E-METER WATCHING

ARE YOU WAITING FOR THE METER TO PLAY DIXIE?

I have been a bit surprised by the length of time it is taking people to do assessments on the Prehav, on Security Checks and goals.

A query into this, which may reveal more, has discovered that students wait patiently for the meter to react, which Mary Sue has noticed.

It dawns on me that auditors believe they are doing an analytical assessment on the Prehav, etc. This is wrong.

The Prehav Scale is not a picture of analytical thought. It is in the order it is in because it is a picture of reactive thought. It is how the reactive mind is stacked up. (See Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health for the chapter on the reactive mind.)

Now, an E-Meter reacts only on the reactive mind. A Clear doesn't react because he is able to be conscious. An aberree reacts because he can't think without thought exciting the reactivity of the reactive mind. This, being composed of mass, energy, space, time and thought, responds to tiny electrical impulses.

If your auditing was not aimed at reactivity, it would not register on a meter. Thus, you run what reacts because it reacts and is therefore part of the reactive mind.

The reactive mind responds instantly on data a billion years ago? How is this? Time in the reactive mind is out of order. So is space. So is matter. So is energy. Pin a sign on the reactive mind: "Out of Order." It connects wrong connections. Hence, the E-Meter.

What is wrong with the pc is not known to the pc. Therefore, if a pc knows all about it, it isn't wrong with him.

That's why you never run what the pc says. You run only what the meter says. Example: pc is sure his current general Prehav level that should be run now is "Order or Command." "Order" rapidly vanishes. "Command" follows suit. CONQUER stays in. This is an actual example. I just assessed it a few minutes ago on a pc who is in pretty good shape. He didn't like CONQUER. He said Order and Command were long track. Somebody running a Q and A on his assessment would have said, perhaps, the pc knows best, so we'll run Order. Even if it doesn't fall. But when I said it was CONQUER that we were going to run as only it now fell, the pc sighed and gave in. Finding the Conquer-level questions produced a very responsive meter needle. It was wrong with the pc because he didn't know about it. It was part of his reactive mind. Order and Command were analytical responses prompted by an entirely different thing – CONQUER. If Order or Command had been run, the pc would have had a lot of auditing time wasted on him.

Now, why are assessments wrong sometimes? Because the
auditor is persuaded by the pc, not the meter. If the pc and
the meter agree, so what. You can still run it. But only if
the meter says so, for only then is it reactive.

Now, what about slow assessments? Well, the auditor
thinks the pc must consider things before he answers, waits for
the pc to answer and waits for the question to sink in so the
meter will react.

This is entirely wrong. Based on a misunderstanding of
assessment, the meter and the reactive mind.

1. The pc does not have to be given a chance to think
    before the needle responds.

2. The pc does not have to answer or say one word to make
    the needle respond.

3. All needle response is reactive.

4. There is no time in the reactive mind.

5. If the pc knew what was wrong with him it wouldn't be
    wrong.

6. Only the meter knows.

7. The auditor has more control over the pc's reactive mind
    than the pc since the pc is influenced by the reactive
    mind responses and the auditor is not so influenced.

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The meter responds instantly. The reaction you will get on
the needle starts to occur on the needle instantly after you
utter it.

There is no need to sit there afterwards waiting for the
needle to respond again, for it won't until you push that
button again.

The only wait is caused by letting the needle come back at
the end of a fall. This may take one second.

Therefore: TO WAIT MORE THAN ONE SECOND BEFORE UTTERING THE
NEXT WORD ON THE LIST IS A COMPLETE WASTE OF AUDITING TIME.

All the response you want will begin to occur instantly
after you utter a goal, terminal, level or security question.
Thus, the maximum time between questions on the Prehav level is
at most a one-second interval of silence while you digest the
data.

Further, on an assessment for a Prehav run on the General
Scale (as in Routine 2, HCOB 5 June 1961), you do not now say,
"Do you..." or any other dunnage. You just say the level itself,
note response, put a pencil point down on the level if it
responds, say the next word, etc., etc. Takes about five minutes
to run the Primary Scale up and down to find its level. You
start at the bottom. You just say the word. If it responds you
dot the sheet (using different symbols to tell them apart, like
dots, Xs, lines). Then go back down the scale touching only
those you marked going up. Add another dot if they still fall or
react. Then play off those left one against the other, saying a
level only once each time. The remaining level is now the only
one that reacts. So you assemble your five-way bracket and carry
on with auditing.

The pc doesn't have to say a word throughout the whole
assessment. You can even ask him politely not to, as breath
going in and out in speech can vibrate the needle.

When you assess over into the Secondary Scale of the level
you found, you do exactly the same as above. You read them all
off once, then only those that reacted, eliminate them and you've
got it. (And, by the way, if you go over *to* the Secondary
Scale, you then don't only run levels on that Secondary forever;
in each new assessment you use the Primary Scale again to find a
new Secondary level to assess.)

This is also true of a Joburg. If you're going to get a
reaction on the needle, it will come fast. No waiting. If you
get a reaction, you clear that reaction, not the pc's whole life.
The moment the needle is null, you go on to the next question.
Of course, in a Joburg, the pc talks. He better!

All auditing actions except the CCHs are now done in Model
Session.

And all auditing actions and questions are done effectively,
neither frantically rushed nor slowly.

So it boils down to this. Weeks can be added to Joburgs and
assessments if you think you have to wait for a needle response.

What are you waiting for? The whole action only requires a
second.

Don't wait for the E-Meter to play Dixie. It was made in
the Nawth.

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