

# The Clear

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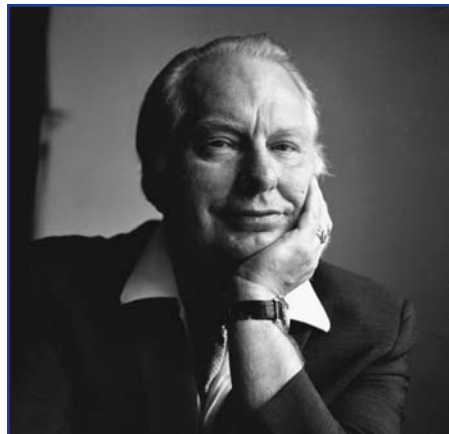
Dianetically, the optimum individual is called the *clear*. One will hear much of that word, both as a noun and a verb, in this volume, so it is well to spend time here at the outset setting forth exactly what can be called a *clear*, the goal of dianetic therapy.

A *clear* can be tested for any and all psychoses, neuroses, compulsions and repressions (all aberrations) and can be examined for any autogenic (self-generated) diseases referred to as psychosomatic ills. These tests confirm the *clear* to be entirely without such ills or aberrations. Additional tests of his intelligence indicate it to be high above the current norm. Observation of his activity demonstrates that he pursues existence with vigor and satisfaction.

Further, the *clear* possesses attributes, fundamental and inherent but not always available in an un*clear*ed state, which have not been suspected of Man and are not included in past discussions of his abilities and behaviour.

First there is the matter of perceptions. Even so-called normal people do not always see in full color, hear in full tone, or sense at the optimum with their organs of smell, taste tactile and organic sensation.

These are the main lines of communication to the finite world



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which most people recognize as reality. It is an interesting commentary that, while past observers felt that the facing of reality was an absolute necessity if the aberrated individual wished to be sane, no definition of how this was to be done was set forth. To face reality in the present one would certainly have to be able to sense it along those channels of communication most commonly used by man in his affairs.

Now it is a curious thing that although “everybody knows” (what a horrible amount of misinformation *that* statement lets circulate) it is “human to err,” the sentient portion of the mind which computes the answers to problems and which makes man Man is *utterly incapable of error*.

This was a startling discovery when it was made, but it need not have been. It could have been deduced some time before. For it is quite simple and easy to understand. The actual computing ability of Man is never in error even in a very severely aberrated person. Observing the activity of such an aberrated person, one might thoughtlessly suppose that the person’s computations were wrong. But that would be an observer error. Any person aberrated or *clear* computes perfectly *on the data stored and perceived*.

Take any common calculating machine (and the mind is an exceptionally magnificent instrument far, far superior to any machine it will invent for ages to come) and put a problem on it for solution. Multiply seven times one. It will answer, properly, seven. Now multiply six times one but continue to hold down the seven. Six times one is six but the answer you will get is forty-two.

Continue to hold down seven and put other problems on the machine. They are wrong, not as problems, but as answers. Now fix seven so that it stays down no matter what keys are touched and try to give the machine away. Nobody will want it because, obviously the machine is crazy. It says ten times ten is seven hundred. But is the calculating portion of the machine really or is it merely being fed the wrong data?

In the same way the human mind, being called upon to resolve problems of a magnitude and with enough variables to confound any mere calculating machine a thousand times an hour, is prey to incorrect data. Incorrect data gets into the machine. The machine gives wrong answers. Incorrect data enter the human memory banks, the person reacts in an "abnormal manner." Essentially, then the problem of resolving aberration is the problem of finding a "held-down seven." But of that much much more later, right now we have accomplished our immediate ends.

These are the various abilities and activities of the human mind in its constant task of resolving and putting into solution a multitude of problems. It perceives, it recalls or returns, it imagines, it conceives and then resolves. Served by its extensions—the perceptics and the memory banks and the imagination—the mind brings forth answers which are invariably accurate, modified only by observation, education and viewpoint.

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Take away his aberrations and with them go the evil of which the scholastic and the moralist were so fond. The only detachable portion of him is the "evil" portion. And when it is detached, his personality and vigor intensify. And he is glad to see the "evil" portion go because it was *physical pain*.

Later there are experiments and proofs for these things and they can be measured with the precision so dear to the heart of the physical scientist.

The clear, then is not an "adjusted" person, driven to activity by his repressions now thoroughly encysted. He is an unrepressed person, operating on self-determinism. And his abilities to perceive, recall, return, imagine, create and compute are outlined as we have seen.

The clear is the goal in dianetic therapy, a goal which some patience and a little study and work can bring about. Any person can be cleared unless he has been so unfortunate as to have had a large portion of his brain removed or to have been born with a grossly malformed nervous structure.

We have seen the goal of Dianetics here. Let us now inspect the goal of Man...



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