

WHY YOU SHOULD COME TO A CONGRESS

by L. Ron Hubbard

Scientology Congresses have been going on for a long time. The first was in June 1952 in Phoenix, Arizona. Dianetics never did have a Congress as such.

But ever since mid-52 there have been at least two Congresses a year.

I have been the principal speaker at most of these but there have been other Congresses, too. LRH Jr. (Nibs) just presided over the Freedom Congress at the Royal Empire Hall in London and filled it over-full.

A Scientology Congress is an experience. It is something you should not miss. It's held for you, not for special Scientologists.

At a Congress you meet the Free People. In hotel rooms, in cafes, in lobbies, in the time-outs from packed Congress schedules, you meet the guys like you who have been talking and living Scientology all over the world.

At a congress you find the reality of how many we are. For everyone there is taking a Congress home to a lot of other people.

You're a lot less only one after a Congress. You know we're a going concern, a potent force on Earth, indeed, the only force that is doing something about it.

Who comes to a Congress?

Everyone and anyone. People who have read a book rub engrams with people who have audited for years. Women, men, yes and lots of kids, too.

A Congress Program is designed to embrace the new and old. For there's always something new even for the old.

The schedule starts with registering on the first day, really gets going on the dot at 1:00 p.m. Then for three or four days we have at it from nine until nine.

Congresses aren't just talk -- they are composed of demonstrations, group processing, meetings, plannings.

Congresses are vital milestones usually. The new data, the old data reviewed, the new results, all these are presented.

In England and the U. S. we have worked out a Congress "drill", as precise as a clock, where all the staff have their posts and all the functions and actions are grooved. We've gotten awfully good at this. The bones don't stick out any more. We've handled thousands and thousands of people in Congresses. We know how to give one and how to show people a good time.

A Congress is for everybody. I make sure of that. And everybody comes. Some people bring friends who never before heard of Scientology -- and they don't lose their friends either!

We could say a Scientology Congress was the biggest show on Earth -- it is.

For here we show a lot of people like you the road out.

Don't let the word "delegate" throw you. It's what we call people who attend. They aren't elected. They just come. Like you.

The cost of a Congress to anyone is less than \$50 plus transportation and three or four days living in Washington or London -- where living doesn't have to be high.

Congress funds go to Congress expenses and the long expensive job of compiling the Scientology Encyclopaedia, a compound of all data ever lectured on or discovered. Your kids may use that some day.

Congresses are held in the U. S. by the Congress of Scientologists in Washington, in London by the H.A.S.I.

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When a Scientologist in an area holds a big meeting he should call it a Conference such as "The 1958 Phoenix Conference". There Congress tapes are usually played so the effect of Congresses goes out to all. Conferences don't cost as much as Congresses, but if you go to one you'll someday go to the other.

This next Christmas Week Congress (we hold Congresses in June and December or thereabouts) is probably the most important we've ever held. It's to be called The Ability Congress and in it will be released a new book called The Ability Book.

In August of 1956 we had a political type Congress. It was a trial balloon, done to explore the 3rd dynamic. It was an experiment pure and simple. I followed up on this, watched Scientology and public reaction to the 3rd and learned some astonishing things such as "The Aberrated 3rd Dynamic is the summed irresponsibilities of the 1st Dynamic," and definitions for sane and insane groups. An insane group is one formed by the weak to protect them against the strong. A sane group is an expression of communication by those who could each one stand alone. Also, there is no political "strong". Those who act so strong like Hitler et al are really the weakest we have. There is no weak vs. the strong. There is the weak vs. the weak who have to act strong to fool people.

Well, this gave us the true clue to government and a lot of things and we wrapped up politics as a study. Now all this data and a new idea for a new civilization will be unveiled at the Ability Congress. It's an idea for a world based on you, not a political structure. So don't miss this next Congress.

If I haven't been knocked down by a satellite from Lower Slobovia or gone after a comet, I'll be with you and tell you all about it. Right now I've got to write "The Ability Book" so you'll have it by Congress time.

I'll be looking for you down front. I'll only be up on the platform because you're in the audience.

Best regards,



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Phoenix The International Congress of Scientologists & Dia- neticists	Dec. 1953
Phoenix Universe Congress	June 1954
Phoenix Unification Congress (Communication)	Dec. 1954
Washington, D. C. Anatomy of the Spirit of Man	June 1955
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Cocktail Cure.

According to reports of recent British Medical Association meetings in London, happiness is the new preventive for many ills.

A quick cocktail, said one doctor, is often the best prescription for high blood pressure.

And Sir Heneage Ogilvie is reported to have said that "happiness can keep cancer in check."

There is more in all this than meets the eye. I have been glancing through a book, "Science of Survival," by L. Ron Hubbard, C.E., Ph.D., in which he publishes a scale of "survival" or of "happiness" which seems to boil down to the same thing.

On this scale -- which was prepared from the observation of tens of thousands of cases -- "eagerness" is placed at the top, with "death" at the bottom.

In between these limits are found all the emotions that people can experience.

Dr. Hubbard has shown that people who are eager and enthusiastic seldom suffer from any illness, while lower down the scale are found the levels of anger, hostility, fear, grief and apathy.

Here start, and grow rapidly worse, the conditions where people are prone to depository illnesses, psycho-somatics, accident-proneness, etc.

Don't rush to your medical dictionary, as I did, to discover the meaning of "psychosomatics."

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