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## THE BRIDGE

### The Classification, Gradation and Awareness Chart

by L. Ron Hubbard

Scientology is a way. It is the road out, leading away from aberration. It increases a person's ability and it increases his general performance and existence to a very marked and fantastic degree.

The road out has certain little milestones that you have to pass to get out, and we call these, for want of a better definition, "grades".

Let me tell you something about this Classification Gradation and Awareness Chart. How did I find this chart? Why is this chart so dead on? It's quite a trick. It's made up only of those things which you can't audit in the face of. That is the origin of the chart, and that is the real reason I found the grades.

#### PROCESSING

There are certain things which, if not heeded, prevent all progress in auditing, so therefore they must be the keys to aberration. The things that you cannot audit in the presence of, without handling, are the grades on that gradation chart.

So, of course, if they are the things which absolutely stop any preclear's progress, then they must be, themselves, things which desperately require releasing.

Accompanying each Release Grade, is the experience of over-coming that particular barrier, and that experience stands one in good stead because it improves one's ability to confront.

The making of a Release is very, very worth while, because it's on a plotted line and the person has raised his confront. Being released in a proper sequence, he's getting accustomed to things that have been ruining his life.

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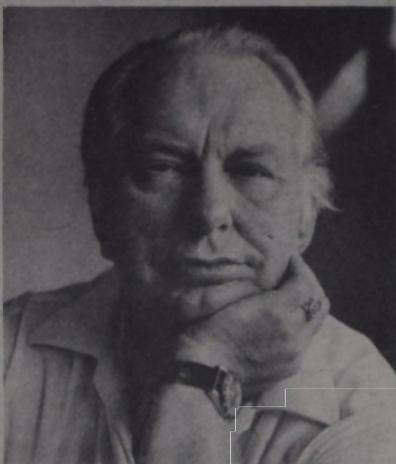
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L. Ron Hubbard

All sciences begin with the discovery of basic axioms. They progress as new data is discovered and as the scope of the science is widened. Various tools and techniques rise up continually, improved and re-improved.

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When the basic axioms and computations were finished it was impossible to release them for there were none to whom such research could be released for application. Thus the work had to be carried out to its furthest extent of not only experimentation but the development and proof of the techniques of application.

One might here use an analogy of bridge engineering. Let us suppose that two plateaus exist, one higher than the other, with a canyon between them. An engineer sees that if the canyon could be crossed by traffic, the hitherto unused higher plateau, being much more fertile and pleasant, would become the scene of a new culture. He sets himself the task of building a bridge.

It has been supposed that no bridge could be built across the canyon and indeed, since those on the lower plateau could not see the higher level, the existence of the higher plateau itself was denied.

The engineer, by evolving new principles of bridge building and discovering new significance in his materials, manages to throw a bridge across the canyon. He himself crosses and he inspects the plateau carefully; others cross over his bridge and examine the new terrain with delight. Still more and more across the bridge.

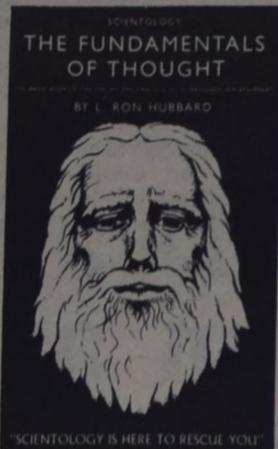
The bridge is solid and, if not wide, can yet safely be negotiated. It has not been built for heavy fast traffic. But it contains the basic principles and axioms by which the canyon can be spanned again and again. Many people begin to approach the canyon and look up.

What sort of an opinion would you have of the society on the lower plateau if they but moaned and wept and argued and gave no hand at all in the matter of widening the bridge or making new bridges?

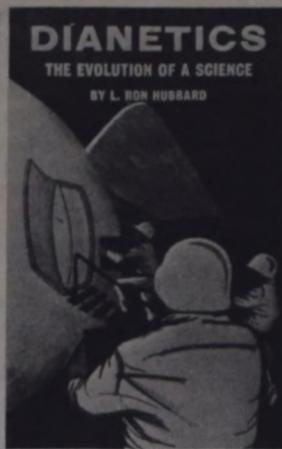
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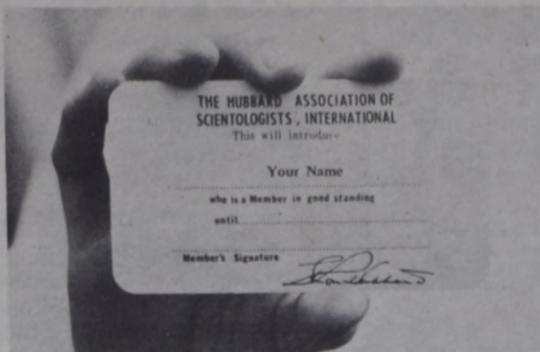
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ASHO - the American Saint Hill Organization, the Hubbard College of Scientology for North and South America - located in Los Angeles.

AUDITING - the application ( by a trained "Auditor") of Dianetics or Scientology procedures to someone for that person's remarkable betterment.

AUDITOR - a person trained and qualified in applying Scinetology or Dianetics procedures to others for their betterment.

BANK - A colloquial name for the Reactive Mind. (This is what the procedures of Scientology are devoted to disposing of, for it is only a burden to an individual and he is much better off without it. A Clear has no bank.)

BRIDGE TO TOTAL FREEDOM - the technology that takes one from the confusion of humanoid existence to higher levels of awareness, certainty and cause over life.

CLASS - CLASSIFICATION - a gradient classification system for auditor levels. Levels so far released are numbered from O to IX.

CLEAR - a person who can be at cause knowingly and at will over mental matter, energy, space and time as regards the First Dynamic (survival for self). The state of Clear is above the Grades of Release O - VI ( all of which are prerequisite to Clearing ) and is attained by completion of the Clearing Course at an Advanced Organization.

DIANETICS - means through thought or mind.

DYNAMIC - the urge, thrust and purpose of life - SURVIVE - in its eight manifestations.

E-METER - the Hubbard Electropsychometer is a religious artifact, used as a spiritual guide in Church confessional process, and is not intended, effective or ever to be used for attempted diagnosis, treatment or prevention of disease. The E-Meter measures the mental state of a person and the change in that mental state as a result of Scientology or Dianetic processing.

GRADATION CHART - is a map of expansion of life, showing at each level the realization of a greater potential.

GRADE - an award made to a preclear in the form of a certificate for having attained one of the eight states of Release or the state of Clear.

HASI - Hubbard Association of Scientologists International.

ORG - an abbreviation for Organization. Official Hubbard Scientology Organizations are called "Orgs".

OT - OPERATING THETAN - a Clear who has been familiarized with his environment to a point of total cause over Matter, Energy, Space, Time and Thought.

PRECLEAR - PC - one who is finding out more about himself and Life through Scientology or Dianetic Processing and who is not yet "Clear".

PROCESSING - that action or actions, governed by the technical disciplines and codes of Scientology, of administering to a preclear a PROCESS, which is a set of questions asked by an auditor to help a person find out things about himself or life.

RELEASE - a person whose Reactive Mind is not influencing him. There are "Grades" of Release, each of which is a distinct and definite step toward greater levels of awareness and ability.

SCIENTOLOGY - an applied religious philosophy, dealing with the study of knowledge, which, through the application of its technology, can bring about desirable changes in the conditions of life.

SOLO - The Solo Audit Course teaches the preclear how to audit himself to Grade VI Release.

TECH - TECHNOLOGY - The methods of application of an art or science as opposed to mere knowledge of the Science or art itself.

THETAN - the person himself, not his body, name, mind or anything else; that which is aware of being aware; the individual himself.

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# The Awareness Levels

by L. Ron Hubbard

Some time ago I found out that the common denominator of behaviour was degree of awareness.

It is degree of awareness that is the thing common to all life. There is no level called Awareness. It's degrees of awareness. And the difference between person A and person B, regardless of other phenomena, is their degree of awareness. A is not as aware as B - or he's aware of different things.

Man, as he advances up the line, goes up through certain levels. There are certain things of which he becomes aware as he improves in life. If one or two or three of those are skipped, he can't become aware of the higher ones.

Looking at the broad panorama of the human race, one is apparently on a gradient scale, (a scale arranged in a series of gradual levels). It is a scale of awareness and, therefore, if you find a person any place on that scale of awareness, then the next action which you have to do, in order to help the person, is to make him aware of the next level above that.

We know exactly, now, what various strata of the public will respond to. They'll respond to such things as Suffering. They will respond to other things. At the level of Worsening, an individual would become aware of the fact that worsening could occur. All you'd have to talk to him about would be worsening. Hope is very high scale.

If a person is at band A, then he would improve if he could become aware of band B, and improve again if he could become aware of band C. When a person gets up to the point where he can suffer, that's very high toned! A lot of institutional cases are lying around complaining mainly about the fact that they can't feel anything. They must be just below the level of Suffering or they wouldn't be aware of the fact that they're not suffering.

Improving awareness is always a matter of an increasing perimeter. It means an expanding circle, with the person imagined to be at the center of the circle. A psychotic person, quite ordinarily, is unaware of anything beyond the reach of his fist. Beyond that point, delusion sets in. With increasing awareness, the person is more and more aware, inside a bigger and bigger circle or sphere.

The other thing we get is that you can have action without awareness.

Of course, we've had that around for years. We've said, "social conduct" or "social machinery", and that sort of thing. It sounds pretty wild, but you could have a person who dressed, ate and went to the office every day without knowing anything about it. He's doing it all the time, but he's never noticed it. He's doing a repetitive action, but he's never considered it a repetitive action. In fact, he's never noticed that he was doing it. You could take many a grocer's clerk and find out that it would be a revelation for him, that there is a co-ordination between a customer's order and filling it. He does it every day, but he's never been aware of this. Somebody could come in with a broken leg and complain about his headache. He's not aware that he's got a broken leg.

What the individual is aware of and what the individual is doing are not the same thing, ever. That was why man couldn't make any forward progress in the human mind in spite of fifty thousand years of headaches.

The observation of the conduct of a person will not diagnose the person. You have to know about the scale of awareness. Observation of conduct, or what the person is doing, will not lead to a solution of the situation.

It's quite remarkable when you look at it, because it's one of Man's most fixed ideas that all you have to do is observe conduct and you'll know all about it. But he just keeps falling on his head with that conclusion. All the mental healing sciences, so-called, over the years, were based on observation of conduct. The doctor was supposed to observe the patient's conduct and then diagnose it and then cure it accordingly. But usually they just observed the conduct and labelled it and then, of course, they couldn't do anything about it. By observing conduct you cannot establish an accurate diagnosis, and if you uniformly diagnose inaccurately, then you can't have any sort of remedy to apply to the situation. If you did have the right remedy but did all your diagnosis by conduct, you would wind up never applying the right remedy to the person.

The moment you grasp this one principle about being a homo sapien, you get this as a stable datum: don't diagnose by conduct ever. Don't draw any conclusion from conduct. Skip that, because it's going to be a blind alley. What the person is doing is not the same as what the person is aware of.

If you see some conduct that you didn't expect, then all you know at that moment, is that you don't know about something. But that is, itself, something to know. You will then know more than if you jump in there with a bunch of pretended knowingness and say, with great pomposity, "He's a Gymnastico Psichiatrico Potto—and that's what's wrong with the case." Giving the person some beautiful label because he has some conduct or the other is bad science. It doesn't lead to a solution.

When something isn't working, you haven't got the answer. That's all science had to find, in order to become science. But if you start substituting an authoritative utterance for a resolution of the situation, you can go mad. That's where the mental sciences were parked when we came along. They were right there.

When you see conduct that is not understood by you, don't give it a label. Know that you don't know something. Be humble enough to admit when you don't know something. Otherwise you are being a fool, because the situation isn't going to resolve.

That situation will not resolve because the only thing that keeps the situation from resolving is the unknowingness or unawareness.

The scale of sanity is awareness, all the way up, and the scale of aberration, as you go down, is degree of increasing unawareness. So the more aberrated a person is, the more unaware both that person and you would be regarding what's going on.

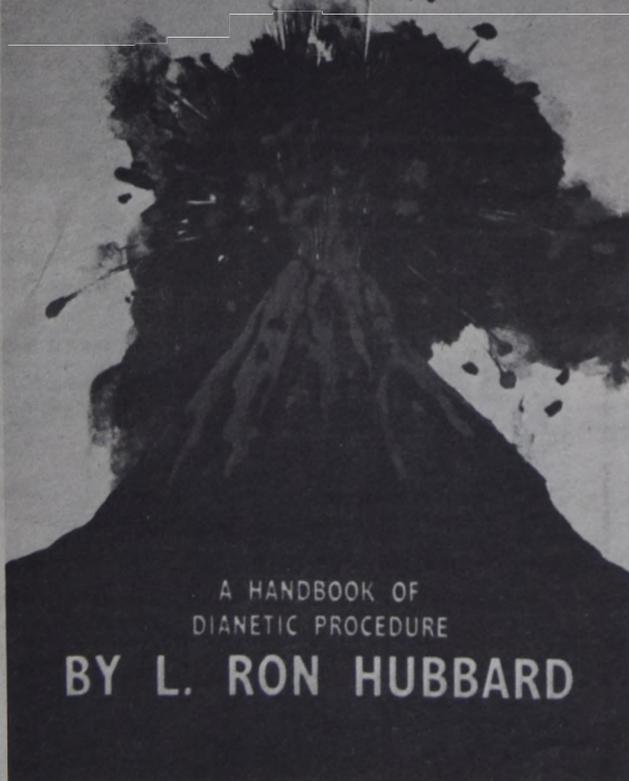
When you see someone behaving oddly, really the only thing you know is that there's something there that you don't know. There is an area where he is probably unaware that he is unaware. He'll cover that up with a pretended awareness which doesn't exist and he'll get various delusive things. This becomes a very fascinating study and you have to keep yourself very steady on this. But there is something you can know about it.

About anything that you confront, there is something you can know. You can know that you don't know, and that is the first thing you should know about it. So now you will take action to find out. Just in the process of finding out, the whole thing will clarify.

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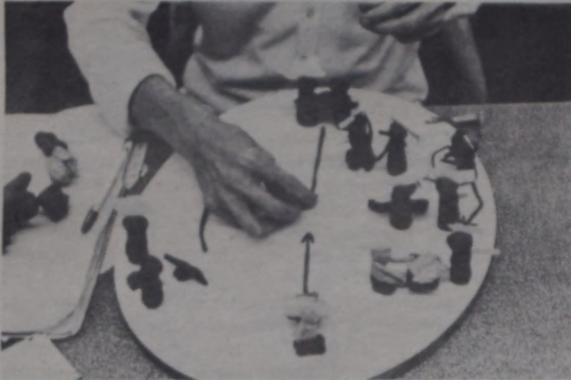
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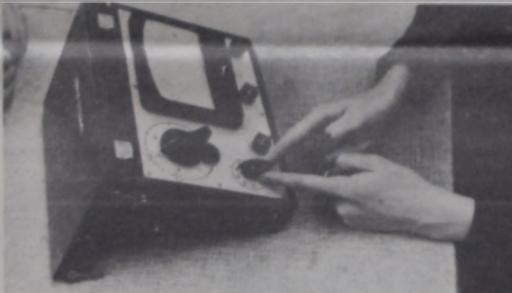
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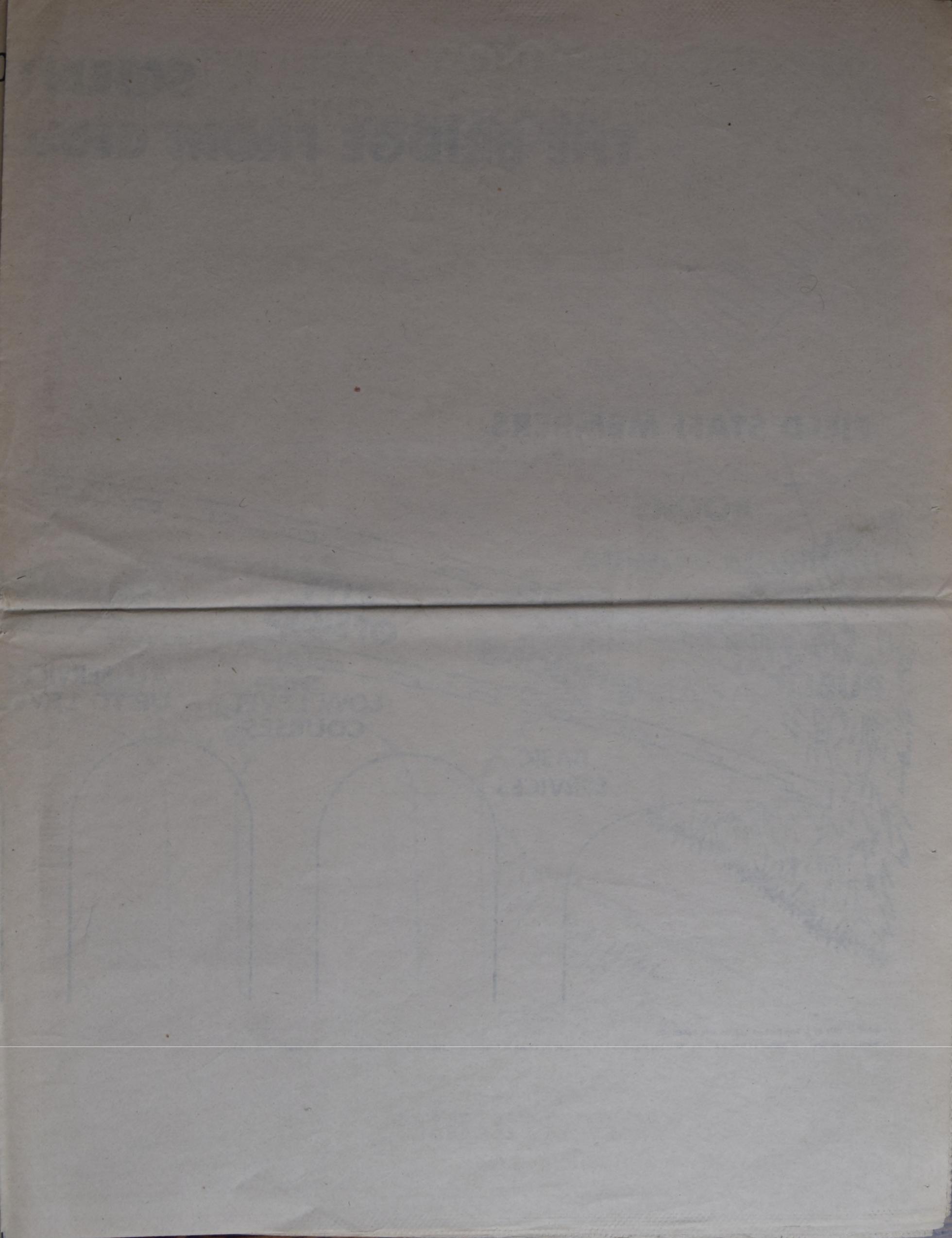
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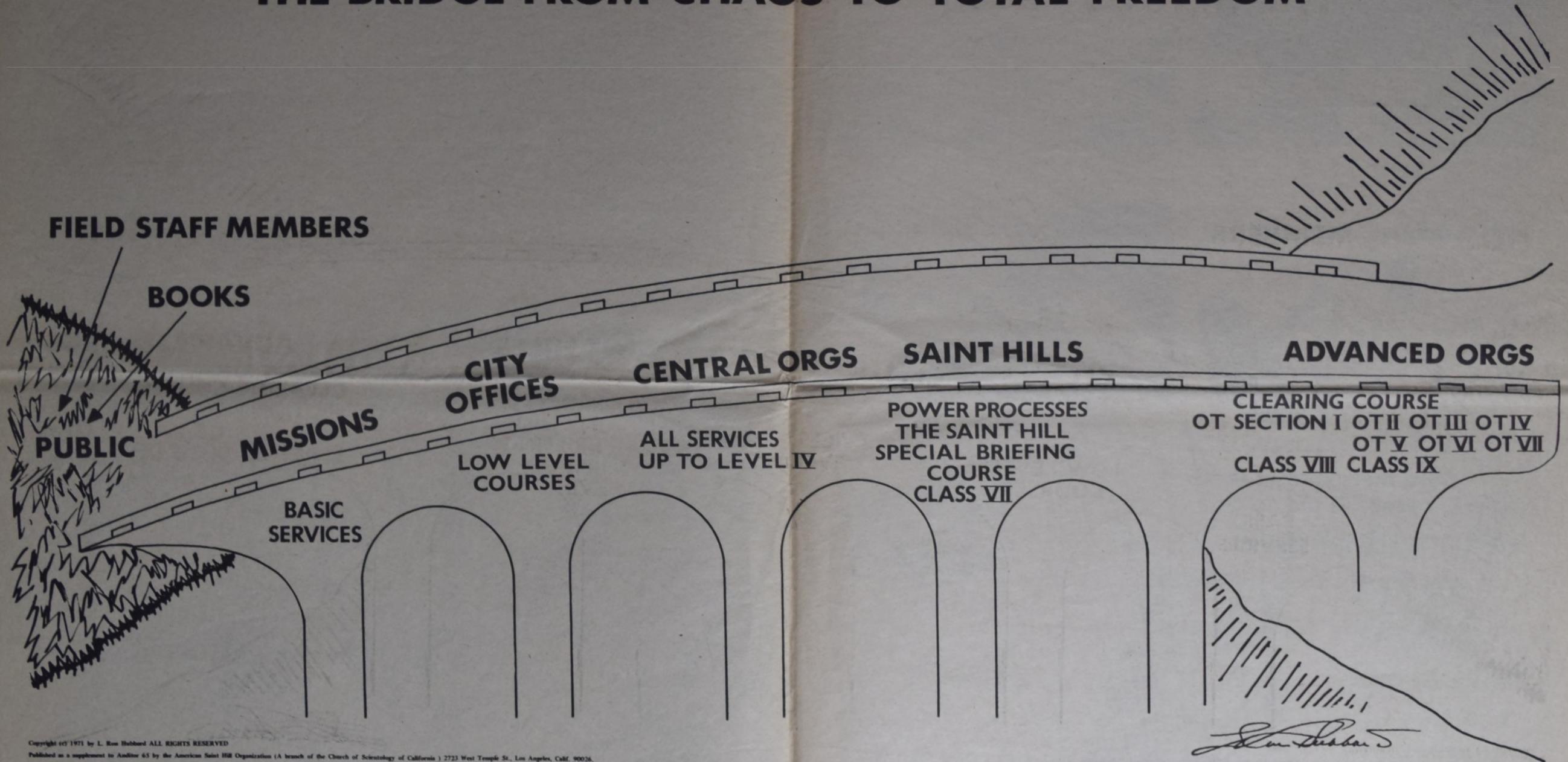
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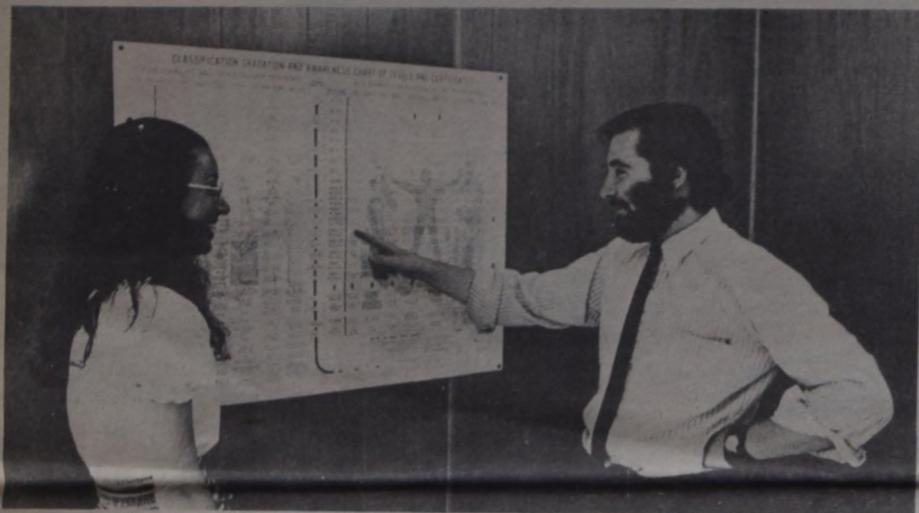
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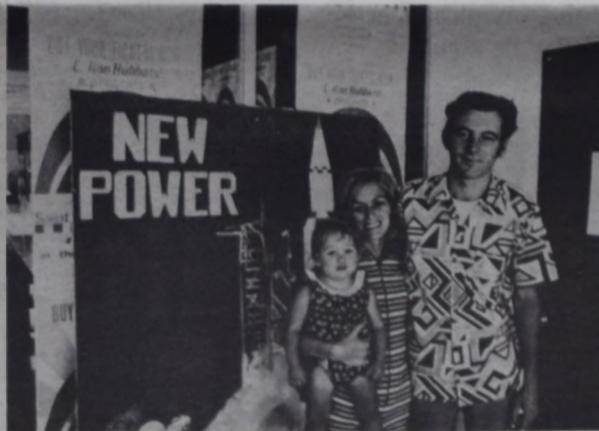
This study of awareness, of what somebody can be aware of, is quite a subject. To begin the subject at all, you have to know that there is something in the universe that you don't know. That, for a person way down on the scale, is the most dangerous utterance he could make. He compensates for his unawareness by automatic mechanisms of pretence. He wouldn't have the courage to say, "Well, I don't know anything about that." Yet he can't resolve the situation unless he does.

The moment he says, "I've got an area where I don't know," he can make a tremendous amount of progress. He can start taking a look at it and, all of a sudden, he'll find something in that area quite surprising and quite necessary for him to locate.

Becoming Clear is a process of becoming more and more aware. You come up to a point where you also become aware of where you are unaware, and you see that rather quickly. When you notice one of these areas, you either decide that you should find out or that it doesn't make any difference. If it's some area where you should find out, you can pull on it very quickly and when you pull that situation into view, it quite normally collapses all by itself.

Coming up through the levels of awareness, a great deal of revelation does occur. It's not always palatable, not always nice to find out these things, but the clearer you get, the shorter time you'll find it distasteful and the more familiar you can be with it.

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