

## Lecture: Advanced Procedures and Axioms

Hubbard links his Prehavingness Scale to Rosicrucian philosophy. It is the great philosophy of not-know.

It says, "No matter how much you study the physical universe, you jerks, you ain't going to know anything. You're just a bunch of ignorant bums, because all of that is unknowable."

How do you like that! It's all unknowable.

And you know why the mind has not kept pace . . . technology in it . . . along with the pace of physics is because it was stopped on the track by the basic theory that you can't know about it anyway. It's impossible to know about, so therefore, you can't know about it. So ever since that time, all they've been doing is quoting Greek philosophers.

Man, I had a few too many Greek tutors to go around quote "em! Aw, come off of that! You mean, you go upwards to twenty-three hundred years later, you've still got to have these guys haunting you? No, no thank you. No thank you.

A Greek tutor . . . that's something you get rid of in very early childhood. And you certainly don't keep it through adulthood. And you certainly don't keep it for twenty-three hundred years. Because the Greek philosophies are very fine, and we're glad that man thought. But the last time I was down in Athens, I found out what the Greek philosophies were all about: if you couldn't lick "em, you could confuse "em.

And they did it with two things . . . philosophy and entertainment.

And I have seen better nightclub operation in a perfectly lousy hole-in-the-wall, nobody-ever-heard-of-it nightclub in Athens than you would find in the finest theaters of New York City. Guys just operating for buttons. They were really good. They were very, very good. They were very good at it. They have saved this all through the centuries. They are the original cabaret owners.

After you get the enemy there and he's conquered you and so forth, you show him conclusively that he can be out-created by turning loose a bunch of dancing girls on him that really get his eyes popping. And he forgets to conquer. They did it to the . . . they did it to race after race. They did it to Persians, and they've done it to Egyptians and they've done it to Romans. And they're still on top. Pretty interesting.

It's a modus operandi for conquest. And so is philosophy. If you want a complete catalog of the Greek philosophies, take something on the order of the Prehav Scale and figure out each one totally dramatized, and write a total philosophy around that level of the Prehav Scale.[1] And say that is it, and there is only this, and you've got one of the Greek philosophies . . . or one of the Persian philosophies, or one of the Egyptian philosophies.

Try it some time. Just try and look at the level of the Prehav Scale and figure out what would be a philosophy that obscured everything under the sun except this one thing . . . what kind of a philosophy it'd be. After you've thought about it for a while, it'll suddenly dawn on you that you are looking at the philosophy of something like Rosicrucianism. That is it, you see?

Or you're looking at the philosophy that was practiced in Egypt, or you're looking at Stoicism. Just look at No Effect. There's No Effect on the Prehav Scale. Now just figure out what kind of a philosophy would you work out that would totally bar out any slightest effect of any character. And you wind up with Greek Stoicism. And similarly, you can do this with every level of the Prehav Scale. It is a reactive scale. So, of course, there's a broad appeal.

Any time you're too broke, your case has gone to pieces, and you've become utterly unprincipled, somewhere up the track, and you land amongst the wogs, always remember that you can dig up a piece of the Prehav Scale and get a marble palace with a gold roof.

Just figure out where they sit on the Prehav Scale and dream up a philosophy to prove it. And if you prove it conclusively that that's where they sit on the Prehav Scale and this is the very best thing to do . . . ahhh, they'll make you the governor of the joint as well as the high priest.

— L. Ron Hubbard

Lecture 15 June 1961: Not-Know1 Prehav Scale: Hubbard's scale of attitudes and conditions that represent what a person experiences on his way to "Havingness." Hence Prehav or pre-havingness. Note that in Scientology, Faith is positioned at the lowest part of the scale which ends in Havingness. Hubbard's Prehav scale from Scientology 0-8: pdf

More on Hubbard's ideas about faith... There is no more over-rated quality in existence than faith.

The subject who, under the hands of a hypnotist operator, conceives an enormous agreement with the hypnotist, is experiencing faith as it is commonly understood. In this state the subject can perceive anything which the hypnotist may direct.

In order to understand faith, one must be able to differentiate between faith-in and faith. The difference between these two conditions is a direction of flow which earlier we found to be reality itself. 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 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 convert and reduce the abilities of a subject for any purpose.

L. Ron Hubbard

Scientology 8-8008 The mystic for millenia has been talking about faith. He never built a bridge to it. He made a fundamental error in converting faith into having faith. When he said have faith he invited understanding, then confusion of understanding, because one does not understand faith. One is faith. The source, content of and contact with faith is you. The result of this mystic error &mdash; and it is a very gross error &mdash; was to place individuals so far down the tone scale that &ldquo;love&rdquo; and propitiation became bywords and hocus pocus the order of the day. Here is a 1.1 religion. It is afraid to understand because it has to have faith, but it is not faith because faith is not understanding. Hence the general confusion at 1.1. A by-product of this is the fact that individuals who thus have faith are running too slow. You get ESP, hypnotism, mixed-up facsimiles with others, martyrdom, physical illness and all manner of unwanted things at this slow speed. It is too close to the static of death at 0.0, and its people are awfully dead, ineffective and irrational.

People who are trying to have faith are not faith. Thus they fear (1.1) and propitiate (1.1) and are generally confused. One will not buy unreason at 20.0. They began by knowing faith and then became confused by having faith explained.

Because of spectacular successes (rare as rarity), the mystic continued to strive for something he already had because he had no way to get back to where he was. The enormously successful points of being faith in the sea of unsuccessful having faith kept the mystic striving. It is possible now to achieve faith, or regain what one has lost.

I am, faith, I know are at 20.0 on up. At 20.0 on the gradient scale they are at optimum unity with MEST (the physical universe) but as they rise from 20.0 they become less and less effective on MEST until top static is reached at 40.0. The scale is a circle. 40.0 and 0.0 are the same, so it is possible to go two ways towards death. One is less well off at 21.0 than he is at 20.0 since the MEST is dwindling away. The austere but spindly and weak mystic who dwells upon abstracts is less able to know. There is an entire scale above 20.0, which matches the scale below 20.0 in undesirability. The organism slows down above 20.0. The static is thoroughly unobtainable with one's body, evidently, for the static at the top in a pure state 40.0 is, for one thing, a -270 degrees C. A person who relaxes to not being in body is at first assailed by counter-efforts and then begins to chill. The various phenomena of mysticism are in the main explained by this scale. When one forsakes individuality on the way up, he, of course, can commingle with thoughts and other individualities. When he slows down below toward 0.0 he is again getting confused in his individuality, shifts valences easily, is hypnotic and is in a generally undesirable condition.

&mdash; L. Ron Hubbard

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Hubbard often referred to emotions with their numeric designations on his tone scale. More on the Tone scale: [Wikipedia ]