

## Faith-Distrust

There is no more overrated quality in existence than faith.

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~~31. propaganda: the making known of something to the public; proclaiming~~

The subject who, under the hands of a hypnotist operator, conceives an enormous agreement with the hypnotist, is experiencing faith as it is commonly understood. In this state the subject can perceive anything which the hypnotist may direct.

In order to understand faith, one must be able to differentiate between *faith-in* and faith. The difference between these two conditions is a direction of flow which earlier we found to be reality itself. Faith-in is an inflow of agreement and the placing of one's beingness and doingness under the control of another and is, in other words, the sacrifice of one's universe. This is the basic mechanism wherein, all along the whole track,<sup>32</sup> thetans have been recruited. They have, by any pretext and usually by insincere trickery, been given "faith-in" in some cause or mystery, and have surrendered to this their own identity and ability. A little of this goes a very long distance. It is in essence the basic trick of hypnotism and by it one can convert and reduce the abilities of a subject for any purpose.

Faith-in is an inflow and brings about the acceptance of reality other than one's own. Faith itself would be without flow where one was in a full state of beingness and, with this condition, one could occasion faith itself to occur within his own universe, or could occasion people to have faith in him.

The auditor will find one of the more aberrative phases of the preclear in his failure to obtain from others faith in himself, and his acquiescence to their demands on any dynamic that he have faith in them.

Because it is entirely true that a being lacking in faith is low

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32. **whole track:** the moment-to-moment record of a person's existence in this universe in picture and impression form.

## DIFFERENTIATION, ASSOCIATION AND IDENTIFICATION

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in tone, the fact can be traded upon<sup>33</sup> with great ease.

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33. **traded upon:** turned to one's advantage, especially selfishly or unfairly; exploited.

~~34. **supine** - inert, passive~~