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CONDITION ASSIGNMENT

Jonathan Burke

Recently it has come to light through various reports and social media broadly available that Mr. Jonathan Burke (Executive Director of The Advanced Org of the Great Plains/AOGP) has been engaged in a long-unchanging pattern of behaviour in regards to auditing of preclears, financial irregularities, technical crimes, and the repute of Scientology in general.

On the Class VIII Course, Ron expected graduates of the course to be custodians of Standard Tech and to wear his hat in keeping Scientology Tech and Ethics standard – the technical standards of auditing and the ethical standards of practice – and in good repute through the standard application of processes and procedure, HCOBs and HCOPLs.

“This is an aberrated planet, and aberrated things happen. So therefore, the ethics presence of a Class VIII, and the ethics presence of a case supervisor must be beyond reproach, must be accurately carried forward, and must be established....

But you get ethics in. You start assigning some conditions.

[A] Class VIII has to know a great deal about ethics. You have to insist that ethics goes in.

I always hit an ethics area that is an out-ethics area, hard, until I can get those elements straightened up which made it a mess.” (Class VIII Lecture, Ethics and Case Supervision)

“If Scientology is to make any progress whatever, its own ethical standards must be without reproach. Why Q-and-A with a caved-in society? One of my "hats" is ethical standards.” (Ability Issue 88M, January 1959, A Campaign For Ethical Auditing)

As a silver-certified, bona fide and fully-interned and accredited Class VIII C/S (as contrasted with someone who has just read the materials and listened to the lectures calling themselves “Class VIII”), I was asked to look into the situation with AOGP and Jonathan Burke, especially since as a result of his activities, it led to civil proceedings in a court of law against Mr. Burke which was picked up by Tony Ortega (an anti-Scientology/Scientologist reporter) and published widely on his blog, bringing further disrepute to Scientology.

Therefore, an investigation into this area and situation was conducted in order that ethics could be applied and the situation be made known widely to Scientologists so they don’t get tripped up trusting Mr. Burke, as Ron wrote in Introduction to Scientology Ethics, Liability Condition:

"Below Non-Existence there is the Condition of Liability. The being has ceased to be simply non-existent as a team member and has taken on the color of an enemy.

It is assigned where careless or malicious and knowing damage is caused to projects, organizations or activities. It is adjudicated that it is malicious and knowing because orders have been published against it or because it is contrary to the intentions and actions of the remainder of the team or the purpose of the project or organization.

It is a liability to have such a person unwatched as the person may do or continue to do things to stop or impede the forward progress of the project or organization and such a person cannot be trusted. No discipline or the assignment of conditions above it has been of any avail. The person has just kept on messing it up.

The condition is usually assigned when several dangers and non-existences have been assigned or when a long unchanged pattern of conduct has been detected.

When all others are looking for the reason mail is getting lost, such a being would keep on losing the mail covertly.

The condition is assigned for the benefit of others so they won't get tripped up trusting the person in any way."

The investigation – supported by reports and widely available information on various social media or through correspondence – uncovered misdemeanours, financial irregularities and crimes, technical crimes and high crimes, as listed below.

Per reports, Mr. Burke accepted at least three illegal and/or PTS pcs and pre-OTs for services; he audited and C/Sed without adequate folder study (folders were available but he didn't avail himself of them); he accepted criminals for processing and staff; he evaluated the State of Clear for a preclear; he committed Auditors Code violations and breached confidentiality of pc/pre-OT folders; he pretends training not factually attained and delivers auditing grades and levels he was not trained on or was inadequately trained on; he continually borrows large sums of money and then fails to pay it back or refuses to do so (a long unchanging pattern of conduct), or he sells large packages of services and fails to deliver or complete them; he quickies auditing cycles and completions and attestations; he does not follow standard technical procedures or a standard Bridge but inserts auditing out of sequence; he does not get properly checked out on materials before auditing them and delivers auditing he has not been trained on (Ls, CCRD, etc.); and he falsely advertises his training level (he has never completed the SHSBC or the Class VIII course).

The investigation used these reports and information obtained and held it up to the standards LRH set in various policies and technical bulletins, the Class VIII Course, and Ability Issue 88M, January 1959, A Campaign For Ethical Auditing:

"If Scientology is to make any progress whatever, its own ethical standards must be without reproach. Why Q-and-A with a caved-in society? One of my "hats" is ethical standards....

Succumbing to the general low tone of the society, there are persons about who:

- 1. Do not care to have the actual skill necessary to get results;*
- 2. Do not scruple in their promises to pcs; and*
- 3. Work against the best interests of the Central Organization and other auditors.*

An ethical auditor does the following:

- 1. He helps the good repute of Scientology.*
- 2. He keeps dissemination up with a healthy part of his income.*
- 3. He gets results when he processes somebody.*
- 4. He charges standard fees, no cut-rate.*

5. He stands in well with his fellow auditors.
6. He makes no wild promises to pcs he can't back up.
7. He never tells a pc the pc is now Clear.
8. He uses standard processes.
9. He keeps his own case improving toward Clear or higher levels.

An unethical auditor is earmarked by the following:

1. He lives on the good reputé of Scientology but downgrades it.
2. He profits by the dissemination of others or the Central Organization and pockets what he should contribute as "profit."
3. He processes people without caring about results, only profit.
4. He cut-rates his processing or grossly overcharges.
5. He is despised by other auditors.
6. He makes any promise he has to to get a pc to buy processing.
7. He tells pcs they are Clear no matter what they think.
8. He uses any process that happens to occur to him and avoids standard, proven processes.
9. He shuns personal auditing on himself.

And there you have what's holding us back. When the New Year of Year Nine came, I made a resolution. I had the administrative machinery set up, the needful comm lines. And I resolved to "Take steps to take full responsibility for field auditors in America." I don't care whether this resolution is popular or unpopular. It's got to be done. Here's how it is: I tell people about recent results and about Clears. Some creep, already in bad with me, yet finds ways of "profiting" by "cashing in."

Trouble is, these couldn't audit out a sore finger on a Clear. What do they know about my goals or ethics? Yet they use the name and rake in cash-and spoil areas with their stupid blundering. They fail to help cases. They are parasitic upon the dissemination done by others." (Ability Issue 88M, January 1959, A Campaign For Ethical Auditing)

Per the above, Jonathan Burke is an **unethical auditor**. This is also supported by the crimes and high crimes uncovered below. The following misdemeanors, crimes, and high crimes, are noted to have been violated by Mr. Burke:

A. TECHNICAL MISDEMEANORS

1. Knowing and repeated departures from standard technology, instructional procedures or policy.
2. Processing a known Potential Trouble Source or the family or adherents of a Suppressive Person or Group.
3. Auditor's Code breaks resulting in a disturbance of the preclear.
10. Any staff auditor running a preclear above the preclear's grade instead of for the next grade, or running processes out of sequence in a grade.

B. GENERAL MISDEMEANORS

10. Waste of funds.
19. Omissions resulting in disrepute or financial loss.

CRIMES

These cover offenses normally considered criminal.

A. NON-COMPLIANCE AND NEGLECT

1. Non-compliance with urgent and vital orders resulting in public disrepute.
2. Placing Scientology or Scientologists at risk.

- 3. Omissions or non-compliance requiring heavy intervention by seniors, consuming time and money, with Dev-T.
- 11. Refusal to accept penalties assigned in a recourse action.
- 14. Committing offenses or omissions that bring one's senior staff member, unit, department, organization or zone official to personal risk and/or a Committee of Evidence, civil, criminal or court.

B. FINANCIAL CRIMES

- 7. Using an organization position to procure personal or non-Scientology funds or unusual favors from the public, a firm, student or preclear.
- 10. Illegally taking or possessing organization property.
- 11. Obtaining loans or money under false pretenses.
- 12. Pretending Scientology certificates, classifications or awards not actually held to obtain money or credit.
- 13. Selling auditing hours or training courses for advance which are not then delivered as to hours and time in training (but not results or subject matter).
- 14. Theft.

C. TECHNICAL CRIMES

- 1. Being or becoming a Potential Trouble Source without reporting it or taking action.
- 3. Withholding from local Scientology executives that he or she is a Potential Trouble Source.
- 6. Not bringing a preclear up through the grades but overwhelming the preclear with high grades.
- 9. Allying Scientology to a disrelated practice.
- 10. Harmful flagrant and continued Code Breaks resulting in important upsets.

D. GENERAL CRIMES

- 12. Causing a staff member to lose prestige or be disciplined by giving false reports.
- 13. Seeking to shift the blame to an innocent staff member for the consequences of one's own offenses.
- 16. Holding Scientology materials or policies up to ridicule, contempt or scorn.
- 18. Falsely degrading an auditor's technical reputation.

HIGH CRIMES (SUPPRESSIVE ACTS)

"SUPPRESSIVE ACTS are acts calculated to impede or destroy Scientology or a Scientologist and which are listed at length below. Suppressive Acts are defined as actions or omissions undertaken to knowingly suppress, reduce or impede Scientology or Scientologists.

Cancellation of Certificates, Classifications and Awards and assignment of a Condition of ENEMY are amongst the penalties which can be leveled for this type of offense as well as those recommended by Committees of Evidence."

A. ATTACKS ON SCIENTOLOGY AND SCIENTOLOGISTS

- 4. Reporting or threatening to report Scientology or Scientologists to civil authorities in an effort to suppress Scientology or Scientologists from practicing or receiving standard Scientology.
- 15. Engaging in malicious rumor-mongering to destroy the authority or reputé of higher officers or the leading names of Scientology or to "safeguard" a position.
- 20. Spreading false tales to invalidate Clears.
- 21. Spreading libelous and slanderous statements about the alleged behavior of Clears.

B. DISAVOWAL, SPLINTERING, DIVERGENCE

- 8. Dependency on other mental or philosophic procedures than Scientology (except medical or surgical) after certification, classification, or award.

C. TECHNICAL HIGH CRIMES

1. Tolerating the absence of, or not insisting upon star-rated checkouts on all processes and their immediate technology and on relevant policy letters on Hubbard Guidance Center Interns or staff auditors in the Technical Division or staff auditors or Interns in the Qualifications Division for the levels and actions they will use before permitting them to audit Organization preclears and on supervisors in Technical and Qualifications Divisions who instruct or examine or failing to insist upon this policy or preventing this policy from going into effect or minimizing the checkouts or lists.

“The purpose of Ethics is to open the way for and get in Tech.” (HCOPL 27 May 1965, Processing)

“Scientology is a new thing – it is a road out. There has not been one. Not all the salesmanship in the world can make a bad route a proper route. And an awful lot of bad routes are being sold. Their end product is further slavery, more darkness, more misery.

Scientology is the only workable system Man has. It has already taken people toward higher IQ, better lives and all that. No other system has. So realize that it has no competitor.

Scientology is a workable system. It has the route taped. The search is done. Now the route only needs to be walked.” (HCOPL Safeguarding Scientology)

In accordance with the standards of Class VIII and in keeping with the intentions and wishes of LRH, and per relevant policies including HCOPL Offenses And Penalties:

Jonathan Burke is hereby assigned a CONDITION OF ENEMY in regards Scientology and Scientology in the Independent Field. Per LRH “Condition of Liability” he is not to be trusted.

Jonathan Burke is encouraged to seek out a standard Ethics Specialist and work out of his lower conditions and to make restitution and amends as necessary and move up the conditions and back into Normal Operation. Once this has been accomplished and validated, an Ethics Order will be issued to the same distribution advising them of Mr. Burke’s achievement.

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