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THE AAC EAST GRINSTEAD

The AAC East Grinstead became an AAC officially in February '84. Prior to that it was actually started as a delivery group in June 1983 in the pioneering days of the independent movement. Since then the group have weathered all manner of overt and covert attacks and survived and expanded as a stable unit. The C of S did their darndest with private investigators, law suits, libel, slander and numerous plants. There were some individuals in the field tried to "organize" the group not fully appreciating that the word organization was then an *Endword and not acceptable terminology in polite company.

The AAC E.G. comprises Founding Scientologists Burt and Eileen Griswold and ex long term SO members Steve Bisbey, Morag Bellmaine and Joyce Barnes. Their combined experience in Scientology amounts to 97 years, all of which (minus the arbitraries of the C of S and the SO!) is reflected in the tech delivery and service at the AAC.

You won't find the dogmatic, nit picky, pedantic insistence upon 'standard' tech as the Church knows it. Rather the staffs thorough grounding in tech and basics ensure that students, pcs or pre-ots are handled according to their individual needs while moving up through the proper levels.

The AAC maintain the purity of the technology, they do not worship protocol. As individuals they are friendly, stable, competent, sometimes controversial and always dependable.

The AAC is set up to the point where it works well, and no further. The only policies it uses are those necessary for this to occur, and as needed. The only statistics they use are, the products being produced and the pcs and students returning for more auditing and training. On the analysis of the past year, these statistics are very high.

The AAC E.G. has produced consistently high quality products since its inception. In the short time that the AAC has been operating, there have been more than 250 major completions in auditing and training which includes many completions on AA 3, AA 5 and 18 currently through AA 6 and on to AA 7. The volume of delivery has been so high that at one point during the Summer pcs were having to be scheduled for later dates.

Looking to the future, it would appear that this volume of delivery will not diminish, in fact, they are currently looking towards expansion. In the early days, when independent delivery groups were springing up everywhere, the general opinion was that their survival was very much linked with what they produced. The AAC E.G. has passed this test with honours.

*ENDWORD: (Tech dictionary) 1. The common denominator to the whole of a GPM. 2. The final word of a goal.

CANADA

A judge in Toronto has issued warrants on 18 CofS executives, and a warrant against the CofS itself, under 17 different charges. We are led to believe that those involved are ex-GO members. Amongst the charges are Burglary, Larceny, Fraud, Consumer Fraud and Conspiracy to Commit Murder. Our LA correspondent tells us that indictments of top CofS execs are imminent.

DON'T FORGET

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Please send cheques made payable to "Reconnection" to Gary Earle, 2, The Close, Copyhold Road, East Grinstead, West Sussex. Any cheques received after the 12th, tickets will be held at the door for collection.

LRH

"Slaves are made by giving them freedom from responsibility." 8.8008.

ARE YOU EDUCATED?

"So we get down to the fundamental of Scientology education, and that is that it doesn't hurt a thetan to communicate with anything, anywhere, at any time. And to educate, all we have to do is teach him that..."

"It's a sure test of a teacher whether he knows his stuff or not, the number of data which he insists on everyone assimilating without question. If he insists that a great number of data be assimilated without further analysis or question in any way, shape or form, we know this boy doesn't know his business. He's scared. Somehow or other he feels that nobody must be permitted to examine these data." (Study tape 10, "Education").

COUNCIL FOR SPIRITUAL INTEGRITY

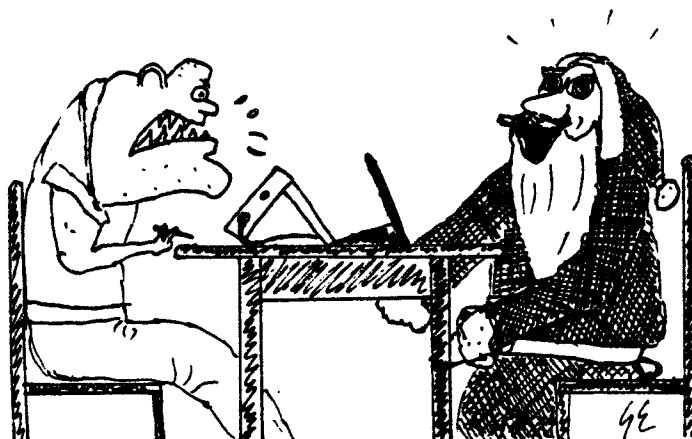
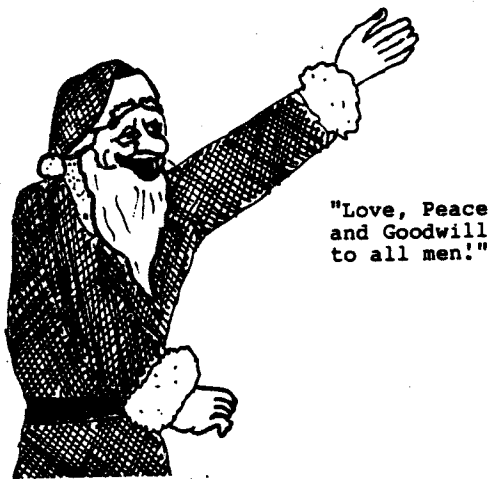
At the beginning of December the Council held its first public meeting, in Hollywood. About 140 people turned up. Hana Eltringham, who was an original SO member, was the guest speaker. Dany Devito - black-belt and film producer also spoke. The founder of the council, Mark Jones, gave the final talk. The Council's newsletter, the Free Spirit, has just gone into its third issue.

STOP PRESS

Whilst in the process of pasting up this issue news has come in from Los Angeles. Apparently in the last few weeks there has been a lot of movement to and fro from the Cedars Complex (which houses AOLA, ASHO and LA Day). Is it possible that the Church of Scientology is going to fail to pay its tax bill? They may well be moving out in anticipation of the seizure of the Cedars of Lebanon by the Internal Revenue Service.

The Cedars were placed under lien (an enforced mortgage) by the IRS in October of 1980 when the CofS refused to pay back taxes. The Manager of Reconnection, Gary Earle, is considering opening a book (ie taking bets) on the closure of St Hill. This makes the survival of the Independents more vital than ever, if Scientology itself is to survive. Are we ready to take over from the CofS completely?

A TRADITIONAL ST HILL GREETING FOR SANTA



IN THE NEXT ISSUE

With the next issue we begin our "Subscribers only" Reconnections. In these we'll try to explain in detail what has really happened to the Church, and to show the information, and the various theories, that have come to light. In the "Parallels" series we'll be taking a look at Huna magic. LRH undoubtedly came in contact with this system at first hand in Guam (where his father was posted in the '20s). Huna has an analogy for the thetan - reactive mind - analytical mind.

There will also be an article on Dr Peebles. Dr Peebles is a disembodied thetan who communicates via a medium. A group of Scientologists in America have consulted him with regard to the whereabouts of LRH, and the future of the Independents, amongst many other things.

Reconnection 11 will have an article about the development of Power Processing, written by the inimitable John McMaster. It will also contain news of the Independents, Attack Talks, and if you're quick it may even contain the article you've been dying to write! Articles on the future of Scientology are particularly welcome.

But remember - it's a Special Reconnection for subscribers only. Subscriptions are £12 for Britain and Eire; £15 for Europe; and £20 for the rest of the world. Cheques should be in Sterling, and made payable to "Reconnection".

FIELD AUDITORS

The Mission Office has a yearly contest to see who the most productive field auditors are. In September 1983 there were 79 tithe paying field auditors (world-wide!) entered in this contest - in October 1984 only 38.

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PARALLELS

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In 8.8008 certain philosophers and scientists are acknowledged for providing LRH with "source material". Amongst them you will find Count Alfred Korzybski. He is also given credit at the beginning of Science of Survival, and LRH speaks of him in the Data Series.

As yet I've been unable to locate any of Korzybski's own work, but here is a statement from Long's "Self-Suggestion", published in 1958 (several years before word-clearing came into use):

"Korzybski in his book, 'Science and Sanity', wrote at length about what false meanings attached to words can do to throw individuals off the line of normal mental and emotional balance. He pointed to many instances in which a misunderstanding of the true meaning of a word has caused an emotional disturbance."

2

"When doing Tratak you are to stare continuously, without blinking, for thirty to forty minutes... Tratak can be done with another person." (Meditation, the art of ecstasy", Rajneesh, Perennial Library, NY, 1978).

This is the closest to TR0 we've found. It isn't TR0 though!

3

LRH: "There is no such thing as a particle. There is a postulate about particles." (PDC tape 48, 1952).

"May the universe in some strange way be 'brought into being' by the participation of those who participate?" John Wheeler (physicist at Princeton), "Gravitation", Freeman, San Francisco, 1973.

"Quantum mechanics views sub-atomic particles as 'tendencies to exist' or 'tendencies to happen'... Sub-atomic particles are correlations. If we weren't here to make them, there would not be any concepts, including the concept of 'correlation'. In short, if we weren't here to make them, there wouldn't be any particles!". Gary Zukav, "The Dancing Wu-Li Masters", Flamingo, London, 1984.

"Today there is a wide measure of agreement, which on the physical side of science approaches almost to unanimity, that the stream of knowledge is heading towards a non-mechanical reality; the universe begins to look more like a great thought than like a great machine." Sir James Jeans, in the Rede lectures, 1937.

CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME

With the separation into two different Reconnections each will have a particular content. The full mailing list Recon will emphasise the benefits of Scientology. We welcome descriptions of life changing results achieved from auditing - whether it be the ability to view the whole universe from the outside, or something a little more down to earth like handling your boss's headache with a touch assist. In this way Reconnection will become the Div 6 magazine for the UK Independents.

The Special Reconnection needs in depth discussions of Scientology. Both will carry comparisons between Scientology and other subjects. Please send in your contributions - double space typed preferably.

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LETTERS

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO A.S.K. ?

Eric and I started A.S.K. (Association for Study of Knowledge) 3 months after we resigned from the Church of Scientology in September 1983. A.S.K. is over 1 year old! The original idea was to go very public and provide data, courses and a reference library on any and all useful technologies, but would, of course, specialise in Scientology having 24 years training in the subject between us.

In July 1984 we moved to Brighton to form the Health and Ability Centre to service the non-Scientologists that Dr. Alan Stewart recommended for counselling and training on particular areas of stress in their lives. Meanwhile, I was meeting fascinating people in other technologies, reading a lot of books on other tech and rehabbing the many practises I've encountered on my long journey so far. This has brought about several opportunities for us to develop - we have another practitioner, for example, using Ron's counselling techniques. Many people have recognised the need for such a precise tool to enhance their existing skills.

We are about to deliver the first of what we hope will become regular seminars. This will take place in a clinic in Haywards Heath which specialises in natural healing and development of potential, run by a qualified nurse who lectures at St. Thomas's hospital and has been trained by Eric as a Dianeticist. Eric will be running the seminars to a previously successful format covering the Time Track, File Clerk, Engrams, etc. Recall lists are used for practical experience and each participant will give and receive auditing as part of the seminar. Participants will experience case gain, but more importantly will go away with skills that they can use to assist friends, family, or members of their practise, if already involved in the healing arts.

Most of the people expected to attend are already receiving alternative medicine or therapy and expect a higher degree of all round health than is possible for a medical doctor with a very full waiting room to provide for.

The seminar starts at 9.30 a.m. on the 23rd February. Tickets cost £15 in advance (includes lunch). Contact us for more details. If you live anywhere in the U.K. and have a friend you want to introduce, we do postal courses too. Give us a ring.

In order to raise money for our social projects, we are delivering the bridge up to Clear at very low cost. We feel that too many people may get stuck midway on the bridge because of money. I personally had such enormous wins on my AA 5 that my whole first dynamic case fell away - then the game really started!

As a final word, if anyone has any rewritten or uncopyrighted LRH material suitable for general public use, please let us know. Anyone with a successful project of marketing LRH tech to general public, please get in touch so we can exchange successful actions.

Our new address is:
Health and Ability Centre,
P.O. Box 297,
HOVE,
East Sussex. Phone: Lancing (0903) 750770

Love to all

Vicky Ballard

It is popularly supposed that the political spectrum ranges between right wing and left wing. That idea has never held water for me since Communism aims to take over ownership into state hands and make the state a super-capitalist. I see the scale ranging from authoritarian to anarchist. An authoritarian regime would make all the decisions for the individual, structure government as an hierarchy, and communicate using force and duress. An anarchist regime would have all decisions made by the individual, a network structure, and communication using reason and aesthetics. The "Anarchist" who wants to smash the government, isn't an anarchist.

I'm a Quaker, and have been since 1976, and I've found that the administration and business meetings are a good anarchy structure - quite well organized, and well established in its essential workings since the late 1600's.

I think that Ron designed Organizations in hopes of achieving an anarchist type administrative system - viz.5 in a section, each person responsible for his post, staff meetings, committees of evidence and other things. I think that what went wrong there was his insistence on holding power, and that with the creation of the Scn Org, the regime swung over to an authoritarian structure. The reason why he hung on to power so much, is an open question.

I think that in any culture, authoritarianism is applied to the extent that its members are degraded and irresponsible, and therefore replacing the truer solutions of adequate communication and technology.

I see a scene for the Independents where a network society forms, with good communications, service oriented in its various ways, where orthodox type delivery groups exist as would 'squirrel', experimental, particular application concerns and others.

I propose anarchic structuring instead of splintering (which implies in-fighting). Believe that it will work well as Truth tends to unite rather than divide people, and if 'Wog' Quakers can grant sufficient beingness to let it work, then we can do at least as well.

Any feedback anyone cares to make on this controversial question? Or does this all sound too much like fair roads fair weather?

Best.
Peter Forde

I have always felt a strong need for Scientology to take its place as a valid viewpoint among the many other viewpoints of society today.

In this connection it is necessary for the interface between Scientology and "society" to be more thoroughly understood BY SCIENTOLOGISTS. Such understanding can be helped along by Book Reviews such as those in "New Scientist" but written by Scientologists. This particularly applies to work in the field of quantum physics, economics and astro-physics. For example Rupert Sheldrake's book "A New Science of life" which sets out his hypotheses on "morphic resonance" or Prof. Stephen Hawking's work on the Big Bang and Big Crunch theory of creation or Prof. Paul Davis books on quantum physics.

The view of man and the universe is undergoing radical change. In many ways Scientology leads these fields but does not attempt to take its proper place. We are in power but refuse to wear the Boots. Truth is only "true" when it is relevant. Scientology is becoming scientifically relevant, we should be aware of this, but there is a need for us to make the connections. The way the tech works, "in present time" gives some important clues for "space/time".

John Burnett.

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LETTERS

Dear Reconnection,

First, congratulations to Steve Bisbey for his superb essay on Ethics, Justice and Broken Dramatizations. That should tell anyone what the intentions of the Independent Field are.

Now, comments on George Hay's question.

A datum of comparable magnitude is necessary to evaluate another datum. Comparable does not have to mean substitute. We can and do evaluate Scientology so there must be something comparable we use to evaluate it by.

How does one evaluate any body of data? By applying it correctly to its field and if the data is valid producing predictable results by that application.

To what is Scientology addressed? From the quote on the front page of Recon 9, LRH's 1st PDC Lecture. Scientology, a precise Science of Universes and Beings therein or Beings who make Universes. There I suggest is your comparable datum: Universes and the involvement of Beings with them.

If you want to know about Calculators, Computers, Radios and T.V. sets you study Electronics. Do you look for a similar body of data by which to evaluate Electronics, or do you evaluate it by seeing if it works and explains things electronic?

Before Scientology I investigated various other fields. From Scientology I came to understand them better. On reflection the study of them does not appear to have had any bearing on my understanding of Scientology or my recognition of its validity. If you have a lock and fifty keys only one of which opens the lock, it doesn't matter whether you pick it up first or last. You only have to recognise it opens the lock and that opening the lock is what you are trying to achieve. It's just a question of finding the right tool to do the job and knowing that is what you are doing. Of course if one doesn't know if one has the right tool, one can only keep looking.

Scientology addresses the subject of Beings and Universes. That doesn't seem to leave a lot else that concerns us at this time. So possibly one can only fully exteriorise from Scientology when one exteriorises from Universes. I don't see anything wrong with that.

If we are talking about some sort of compulsive interiorisation into Scientology well that would simply be a matter of case best resolved by progressing through the steps and across the bridge.

None of this invalidates having an interest in parallel subjects, but I don't see such an interest as a prerequisite to one's ability to evaluate Scientology.

Philip Gardiner

ALAN AMBROSE ATTACKS. OR, A EQUALS A EQUALS A

George Hay's article in the last issue of "Reconnection" poses the question "Is there a datum of comparable magnitude to Scientology?" George is a terrible old heretic but then so am I!

According to the Tech. Dictionary, Scientology does not "intrude into the 8th Dynamic" (see under Dynamics). 8 years ago I decided that I would so intrude and life's never been the same since. I seem to have lost my case so can't be accused of talking about it - along with it's vanquishment came the return of my OT powers and I am not only certain within myself of my irreversible freedom but I am not polarised to Scientology as the ONLY WAY. Nor am I polarised into for or against the Church. I can give help to either movement.

My most heretical cognition, and that was a long time ago, is that one cannot go really free inside someone else's framework and postulates, but that sooner or later one would appear before the examiner to declare his freedom from Scientology and LRH's work! One would, of course, have to be very certain to do that and as I have found the viewpoint is not a popular one. And, of course, one would still be a pan-determined Scientologist of which at the present time, few indeed seem to exist.

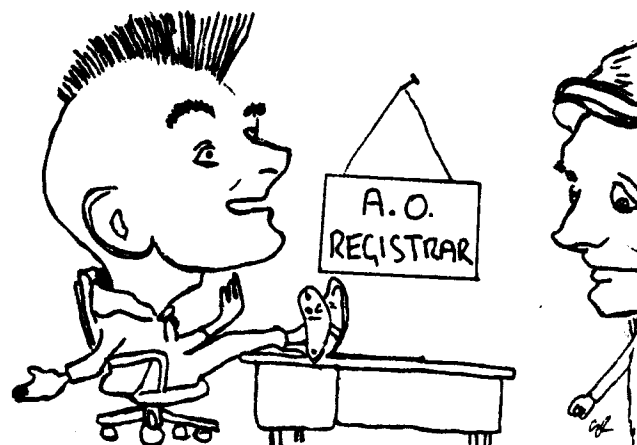
Just in case someone gets the idea that I am a theistic weenie in need of review, I put, and am holding, Scientology in 3 communist countries; I am wearing my Boots in the Sky!

To the datum of comparable magnitude. ECKANKAR, the Ancient Science of Soul Travel. It seems even more difficult to confront that Scientology and some of the data has been taken raw from LRH - but some I have not even smelt or felt or intuited around Scientology; and that data for me at least has explained and allowed me to handle areas I have not seen tackled in Scientology - the 8th Dynamic being the chief one.

I located ECKANKAR after travelling several times around the world and enquiring of sources that LRH would have been proud of. I did a lot of actual research and on one occasion nearly self-immolated handling Radionics and Psionics (fascinating stuff there) - but enquire for yourself if you're interested. Eckankar Bookshop, 8 Thackery Street, London W8 5ET. It's not dangerous as are Radionics and Psionics by the way.

I am with you always, with love.

Alan Ambrose.



"I'd been lying & conning people all my life... So I thought I'd take it up professionally."

WHAT YOUR DONATIONS REALLY BUY FOR CHRISTMAS

The CofS is proudly proclaiming its erection of a 110 foot white spruce on the banks of Clearwater harbour. The tree was transported to Florida in five sections and had to be re-assembled by carpenters. It was decorated with 2,500 lights, 700 ornaments and a 300 foot garland. CofS spokesman Michael O'Brian said: "The tree was bought by parishioners of the church to help the people of Pinellas County have the best Christmas ever... We're really thrilled and proud that our parishioners were able to make this gift to the people of Clearwater... From what I understand, it may be the largest Christmas tree in the world. If its not, I'd like to know about it."

Well, Michael, it isn't. There's one just 16 feet taller in Lantana, Florida. Our LA correspondent (sounds flashy, doesn't it?) tells us that it is rumoured that this tree, and its little brother in LA, cost \$31,000. Less than OT 5-7 in the church (Where staff are still on beans and rice).

DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE

Bent Corydon, who runs the Independent centre in Riverside, California, and was one of the first Independents, has been the defendant in a suit brought by the CofS claiming fraud and \$750,000 damages for his 'take-over' of the centre building. On December 8th Riverside Superior Court Judge Mortland denied the church's request that possession of the building be given to them. The suit will go to trial in 1986.

THE STANDARD

The Church and its fall from grace

To understand the massive movement away from the Church, and the formation of the Independent field, it is necessary to see what is happening from a technical point of view. We could go back to the events of 1964-5, or even further, but let's concentrate on the significant changes at the end of 1968:

At that time LRH introduced a new definition of "Standard": "A definite level or degree of quality that is proper and adequate for a specific purpose". This was to be the key-note of the Class 8 course.

The technical developments of the Class 8 course were a major upgrade in terms of technical delivery and results. This was the new standard that auditing, and results, had to reach. At first this was the case. Cases were being resolved, and a major international Scientology boom occurred.

The maxim that was applied was: Auditing is for the pc. So long as that basic datum was adhered to, the standard could be maintained, and Scientology continued to expand. Over the years however, there was a continuous and subtle shift away from this maxim towards: Auditing is for the Stat, for the Org.

As the pressure to produce stats increased, the idea of Auditing for the pc was violated. "See that pc X gets 2 more hours auditing, so that we can count another intensive on the stats". Pc X may in fact have had a very good win, to the extent that 2 more hours of auditing was not going to be of any benefit to him at that time. Or conversely: "Complete the pc before Thursday, 2pm, to get the stats up". So an action would be skimped (or quickied).

Through the 70's there was increasing pressure from the untrained and inexperienced kids of the CMO, to whom LRH had entrusted the running of the Church. Paralleling this was the increasing criminality of the Guardian's Office, once the bastion of the Church. This criminality irreversibly tarnished the name Scientology. The leaders of this group ended up in jail. They violated LRH's policy that the laws of the land should be obeyed. We must all accept some responsibility for the complacency and reasonableness which allowed this to happen. We all contributed to the aberration that so long as it was for the 'good of Scn' it was okay.

There has been a blind acceptance of whatever LRH has written. A complete reversal of LRH's insistence in the Philadelphia Doctorate Course that we shouldn't take his word for it, we should test it for ourselves.

LRH called the GO the 'Heavy Hussars'. Because LRH said it, it must be true, you may think. Yet Hussars are actually light cavalry. What LRH meant was 'Heavy Dragoons'. It's a trifling point, but it shows that LRH isn't infallible! Bringing this to the attention of the 'loyal' Church member you'd quite likely be accused of having overts, misunderstands, or counter-intention.

LRH must be given credit for the development of the technology, but the technology must be approached with self-determinism. It must be examined, questioned, and tested by the individual, so that he can fully understand it, make it his own, and apply it. Blind faith is precisely what the technology should be auditing out! The correction of an error in LRH's writings should not be considered a sacreligious act, for which you can be burned at the stake!

The Church management's dramatizations have become increasingly ludicrous. With the RTC, the International Finance Police, and their Dictator, more and more pressure has been exerted upon the remaining Church staff and adherents. The bizarre schemes to extract cash from members also increase. Witness the 'I want to go OT' club, and the 'International Association of Scientologists', with its ridiculous 'Pledge to Mankind'.

So we see the membership of the Church rapidly diminishing; increasing demonstrations of psychosis on the part of the largely uneducated and out-of-valence management. All hinged upon the chasing of stats. Worst of all the church has sacrificed the Tech in preference of the Thursday 2pm dramatization. The church can no longer deliver Scientology. LRH defined Ethics as "Counter or Other Intention". This continuous stat push is surely Other Intention, and so Out-Ethics. And of course when Ethics is out the Tech won't go in.

Our experience clearly demonstrates this, judging simply by the number of people that we've had to repair, because of blatant out-Tech in the church. In fact the Tech has been out for quite some time. We must therefore ensure that the standard of the Tech in the Independent field remains far higher than that of the church. This isn't very hard! The church's major lapse is that it has failed to train auditors. We are remedying this in London. To achieve this we have had to re-assemble the Technical materials, cutting out the arbitraries entered by the church over the years. There is no inventiveness in this, only a constant reference back to Basics; to the foundation that LRH laid for the Technology.

Rule number one is: AUDITING IS FOR THE PC. Not for the stat.

How often have you heard of a person's pc folder being used against him? Sec-checks for the benefit of HCO rather than the pc: with no immunity given to the pc for withholds obtained in this way; the pc footing the bill; and the whole delivered by an untrained "auditor", or worse yet gang of "auditors".

One ex-church member says that she remembers commenting to a church registrar that she always seemed to need more hours than other people. She suddenly realized that her main case problem was her chequebook! She could afford the auditing. The AAC repaired that stat-push rather easily.

Another example is a pre-OT who spent about \$500,000 on NOTs at Flag. He later discovered that he'd had almost 400 hours of overrun! Worse yet, when he ran out of money Flag refused to help him, and he ended up in hospital! Again it took only a short time to clean up the Flag goofs.

Church members should perhaps demand a thorough and independent Folder Error Summary of those church members who have either become very ill on NOTs or actually died. This might well show that the common denominator was overrun or misrun NOTs. A large amount of the income of the AOs and Flag comes from audited NOTs.

Further the environment of the church is not a safe place to receive auditing. That inevitably adds time to any auditing action. Small wonder that in the friendly and safe environment of the Independent field people are genuinely finishing their Advanced Ability 5 in a fraction of the time, and at a fraction of the cost!

Now let's be frank about NOTs. The church sell it as a brand new breakthrough of 1978. "The living lightening of life". But the "NOTs case" was known about in 1968!! Back then we had auditing actions in the research team (of which I was part), that handle areas of charge that even NOTs doesn't touch. So don't be fooled by all the hype and propaganda. The church is primarily concerned with getting your money.

How many people have mortgaged houses, and taken out huge loans to buy their Bridge, only to find themselves abandoned when the money ran out. How many had honestly gained the ability to repay the often staggering loans they'd taken out? I know whereof I speak, because I've been repairing the shoddy "Tech" delivered by the church. People who've witnessed continual out-Tech, and weird "Ethics" from a bunch of stat happy kids - most of whom were still playing marbles when we were with LRH and the OT levels were first released. There is no substitute for experience.

THE STANDARD

Auditing is for the pc. As long as we respect this, and work with the pc towards his having wins, and improving the quality of his life and of himself, we will all gain. Let's not join the church in its stat push to skid row!

Neville Chamberlin.

Editor's note: Neville received his first session in London in the 50's at the age of 8. His parents were close friends of LRH throughout the St Hill period (and before it), so Neville came to know LRH very well. Neville was the first Class 7 with Honours, and an original member of the Sea Org. He was with LRH on Las Palmas when OT3 was being researched, and held key technical positions in the late 60's. Neville was also present when the Class 8 lectures were delivered aboard the Apollo in Corfu.

More recently the church accused him of "collapsing South Africa" (quite an achievement!), and they have been forced to withdraw the hilarious Expulsion Order that they issued against him. Neville runs a Centre in London. He has 12 new people on lines - somewhat more than London Org.

A CONSUMER'S GUIDE TO TECH DELIVERY UNITS

In the past the Church's Monopoly ensured that individuals had very little choice as to where they took their services. With the advent of the Independents all this has changed and a number of tech delivery groups have emerged.

As a monopoly the Church was able to closely monitor their orgs' activities and tech quality. The tech, while not always high in quality, was generally consistent in application org to org. This is not true of all the independent groups and auditors and, in some cases, far from it.

Some independent groups and individuals have gone to considerable trouble to align themselves with others in order to bring about consistent, high quality technical application. The AACs are not the only example of this. Other groups and field auditors, often geographically remote from the major UK groups in East Grinstead, Candacraig and London, provide good tech and good service. Unfortunately, there are a few (a minority by far) who are, frankly, just plain cowboys.

In the history of Scientology an independent movement on the scale we have now is unprecedented. Therefore to some degree field auditors and groups have to feel their way forward and inevitably some mistakes will be made. This is understandable and not something to be condemned as the Church would do. Errors in the tech delivery or administration of a group are one thing, blatant disregard for other peoples' cases by knowing and deliberate misuse of tech is quite another.

The survival of a delivery group depends upon its getting out good products. Members of delivery groups strive not to judge other such groups; it is for the individuals in the field to do that.

Some people have had difficulty in deciding where to take their services. The following points are things that could be considered before taking service with any particular group:

1. Products past and present, students, PCs and Pre-OTs. Are the majority good, bad or indifferent?
2. The stability and safety of the auditor's or group's location.
3. Whether or not there is a trained C/S.
4. The training levels of the auditor(s) and C/S Are they:
 - a) Properly trained, interned and experienced in delivering the service?
 - b) Trained but not experienced in delivering the service?

- c) "Self Trained" in delivering the service?
- d) Not trained at all in delivering the service?

5. Are the field auditors' or groups' public on the whole satisfied with their services.
6. The group's overall tone level and amount of ARC.
7. What degree of communication does the field auditor or group have with other delivery groups and the independent field? Do they:
 - a) Have an affiliation with other groups and in good comm with the field?
 - b) Have a liaison with other groups and are in good comm with the field?
 - c) Have some communication with other groups in the field?
 - d) Individuated, are critical of, and are out of comm with other groups in the field?
8. Do they actually deliver the service that's been paid for?
9. What degree of confidence do they have in the tech?

What is at stake is an individual's spiritual condition. If someone is to pay for a service intended to improve this, then they have the right to be aware of what they are paying for. The above points are not necessarily a complete list, but at least something to go on. In terms of quality, at the top of the scale you have, say, the AAC Santa Barbara, the most ideal tech delivery group I've ever seen. At the bottom of the scale you have cowboys.

Look at what degree of tech quality and service you can get compared with the prices and decide accordingly. In the main you will receive the quality you pay for. Remember it may well be false economy to settle for a cowboy.

For far too long the church's monopoly ensured that there was never any criticism of tech delivery. The church pursued the idea that no value could be put on spiritual freedom. Perhaps that is true, but, unlike the Church, we believe and individual's freedom includes the right to take their services where they wish and where they will receive the care and ARC they desire.

Steve Bisbey
C/S, AAC East Grinstead
20.11.84.

COWBOY (English slang) 1. A person who represents himself to be qualified in a particular service or profession when he is not. 2. One who routinely produces a product of an unacceptable quality.



US LEGAL

The law suits are multiplying like fruit flies in America. The long-running Christofferson case is set for retrial in February. The Hartwells (who worked on the Tech films) will also be in court in February. Paulette Cooper should have been in court by now. Then there are the McLean, Tonya Burden, Gerry Armstrong (his counter suit), Samuels... too much to take in, I fear.

HOMER SHOMER

Howard "Homer" Schomer has filed a suit against the principals of Authors Services Incorporated (Miscavige and several other ex-Sea Org members), Pat Broeker, and LRH. The claim cites physical abuse, the intentional infliction of emotional distress, false imprisonment and the violation of civil rights. Schomer is demanding a jury trial and damages of \$226,528,200. Schomer alleges that he was subjected to gang sec-checking, denied food and water, spat upon (by Miscavige), threatened with bodily harm, locked up under guard, and told that he would be framed by bringing false witnesses against him.

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COMPLETIONS

Terry Sunnuck	State of Clear ARC Straightwire Grade 0 & 1 Exp
Erica Donath	AA 6
Barry Fairburn	Review & AA 5
Peter Mumford	Review, AA 5, AA 6
James Warnell	Grade 0 & 1 Exp
Rosemary Williams	State of Clear, Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4 Exp.
Sue Fisher	AA 3
Joyce Barnes	AA 6
Barry Tidman	AA 6
J.G.	State of Clear
Terry Scott	Review
Morag Bellmain	AA 5 Drug Rundown
Bill Johnson	Purification R/D
Marnel Rodrigues	Academy Levels
Sue Gittins	Dianetic Case Completion, Grades 5 & 5A
Peter Green	State of Clear Grades 0, 1, 2, 3 & 4 Exp
David Green	Grades 0, 1, 2, 3 & 4 Exp State of Clear
Vic Lyons	AA 6
Peter Mumford	AA 6

SUCCESS STORIES

There was a time a long time when I insisted I had seen what AA 3 was about - if you feel that way and haven't so far done AA 3 don't invalidate it! I must however tell you that there was a fundamental angle to it that I hadn't worked out - which explained a good deal on the subject of Q & A about case state, ability level and beingness. Once you hit AA 3 you'll find a whole new dimension to auditing - need I say more.

Sue Fisher

Well, end of Review - and the start of a fresh chapter in "my" Scientology. I'm pleased to have looked clearly at the whole mess of my times in the C of S - and better to have rehabbed many gains made over the years - auditing, training and livingness. With what I've got, I can make a new start on my auditing and training, and make real progress (real new progress) up and out. Many thanks to Burt my auditor and to everyone here at the AAC E.G.

ARC, Terry Scott, Westcliffe

The completion of AA 6 has brought forward a new and exciting adventure for me. Responsibility increases with each advanced level, and the willingness to have that responsibility gives you more and more cause over your life and your universe. To see things as they really are, to be more logical on your viewpoint, this is my new and exciting adventure and I hope you will join me and experience the same for yourself. My love to all.

Joyce Barnes

After going through the despair of seeing the tech move further and further from my grasp, it is tremendous to find it all available standardly (which, surprise, surprise, includes ARC) and in an environment without stress and pressure. I have thoroughly enjoyed doing this level. I have already made gains on things which I have always wanted to and, what is even nicer, I love auditing myself which I never did when with the Church.

I am proud to be a member of such an IN- ARC group and thank you all for being willing to risk your theta necks for your fellows. Love and many thanks.

AA 6 Peter Mumford

This level has been sheer unadulterated FUN. As Steve is an excellent C/S and Joyce is a terrific supervisor, I have naturally turned into a brilliant solo auditor (he said modestly). I am now fully confident that I can handle my AA 7 case from here on out and I am really looking forward to the next level - however long it is.

AA 6 Vic Lyon

At last I have found somewhere where it is safe to handle my case. As a result I have completed my Grades 0 - 4 and attested to Clear. At the AAC, your beingness is granted and the ARC is wonderful - you can't help but WIN! You have my thanks.

Peter Green

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CHRISTINE HYODO	AA 2, AA 3, AA 5 DRG/RD AA 5
PETER IMPEY	SOLO CRS, AA 1, AA 2, AA 3
JOHNNY JOHANSEN	LIFE REPAIR
LAURA JONSEN	SCN DRG/RD, CLEAR
MAUREEN JONSEN	SOLO CRS, AA 1
ANN LEARMOND	SOLO CRS, AA 1
CHRISTIAN LEMBURG	AA 5 C/S, AA 6, AA 7 C/S
EVA LEWEY	AA 2, AA 3
TOSHEN MUSGROVE	LIFE REPAIR
MIKE OLIVER	GRADES 1-2
ANN RONALDSON	LIFE REPAIR
JOHN RONALDSON	LIFE REPAIR
DAVID ROSS	GRADES 2-4, NED DRG/RD
DAVID SCOTT	GRADES 0-4, NED DRG/RD, INT R/D, CLEAR
FRED SMITHERS	AA 6
BRIAN TUCK	AA 5, AA 6
JONATHAN WHITAKER	AA 4
HARALD ZUDERELL	LEVEL 4, GRADE 0

SUCCESS STORIES

I feel absolutely wonderful, so clean and uncluttered. There is definitely no need for drugs, medicine or alcohol. The wins on the rundown are much better than any of the feelings from anything else. Lots of love and ARC to everyone and see you up the bridge.

Laura Jonsen, Scn. Drg R/D.

I have fulfilled my auditing requirements for Level IV and I feel that I made a really good choice when I decided to be an auditor. It's a beautiful job!

Harri Zuderell, Level IV

Well, after many years of waiting and relative spiritual inactivity, the long desired accomplishment of completing AA 3 has finally been attained. This is an accomplishment which, beyond the shadow of doubt whatever, all of humanity

should be striving for. For what this completion entails means so much for optimum survival, and the road leading to it is every bit as important. I am a different person than when I arrived, that is I am much more of the same person, me. And I truly believe that we are all much better off, the purer we manifest our own true selves. No less important in this entire scenario is the fact that Candacraig has made this all very, very possible in the optimum spirit of Scientology. My thanks to everyone here, and of course to LRH.

Gary Hyodo, AA 3

Here is a new land called life. Here is a map, compass and supplies. Good luck!

Fred Smithers, AA 6

These have been the best wins (and the best auditing and training) I've ever had in Scientology. All so effortless, such ARC and fun, but with no compromising of the Tech. It's the way I always thought it ought to be. I feel great. Thank you all here at Candacraig, you're doing a great job.

Brian Tuck, AA 5 & AA 6

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ATTACK TALKS !

WHERE DID IT ALL COME FROM?

Occasionally someone tries to persuade me that LRH stole the Tech from somewhere. I've spent quite a lot of time looking into the possible origins of Scientology, and I feel that it's time to make a reply to this allegation.

Nearly ten years ago I listened to a Briefing Course tape where LRH talked about the similarity between one of his own statements about Time, and one of Mouni Sadhu's (if I remember the man's name aright - it's been a long time!). In that lecture LRH said that if you looked hard enough you could probably find most of what has become Scientology elsewhere, but he compares his own task to that of selecting out the right puzzle pieces from the thousands available. A bit here and a bit there.

I've found all manner of surprises in my search - many of which will be put forward in the Parallels series (so long as the management of Reconnection allow!). I've talked with people who were around from almost before the beginning, and right the way through. Some speak of contributions made along the way - for example of the Halperns, who, so I've been told, developed the CCHs. But as far as I know Scientology exists because LRH put the pieces together, and I know of nothing which puts those pieces together in the same way.

Of course if you've elected LRH as God incarnate you won't be able to accept that he could have borrowed from anywhere. But if he is God incarnate then why did he bother to research at all? I'd like to see the proper balance. If you use Scientology you can't escape from it being LRH's subject. On the other hand it's more important whether it works or not. And that you can only find out for yourself.

FAITH IN THE CHURCH

"Faith-in is an inflow of agreement and the placing of one's beingness and doingness under the control of another, and is, in other words, the sacrifice of one's own universe. This is the basic mechanism wherein, all along the whole track, thetans have been recruited in some cause or mystery, and have surrendered to this their own identity and ability. A little of this goes a very long distance. It is in essence the basic trick of hypnotism and by it one can concert and reduce the abilities of a subject for any purpose." (8.8008)

Do you still have faith in the CofS? The Independents have many advantages, not least of which is Independence itself. Of course we also have the tremendous advantage of an affordable Bridge, but that isn't the most important reason for joining us. In the last two years we've seen the Church become authoritarian and autocratic. We've seen the re-introduction of Disconnection, despite LRH's assurances to the New Zealand government in 1968 that it would never be re-introduced. We've witnessed the brutal tactics of the young CMO dictators. How much compromise does it take? Yes, I know that there are still fanatics in the Church who believe that the Independents are a part of some immense and elaborate conspiracy, fired by the inconsistent and childish arguments of the handful of ex-GO members who run the campaign against us. I well remember the tenuous association made between Michael Flynn, David Mayo and Robin Scott earlier this year. Allegedly Flynn and Mayo had been seen in the same restaurant, which constituted a

conspiracy, an Org Board indeed! Robin called Candacraig an AAC, so was inevitably in Flynn's pay. And horses sleep in beds!

To me the main issues are to do with the purpose of Scientology. I certainly didn't enter Scientology with the idea that I would give the control of my communication and my actions away to anyone. Nor did I think I was joining a group which would enforce its know-best and its peculiar morality upon me. I had the perhaps misguided idea that I was trying to restore my own universe, rather than replacing it altogether with the dictates of some half-witted CMO teenager.

Loyalty is a noble attribute. But should we be loyal to the Organization, to Scientology, or to the goal of freeing Man? And surely if we succumb to hatred and fanaticism, and accept the unverifiable, half-baked ideas of those in authority, simply because they are in authority, we've sold our goal of freeing man.

If we are to believe the CofS, inflation has been running at about 700% since January 1983 (OT3 was £1,650 then; it's £12,100 now. As a matter of fact it was £835 in 1981). The world is on the edge of disaster (and has been there for some considerable time!). Apocalypse is imminent. The governments of the world are out to destroy Scientology. And, if we are to believe the CofS, LRH is frightened to come out, or to do anything to mend the breach caused by our recent civil war. We are to trust a management who have never been publicly authorised by LRH, simply because they say they've been authorised! (There is no LRH Policy transferring power to the CMO, the RTC, the WDC or any of that crew).

Do you believe that several thousand Scientologists have spontaneously become Suppressive? It invalidates the Tech completely to believe this - that so many OTs should be Suppressive (Re-read the HCOBs "Rock-slams and Rock-slammers", and "Clears, OTs and Rock-slams"). It seems that the OT levels are truly dangerous, turning us into SPs. Seeing this perhaps you've decided to carry on hoping? You can't go up the Bridge in the CofS, but you're frightened by the threats of management. If you are frightened by those threats it's time to leave, because if you are frightened then you've given up your power of choice, your self-determinism.

Perhaps you're an auditor, but you no longer audit. What a contradiction: the Church shouts about apocalypse, but makes the Bridge so narrow that you can't tread it, and you daren't help others.

If the CofS can correct itself, and stop dramatizing the characteristics of an SP (read the generalities in their SP orders for example), then surely it will want to free all mankind? So surely it will welcome you back if you really have chosen wrongly by getting up the Bridge now and helping others to do the same? And that is only possible, for most people, in the Independents.

KRISHNAMURTI TALKS!

"Truth cannot be given to you by somebody. You have to discover it... Those sects which offer you a system for the solution of suffering, economic, social or religious, are the worst; because then system becomes important, and not man... the philosophy, the idea, becomes important, and not man; and for the sake of the idea, of the ideology, you are willing to sacrifice all mankind, which is exactly what is happening in the world." ("The First and Last Freedom", Gollancz, London, 1954).

THE WHOLE TRUTH

In the Church we became unaccustomed to knowing what was really going on. The idea was that a theta comm-line should not be used to communicate en-theta. The theory makes sense, but leaves you with a very one-sided and distorted point of view. I remember an Event in London where the GO "explained" what had happened after the FBI raids on the CofS. When the GO eleven went to prison, I felt that they were given steep sentences for stealing

photo-copy paper! It wasn't through Church sources (or Omar Garrison's book) that I learned the severity of the charges against the eleven.

We've reached a point where even Independent publications are shying away from the facts. What is the border-line between truth and PR? How much do we need to know about Scientology and LRH? Are we big enough, or trustworthy enough, to be allowed to make our own decisions from the facts?

I've been rather persistent in my search for those facts. I've interviewed a lot of people, and read a lot of books. I find it rather disheartening when people argue that the facts are unimportant. That's why I quoted from Notes on the Lectures so extensively in my article in Reconnection 7. If you believe in Group Engrams, as LRH did, then it should be fairly obvious by now that you've been involved in one! The rules of auditing apply: Get the pc through it; the way out is the way through. It's always easier to find some pleasant justification for not looking.

It is necessary to confront the entire content of the engram to erase it, and to therefore erase its command value. Reconnection intends to present what facts it can. We'll be using the Special (subscribers only) issues to do this. They will also hopefully provide a forum where anyone can present their opinions with regard to Scientology. We can't give a final picture, but we can give you the evidence of many people, so that you can make your own mind up. Scientology is meant to be about making your own mind up, after all! And don't worry: the real stable datum is what you have experienced. If you've made gains in Scientology then that is the stable datum.

ARE WE SAILING?

We hear from a friend in America that the CMO are in the process of purchasing an ocean going ship. Presumably with the objective of moving operations, once again, onto the high seas.

In the light of all the legal cases being amassed against the church and its management, one can understand their eagerness to escape from the pressure. Perhaps the purchase of an inter-stellar space ship would be a better joy.

Still, having set their minds on a ship, I would like to tender a few possible names for it.

1. Bellgrano
2. Lucitania
3. Titanic

Donations for a submarine and/or iceberg gratefully accepted.

Gary

NEW DIRECTIONS AT CANDACRAIG

After a tremendously successful year, there are going to be some major changes at the AAC Scotland. It seems likely that the AAC will re-locate to Edinburgh in the next few months. There are two main reasons for this: firstly, the cost of running such an expensive establishment has proved very heavy; and secondly, a location in Edinburgh would prove more accessible for many of the AAC's public. The staff of the AAC have, therefore, decided that the long-term interests of the independent movement would be best served by the move to Edinburgh.

Obviously there is considerable regret amongst both staff and public at leaving Candacraig behind. Almost everyone who has visited Candacraig has fallen in love with the place, which has provided a unique and beautiful focal point for the independent movement throughout the world, during the last year. But, in purely practical terms, it has proved hard work maintaining such a prestigious set-up, and a move to more modest quarters seems a sensible and viable idea. Also, with the emergence of many new independent centres throughout Europe during the last year, the staff feel that Candacraig has to some extent served its purpose in being in the spearhead of the new Scientology movement.

Certainly, the results achieved at the AAC Scotland last year have been spectacularly impressive. With 35 completions already on AA 3, 25 completions on AA 5 and 20 people through AA 6 and on to AA 7, the staff can be proud of what they have achieved. There ~~have~~ also been many lower level completions and several training successes too. It is important to bear in mind now that the same quality of technical excellence will be available in Edinburgh from the same tech terminals, and the AAC Scotland will announce its new address as soon as it is known. Meanwhile, business continues as usual at Candacraig.

The AAC's Executive Director, Robin Scott commented: "I see it this way - sometimes in Hollywood they make a movie which is a fabulous movie, and the cast and crew all have a very happy time making the movie, but then, for whatever reason, it's not necessarily a big box office success. It's been similar for us here at Candacraig. We certainly have no regrets - it's been an incredible year for all of us and we wouldn't have missed it for the world! But it's important to be able to experience change, and a change at this point seems right. We feel that we have been extremely successful, and that people shouldn't interpret this change as a failure - it's just that one needs to adapt constantly to changing conditions in order to stay successful."

In fact, Robin and his wife, Adrienne, who were the founders of the Candacraig venture, will not be joining the tech team down in Edinburgh. "We now feel that we are no longer needed and that the tech guys will do very well on their own. What we enjoy most is the creating of new projects, and the establishment of new directions. This is what we do best, and we now want to work more on Div 6 type activities, and research ways in which to present Scientology successfully to the broad general public. We are also looking forward to returning to a more private life-style, in which we hope to spend more time with our children. However, we will continue to stay on the comelines and will always be available to help in any way that we can."

It seems likely that business will continue as usual at Candacraig for another couple of months, before the move to Edinburgh. Certainly, the AAC was fully booked and tremendously busy over Christmas and New Year. But anyone who would like to take services at Candacraig before the move, and enjoy the unique Candacraig Experience while it lasts, should get in touch rapidly. Please note that due to the forthcoming move, only those who are already on the credit plan will be able to take advantage of the credit facility. Everyone else will be asked to pay in full.

Finally, it remains to us to thank all the staff at Candacraig for their hard work and inspiration during a remarkable time. We are grateful to them and wish them all the very best in their new adventure.

Dear Robin,

I think you are being a bit harsh on yourself in stating that you have not been a box office success. Your ARC break at leaving Candacraig is understandable but that a box office success" c'mon, it 's been one of the most memorable movies of all time.

Gary

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