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TERROR STRIKES

I was alerted into an analysis of why we're fought by comments from an organization executive.

An analysis shows there may have been many reasons but a further look makes them invalid.

A piercing scream against Dianetics arose before the first book was published in 1950. Press was hot against it before the first foundation was formed.

For seven months before there was any personal or personal troubles publicized, the bulk of articles against Dianetics had already appeared. At one time three national magazines were simultaneously on the stands screaming in lead articles about Dianetics and myself - and this was five months before any "divorce" publicity. And amongst the hundreds of reporters and commentators who screamed only one ever talked to me, and, from various evidences, none had read the book or knew anything about the subject.

Until May, 1950 I received only favorable publicity - on expeditions or comings or goings. In May 1950 there was a concerted shriek from people who (a) had not read the books and (b) who knew nothing bad about me.

These howls came from both conservative and liberal groups alike - the A.M.A. - The Commies, The Socialists, the Roman Catholics.

Thus we can rule the following facts out of all the protests and "bad publicity" of the past eleven years:

1. That it stems from any knowledge of the subject;
2. That it is a concerted effort by any one group; and
3. That it is based on any knowledge of myself.

Now if we look further we also find these facts:

4. In the past eleven years, some thousands of texts have been written on the subjects of philosophy, Man, the mind in various universities;
5. In the past eleven years thousands of men, not connected with universities or groups have originated and forwarded philosophies about Man;

Thus, with all these targets no protest has been made by groups or press against the philosophies.

And now let us look further:

6. Many truly dangerous practices have risen up amongst man such as a new Indian version of whirling dervishism now rampant in England;
7. Brainwashing was introduced in the past eleven years by the Russians;
8. A dozen violent and harmful psychiatric treatments have been developed.

And no sustained protest has continued to be made in the press against these. Indeed the U.S. Government adopted brainwashing calmly and the British Government and people of the U.S. have accepted new psychiatric treatments, organizations and propaganda without real protest.

Looking at all these things, then it would seem that protests against Dianetics and Scientology do not stem from a knowledge of myself, they do not stem from a knowledge of the substance of the work, they do not stem from conservative or liberal groups, and they are not a protest against philosophy, philosophers, or evil practices, and they are not an effort to protect the public.

If you look this over with cold discussion, examine it thoroughly from the light of the facts, only one explanation seems to remain.

They are terrified of our postulates!

This analysis places a fantastic discrimination weapon in our hands. In fact the protest is obvious since it is irrational and is not based on common sense.

To any attack by anyone, we can reply, "Why are you terrified of Scientology?" or "Why are you afraid of Hubbard?" or "Why are you frightened of Scientologists?"

For plainly this is the case. People don't even know we reach for witholds - at terror! Protest! Screams!

Now I'll admit to having plied philosophy before within the whole track memory of Earth dwellers. Harm did not result. But evil was destroyed. And I'll admit that evil men sense the germs of their own destruction.

There may be unconscious recognition in this. Maybe its the Fourth Dynamic ank that yells back.

But, of this we are certain. We inspire terror in some men. "Why are you terrified of Scientology?" is the best answer. It as-ises the condition.

I think we ought to use it.

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