

HOW TO BE RIGHT ABOUT GROUPS

It would come as a great surprise to many auditors to discover that they have been handling groups all wrong. It would further surprise most of those to discover that there is a known, right, definable way that an auditor can handle the subject of groups. The optimum way - best for him, best for them.

The history of Dianetic and Scientology groups can be expressed in this way: L. Ron Hubbard and the central organizations wanted groups to be operated without interference from "headquarters". It was thought that groups would get together for the purpose of learning the subject better, for the purpose of meeting with those who can also see and share the goals of Dianetics and Scientology, and, it has always been thought that a certain amount of "book" or amateur co-auditing would be done.

This was also what people in general thought, and what they basically were doing.

But the thing that wasn't sufficiently taken into consideration was the advent of the professionally trained auditor on the scene with his own various ideas about what was to be done. Sometimes he used good judgement, sometimes not. The "not" knotted tightly around the gentle throat of many a beginner group and more often than not the auditor included his own perhaps tougher neck in the bundle.

How did he do this? -- by terribly overshooting and mis-estimating everyone he came into contact with. He has tried to make them do things that require intensive training by an expert instructor, he has made them shoot for O. T. when neither he nor they knew what it was about, and when they had never heard of O. T. and didn't know anything beyond perhaps the rote definition about CLEAR or RELEASE or even WHAT IS A PRECLEAR.

He has made them think they were getting the best because it was "the most advanced". If he does this to his preclears, when he audits, he audits very badly. This does not mean, then, that he should save this treatment for groups.

This is also the fellow who gives his own preclears a Clear Test, which he shouldn't be doing, and then talks them into saying they are Clear, which is a low blow, and then tells them, yes, you are clear, I have spoken.

OPEN LETTER

TO ALL HCO FRANCHISED AUDITORS

Thank you for the great job you are doing teaching your HAS Co-Audit courses.

The combined number of requests for HAS Certificates you are sending in now are running into the hundreds. The Department handling them is getting hard pressed to keep up. They are keeping pace.

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Remember when you first got your HCA or HDA? A little wet behind the ears. Well, the guys you will be sending in for their HCA's will be well trained and have the stuff it takes. It's just that he could use a little help from you ol timers to get his "sea legs".

So, ship your HAS students in here for their HCA Certificates and when they get back, give them a hand.

Thanks again for making the HAS Course throughout the U.S. a success. Now go, go, go.

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So that we find we are, after all, talking about the half trained or unpracticed auditor. Even though this fellow is self-styled as an expert who has earned the right to claim Ron's researches as his own and to publish verbally or by mimeo "material in advance of what Ron is giving us at this time".

Auditors who fall to this level do so by their own misunderstanding and mis-handling of GROUPS.

He got into this situation because he wanted to build some kind of a practice and this was the only way he could think of do it. When he didn't make the mistake we often made the mistake for him by telling auditors to start groups without telling them what a group is or what to do with one. Thus he had to improvise and he followed his bank. To do something in lieu of nothing. Of course an auditor does not have to have a group just to keep from going broke. But he rightly wants to disseminate Scientology as well as to make a little prosperity for himself.

So it is very clear that half-trained, fully-trained, old, new or even a little squirrely, even these are far from being completely wrong. And they are the total distance from being "evil". They just happen to be going around Sherwood Forest to get there.

This is a criticism of the situation, not of the persons.

To understand the situation requires knowing what is a group, what is its function, what should an auditor be doing about groups, if anything, and what is the difference between a group as we are talking about it here and a group as generally understood under the third dynamic.

This is especially essential understanding for the franchised auditor, who is the auditor upon whom the most hopes are pinned, and who are now proving themselves on both hemispheres.

The third dynamic of course includes all groups. When we say a Scientology group we mean a specific part of the general third dynamic. A GROUP. A HASI Group is a non-professional, scheduled gathering of people interested in furthering their study of Dianetics and Scientology, increasing their individual participation, improving individual understanding and resolving personal and common wants through the knowledge of Scientology.

Now one might say that that definition would fit any group including a Congress, an HCA course, an HAS Co-Audit or an ACC. It doesn't. These are very far from non-professional gatherings. And that is the key word.

They are run very, very professionally.

Now here is where the HASI Group differs from these. We don't care if every member of a HASI group is a Doctor of Scientology and an outstanding auditor in his area. Not technically, we don't. The difference is that the activities of a HASI Group or anything that you call a group, whether registered or not, must be kept at such a level that nothing anyone in the group does requires any kind of professional training whatsoever.

And I'll bet that not many of you ever thought of this before, but that it makes plenty of sense to you.

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Every time you cut in and "raise" the activity of a group to something requiring your, or somebody's, professional level supervision you have cancelled out a piece of the group program and you have cut down your own and Scientology's progress in the dissemination of Scientology and the Clear Earth goal, which belongs to all of us.

Do you think that we are suggesting that you do not touch these groups? No. We are saying that you should handle them just right. Make them continue as a group. And take the individuals in the group, every last one of them, and put them into an HAS Co-Audit course. And never call that course a group.

No, we don't want you to leave 'em alone.

And that is what an auditor should be doing about groups. He should be seeing to it that they continue to do what groups do best, that they keep their amateur rating, that they don't start working on "Now-I'm-Supposed-To's" like: "co-audit to O.T.", "start a clinic", "sell Scientology to the authorities", or "keep so-and-so solvent".

When you hear about "So-and-so's Group", you can bet that "So-and-so" is a guy who should be behaving like a pro and is actually behaving like a papa confessor, and further you will find most always that he swaps sympathy with them in G.I. can loads. (He makes the group his papa confessor.) And one of the things he gets his loads of sympathy for is "how little the central organization appreciates him". When actually the members should never hear any of his personal problems and his little heartbreaks of ARC. He thinks the Code of a Scientologist is "data" but not very practical. So-and-so is a poor slob compared to what he should be being.

Let's not have coteries. Let's have professionals doing what professionals do best, and amateurs doing what amateurs do best. Both of these things are. When you mix them you get a mud.

Groups do not have to be eternal. HAS Co-Audit classes must not be eternal.

A group contains potential professional auditors.

We know for a fact that Extension Course study shortens the comm-lag between potential and professional. We know for a fact that beginners progress faster by studying first as amateurs and building their own reality on the subject than they do by being over-shot by someone more advanced than they. We know for a fact that the more "intimate" and "friendly" a professional gets with an amateur group the more the people in the group don't progress. And the less they actually think of him.

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Almost every group now known to the HASI is led by or under some sort of control of someone who may or may not have a certificate but is professionally trained at least to the point where he or she considers that he or she is a professional auditor. We are not going to, as far as we know now, ask that these connexions be severed. We are going to try to get these auditors to finish their own training and start being professional. And we are going to try to get them to understand groups a little bit and to un-close terminals with them a little.

We know that when a group is made dependent upon a professionally trained person, and when an auditor becomes dependent upon a group, the auditor becomes more and more amateurish and the group becomes less and less confident, interested, and willing to participate.

Responsibility goes to the winds.

Now we are not trying to get auditors to do very much about groups. Auditors have plenty to do in starting and running their P, E. and HAS Co-Audit classes and their individual practice. The HASI, through its Group Secretaries, is building the world wide group program that can work.

It would be a sad state of affairs if the HASI could only have confidence in a group where there doesn't happen to be an auditor in the area to mess it up. Yet it will certainly be at least that sad if you fellows and girls do not make a differentiation amongst your various activities and take note of the fact that the group program is an amateur program and is intended to be and that your program is a professional program and that you intend it to be.

And that we plan to have BOTH programs get so B I G that nobody will have time to fool around with sideshows but will have to stay right on the line of fire all the time.

The HASI Group Secs are getting set to run an immense mass-production group world-wide show. We are getting set to make it of a volume and acceleration that will not permit a great amount of close, detailed, personal supervision. We are going to deal in quantities.

To a great extent this is true also of the franchised auditor's program. When he is running right he isn't going to have very much time to audit "a preclear". He is going to be auditing a whole operation.

Let's get designed down for velocity.

John Sanborn
Group Secretary

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A SECOND TYPE OF FRANCHISE

by **L. Ron Hubbard**

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THIS DOES NOT MEAN WE ARE ABANDONING H. A. S. CO-AUDITS. These are the backbone.

One auditor or several may have such an HCO Processing Franchise but if more than one are considered under such a franchise, the processing earnings of the group are considered collectively.

This makes two types of franchise. The first is the HCO H. A. S. Co-Audit Franchise which permits group processing, the running of an H. A. S. Co-Audit, the processing of individuals and, eventually, training to professional level. The second is the HCO Processing Franchise where individual processing only would be done.

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ABILITY Editor