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LEGAL STATEMENT CONCERNING DIANETICS AND
MEDICAL PRACTICE LAWS

Dianetics is a science. It is not Scientology. In the hands of a Medical Practitioner who is also a trained Dianeticist, Dianetics may achieve remarkable results in the handling of many of the problems and ailments which make up a large part of ordinary practice. It does not infringe upon orthodox curative medicine for known physical ailments. In this context, Dianetics may be called "treatment" and be said to "cure".

In the hands of a priest or minister who is also a trained Dianeticist, the same tool has a different use and function. It is used as a technology of Pastoral Counselling. It is then not used to treat and to cure in the medical sense, but to handle the effect of the spirit on the body. Dianetics, after examination, treatment, cure and a clean bill of health, as necessary, by a Medical Doctor, is used as a tool by the minister to free a person's attentions from his body so that he is ready for Scientology. It is thus true Pastoral Counselling and has a religious function.

Dianetics as a subject taught on the Hubbard Standard Dianetics Course can be promoted in any authorized way. The teaching of Dianetics cannot be expected to. But promotion of the practice of Dianetics as a treatment for the sick or afflicted, or as a treatment for blemishes, deformities, diseases, disfigurements, disorders, injuries or other mental or physical conditions, by other than Medical Doctors, will violate the Medical Practice Laws where they exist and lead to trouble.

Hence the importance of controlled promotion, of sending sick PCs to a Medical Clinic for examination, for emphasizing that Pastoral Counselling is a use of Dianetics and is a religious use with the purpose of handling the effect of the spirit on the body and not a use which conflicts with the proper sphere of the Medical Doctor as laid down in Medical Practice Laws. That is not to say that Dianetics is a religion. It is not. It is a science, but it has a religious use - to free the spirit from bodily considerations. Such

problems of the spirit are not the function of the Medical Doctor, nor the concern of the Medical Practice Laws.

A proper adherence to the distinction between promoting Dianetics the science taught on the Dianetics Course, and Dianetics the Pastoral Counselling Technology practised by Ministers of religion, will resolve any problems posed by Medical Practice Laws.

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