

**FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF DIANETICISTS AND
SCIENTOLOGISTS LECTURES**

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
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Nearly 300 delegates attended the First International Congress of Dianeticists and Scientologists September 30 through October 4, 1953, at the Broadwood Hotel in Philadelphia. L. Ron Hubbard had returned to the United States to resume his active role in this country as the Founder of Dianetics and Scientology.

“Beginning on September 30 with the continuous playing of eight hours of Doctorate lecture tapes at the Hubbard Foundation, followed by an evening lecture by L. Ron Hubbard, the Congress progressed through the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th of October, with mornings and evenings spent in group processing and seminars, and afternoons devoted to lectures by L. Ron Hubbard on new material and the expansion of SOP-8.

“Twelve formal hours of lectures were given, and the same material was put into practice in the group processing sessions. During these lectures, L. Ron Hubbard offered a summation of his work of the past year, which culminated in SOP-8, SOP-8L, and Six Steps to Better Beingness. These are the processes he has intended for general use.

“It was the theme of Mr. Hubbard’s lectures that we had to have a science before we could have organizations, and he stated that the last three years were, in effect, a social study wherein the material he chose to release at that time was used to determine the best means of giving Earth a psychotherapy. He commented that while this may seem a brutal method of going about the introduction of a science, there was no other method available at the time. He further commented that his own work was the natural activity of Life which, having entered deeply into the physical universe, as described in the Axioms, perforce must withdraw in order to achieve a more orderly conquest. He said that if he had not carried forward this program and advanced these techniques (and the science itself) that life in some other way would have done so, in the long run. He was very insistent upon the fact that smooth organization and management depended entirely, in Dianetics and Scientological organizations, upon the existence of a completed science. He said that with the completion of the science there must now take place high level function in organization and dissemination. He announced, in effect, D-Day for action!

“The Congress terminated with a lively business session. It was clearly established that the will of the membership of the HAS was the establishment of a Professional Auditors Chapter (PAC) which would in itself act as a certifying body for Dianetics and Scientology. As an immediate result of Congress action, the PAC is now in a state of formation.”

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* 5309C30A	ICDS-1	History and Development of Dianetics
* 5309C30B	ICDS-2	The Problem to Be Solved
** 5310C01A	ICDS-3	Processing and Its Goals
* 5310C01 B	ICDS-4	The Most Favorable Processes
* 5310C01C	ICDS-5	SOP-8
* 5310C01D	ICDS-6	SOP-8
* 5310C02A	ICDS-7	SOP-8, Additional material
* 5310C02B	ICDS-8	SOP-8, Step 1, 2, 3