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## MY PHILOSOPHY

by L. Ron Hubbard

The subject of philosophy is very ancient. The word means: 'The love, study or pursuit of wisdom, or of knowledge of things and their causes; whether theoretical or practical.'

All we know of science or of religion comes from philosophy. It lies behind and above all other knowledge we have or use.

For long regarded as a subject reserved for halls of learning and the intellectual, the subject, to a remarkable degree, has been denied the man in the street.

Surrounded by protective coatings of impenetrable scholarship, philosophy has been reserved to the privileged few.

The first principle of my own philosophy is that wisdom is meant for anyone who wishes to reach for it. It is the servant of the commoner and king alike and should never be regarded with awe.

Selfish scholars seldom forgive anyone who seeks to break down the walls of mystery and let the people in. Will Durant, the modern American philosopher, was relegated to the scrap heap by his fellow scholars when he wrote a popular book on the subject, "The Outline of Philosophy." Thus brick bats come the way of any who seek to bring wisdom to the people over the objections of the 'inner circle'.

The second principle of my own philosophy is that it must be capable of being applied.

Learning locked in mildewed books is of little use to anyone and therefore of no value unless it can be used.

The third principle is that any philosophic knowledge is only valuable if it is true or if it works.

These three principles are so strange to the field of philosophy, that I have given my philosophy a name: SCIENTOLOGY. This means only "knowing how to know."

A philosophy can only be a route to knowledge. It cannot be crammed down one's throat. If one has a route, he can then find what is true for him. And that is Scientology.

Know Thyself...and the truth shall set you free.

Therefore, in Scientology, we are not concerned with individual actions and differences. We are only concerned with how to show Man how he can set himself or herself free.

This, of course, is not very popular with those who depend upon the slavery of others for their living or power. But it happens to be the only way I have found that really improves an individual's life.

Suppression and oppression are the basic causes of depression. If you relieve those, a person can lift his head, become well, and become happy with life.

And though it may be unpopular with the slave master, it is very popular with the people.

The common man likes to be happy and well. He likes to be able to understand things, and he knows his route to freedom lies through knowledge.

Therefore, for 15 years I have had Mankind knocking on my door. It has not mattered where I have lived or how remote, since I first published a book on the subject, my life has no longer been my own.

I like to help others and count it as my greatest pleasure in life to see a person free himself of the shadows which darken his days.

These shadows look so thick to him and weigh him down so that when he finds they are shadows and that he can see through them, walk through them and be again in the sun, he is enormously delighted. And I am afraid I am just as delighted as he is.

I have seen much human misery. As a very young man I wandered through Asia and saw the agony and misery of overpopulated and underdeveloped lands. I have seen people uncaring and stepping over dying men in the streets. I have seen children less than rags and bones. And amongst this poverty and degradation I found holy places where wisdom was great, but where it was carefully hidden and given out only as superstition. Later, in Western universities, I saw Man obsessed with materiality and with all his cunning. I saw him hide what little wisdom he really had in forbidding halls and make it inaccessible to the common and less favoured man. I have been through a terrible war and saw its terror and pain unceasing by a single word of decency or humanity.

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### THE VIRGO-LIBRA CUSP

If your birthday falls between the 21st and 27th of September you are said to be born on the Virgo-Libra cusp, and although you may consider yourself a native of either, the one sign or the other—it just will not do, since you are ruled by both signs and a delineation for either sign alone could be quite erroneous.

Actually, you are influenced by both mental Mercury, ruler of Virgo and lovely Venus, ruler of Libra,—both very good planets to be ruled by—and as such, you are no doubt a very fascinating person!

Intuitively, divining the truth of things, native is not easily imposed upon, but otherwise, these natives are very kindly in manner, most unselfish, enthusiastic and impulsive. The nature is generally happy, warm-hearted and deeply sincere.

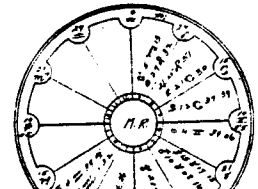
Such natives make devoted marital companions, but if the marriage turns out as being unhappy, they usually make the best of a bad situation and turn their attentions to things

the native is vulnerable to nervous ailments. These things usually affect the more undeveloped person, since the more developed have a fondness for the out-of-doors,—trees, flowers, sunshine and the wide open spaces,—worry cannot exist very long! One old time writer opines that these natives can have these ailments or not—just as they choose! Obviously prevention is simple—! "Don't worry—be happy!"—and get out of doors. Also worthy of note is that the Virgo part of this combine seems to have endowed our native with eternal youth—while the Libra part is for the most part, responsible for great beauty.

Dear Sylvia: I have held public office for over 22 years and should like to be reelected once more. I am strong for my years—and continue to carry out my duties as one not over 50 years of age. However, my adversaries are now trying to use my age against me. Please look into this for me and be sincere. Tell me whether you think I have a chance of being reelected. If the answer is

co-rulers of your Sun sign. There are many other indications pointing to good luck and a fortunate period for you in October and November. All of these indications but strengthen the very favorable indications in a chart erected specifically for your question which shows a happy outcome to your hopes and wishes.

Dear Sylvia: My mother and I have lived together ever since my father's death over ten years ago and we enjoy a wonderful relationship. However, since she is not too well, there is not too much outside activity with the exception of my work, and I am wondering if there will be anything else for me except this rather uneventful life. I trust this will not seem cold or selfish!—M.R.



across unknown reaches of the past.

I extended my arms before me as a gesture to break through some strange, invisible barrier. The room became aglow with sunlight, and when I looked at the painting again, my grandfather was smiling.

"We are eternally young, my child—children of untold ages. Live in this place with my love, for you are the semblance of my beloved!"

Stunned beyond belief, but with a compulsion that drove me to lift my eyes toward the painting, I discovered that it was gone.

*Lord, Let me not die  
Until I've done for Thee  
My Earthly work  
Whatever it may be*

*Call me not hence  
With mission unfulfilled  
Let me not leave  
My space of ground untilled.*

*Impress this truth  
Upon me that not one  
Can do my portion  
That I leave undone.*

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I have lived no cloistered life and hold in contempt the wise man who has not lived and the scholar who will not share.

There have been many wiser men than I, but few have travelled as much road.

I have seen life from the top down and the bottom up. I know how it looks both ways. And I know there is wisdom and that there is hope.

Blinded with injured optic nerves, and lame with physical injuries to hip and back, at the end of World War II, I faced an almost non-existent future. My service record states: "This officer has no neurotic or psychotic tendencies of any kind whatsoever," but it also states 'permanently disabled physically.'

And so there came a further blow .... I was abandoned by family and friends as a supposedly hopeless cripple and a probable burden upon them for the rest of my days. Yet I worked my way back to fitness and strength in less than two years, using only what I knew and could determine about Man and his relationship to the universe. I had no one to help me; what I had to know I had to find out. And it's quite a trick studying when you cannot see.

I became used to being told it was all impossible, that there was no way, no hope. Yet I came to see again and walk again; and I built an entirely new life. It is a happy life, a busy one and I hope a useful one. My only moments of sadness are those which come when bigoted men tell others that all is bad and there is no route anywhere, no hope anywhere, nothing but sadness and sameness and desolation, and that every effort to help others is false. I know it is not true.

So my own philosophy is, that one should share what wisdom he has, one should help others to help themselves, and one should keep going despite heavy weather for there is always a calm ahead. One should also ignore catcalls from the selfish intellectual who cries: "Don't expose the mystery, Keep it all for ourselves. The people cannot understand."

But as I have never seen wisdom do any good kept to oneself, and as I like to see others happy, and as I find the vast majority of the people can and do understand, I will keep on writing and working and teaching so long as I exist.

For I know no man who has any monopoly upon the wisdom of this universe. It belongs to those who can use it to help themselves and others.

If things were a little better known and understood, we would all lead happier lives.

And there is a way to know them and there is a way to freedom.

The old must give way to the new, falsehood must become exposed by truth, and truth, though fought, always in the end prevails.