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ETHICS

PTS TYPE A

POLICY ON HANDLING ANTAGONISTIC SOURCES

A person who is "Type A" PTS (Potential Trouble Source) is intimately connected to another or others who are antagonistic towards mental or spiritual treatment or towards Scientology. Individuals who are PTS in this way may be well intended in seeking Scientology. They are however under continual pressure from antagonistic sources and expend great effort in attempting to prove the antagonistic source wrong.

Their own progress in training and auditing will be poor, the gains made being subject to the constant and close stress caused by the antagonistic source.

HISTORY

During Scientology's history there have been many cases of this type which have created difficulties for us. Factually the great majority of senseless, inquisitorial attacks upon Scientology have been rooted in the actions of unhandled antagonistic sources. It has very often been the case that the relationship between the antagonistic source and the individual concerned had its beginnings prior to contact with Scientology which only served as the latest point of friction.

It is not a new phenomenon historically. Emerging religions and groups of all kinds through the ages experienced the same thing, regardless of beliefs and practices. Misunderstandings and upsets between people did not begin in the twentieth century.

CREATING ANTAGONISM

A Scientologist can create antagonism with another person. Invalidating or evaluating for another in a destructive manner can bring about ARC breaks and upset. Inattention to the communication formula can accomplish the same thing. Neglecting to take the reality of another into account in communicating can generate misunderstanding. There are of course many ways to bring about upset. You need only look at society to see that. The Scientologist who has an understanding of the most basic Scientology technology can prevent upsets from occurring.

HANDLING OF PTS A SITUATIONS

The tech on handling a PTS A situation is contained in the PTS and SP Detection, Routing and Handling course materials. A PTS A handling is simply done. It does not have to be a long cycle. It relies principally upon effective communication to bring about increased understanding.

TRAINING AND AUDITING

A person who is PTS Type A is ineligible for service except for that training and auditing specifically directed towards handling the condition. The reason for this is that the person will not be able to make the gains which are possible while such a condition exists.

Where a PTS Type A situation does exist, the idea is to handle it not worsen it. Thus it follows that handling the situation terminatedly must be the first concern of the individual and the Church.

RELATIONSHIP TO ANTAGONISTIC SOURCE

The idea is to handle. Abrupt termination of a relationship, or "disconnection", is not a handling to be suggested or encouraged by any Church staff member and is forbidden. This remains a firm policy of the Church.

RELATIONSHIP TO EXPELLED SCIENTOLOGISTS

If a Scientologist is intimately connected to a former member of the Church who has been expelled, it is not required by the Church that the relationship be ended. It would only mean that the Scientologist would at that time be ineligible to receive training or auditing. In such a situation a Scientologist could be liable to suspension of his good standing in the Church, dependent upon the nature of the relationship.

There is always recourse for the expelled Scientologist. It is an operating rule that the door is always left open, even if only a crack.

The handling of PTS Type A situations is of the greatest importance. The well-being of the Scientologist concerned and the Church itself makes it so. They CAN be handled, and easily. So don't get lazy with it.

For the de-PTSeD Scientologist, it is a bright new start.

And that's one more individual with a lot more happiness and stability than he had yesterday.

That is something worth having.

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