



Scientology




Scientology: Influences



Jack Parsons (1914-1952)

- American rocket propulsion researcher at the California Institute of Technology
- Occultist devoted to Crowley
- Crowley choose Parsons to led the O.T.O. in California
- Tried to produce a “moonchild” with Sarah Northrup


Scientology: History



L. Ronald Hubbard (1911-1986)


- 1930: attended The George Washington University studying civil engineering
- Left after two semesters
- Worked as a science fiction writer and aviator
- 1933: married Margaret Louise Grubb; two children

Scientology: History



- 1941-1945: served in the United States Navy
- Was relived from duty twice in his career.
- 1945: joined Jack Parsons; practiced sexual Magick
- “Babalon Working.”
- Was extremely interested in Crowley’s writings

Scientology: History




- 1946: ran off with Sara Northrup
- 1947: Margaret filed for divorce for physical abuse and child abandonment
- Married Sara 8 months before the divorce suit was filed
- Began to develop Dianetics based on Crowley’s writings

Scientology: History

“Writing for a penny a word is ridiculous. If a man really wants to make a million dollars, the best way would be to start his own religion.”

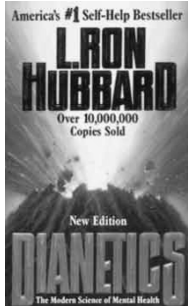
“I’d like to start a religion. That’s where the money is.”
(L. Ron Hubbard to Lloyd Eshbach in 1949, quoted by Eshbach in Over My Shoulder: Reflections on a Science Fiction. Donald M. Grant Publisher, 1983.)

Scientology: History




- 1950: Northrup divorced Hubbard for physical abuse her and kidnapped their baby daughter, Alexis, and conducted “systematic torture, beatings, strangulations and scientific torture experiments.”
- He later disowned Alexis

Scientology: History



- 1950: published Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health.
- Became a nationwide bestseller selling 150,000 copies in the first year

Scientology: History



- 1952: moved to Phoenix, Arizona; started Scientology
- Married Mary Sue Whipp; four children
- 1953: first Church of Scientology in Camden, NJ
- 1950' s: developed Scientology in England
- “E-Meter” for “auditing” “mental masses” around the “theten”

Scientology: History



- 1960' s: United Kingdom, New Zealand, South Africa, and other countries were investigating Scientology
- Sailed the Mediterranean on a steady diet of drugs
- Created “Sea Organization”
- 1977: FBI raided numerous Scientology offices for evidence of “Operation Snow White”


Scientology: History

- Infiltration of 136 government agencies and foreign embassies in more than 30 countries
- Eleven Church executives (including Mary Sue Whipp) were convicted of espionage against the US government and the IRS
- Largest domestic espionage case in US history

Scientology: History

- By his death in 1986 he had not been seen in public for the previous five years
- The Church of Scientology announced Hubbard had deliberately “discarded the body” to do “higher level spiritual research,” unencumbered by mortal confines and is now living “on a planet a galaxy away.”
- “Expert psychiatric witnesses” say that Hubbard’ s writings indicated “symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia of long standing with delusions of grandeur.” (Australian Report)

Scientology: History



David Miscavige (1960-)


- 1976: left high school and joined the Sea Organization
- Responsible for enforcing policies within Scientology
- 1981: placed in charge of the Watchdog Committee
- Persuaded Mary to resign from the Guardian's Office

Scientology: History



- Eliminated Guardian's Office
- Set up Religious Technology Center (RTC)
- Persuaded Mary to resign
- 1987: became Chairman of the Religious Technology Center

Scientology: History




- Canceled the promotion order, establishing himself as the leader of the religion
- 1993: IRS declared the Church of Scientology tax exempt

Scientology: History

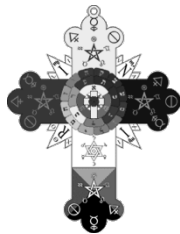


- 2005: Scientology stated its worldwide membership at 8 million people.
- 2007: claimed 3.5 million members in the United States
- 2001: survey published by the City University of New York, 55,000 people in the United States identified their religion as Scientology

Scientology: Writings



- Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health.
- The Way to Happiness.

Scientology: Crossed out Cross

Masonic cross first used in the 1600's by the Rosicrucian's

Aleister Crowley's Tarot card first published in 1969

Scientology cross made official by Hubbard in 1969

Scientology: God

- Scientology does not define God
- It rejects the biblical description of God

“What is the Scientology concept of God? We have no dogma in Scientology and each person’s concept is different... Each person attains his own certainty as to who God is and exactly what God means to him. The author of the universe exists. How this is symbolized is dictated by your early training and conscience.” (The Scientology Catechism, p. 200.)

Scientology: God

- Hubbard spoke of God as one as well as many

“Let us take up what amounts to probably ten thousand years of study on the part of Man, on the identity of God or gods.” (Hubbard. Phoenix Lectures, p. 3.)

“There are gods above other gods, and gods beyond the gods of the universe.” (Hubbard. Hymn of Asia.)

Scientology: God

“The Christian god is actually much better characterized in the Vedic Hymns than in any subsequent publication, including the Old Testament.” (Hubbard. The Phoenix Lectures, p. 31.)

“Believing that Man’s best evidence of God is the God he finds within himself. The Church of Scientology is formed to espouse such evidence of the Supreme Being and Spirit as may be knowable to Men.” (Articles of Incorporation.)

Scientology: Matter

- Existence of the matter is not explained
- Energy of spirit thetans spontaneously created matter
- Thus life is neither accidental nor purposeless
- It is believed that “operating thetans can create MEST (matter, energy, space, and time)

Scientology: Man

- Man is composed of three distinguishable parts:
 1. Spirit—is the true form of man and can exist separate from the body and is called a “thetan.”
 2. Mind—is described as a bank of mental images, which gives the spirit experience and knowledge. It is divided into two parts:
 - Analytical mind is the conscious and accessible part.
 - Reactive mind is composed of moments of pain and unconsciousness and is not accessible.
 3. Body—is a carbon-oxygen machine, the thetan being the engineer of this machine.

Scientology: Man

- Everyone is a “thetan,” an immortal spirit with unlimited powers over its own universe
- Not all are aware of this
- Once one becomes cleared they are moving into their godhood

“A pre-clear is a precise thing, part animal, part pictures, and part God.” (Hubbard. Scientology Clear Procedure, Issue One, p. 21.)

Scientology: Problem



- Man's potential is in bondage to engrams
- Surrounded by other body thetans that must be cleared as well
- They are thetans of others who were brought here by Xenu 75 million years ago
- Man is stuck in the cycle of reincarnation until his thetan is completely cleared

Scientology: Jesus



- Jesus is rarely mentioned in Scientology
- He did not reach the level of "operating thetan"
- He did not die for sins
- Idea of Christ is an implant to keep us thetan's under control and from reaching our full potential

Scientology: Solution



- Salvation is freedom from reincarnation
- Clear "engrams" with an "auditor" to achieve the state of "clear"
- Progress up the "bridge to total freedom"
- Become an "operating thetans" ("a state of complete spiritual freedom")

Scientology: Solution



- Progress through the OT Levels
- These levels are available by invitation only
- Maintain a state of "clear"

Scientology: Afterlife



- Does not have an official belief about afterlife
- Engrams are passed on to the next life
- Operating Thetan has the ability to leave their body and mind

Scientology: Practice



- Auditing
- Fair Game
- Silent birth
- Purification Rundown (Narconon)