. I am in the second gradient of the Comm (communication) Course. I am working hard, and loving every minute of it.

I was thinking just now, how lucky I am that there are people like L. Ron Hubbard and yourselves to show me the way out of a life of confusion. Scientology was my stable datum (and it's right) of 31 years of confusion. I never knew what it was to be not confused. I can never remember a time in my life when I wasn't confused about something or another.

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I had better close for now, and get back to work on my book.

Bille Brunelle
Safford, Arizona

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