

Postulates versus Doing

“When we look over the problem of a postulate, we find out that everybody is interested in postulates simply and solely for this reason: they want something to come true. ...

"So a fellow is only trapped in this universe at the point he starts wishing and stops doing. And when an individual wants his postulates to come true, he eventually gets bogged down in what is known as 'truth' in the scientific textbook. And this 'truth' only has to do, really, with one thing and that's to fix an idea, to make it endure. And this idea, then, must endure one way or the other until it comes true. And then you've got the entire cycle of this universe, because then wishes never come true. When you start wishing and you stop acting, why, nothing is going to come true after that."

“Well that, in essence, is the degeneration of a thetan. ... You put him into a position where he can do, not just hope he can do. Where he can fail and not give a darn that he fails. Where he can lose and just finds losingness the part of a game. And when an individual can do that, he is in wonderful condition. He's also happy, which might have some bearing on the situation.

“That's because he's free. But what's he free of? He's free of a cycle-of-action. He doesn't *have* to have a cycle-of-action. First, because when he starts a cycle-of-action, he brings one off. He doesn't have to worry about it. And next, he doesn't have to worry about a cycle-of-action because if he doesn't complete one, why, it doesn't mean his rack and ruin forevermore.”

L. Ron Hubbard, Lecture 67, page 533, 22 December 1953, “Postulates”, 2nd American ACC.

*rack and ruin: “go to rack and ruin” - to decay, decline or become destroyed. Variant of wrack.