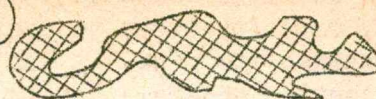


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a 4 1/2 bag of wet mice

COVER

A few will remember the black part was a commentary on the charges that Chris Moskowitz filed against TD/ 3 years ago. The sienna color is of course self-explanatory; it converted the thing into a cover. You figure it out.

SAGANA (Board) A frightening description of the final (destruction?) isolation-from-the-rest-of-the-universe of a collapsing star. Makes one glad to be on a relatively (relativitally?) stable object like a planet. Q: what happens after stars pinch off from the ordinary universe? Could the mass reappear as hydrogen atoms, à la Hoyle's Continuous Creation Cosmology? ### Your comments that R.E.Lee's highest rank in the service of his country was Colonel is kicks, man, kicks. ### You ask, "If you know of another way to obtain information than through the senses, then please describe the mechanism by which it becomes imprinted on the bra"---and we have a rather unanswerable question. Also a problem in underinking the right-hand margin. I'll assume U meant "brain," and continue. (1) let's define senses; even including the ESP senses, there is an additional faculty people have: knowing some data by deciding to know it. In other words, it is possible to realize something by actively willing to know it. I have personally experienced this phenomenon, so I know it exists. Others have also. A more common definition is "hunch," the art of obtaining a correct solution to a problem where not enough data is known in order to solve the problem by any known means.

From personal experience, I will cite still other mental faculties such as precognition ---I have made two predictions which I knew absolutely, positively, beyond any possible doubt, would happen. First was a knowledge that a scheduled meeting would not occur; this was a willed knowledge. Second was done in a more complicated fashion; I shifted my perception of "Now" to the future to see what the weather would be like on a day exactly one week in the future. I saw and heard a strong rain. It rained in the early morning. No, this was not L.A. during the rainy season; it was Washington, D.C. during Spring-Summer. There is no sensible explanation in Science that can account for these precognition experiences; in addition to every particle existing everywhere (but cancelling out everywhere except where it is), every particle would have to exist everywhen (but cancelling out except at now)---and the theory would get too ludicrous to be seriously entertained. A simpler explanation would have to be found, by Occam.

Further, when I am "hot," I call cards very accurately. Consult Miriam Knight, Gail Thompson, or Owen Hannifen on my abilities on that score.

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I'VE KNOWN GAMBLERS TO PLAY WITH FEATHERS WHEN THE CHIPS WERE DOWN." ... Simpson
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(2) There is the matter of dermal-optical perception, written up in LIFE, which is being studied in Russia and which was also studied in Los Angeles. I have not personally checked that phenomenon, but the evidence for it appears convincing. How are you going to account for the ability of a fingertip to "see"---let alone "focus" on an object which is shielded from regular eyesight and from any known means of perception?

(3) Further, fact is that I would not even try to explain how these perceptions can be imprinted on the brain, because the brain does not think. Psychology and Psychiatry to the contrary, mentation is not an attribute of matter. Mentation is done by a discrete thing variously called the mind, the soul, the spirit, or the consciousness. Scientology uses a different term for this in order to have a neutral word without prior connotations. Scientology calls it Theta. Theta is not composed of matter or energy, and is independent of time or space; theta perceives and knows things by deciding to. Reason

is something Theta uses if it wants to, but theta is not bound by reason or thinking, in the same way that Theta uses matter and energy on occasion (such as using energy to operate a chunk of matter such as a human body), It is very common for Theta to decide to limit itself, capacity-wise, to the particular limitations of a chunk of matter. But if theta then changes its mind, it isn't any longer so bound. Thus ESP can occur, and thus ordinary perception occurs. For it does not seem to me that a mere chemical or electrical reaction has anything to do with real consciousness or awareness. Evidently, theta ordinarily has very strong decisions about being linked with nervous tissue, ordinarily, otherwise certain "brain" phenomena would not occur.

Okay, John Boardman, so perhaps the above does not appeal to you or seem correct. To me it does appear correct, because it explains neatly certain experiences I have had, including past-life memory. The above, however, does explain things very satisfactorily. I am not able to utilize the various faculties mentioned above at all times, but on occasion I can and have done so. I used "intuitive knowledge" to signify "volitional or self-generated knowledge" previously in order to use a simpler term which didn't require a detailed explanation. The concept is quite "rational" in the usual meaning of "rational"---it is simple, efficient, and workable, and can, furthermore, be demonstrated; details available upon request. I grant you that all kinds of crackpots, well- or ill-intentioned, claim Mystical Inspiration or Revealed Doctrine in order to justify their positions. I grant you that many "obviously sincere" or "obviously sane" people believe their own twaddle, and try to get others to believe it also. But in their case, they're experiencing delusions as a result of their own mental shortcomings and sicknesses, and the test of whether something is valid is whether it is workable, valid, and true, & not whether some idiot or lunatic falsely claims to represent it.

Your "Objectionist" review of "Candy" was funnier and less irrationally-distorted (as opposed to rational distortion, where you know what you're talking about) than your bit on Mother Ayn vs. the Traffic Court. You left out, however, the real punch line to the climax: the nose of the Buddha (KATYA HULAN STOP READING THIS LINE!!!) statue gooses her & Candy "realizes" that the Buddha needs her sexually also. It was worth reading through the slipshod hard-core writing for that passage of ultimate stupidity.

SPECKLED RABBIT SPEAKETH (Betty Knight) Thank you for the clarification that you think Objectivism despotic because the people who follow it seem to be despotic. Does this apply to non-fan, non-LASFS Objectivists you have known? Or is your experience with the breed limited to LASFS Objectivists? ~~###~~ The position of the less able in an Objectivist state? I presume Objectivists would answer that it makes good business to "hire the Handicapped" and that employers would still want to hire people of good character who wanted to work.

RÁBANOS RADIATIVOS (Patten) Let's tell the whole story. One night after LASFS at the Labyrinth (Lab. I) you were walking past the record player and I was suddenly smitten with the Tao, and asked, "Could you turn down the volume, Piggy-the-Fred?" To which you replied, "How would you like a flat nose?" And everybody cracked up because, as Pelz put it, "Congratulations, Scribe. I haven't seen anyone get a rise out of him in years!" Then there was the trip to Oakland for Ruddigore, and us'n were playing Brag, and I needed to change dimes on occasion. I dropped them into the red sweater on your lap where you were keeping your loose jingle-pieces and you handed me change. Bruce asked me once if I wanted him to make change and (again the inscrutable-workings of the Tao) I said no, I'd rather get the change out of my piggy bank.

MALAISE (Dave van Arnam) I also suggested collating APA L by the alluvial depositing of zines in layers and Fred declined. He likes to see every page spread out in sequence so he knows exactly what's there and can juggle colors, to suit his taste. That is the old, traditional method of collating, though, and you know what they say about teaching an old ~~dog~~ new tricks. No other comment hooks on Malaise ---and that's a pity, because I like to talk to you. On to Malaysian Flu and Ted White ~~TEW~~: I enjoy the paragraphs of your writing about your writing. I will presently begin writing some of my own stf ideas. Somehow, the game of sneaking time off during work to scribble down the ideas and scenes was more stimulating than having vistas of free time. Side comment: Sylvia took the P.E. course at the local Scientology center and dug it. As soon as I can get Baker through it, that will complete the Labyrinth regulars. ~~###~~ Heck --I didn't mean that fans (?) in Alexandria, Virginia, should decide which New York fen

to exclude from the NYCon Committee. I meant a few NYC Fen like Judy should be absolutely, specifically excluded, on grounds of previous performances in fandom. Of course, it helps to know exactly who the committeemen are, personally. If Los Angeles, for example, slated Barney Bernard for Toastmaster, not too many fen outside California would realize the incredible faux pas. (But other LA fen would raise a great protest, once it was known who was going to be toastmaster.) I know exactly what you mean when you mention how you react when you meet a dogmatic sort (you swing over to the other side of the argument); in my case it's slightly different. I want to point out the remainder of the data that should be known on the subject, to give a more rounded view. When pipples go around in an either-or polarity and exaggerate a position or opinion or concept to fit the thing into one side of the dichotomy, discussion with them becomes rough. The lable is not the object, the philosophy not a total summation of all knowledge, the man is not an all-bad or an all-acceptable person. Systems of logic are good, as long as one can see the areas where the system fades out and new systems begin. Now back to vA for a double play: You betchum, Red Ryder, Pelz snuck back quietly with 35 copies. because if he hadn't, he might have missed out on the recent large mailings.

HOUSE WITHOUT A NAME (Al Lewis) Waaaaal, it's okay by me if you want to paw thru five years of records to see if I paid my dues for the 28-July60 meeting at a later date or if I am still delinquent. Go ahead, Al, see what you can find. Now that I have stopped using TruRay paper, I can carp at your using a fire-engine red to mimeo on. S*H*A*M*E on you. I enjoyed your reminiscences of how you came to be initiated into Science Fiction. I can claim the same early age. My sister was born almost 2 1/2 years after I was, and I remember putting down a Buck Rogers space ship toy shaped like a football (it ran on tracks and shot Real Sparks out of the rear) to help Mother with Mary's bottle. Dad had been an electrical engineer at Westinghouse, and the basement held various electrical gear and scientific whatnots like a testtube pinched off to one side at the bottom to hold a wire. Father wanted me to pursue some scientific career (he, being new at Westinghouse, was laid off during the Depression) but I was more imaginative and gravitated toward Science Fiction. I read about a dozen Burroughs books, including Tarzan and Barsoom novels, in 4th & 5th grade--the library at the military post where Dad was stationed had them. I remember being a littlefrustrated because I didn't have the pocket money to buy an interesting item----a copy of ASTOUNDING (with "Beggars in Velvet"). When I encountered sf, I enjoyed it. I even saved Brick Bradford sunday strips. ~~CARP, CARP, CARP, FIE!~~

HOMBREN (Richard Mann) Should that title be Hombree? Your dream of Fred Patten in dirty old bluejeans and sweat shirt, plunking at a guitar, is funny. I wonder if we could persuade Fred to show up at LASFS in that outfit as a gag. OnRespectable Fred Patten, it would be a wild costume.

DARK UNIVERSE (John Trimble)One thing to add to your writeup of the literacy level of the Air Force is your description of your honorific title, which was given you because you were known to be literate (you read books). You told us once that you were called to one time by the term, "Hey---You Read," the "You Read" being used to call you over to settle some controversy (the Agnos incident maybe)

"BILL BLACKBEARD WRITES FICTION LIKE DR. PRUINSQUALOR TALKS." ... Hannifen

LAKH LUCH (Jim Lucas) Naaah, I wouldn't take off Barry's muzzle. How many fen at LASFS would want Gold Fang to run loose? He might go and knee us in the groin when we turned out backs. The reason the MMMS Marches're to be held during the LASFS Meeting (if possible) is that the meetings are short lately due to lack of programs and we need to give the Collators time to finish working. Now you've done it! Quote: Der Fliegender Holländer---Hawkman goes Dutch Treat. I will have to fight off Supercripple for the honor of making you retract that interlineation. Consider yourself next on the list after Goldfanger. Bring the 1/8" cube to LASFS.

CARCASILLA (Tom Gilbert) Hmmmmmm. Okay, so I'm Gerberizing Objectivism by stating it's good because it's similar to Scientology. Or am I stating relative importances according to Value? ~~Only time will tell.~~

EVERYBODY: APA L is so big lately that my creative energy goes into doing 4 pages of mailing comments (and not into Labyrinth of Valeron) plus a page or two of my comments on the mailing. I will therefore lump the remaining short comments together... IPZIK: The USA has never recognized Red China and could bomb its nuclear potential w/o a violation of another nation's sovereignty theoretically. KIT KAT: I wound up referring to the Thompson's place in Pico-Rivera as "the Houseboat on the Pickle River," & Gail, not to be outdone, called it the "Pickle Palace." K-LUTL-LUTL: I meant I recognized your title as Cthulhu as pronounced by Lovecraft; Hannifen probably did also. In calling two of the people who had commented agin Rand cyphers, I did not imply that all non-Randists are cyphers. Katya's comments in APA L # 18 are anything but cypherish, for example. BB is cypherish. Bunny Knight may prove not to be a cypher. CATS: It is Der Fliegende Holländer. Die is femanine (or plural, in case you may have to unkaut the o in the noun; but, it isn't plural). Or Fliegender Holländer. The adjective drops the r after the article der because the article throws the adjective into the weak declension. Ach!wasfüreingestunkenmess! EXPLETIVE: Meant to tell you, the catman on #17 must be a slimmed down copy of Hannifen or Billern; I recognize the moustache from the rear view. Yaaaasm, I have a fat nerve (and a plump everything else, so don't you forget it!) to take over the comic strip; I'm wondering if I should go visual instead of narrative in LabofVal. Why not call your untilted comic strip "Untitled" or "Untitled Comic Strip" because it's non-conventranian. Or "Spinnerbeanie" or "propwash" or some fannish equivalent of "peanuts" ? Veeblefetzter, Cornnuts, Punnuts, maybe. PATTEN: I grant that handing you 3 sheets that were not consecutively numbered may raise a question in your mind whether they're to be classed as three separate zines. But why would I continue mlg. comments in a separate & distinct zine called THE GOLD EQUASIONS that didn't have a colophon? I'll concede, only vaguely, that you didn't want to interrupt the Directorship by asking me, altho you had a hand you could raise. Oh, well, I have switched over to a written instruction page to you each time now, to avoid difficulties, and come to think of it, written or verbal instructions aren't a bad idea anyway. Grötch. UNREADABLE LLOYD HOUSE ZINES: noted.

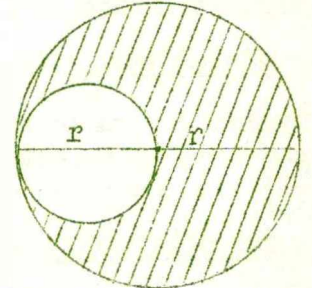
VOICES FROM A HOT WATER BOTTLE: (Castora) I am disinclined to debate or contend with a zine this crudely typea, in view of the fact that you had a first draft to work from. This entire zine is unworthy of you, Phil, as you'd realize if you reread it on a day when you were really swinging. Do you expect me to pay much attention to you when you start accusing me of being full of mango chutney? No, it looks like you felt you were under severe attack and were desperately trying to defend a bad situation where you were outnumbered. Think it over. Now, as to various points directed to me. (1) I won't "go back and reread ATLAS SHRUGGED, this time for what it says rather than what I was prepared ((your tense construction)) to believe it says." I have already read it twice: once at Mathom House and the other time, just recently. Each time I read it to see exactly what it said, because each time I was interested in it by someone who recommended it. Believe me, I know what's in it. I have also read THE FOUNTAIN HEAD and various Objectivist works. Your reaction is akin to Stine's, who told me, "Why bother even listing the other seven Dynamics since they're all part of the First Dynamic, you see?" ((Other people please note: in the next page or two there is a rundown on the eight Dynamics. It may be better to skip to that part and then return to this page.))

If you will reread your stuff, you will see that you spend two pages defending your position. Out of comments to eight people, you picked a fight with seven, and picked the same fight and the same position with all seven. Are you sure that all seven people are interested in your griping? Your version of the three Objectivist axioms is that they're all so self-evident and tautological that anyone is a sloppy beast who doesn't immediately go along with them. If you don't think you expressed that, see yr. review of NIDD.

(2) Objectivism is quite materialistic, discounting ESP and the existence of the spirit. As "a logical program of living with others" and "how can one rationally hope to survive without taking into consideration one's relationships with other individuals and the rest of the universe," to use your own words, it will perhaps be possible for you to grasp my point that Objectivism deals only with the first Dynamic. Proof: if you take away SELF from Objectivism, what remains? Almost nothing. (3) Objectivism tends to restrict the use of Reason to being Logic and only Logic. The non-logical is eliminated along with the anti-logical. Yet Theta is senior to its products, and if Theta invented logic, then

Theta may use logic or not as it wishes to, in order to learn something. Dig? I consider your comments to Katya indicative that you do not really know her or grasp how women view matters. As a very crude rule of thumb, the fair sex as a group are less interested in the abstruse logic that we males delight in, and are more involved with interpersonal relationships. It's geared into them. Each sex thus has a characteristic way of looking at things and solving problems, and both are correct in their own terms. (Which is what makes life complicated and enjoyable, but I digress).

As a matter of fact, I will illustrate the above remark, about the sexes, taking an incident from real life. It happened at Mathom House. Well, you'll have to take my word that I'm talking about real life. John had a geometry problem, illustrated below. The problem was to find the area of the shaded figure, the crescent shape. You are given the famous geometric explanation that Area equals pi times the square of the radius and that the "empty" circle has exactly half the radius of the larger circle. John felt confused. Bjo looked at the problem and said, "Simple--- the area is the big circle minus the little one, but don't expect me to be able to figure out math part of it." I explained to John that the answer was as follows: $A = \pi R^2$, therefore the area of the inner circle was πr^2 and the area of the larger circle was $\pi(2r)^2 = 4\pi r^2$, therefore the shaded area is $3\pi r^2$. He could follow the math but didn't see the reason why I did it. Bjo thought I was maybe going about it the right way but couldn't follow the math. And both of them got irritated when I cracked up and said how human the situation was. Now, I hope I am not offending them by reciting the incident. Incidentally, readers, I'm not setting the above difference between the sexes as THE EXPLANATION, or setting up a logic vs. relationship dichotomy. There are undoubtedly other ways of looking at things.* But perhaps Phil can see now why Katya didn't need to explain everything in syllogisms as to why she "felt" "intuitively" that Objectivism was invalid to her way of thinking, as being incomplete. Furthermore, if you're not interested in something, why discuss it? (*I might go into that sometime, or maybe not. It will take more hip thinking to express.)



EL MANENTIAL (Edvino Baker) We are here presented with another problem of the local-APA L-Objectivists: the provincial-definitionism of the gung-ho Joe College crowd. But first: nuts to you, Esperanto Eddy; Hulan challenged H. Stine to prove his existence to Hulan, by means of logic. Hulan did so to illustrate the fact that logic has limitations. Thus your counterchallenge to prove he doesn't exist is irrelevant. Further, your "evidence" that Stine exists---well, you can't go by the written word or Blackbeard's jokes. I have read even more words to the effect that Cthulhu exists, but I'm not losing any sleep over it. I'm much more worried by the evidence that Bruce Pelz actually exists.

(1) "Is anyone Christian just because he says he is, or doesn't he have to be a believer in some specific doctrines also?" Ouch! If someone says he's a Christian, well, then he is a Christian, unless he's making a conscious, deliberate lie. What doctrine? It varies from sect to sect and even from era to era. A belief in God, maybe? Have you heard the joke that Unitarians pray "to whom it may concern"? A belief in belief, maybe? Have you heard "I believe, oh God; help Thou mine unbelief"? Further, a doctrine will even vary from state to state. It is "doctrine" in the South that Negroes are apes. Is that Christian? If it isn't Christian, why does God not blast the blasphemers in their beds? Can a Church service be called "Christian" if the members do not go into religious ecstasy and speak in tongues during the service? If an enlightened Southerner thinks that fellow J.C. spoke moral sooth but was either mixed-up or misquoted about being Gawd-A-mighty, is that agnostic or atheist not more Christian than a true-believer who kills a three year old baby in war?

(2) "As a Catholic myself, I demand proof I demand proof when another sect insists that it is also Christian." Okay, so Catholicism is Christian, by definition. The Catholic definition, naturally. How can a Church that steeped in blood and misery and slavery & plain and fancy extortion be related to the actual words of J.C. as put down in the New Testament? It's simpler to suppose that there actually was someone who taught people a moral doctrine, and that in the inevitable change and corruption of centuries the original morality group was taken over by the usual class of swindlers and reformers.....

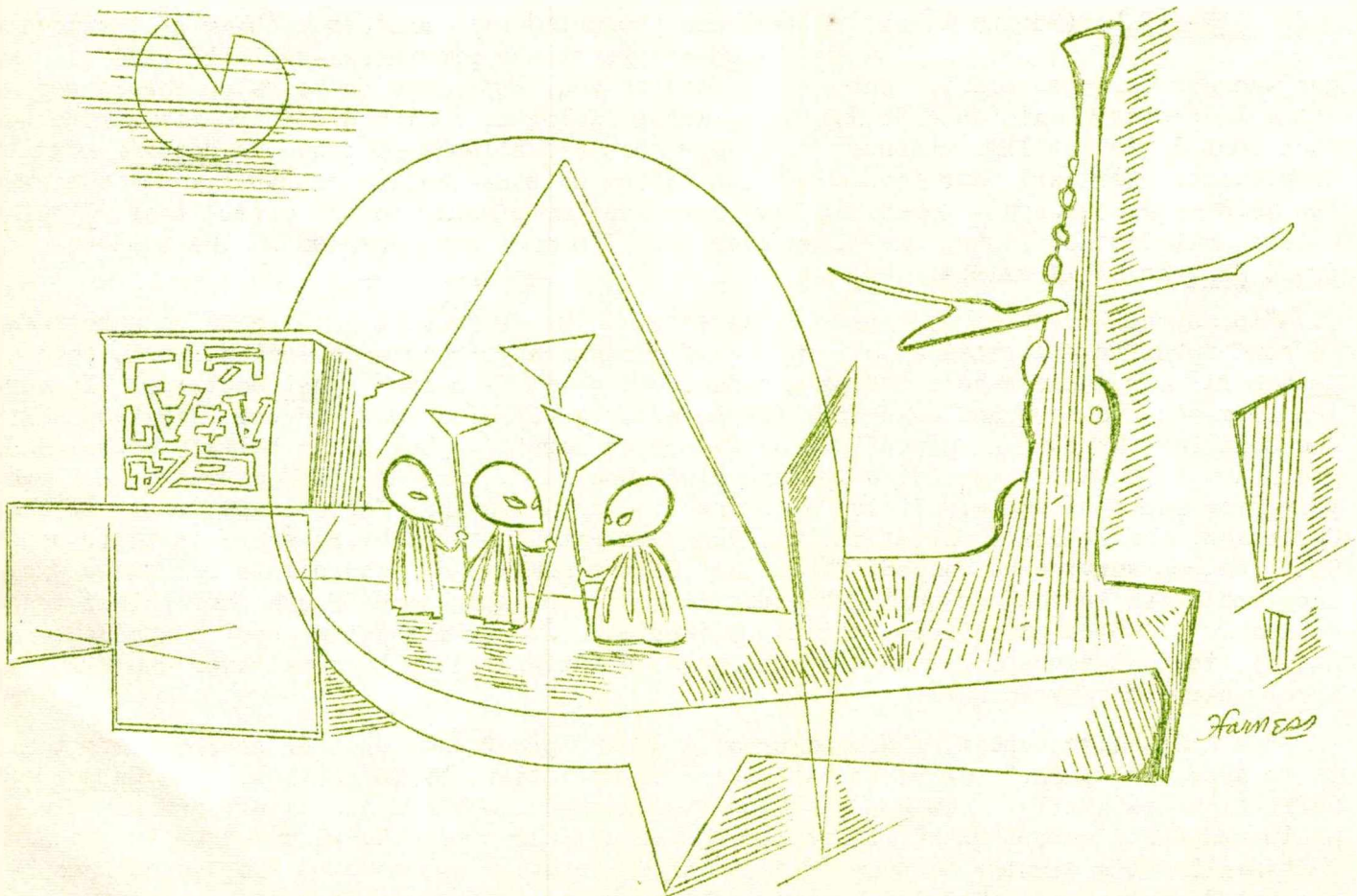
and Lord love a Duck ((this is a subtle plug for my own invention, The First Church of Donald Duck, Scientist)) how those reformers eradicated the original doctrine of mercy.

(3) If you can reconcile Objectivism with Catholicism, then obviously you can reconcile Objectivism with Islam, Black Islam, FlatEarthism, and Buddhism. Then you could elaborate on that theme and reconcile them all with each other. And then you know what you could do with the resulting reconciliation.

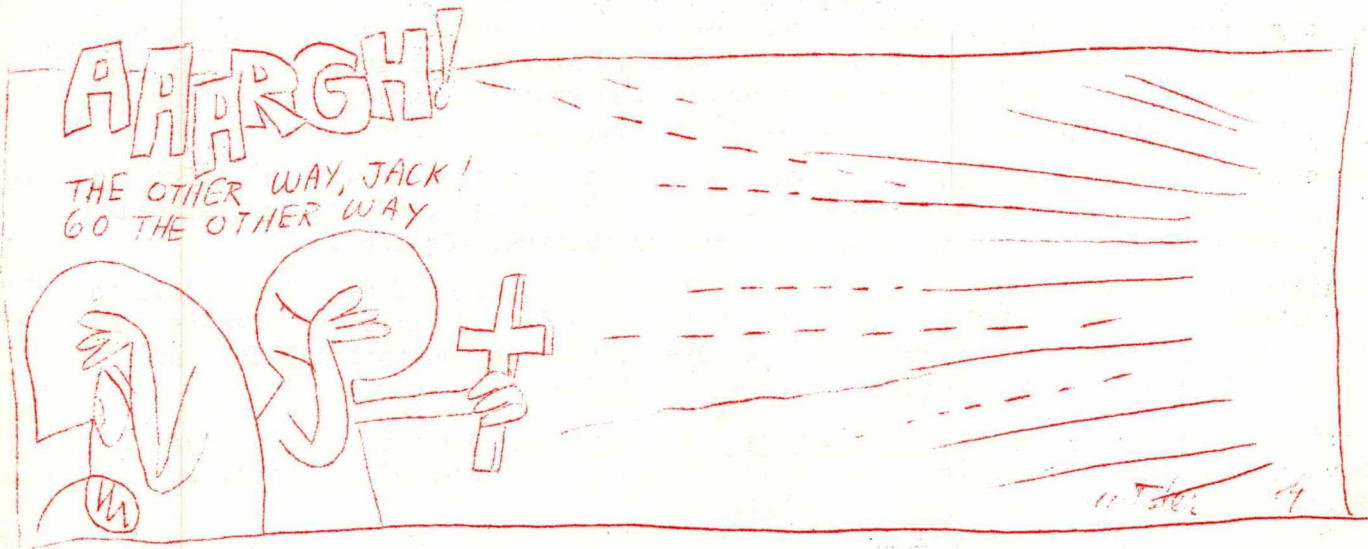
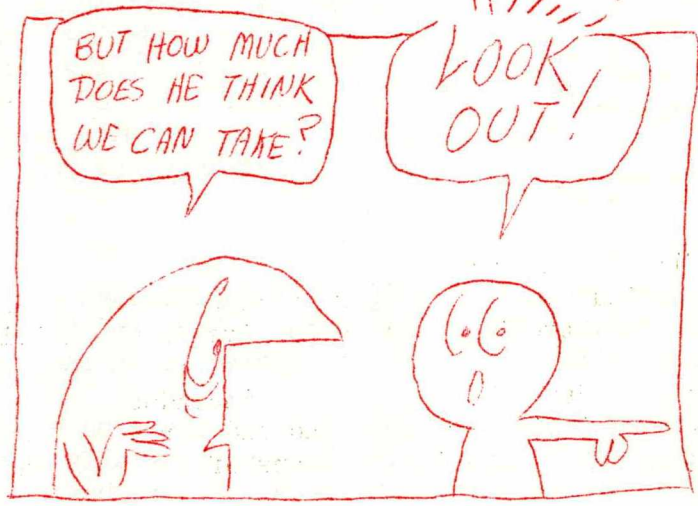
(4) The matter of "here, read a book on it." Tell them you have a 90 second definition of something and also a 90 minute complete outline which will answer their questions in detail. If they ask for the 90 minute bullsession, give them a book and say, "this will take 80 minutes to read and I'll give you a 10 minute rundown on any obscure points." I am on your side, you see, Ed. Honest, I am on your side. But not on the side of your argument, because I know better than certain positions being presented as valid.

BUBBLEBEARD (Who Else?) Thank you for reminding me. I had meant to indicate that an Objectivist, after absorbing the other 75% of the data from Dianetics, would be three times as wise as knowing as an Objectivist and less fixated on the stopgap aspects of Objectivism that do, on occasion, hinder an Objectivist. Man can not live on bread or reason alone.

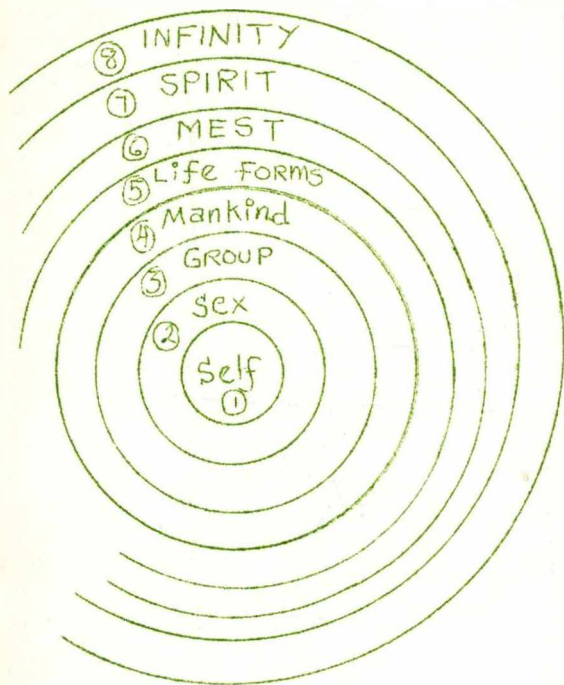
THE GREEN DOOR (Fitch) Thank you for your kind comment that my APA L style of writing has "exemplified intellection". Maybe the Great Debate with Objectivism has helped after all! Seriously, the improvement may be due to having to write so as to intelligible to the Others in the wilds of New York. ~~###~~ The idea of converting APA L to a bi-weekly basis is an idea, but it would be like converting LASFS to a bi-weekly basis. Would it hold up? On the other hand, five and a half pages of my mailing comments is too many. (Would it be seven pages on a bi-weekly basis, though???)



Objectivist Mutated Mouse Musicians in a Non-Objectivist Landscape



the eight dynamics



Herewith a small amount of basic Scientology which seems called for at the time because Phil Castora & I (and maybe Hank Stine, before we're through) are discussing the Dynamics.

In Dynamics and Scientology, there is the concept of what life is doing, what life is trying to do. We can say that life is trying to survive, and phrase the concept as: the dynamic principle of existence is Survival. In what way is life trying to survive? Life is trying to survive along the eight Dynamics. The Dynamics may be thought of as concentric circles, ranging from the smallest area of survival---the self---to the largest---infinity. This is not a "moral" set of categories, in the sense that doing gardening (5th Dynamic) is less "moral" or less important than understanding or assisting others in the field of the spirit (7th Dynamic). The order of the Dynamics is simply that of more and more scope, or more and more territory being encompassed.

- (1) The first dynamic of self. This encompasses the urge of an individual to survive as an individual, and includes one's body and immediate possessions and symbiotes necessary to have in order to survive as an individual.
- (2) The second dynamic of sex. This includes both the sex act and its result: children a family unit is partially 2nd and partially 3rd dynamic. This dynamic is the life force's urge to survive by means of sex, by means of perpetuating itself through a new individual.
- (3) The third dynamic of group. This is the urge of the life force to survive by banding together individuals into a corporate entity for survival purposes. Any two or more people functioning together, except on the second dynamic, is third dynamic. Examples are bowling leagues, nations, tribes, and the like.
- (4) the fourth dynamic of species. The urge to survive as a type or kind of life. It is rendered above as Mankind, because that is the 4th dynamic of the gentle reader. This dynamic includes the urge of all mankind to survive, together.
- (5) The fifth dynamic of life, all life forms. Here is the urge of each individual to forward the survival of life in general, on this planet and all other planets. As I have indicated above, this dynamics includes both plant and animal life, and activity done to produce or enhance life, such as biomedicine in general.
- (6) The sixth dynamic of the physical universe, consisting of matter, energy, space, & time; the initials are combined into the term MEST. The urge of life that the universe itself survive as a place for life.
- (7) the seventh dynamic of the spirit. This is the urge of life to survive as spiritual beings, as beings motivated by spirits. You may use the term consciousness if you prefer to use a non-religious terminology. But there is such a thing as an immortal being, the fundamental part of you that is you. This is termed: Theta.
- (8) The eighth dynamic, or infinity. Ultimate reasons why, God, nature, first cause, & the like are terms which express this dynamic, the ultimate survival of which one is theoretically capable of being or knowing.