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ADMINISTERING ETHICS

There are some things to firmly keep in mind when you have to use HCO's Ethics function:-

- (1) Only the criminally inclined desire a society in which the criminal is free to do as he pleases.
- (2) Only the criminally inclined are frightened enough of Ethics to protest and complain that it exists.
- (3) Without order nothing can grow or expand.
- (4) Ethics is one of the guards that keeps the channel of progress a channel and not a stopped flow.
- (5) All reactive minds can exert pain and discomfort on a being. They demand the suppression of the good and the production of the bad. Therefore, in administering Ethics, restrain just a trifle more than a bank can compel a bad action. The external threat need be just enough to make the internal pressure to do wrong the lesser of two discomforts. Judgment lies in how much external restraint to apply.
- (6) Decent people are in favour of justice. Don't confuse the opinion of the majority who wish it with the snarls of the few who fear it.
- (7) A person who is dramatizing his criminal intent can become very angry if he is not prevented from hurting others.
- (8) A thetan is good. He invented a bank to keep others good. That mechanism went wrong. And that's why we're here.
- (9) In a session you would keep a burglar from bursting in the room and disturbing the preclear. In Scientology you keep offenders out so we can get on with our session with society.
- (10) Look up the person who rails against Ethics most and you will have the one you have been looking for.
- (11) The only overt in handling Ethics is not to work for the greatest good of the greatest number.

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