

THE PROFESSIONAL AUDITOR

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Developing Competence

What does "Professional Auditor" mean?

Certified Professional Auditor. This is a certificate which, for the benefit of Dianetics, has to be protected. Its status cannot be lowered. The certificate reads, "Greetings. In that we place our trust and confidence in the skill and ability of . . . we hereby do . . ."

Anybody who will work Dianetics any place in the world can have it. Anything we know is his. What we are trying to do, however, is to form up a very reliable group that people can count on, so that cases won't be mishandled. It is a gruesome thing to be there on the couch returned down the track and have the auditor all of a sudden curl up in a small ball and fall on the floor. That is why people have to have a release before they do a lot of auditing.

These people are perfectly welcome to treat people, but anybody who doesn't have an auditor standing by to co-audit with him until he has got a release is playing with dynamite. When you give such people a release, their honesty picks up. They are in a self-trapping mechanism, so let them go ahead and advertise.

There are people, undoubtedly, in the country today who are absolutely cleaning up with Dianetics, and they will go right on cleaning up until they have to be cleaned up. But we don't have to make a move toward them. There isn't any reason why we should. After all, we are not trying to operate a big corporate monopoly. We just happen to know more about it than anybody else, and we can turn out good auditors; we can keep people together; we can set it up as an organizational unit; and in that way it will advance as a single thrust rather than an accidental one. But don't think that if it were just dropped into society and overlooked by all of us that it wouldn't advance.

The techniques of Dianetics are in the Handbook. Those techniques are workable, but you would be fascinated to know how much Dianetics is taught just by contagion.

Now, you are studying the overall body of the knowledge of Dianetics. There is the Handbook, but it is the overall subject into which you are moving, and even if we never talked about anything but processing, you are getting data, data, data along the line on this material, which, if you want to check back, was not presented exactly that way in the Handbook.

One day in Elizabeth with a basic course I found out what professional auditing did. They had sat in class for a couple of hours three times a week. They had been there for about three weeks at that time, but one of the students of that group had also been taking the professional auditing course.

I was reviewing some of the auditing that was being done by those people and this particular professional in embryo was very badly restimulated at that time. He didn't care whether his preclear lived or died. His own case was in terrible condition. His auditing skill was, according to everyone in the professional group, easily the worst that we had. And this person sat down, took a preclear, and went through the motions. It was the sloppiest job of auditing you ever saw in your life, but he got into the basic area and he knocked out an engram! There he was holding his own stomach and not paying much attention; but he would hear a bouncer

and clip it a couple of times, and then hold his stomach again. This person actually ran out an engram and reduced it in the basic area, then said, "Come on up to present time," and crawled off someplace. But it was a fantastically able job of auditing!

The people just before him and just afterwards, who weren't badly restimulated, who were very interested in whether or not their preclear got cleared, went in and pattycked around, but they didn't do a job of auditing.

Right away I looked at this terrific thing that seems to happen to people in the process of a month of association close up to Dianetics with some personalized instruction. Wham! It works!

For instance, I kept an eye on some of the student auditors and saw some examples of auditing that might have looked like tightrope walking, but they didn't look like auditing. Yet after a couple of weeks had gone by they were doing a competent job of auditing. So, we have got a line to hold and to advance.