

THE DYNAMICS OF EXISTENCE

FROM THE SCIENTOLOGY HANDBOOK



BASED ON THE WORKS OF

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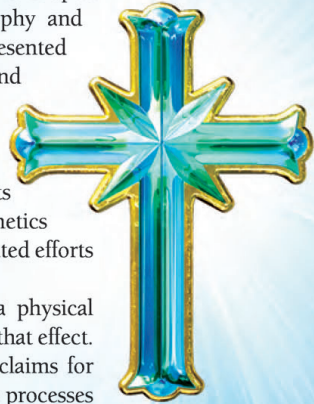
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Founded and developed by L. Ron Hubbard, Scientology is an applied religious philosophy which offers an exact route through which anyone can regain the truth and simplicity of his spiritual self.

Scientology consists of specific axioms that define the underlying causes and principles of existence and a vast area of observations in the humanities, a philosophic body that literally applies to the entirety of life.

This broad body of knowledge resulted in two applications of the subject: first, a technology for man to increase his spiritual awareness and attain the freedom sought by many great philosophic teachings; and, second, a great number of fundamental principles men can use to improve their lives. In fact, in this second application, Scientology offers nothing less than practical methods to better *every* aspect of our existence—means to create new ways of life. And from this comes the subject matter you are about to read.

Compiled from the writings of L. Ron Hubbard, the data presented here is but one of the tools which can be found in *The Scientology Handbook*. A comprehensive guide, the handbook contains numerous applications of Scientology which can be used to improve many other areas of life.

In this booklet, the editors have augmented the data with a short introduction, practical exercises and examples of successful application.

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Use what you read in these pages to help yourself and others and you will too.

*F*or millennia, man has attempted to assess his place in this material world. How should he relate to the rest of life, and to his fellows? What are his true responsibilities, and to whom?

Definitive answers were not forthcoming, not from the ancient Greeks, nor from the materialist thinkers of recent times.

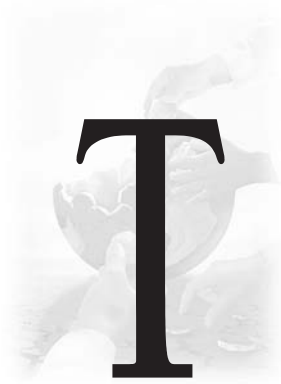
And so it remained until L. Ron Hubbard realized his long sought-after goal: the discovery of a unifying principle that applied to all life, a common denominator by which all men and, indeed, all life, might be understood.

From this came a flood of discoveries that cast new light on the nature of man and life.

The principles in this booklet solve the ancient moral dilemma of right and wrong and bring about a new level of rationality. With them, one can now align the various factors of existence, invariably make the right decisions when faced with choices and achieve a new perspective on the directions available in his life.

Mr. Hubbard expanded upon these principles in numerous other writings and lectures. But what follows represents the essence of the subject and a practical approach to living successfully used by millions.■

THE GOAL OF MAN



he goal of man, the lowest common denominator of all his activities, the dynamic principle of his existence, has long been sought. Should such an answer be discovered, it is inevitable that from it many answers would flow. It would explain all phenomena of behavior; it would lead toward a solution of man's major problems; and, most of all, it should be workable.

Such an answer has been discovered. It is:

The Dynamic Principle of Existence Is Survival.

The goal of life can be considered to be infinite survival. Man, as a life form, can be demonstrated to obey in all his actions and purposes the one command: "Survive!"

It is not a new thought that man is surviving. It is a new thought that man is motivated *only* by survival.

That his single goal is survival does not mean that he is the optimum survival mechanism which life has attained or will develop. The goal of the dinosaur was also survival and the dinosaur isn't extant anymore.

Obedience to this command, "Survive!" does not mean that every attempt to obey is uniformly successful. Changing environment, mutation (change in the form or nature of something) and many other things work against any one organism attaining infallible survival techniques or form.

What would be the optimum survival characteristics of various life forms? They would have to have various fundamental characteristics, differing from one species to the next just as one environment differs from the next.

This is important, since it has been but poorly considered in the past that a set of survival characteristics in one species would not be survival characteristics in another.

The methods of survival can be summed under the headings of food, protection (defensive and offensive) and procreation. There are no existing life forms which lack solutions to these problems. Every life form errs, one way or another, by holding a characteristic too long or developing characteristics which may lead to its extinction. But the developments which bring about successfulness of form are far more striking than their errors. The naturalist and biologist are continually resolving the characteristics of this or that life form by discovering that need rather than whim governs such developments. The hinges of the clam shell, the awesome “face” on the wings of the butterfly, have survival value.

The goals of man, then, stem from the single goal of survival through a conquest of the material universe. The success of his survival is measured in terms of the broad survival of all.

THE DYNAMICS

Every individual is made up of a central thrust through existence. This drive, this thrust through existence, is survival. It is the effort on the part of the organism to survive.

We call the urge toward survival a *dynamic*.

As this urge becomes enturbulated (put into a state of agitation or disturbance) or influenced by outside forces, it is either suppressed or it is diluted with other people's purposes. That is to say, other people force their purposes on the individual. In either way, the dynamic itself becomes to some slight degree enturbulated.

As the survival dynamic is cut back or as it is entered or acted upon by other influences—other people and the regular suppressors of life, such as the absence of food, clothing and shelter—this dynamic can become more and more enturbulated until it is headed toward death, or succumb, exactly in the opposite direction.

The dynamic goes toward succumb in the exact ratio that it is enturbulated. It goes toward survival in the exact ratio that it is clean and clear.

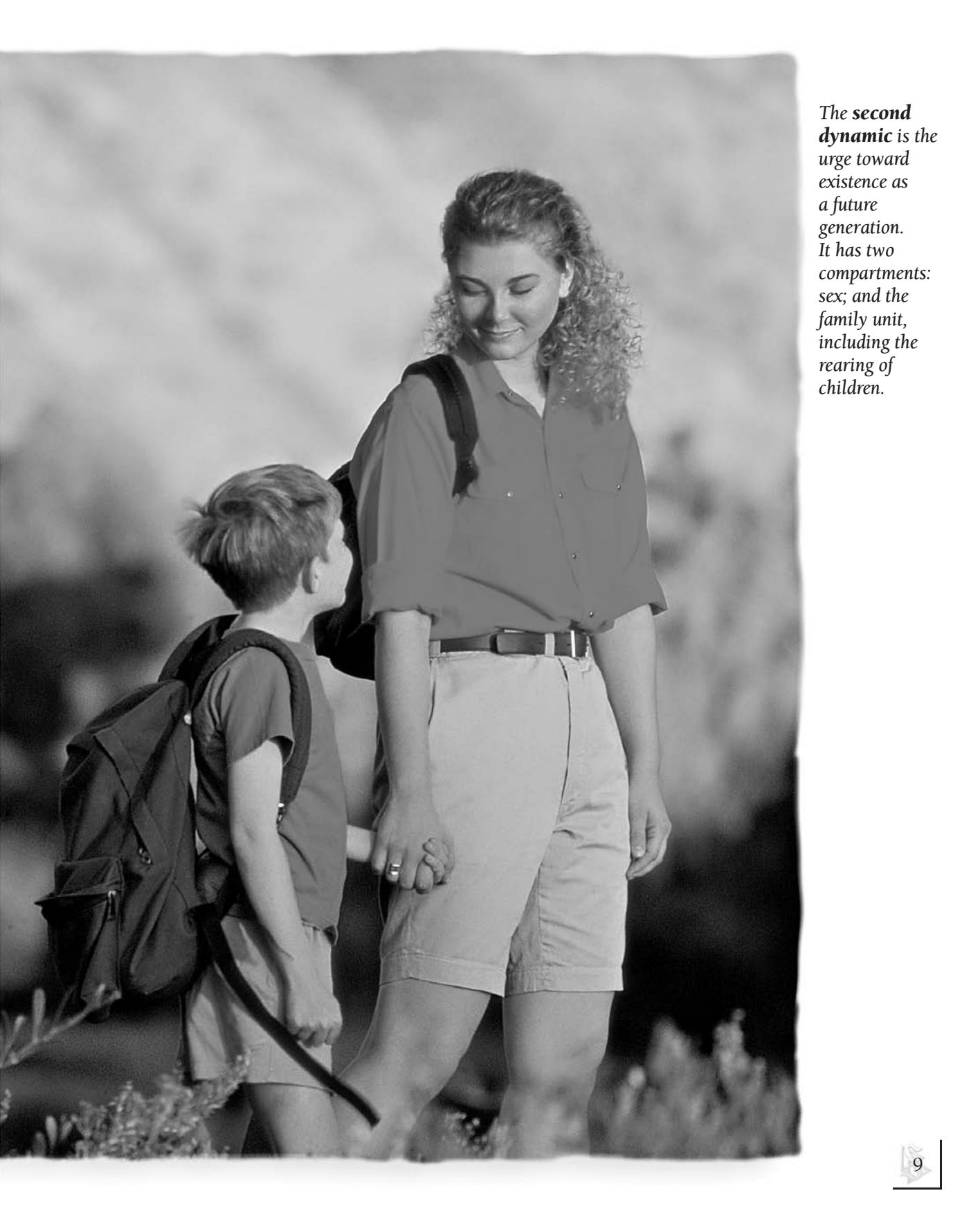
That is regarding it as just one dynamic. If we take a look at this dynamic through a magnifying glass, we find that in this one thrust there are actually eight thrusts, or *eight dynamics*.





The **first dynamic** is the urge toward existence as one's self. It is the effort to survive as an individual, to be an individual, to attain the highest level of survival for the longest possible time for self. Here we have individuality expressed fully.





The **second dynamic** is the urge toward existence as a future generation. It has two compartments: sex; and the family unit, including the rearing of children.





The **third dynamic** is the urge to survive as part of a group, with the individual himself furnishing this motivation. Any group, temporary or permanent, political or social, is part of the third dynamic, and each one is a third dynamic.

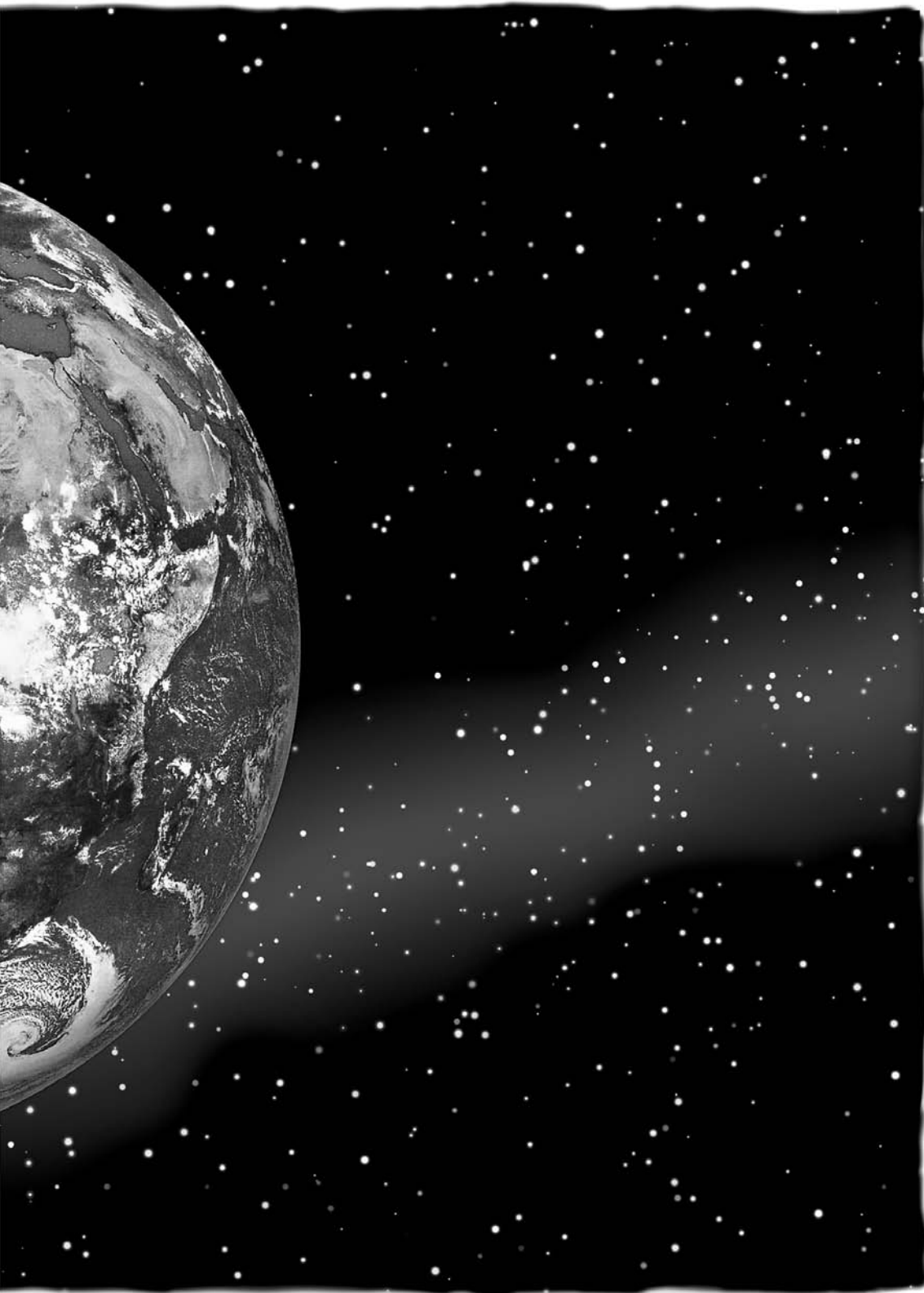







The **fifth dynamic** is the urge to survive for any and every form of life. These would include all living things, whether animal or vegetable, anything directly and intimately motivated by life. It is the individual's effort to survive to make life survive.



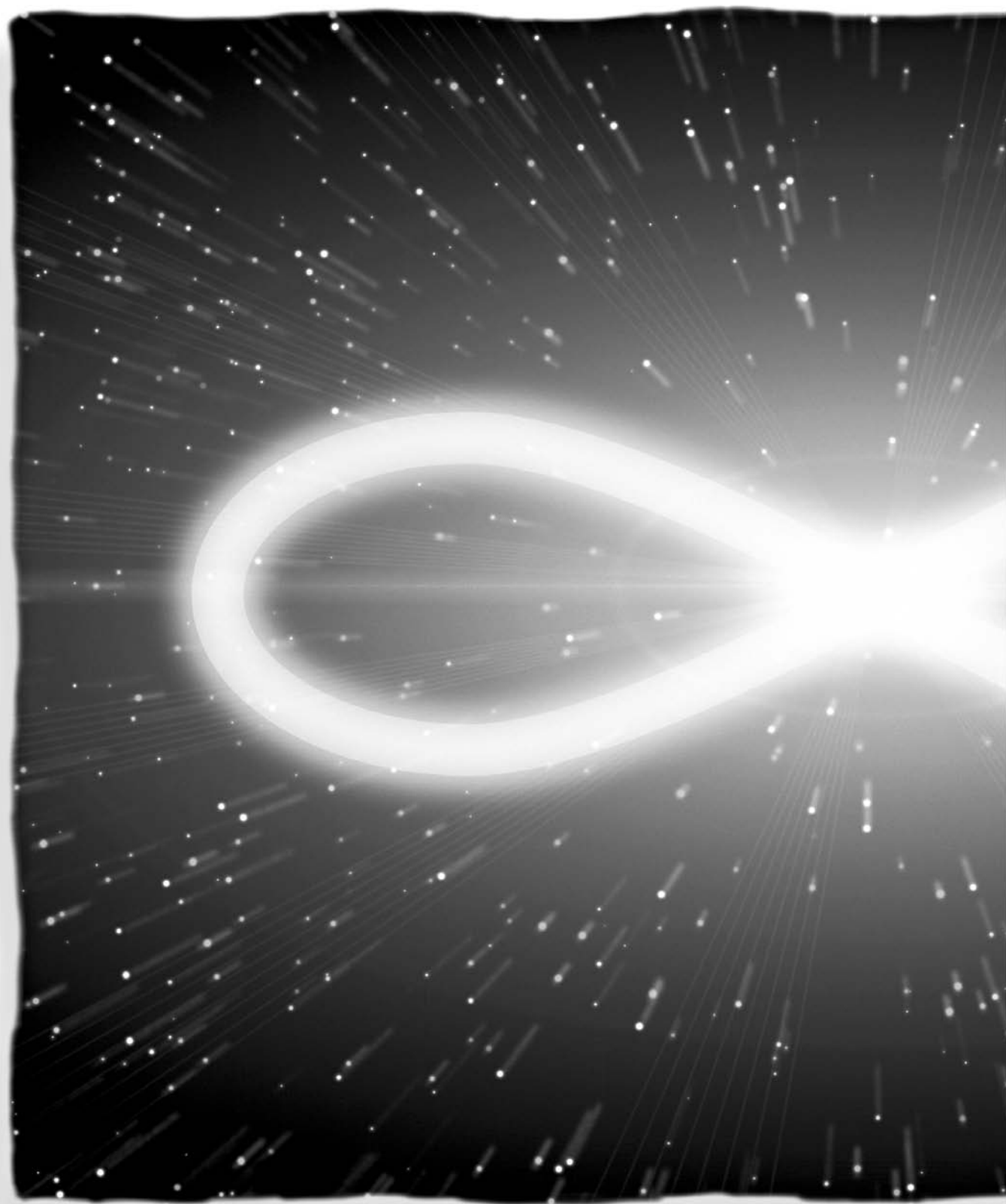


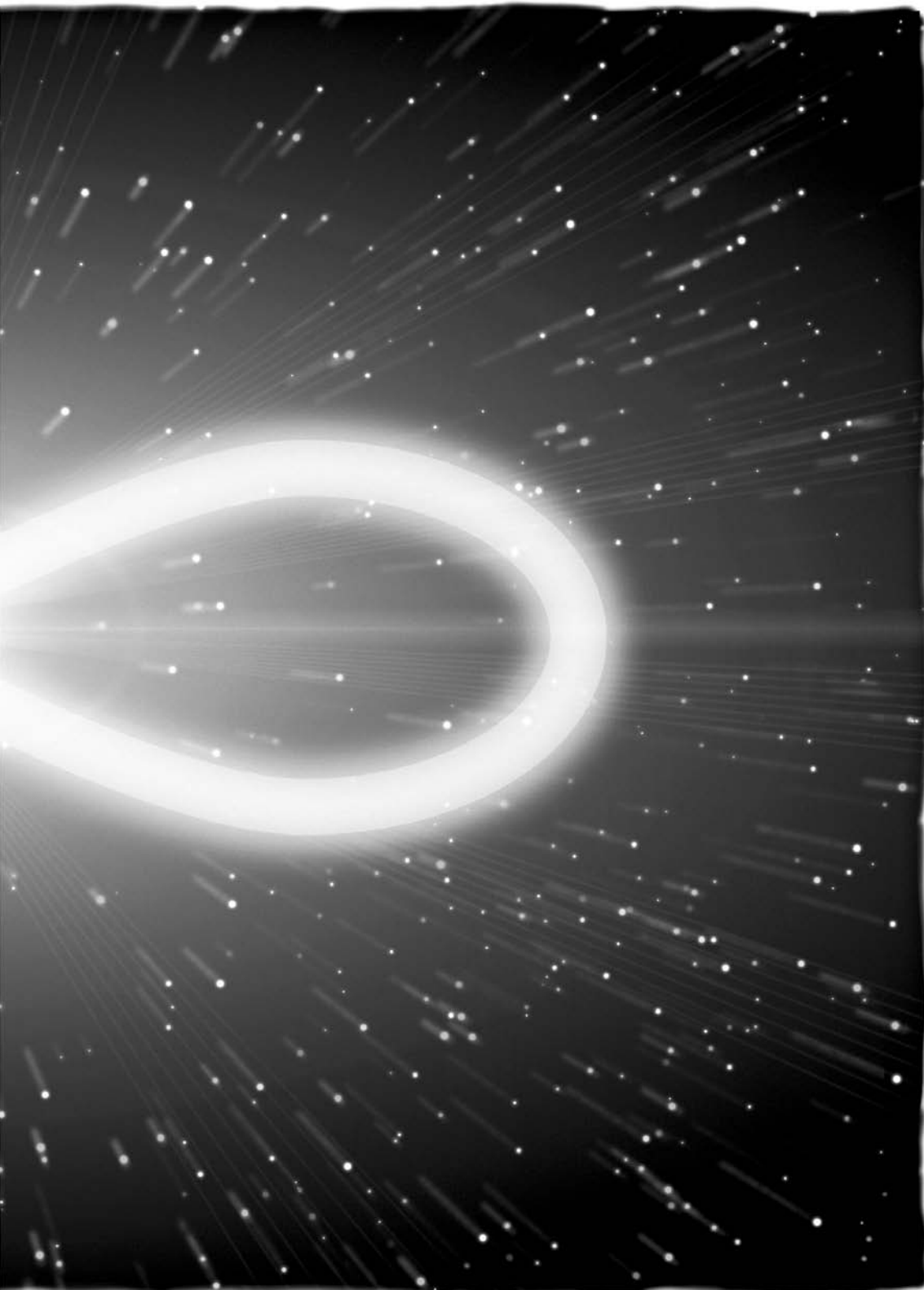
The **sixth dynamic** is the urge toward existence as the physical universe. It is the drive of the individual to enhance the survival of all matter, energy, space and time—the component parts of the physical universe which we call MEST. The individual actually has a thrust for the survival of the material universe.





The **seventh dynamic** is the urge toward existence as or of spirits. Anything spiritual, with or without identity, would come under the heading of the seventh dynamic. This is separate from the physical universe and is the source of life itself. Thus there is an effort for the survival of life source.





The **eighth dynamic** is the urge toward existence as infinity. This is also identified as the Supreme Being. This can be called the infinity or God dynamic.

The Individual and His Dynamics

By inspection of man himself, an individual seems to have a thrust in each one of these departments. In other words, an individual is interested in the survival of groups on a parity with his own survival.

As soon as you knock out one of these dynamics on a human being and you say “For this individual, this dynamic cannot possibly exist,” you get trouble, because they *all* get knocked out. They come down on the same level. In other words, if you cut out half of one dynamic, you have cut out half of the rest of the dynamics. This package of dynamics is very vital to the survival of an individual.

Right now we have a whole society which is educated along the line of “man thinks for himself alone.” People have to be forced, whipped, beaten and educated to have a third dynamic. They have to be jailed, they have to be sent to school, they have to be punished, fined, taxed, made to go to the polls and vote Democratic. All of these various things have to be done in order to make a person have a third dynamic.

In other words, in this society they are working like mad to build something which is already there. But take away all of these big structures which train the individual to adapt to society and you will find lying behind these structures a much prettier structure and a much stancher one than any artificial structure being built.

It is the same way on the fourth dynamic. Have you ever known anyone who thought only cats were fit to associate with and that man was no good? There are such people. “Men are no good. Men are cruel, they’re beasts, they do terrible things. And the human race is no good and man is no good. But cats and dogs and dear little dumb animals, these are what are nice.” In other words, this person throws it all over on the fifth dynamic. She will be all right and she can go on living only until that concept fails on her, because it is an artificial concept.

Man can do almost anything he wants to these dynamics as long as he is consistent about it. The second he gets inconsistent along any line he is in bad shape.

There is no thought or statement here that any one of these eight dynamics is more important than the others. While they are categories of the broad game of life they are not necessarily equal to each other. It will be found among individuals that each person stresses one of the dynamics more than the others, or may stress a combination of dynamics as more important than other combinations.

The purpose in setting forth this division is to increase an understanding of life by placing it in compartments. Having subdivided existence in this fashion, each compartment can be inspected as itself and by itself in its relationship to the other compartments of life. In working a puzzle it is necessary to first take pieces of similar color or character and place them in groups. In studying a subject it is necessary to proceed in an orderly fashion. To promote this orderliness it is necessary to assume for our purposes these eight arbitrary compartments of life.

A further manifestation of these dynamics is that they could best be represented as a series of concentric circles wherein the first dynamic would be the center and each new dynamic would be successively a circle outside it. The idea of space adjoining enters into these dynamics.

The basic characteristic of the individual includes his ability to so expand into the other dynamics, but when the seventh dynamic is reached in its entirety one will only then discover the true eighth dynamic.

As an example of use of these dynamics, one discovers that a baby at birth is not perceptive beyond the first dynamic, but as the child grows and its interests extend it can be seen to embrace other dynamics. As a further example of use, a person who is incapable of operating on the third dynamic is incapable at once of being a part of a team and so might be said to be incapable of a social existence.

How does man act so as to operate successfully along the dynamics? With the state of the world around us, there is no evidence that an answer has been forthcoming. It may seem to be a gift of natural insight in a few individuals; however, this is far from the truth. Any person can acquire the knowledge he needs to determine the most favorable course of action for his survival.



1st dynamic



2nd dynamic



3rd dynamic

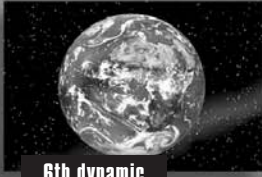


4th dynamic





5th dynamic



6th dynamic

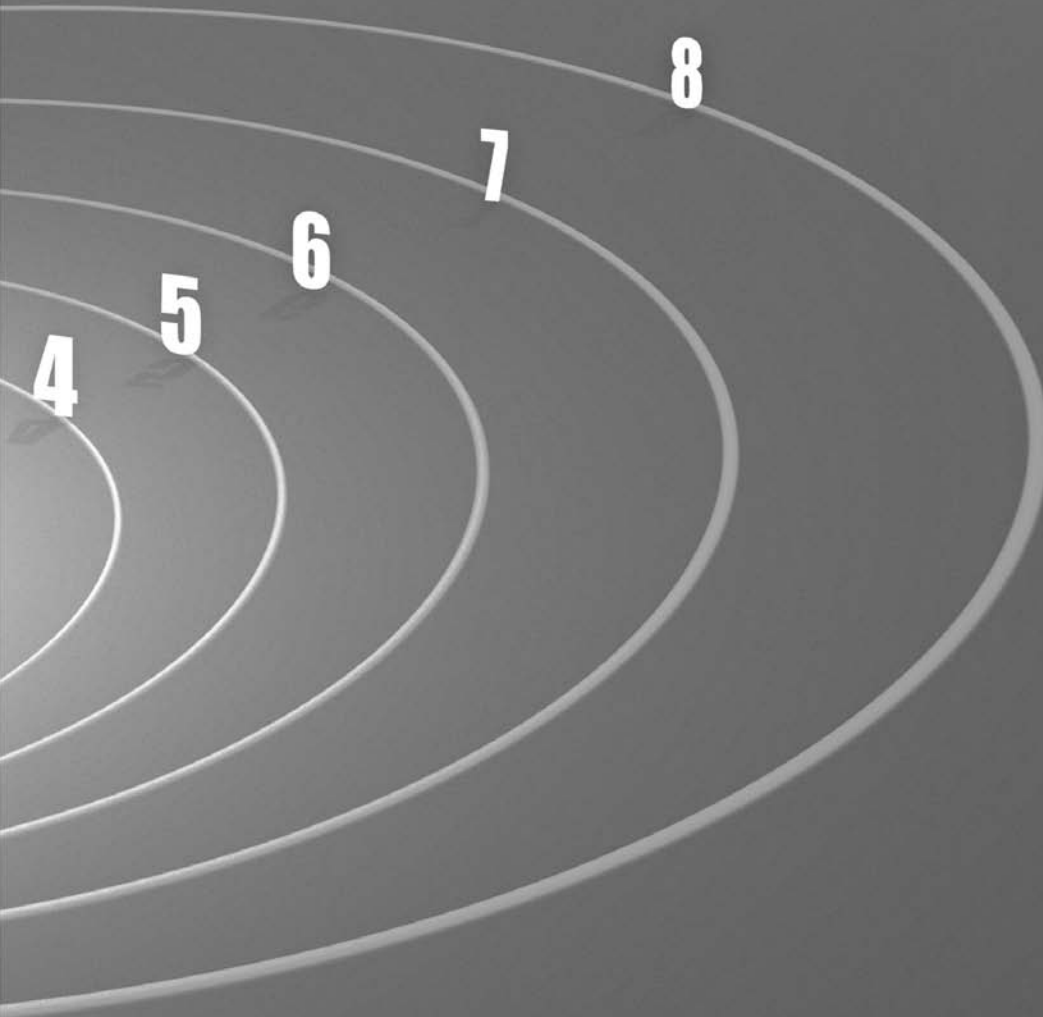


7th dynamic



8th dynamic

The dynamics can be represented as a series of concentric circles with the first dynamic at the center. The individual expands outwards as he embraces the other dynamics.



Determining Optimum Solutions

An optimum solution of life takes into account the maximum survival for everything concerned in the problem.

This does not mean that one cannot destroy. It so happens that if we didn't have destruction as one of the operating methods of existence, we would be in pretty bad shape. Do you realize that every fern tree that was growing back in the earliest ages would still be growing, and this would be in addition to every tree that had grown since? And we would have live, growing trees on the face of the earth until we would probably be walking about eight hundred feet above the soil. Death—destruction—has to come in there and clear the way for advances and improvements. And destruction, when used in that way, is very legitimate.

For instance, you can't build an apartment house without knocking down the tenement that stood there before. Somebody comes along and says, "Oh, that's very bad; you're destroying something. You're destroying an old landmark."

"We're trying to put up an apartment house here, lady."

"Yes, but that's a famous old landmark."

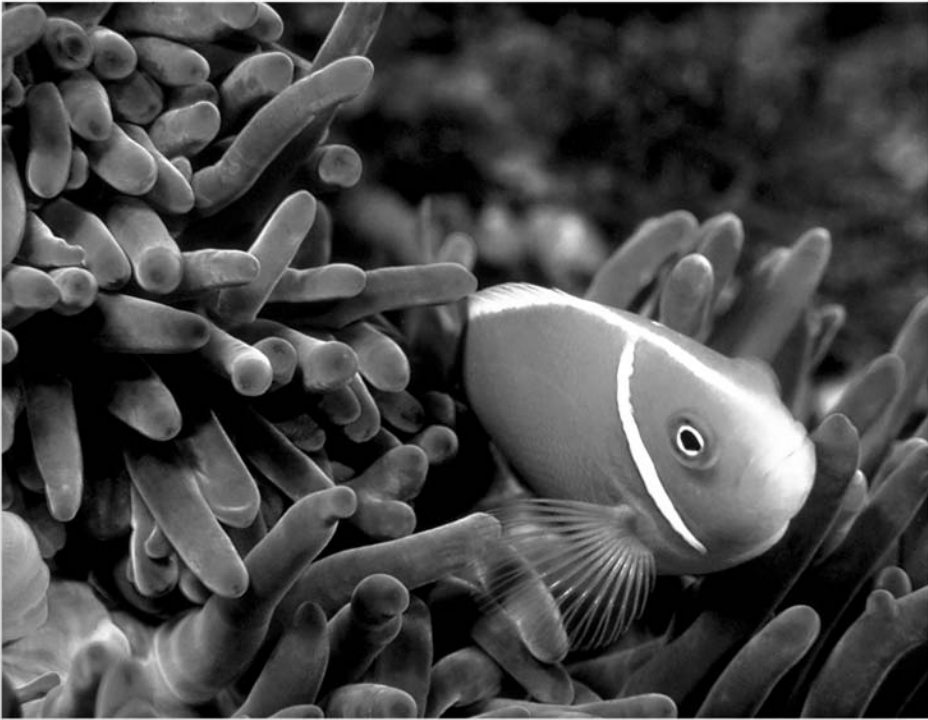
"Lady, that thing is about ready to fall into the street."

"Oh, it's very bad to destroy things."

That is pretty aberrated (not supported by reason, departing from rational thought or behavior), because you have to destroy something once in a while. Just think what would happen, for instance, if every piece of paper that had ever been given you in your lifetime was still in your possession and then you had to move, and it was very bad to destroy things so you had to keep on lugging all these things around with you. You can see how ridiculous it would get.

There is an actual equation involved in this: One must not destroy beyond the necessity required in construction.

If one starts to destroy beyond the necessity required in construction, one gets into pretty bad shape very hurriedly. One gets into the shape Nazi Germany was in. They destroyed everything; they said, "Now Austria, now Czechoslovakia, now let's knock apart Stalingrad!" So they did and Stalingrad was an awful mess. So was Germany.



The solution to the problem that does not consider all the dynamics is not an optimum solution. Waste dumped into the sea may be expedient for some company's disposal problems but at huge expense to the fifth and sixth dynamics.

There is an old self-evident truth, "Never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee." Nothing is truer. People start looking at this and they get superstitions about it. They say, "Well, I don't dare harm anybody else because then I would be harmed someplace or other." This is not necessarily true. But on the overall equation of life and existence, the willful destruction of something can upset the survival of the other entities in its vicinity. It can upset and overbalance things to a point where, for example, we don't have any more passenger pigeons. People didn't stop and think, back there over a hundred years ago, that one of these fine days there wouldn't be any—obviously, there were all kinds of them all over the sky.

So man has had to go into a tremendous game-conservation program in order to restore the wildlife which his grandfathers wiped out. Man will do this quite instinctively.

The dynamics mean, simply, how many forms of survival are there? How does an individual survive? You can work this out that the individual survives solely because of himself and cooperates only because of selfishness. But you can also work it out that he survives only for future generations and prove it all very beautifully that way. You can work it out, as they did in Russia, that the individual survives solely for the state and is only part of an ant society, a collectivist, one who lives in a system where all property is owned or controlled by the state. And so it goes, one right after the other. You can take these ways he survives and you can make each one *it*. But when you put it to the test, you find out that you need all of the dynamics.

The number of dynamics merely add up to the number of fields or entities a man has to be in cooperation with in order to get along.

The optimum solution to any problem would be that solution which did the maximum construction or creation along the maximum number of dynamics pertinent to the problem.

Solutions which injure one dynamic for the benefit of another dynamic result in eventual chaos. However, optimum solutions are almost possible to attain and human thinking seeks at its highest level only to bring the greatest order and the least chaos.

When an individual is in a low emotional tone, he will stress one or two dynamics at the expense of the rest and so lives a very disorderly existence and is productive of much chaos for those around him.

The soldier, flinging away his life in battle, is operating on the third dynamic (his company, his nation) at the expense of his first dynamic, the fourth and all the rest. The religionist, someone devoted to religion, may live on the eighth, seventh, fifth and fourth at the expense of the first and sixth. The “selfish” person may be living only on the first dynamic, a very chaotic effort.

There is nothing particularly wrong with bad emphasis on these dynamics until such emphasis begins to endanger them broadly, as in the case of a Hitler or a Genghis Khan or the use of atomic fission for destruction. Then all man begins to turn on the destroyers.

The whole of *survival* is a dynamic, the only dynamic. But *survive* breaks down into these eight.

The abilities and shortcomings of individuals can be understood by viewing their participation in the various dynamics.

The equation of the optimum solution would be that a problem has been well resolved which portends (signifies or means) the maximum good for the maximum number of dynamics. That is to say that any solution, modified by the time available to put the solution into effect, should be creative or constructive for the greatest possible number of dynamics. The optimum solution for any problem would be a solution which achieved the maximum benefit in all the dynamics.

It is through application of these principles by oneself and by assisting others to understand and apply them that an individual can attain an increased level of survival for himself, those with whom he associates and, indeed, all life.■

PRACTICAL EXERCISES

Here are exercises relating to the eight dynamics. Doing these exercises will help increase your understanding of the knowledge contained in this booklet.

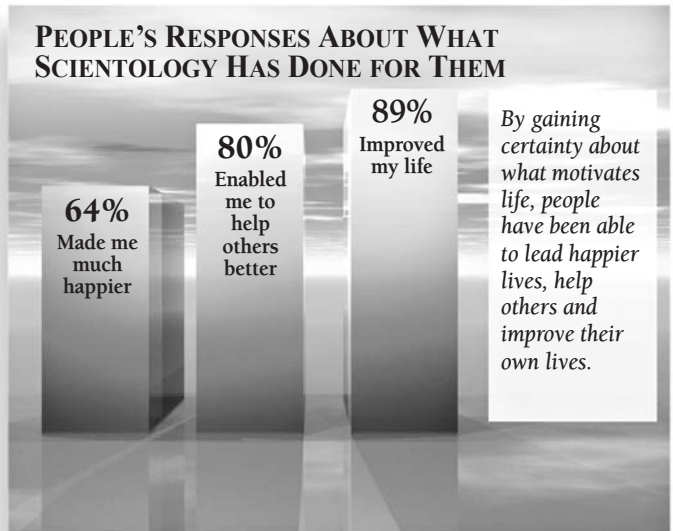
- 1 Look around the environment and notice things that are surviving. How many things can you find that are surviving? Go around and spot examples of survival until you are certain that the goal of life is survival.
- 2 Look around your immediate environment and see how many of the eight dynamics you can find. Look out a window or take a walk outside and see how many examples you can find of the dynamics.
- 3 Select a situation or problem in your own life or in the life of someone you know. Using what you have learned about the eight dynamics, determine the optimum solution for it.
- 4 Now, help another person determine the optimum solution to a problem in his life.

RESULTS FROM APPLICATION

Knowing the dynamics of life makes it possible for hitherto unresolvable problems to be resolved with ease. Any concept in Scientology is considered useful to the degree it can be applied. These pages contain examples of the application of these fundamentals.

In Adelaide, Australia, a woman who had studied about the eight dynamics noticed that an employee in the same company was always “in trouble” and was, in fact, being threatened with termination. As he seemed to be trying to do a good job, she sat down with him and proceeded to find out what was happening.

“After listening to him for some time, I realized that he had been neglecting himself totally. He wasn’t sleeping well or eating enough, he didn’t spend any time doing anything to improve himself—nothing—and he therefore was doing poorly at work. I showed him the definitions of the dynamics. It was as if it were an entirely new idea to him that he should look after himself. He had somehow imagined that he could do well at work while completely neglecting himself and he soon realized why he had been doing poorly at work. He immediately set about correcting the situation. While not neglecting the third dynamic, he slept an adequate amount, took better care of his appearance, spent time with his family, and took a course to improve himself and his job performance. As a result, his job performance improved, he was happier and his worth to the company was noticed by his



superiors. He was no longer continuously 'in trouble' and, in fact, earned a promotion.”

A young man from Milano, Italy, was leading an active life. He played soccer on a local team and had a girlfriend of whom he was very fond. Life was fun. Then some not-so-well-meaning acquaintances started him using drugs. As his use of drugs increased, his life began falling apart. He was fortunate enough to be shown data on the eight dynamics and halted the disastrous slide of his life. He said:

“Some time ago, I went against all the dynamics starting from the first one, and as time went on, all the other dynamics went to pieces, one after the other. My girlfriend left me because I drugged myself. Then my soccer team threw me

out because I couldn't play as well as I could before. All the rest of my dynamics went like this because I started to drug myself which was destroying my first dynamic. When I read the data on the eight dynamics, I understood what had happened in my life and I knew how to put my life back together, piece by piece. This knowledge gave me the strength and courage it took to get off drugs and now I devote all my time to getting other people off drugs. I am surviving on all my dynamics and I always insist that others around me have the data on the eight dynamics so that they can make the correct decisions about their lives. It makes me think that if everyone had this data, the world would be a happy place and the people in it would fare very well."

In Australia, a fifteen-year-old girl who knew the technology of the eight dynamics, started to spend time with a girl at her school and quickly discovered that her new friend was drinking, taking drugs, being sexually promiscuous, and fighting with her mother constantly. She had already been kicked out of her home once by her mother and had left home of her own accord a number of times, despite being only fifteen years old. The girl needed help with her life. Here is how her new friend provided it:

"I showed my friend some basic technology on the eight dynamics and got her to see how her own actions could be affecting the behavior of her mother toward her; that the upsets were not necessarily 'all her mother's fault.' I told

her the solution was to get in more communication, not less, and to be open with her mother rather than ignoring that part of her second dynamic. As a result of her own realizations about the dynamics, in a matter of a few weeks, she was really in communication with her mother and was stably living at home. She had stopped smoking dope and cut down on her drinking, so was doing much better on the first dynamic. She even got a steady boyfriend. She did better in school and started getting better grades. After a while she got a part-time job and started contributing financially to her parents. This was some real improvement in her life across all the dynamics."

One sometimes hears that one has to "take life as it comes." A girl from San Francisco found otherwise when she learned the means to gain better control and direction of her life using the technology of the dynamics.

"When I was younger I had a good life by most standards—a good student in a good school, with no major problems to speak of. But I felt that something was missing. I did not think that you could really be in control of what happens to you. You just had to sit back, hope for the best and take what came your way in life.

"When I started studying Scientology, I found out that I actually could be in control of my life, using the principle of the dynamics. I could make rational choices about what I would be involved with and how—friends, job, school and other activities.

“The ‘what will be will be’ way of life is now a thing of the past for me. I’m far happier knowing that I am really contributing and playing a game that I can win.”

A young man in Los Angeles uses the technology of the eight dynamics to guide others toward happier lives. One person he helped was a girl who had been selling street drugs.

“I read about the dynamics in one of L. Ron Hubbard’s books and I use this a lot. It really explains the different parts of life and how they work together.

“I had one friend to whom the third dynamic, groups, was totally unreal. She didn’t use drugs herself, but she was dealing cocaine. She thought since she wasn’t taking it herself there was no harm. She had no concept of how it could hurt others. I showed her what Mr. Hubbard had written about the dynamics, especially how all the dynamics have to do with the main dynamic of survival. She finally saw the effects her actions could have, and stopped selling drugs. Actually her life changed completely, for the better.”

The way to a more understandable existence—and one that could be improved—was opened to an Oklahoma man who learned about the dynamics.

“In learning about the dynamics and how they apply to my life, I’ve had some tremendous realizations. The change in the way I go about making decisions and

taking action was immediate, and since I can understand how what I do will affect the other parts of my life, my family, my groups and so on, I can make good decisions. I am putting more into each part of my life and improving on every dynamic.

“What used to look like an impossible, chaotic mess is straightening out, thanks to this extraordinary technology.”

On reading about the dynamics and applying the technology to her life, a Boston woman broke out of a long-term situation of being shy, introverted and noncommunicative.

“Learning about the dynamics was like getting out of a prison.

“I spent the majority of my life very introverted. Frankly, I think I could have been mistaken for a piece of furniture: I almost never communicated and rarely contributed to anyone else’s communication. My life had very definite walls. My degree of contribution and participation was limited to say the least.

“I realized that I had to communicate and contribute on each dynamic; that the more I communicated and contributed, the better my life would become. Having this realization actually blew out the walls. I’ve gotten busy and started contributing something very valuable.”

An administrator from Portland, Oregon discovered the importance and benefits of

keeping the dynamics functioning well when he took time out of a busy schedule to improve his family life.

“When I was learning about the dynamics I realized I had been neglecting an important part of the second dynamic for a few years: I hadn’t visited my parents in quite a while. I saw that by neglecting them and letting this dynamic get into bad shape, the other dynamics were pulled down too.

“Though I had a very busy schedule at my job and with other activities, I decided to make some time for a vacation and go visit my family. In the past this would have been a tough decision to make, and it probably would have seemed easier to just keep on with my work and put off the vacation ‘until later.’ But now

the decision was easy since it was very clear that the greatest good for the greatest number of dynamics was to take the trip.

“My parents were thrilled to see me, and we had a very good visit.

“I took special care to talk with them about what I was doing in life, what my current interests were, what I was working on and so forth. And I found out all about what they were doing, too. It was a very successful trip all around.

“When I got back home several of my friends told me I looked younger and happier, which is just how I felt. That was the result of handling a dynamic that was not in good shape.”

GLOSSARY

aberrated: not supported by reason, departing from rational thought or behavior. *See also aberration* in this glossary.

aberration: a departure from rational thought or behavior; irrational thought or conduct. It means basically to err, to make mistakes, or more specifically to have fixed ideas which are not true. The word is also used in its scientific sense. It means departure from a straight line. If a line should go from A to B, then if it is *aberrated* it would go from A to some other point, to some other point, to some other point, to some other point, to some other point, and finally arrive at B. Taken in this sense, it would also mean the lack of straightness or to see crookedly as, for example, a man sees a horse but thinks he sees an elephant. Aberrated conduct would be wrong conduct, or conduct not supported by reason. *Aberration* is opposed to sanity, which would be its opposite. From the Latin, *aberrare*, to wander from; Latin, *ab*, away, *errare*, to wander.

Dianetics: comes from the Greek words *dia*, meaning “through” and *nous*, meaning

“soul.” Dianetics is a methodology developed by L. Ron Hubbard which can help alleviate such ailments as unwanted sensations and emotions, irrational fears and psychosomatic illnesses. It is most accurately described as *what the soul is doing to the body through the mind*.

dynamic: an urge to survive along a certain course; an urge toward existence in an area of life. There are eight dynamics: first, self; second, sex and the family unit; third, groups; fourth, mankind; fifth, life forms; sixth, physical universe; seventh, spirits; and eighth, Supreme Being.

enturbulate: put into a state of agitation or disturbance.

Scientology: an applied religious philosophy developed by L. Ron Hubbard. It is the study and handling of the spirit in relationship to itself, universes and other life. The word *Scientology* comes from the Latin *scio*, which means “know” and the Greek word *logos*, meaning “the word or outward form by which the inward thought is expressed and made known.” Thus, Scientology means knowing about knowing.

ABOUT L. RON HUBBARD

No more fitting statement typifies the life of L. Ron Hubbard than his simple declaration: “I like to help others and count it as my greatest pleasure in life to see a person free himself from the shadows which darken his days.” Behind these pivotal words stands a lifetime of service to mankind and a legacy of wisdom that enables anyone to attain long-cherished dreams of happiness and spiritual freedom.

Born in Tilden, Nebraska on March 13, 1911, his road of discovery and dedication to his fellows began at an early age. “I wanted other people to be happy, and could not understand why they weren’t,” he wrote of his youth; and therein lay the sentiments that would long guide his steps. By the age of nineteen, he had traveled more than a quarter of a million miles, examining the cultures of Java, Japan, India and the Philippines.

Returning to the United States in 1929, Ron resumed his formal education and studied mathematics, engineering and the then new field of nuclear physics—all providing vital tools for continued research. To finance that research, Ron embarked upon a literary career in the early 1930s, and soon became one of the most widely read authors of popular fiction. Yet never losing sight of his primary goal, he continued his mainline research through extensive travel and expeditions.

With the advent of World War II, he entered the United States Navy as a lieutenant (junior grade) and served as commander of antisubmarine corvettes. Left partially blind and lame from injuries sustained during combat, he was diagnosed as permanently disabled by 1945. Through application of his theories on the mind, however, he was not only able to help fellow servicemen, but also to regain his own health.

After five more years of intensive research, Ron’s discoveries were presented to the world in *Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health*. The first popular handbook on the human mind expressly written for the man in the street, *Dianetics* ushered in a new era of hope for mankind and a new



phase of life for its author. He did, however, not cease his research, and as breakthrough after breakthrough was carefully codified through late 1951, the applied religious philosophy of Scientology was born.

Because Scientology explains the whole of life, there is no aspect of man's existence that L. Ron Hubbard's subsequent work did not address. Residing variously in the United States and England, his continued research brought forth solutions to such social ills as declining educational standards and pandemic drug abuse.

All told, L. Ron Hubbard's works on Scientology and Dianetics total forty million words of recorded lectures, books and writings. Together, these constitute the legacy of a lifetime that ended on January 24, 1986. Yet the passing of L. Ron Hubbard in no way constituted an end; for with a hundred million of his books in circulation and millions of people daily applying his technologies for betterment, it can truly be said the world still has no greater friend. ■

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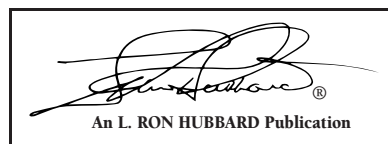
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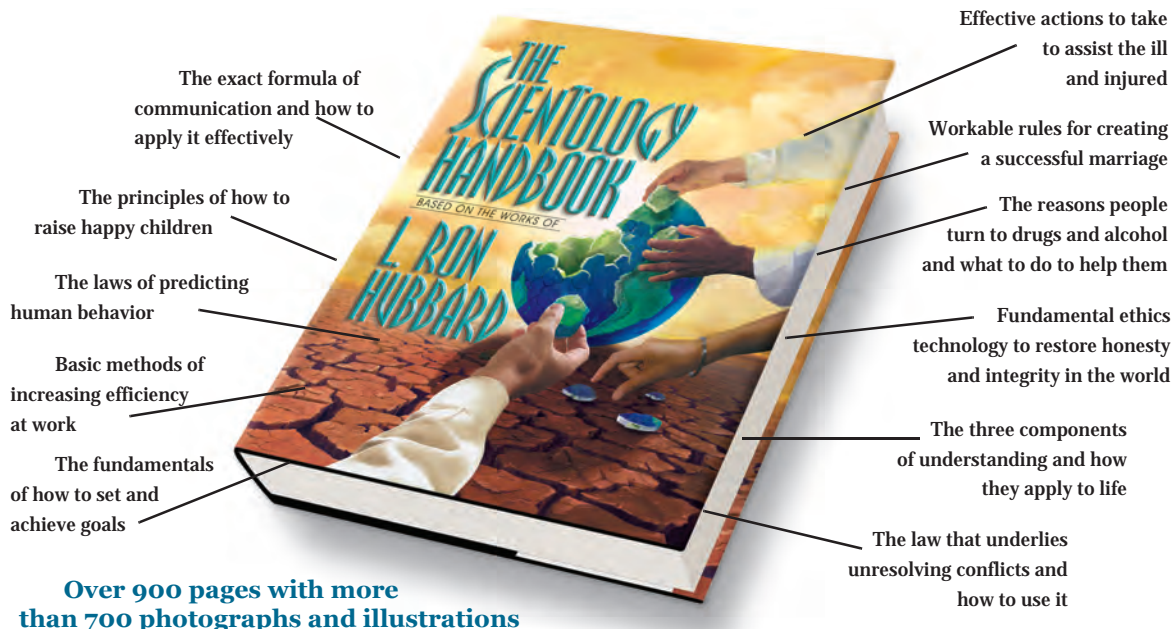
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