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Scientology: Responding as Christians



L. Ron Hubbard and Scientology

It has become known as the “Religion of the Stars” with celebrities such as Tom Cruise, Kirstie Alley, and John Travolta promoting it as the cure for the problems of life. It is one of the fastest growing manmade religions in the world as well as being one of the most dangerous religions. It is the religion of Scientology and it is sweeping across the country with an appealing storyline that sounds more like a science fiction movie than a religion.

Scientology is a counterfeit religion that mixes beliefs and traditions from Buddhist and Hindu Religions, Gnosticism, science fiction, as well as science and psychology. Many people get involved with Scientology because it is a new and unusual self-improvement technique that claims that it will not interfere with your own religion especially Christianity.

The major question that is posed before you today is this:

Is Scientology Christian or is it a cult?

The answer is: Scientology is absolutely a cult! L. Ron Hubbard invented a religion in order to become wealthy. He was a creative and successful science fiction writer that made the following statement.

“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*)

Scientology is incompatible with the Christian faith even though it claims that it is not. Beware of this counterfeit religion because it presents a false gospel and is leading millions to an eternal destruction.

Fast Facts on Scientology

- Scientology means “the study of knowing.”
- Scientology was founded in 1953 by the science fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard.
- Scientology claims to have over 8 million members with 2318 churches and missions in 107 different countries. (*The Church of Scientology, 40th Anniversary Booklet, p.2*)
- Scientology claims to have 500,000 new converts per year. (*The Church of Scientology, 40th Anniversary Booklet, p.2*)

- The main textbook of Scientology is called *Dianetics*.
- Scientology believes in gods above gods, spiritual beings called thetans, engrams, MEST, and the process of “auditing” (erasing of the engrams).
- Scientology believes that humanity is basically good but confused about their godhood.

The History of Scientology

The founder of Scientology is a man named L. Ron Hubbard. He was born in Tilden, Nebraska, in 1911. Hubbard’s upbringing and education, as reported by him, have been called into question by various cultic authorities because much has been found to be fabricated. As an adult, Hubbard became an author, producing over 200 novels as well as nonfiction works, the most popular being Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health (published in 1950).

Hubbard was very influenced by the occult and black magic. He declared that he was friends with the notorious Satanist *Aleister Crowley* whom would eventually become his mentor. (Los Angeles Times, June 24, 1990, p. A1)

Hubbard claimed that he had received new insight into the human condition which he released and promoted in his book, Dianetics. After the release of Dianetics, Hubbard would spend the next 20 years studying the human spirit and religion. He gave lectures and wrote books on his new findings and which he would eventually form into the beliefs that make up Scientology.

The Sacred Writings of Scientology

The writings and lectures of L. Ron Hubbard form the basic belief system of Scientology. These writings and lectures are considered to be infallible Scripture to scientologists. The people involved in this cult recognize Hubbard as the exclusive "Source" of the only truth to lead man to total spiritual freedom.

"Mr. Hubbard's writings and lectures on the human spirit comprise the Scripture of Scientology religion.... As the sole source of the Scriptures, he has no successor" (Leisa Goodman *L. Ron Hubbard, Founder of Dianetics and Scientology*, p. 1).

Scientology claims that no one else is allowed to alter the writings and lectures of Hubbard. They are to remain intact and only Hubbard could revise them. (*Scientology Policy Directive 19*, July 1982)

Scientology Key Terms and Definitions

Scientology can be a confusing religion whether you are new to the faith or even if you have been a long time follower. Hubbard coined new terminology that sounds much more like a science fiction novel than a religion. Observe some of the key terminology and definitions coined by Hubbard for Scientology.

- **Auditing:** Also called Processing, the therapy whereby the student is freed of all painful and "bad" experiences.
- **Clear:** The optimum state of being. A person who is clear possesses no engrams and is said to be able to manipulate matter at will.
- **Engram:** A complete recording of every detail which happens during every moment of unconsciousness. Associated with times of pain, trouble, or related difficulties.
 - "An engram comes about when the individual organism suffers an intense impact with MEST. Every moment of physical pain contains with it a partial or major shutdown of the analytical function of the mind" (*Science of Survival*, Book Two, p. 28).
- **E-Meter:** Electrometer, electronic instrument used for measuring mental states of being. Similar to a lie detector.
- **MEST:** Acrostic for **M**atter, **E**nergy, **S**pace, and **T**ime. The basic stuff of the physical universe.
 - "By MEST is meant the physical universe of matter, energy, space, and time, as we know them in the physical sciences" (*Science of Survival*, Book Two, p. 264).
- **Preclear:** Any student of Scientology being audited toward the state of Clear.
- **Thetan:** The part of each individual which is immortal and which has become contaminated by the MEST.
 - "The Thetan is immortal and is possessed of capabilities well in excess of those hitherto predicted for man. In the final analysis what is this thing called Thetan? It is simply you before you mocked yourself up and that is the handiest definition I know of." (*Dianetics and Scientology: Technical Dictionary*, p. 432).

The Creed of Scientology

Scientology has a basic creed that they claim to live by and that sets the foundation for their core beliefs. Even though the creed appears to be noble in words, it is anything but noble in practice. The followers of Hubbard seek to sue and attack anyone who calls their religion/philosophy into question.

We of the Church believe:

That all men of whatever race, color, or creed were created with equal rights;

That all men have inalienable rights to their own religious practices and their performance;

That all men have inalienable rights to their own lives;

That all men have inalienable rights to their sanity;

That all men have inalienable rights to their own defense;

That all men have inalienable rights to conceive, choose, assist or support their own organizations, churches and governments;

That all men have inalienable rights to think freely, to talk freely, to write freely their own opinions and to counter or utter or write upon the opinions of others;

That all men have inalienable rights to the creation of their own kind;

That the souls of men have the rights of men;

That the study of the mind and the healing of mentally caused ills should not be alienated from religion or condoned in non-religious fields;

And that no agency less than God has the power to suspend or set aside these rights, overtly or covertly.

And we of the Church believe:

That man is basically good;

That he is seeking to survive;

That his survival depends upon himself and upon his fellows and his attainment of brotherhood with the universe.

And we of the Church believe that the laws of God forbid man:

To destroy his own kind;

To destroy the sanity of another;

To destroy or enslave another's soul;

To destroy or reduce the survival of one's companions or one's group.

And we of the Church believe that the spirit can be saved and that the spirit alone may save or heal the body.

Four Beliefs of Scientology

- **Creation and Christ** – Scientology has a unique observation on their version of creation. Hubbard believes that the Christian view of creation and Christ is only a false perception of thetans (spiritual beings) that have had their minds clouded by negative engrams. Scientology claims that the creation of the world happened in the following manner.
 - Seventy five million years ago an evil leader called Xenu decided to eliminate the excess population from a galactic confederacy consisting of twenty-six stars and seventy-six planets. With the help of psychiatrists, he tricked billions of people into submission and exported them to the planet Teegeeack or Earth. The paralyzed victims were stacked around active volcanoes in which hydrogen bombs were placed. The bombs were detonated and the disembodied souls or thetans were captured and brainwashed into believing in the existence of a God and the devil. Hubbard blamed the evil Xenu for planting the ideas of Catholicism and the image of crucifixion into the minds of the hapless thetans. This process also deprived the thetans of their own sense of identity, resulting in their clinging to the few physical bodies that remained after the explosions. As a result, those who have not benefited from Scientology's auditing process are possessed by a collection of dysfunctional thetans trying to control their every thought and action. Once cleared by Hubbard's auditing, all the confusion disappears.
 - "Somebody somewhere on this planet, back about 600 BC found some pieces of R6. And I don't know how they found it, either by watching madmen or something, but since that time they have used it and it became what is known as Christianity. The man on the cross. There was no Christ. But the man on the cross is shown as Everyman. So of course each person seeing a crucified man, has an immediate feeling of sympathy for this man. Therefore you get many PCs who says they are Christ. Now, there's two reasons for that, one is the Roman Empire was prone to crucify people, so a person can have been crucified, but in R6 he is shown as crucified." *The Class VIII [Auditor's] Course, Lecture 10: "Krakatoa and Beyond"*, Oct 3, 1968, aboard the *Apollo*.

- The Bible declares that the one true God created the universe as recorded in Genesis 1-2 and John 1:1-18. The Bible also declares that Jesus Christ was God's one and only Son, the Savior of the world who is the only way to the Father. (Matthew 3:17, John 14:6)
- **Total Freedom** – Scientology believes that it is the only religion that can offer true freedom to mankind. They claim that freedom comes through the process of auditing. Auditing removes the engrams from the thetan which will ultimately bring the thetan to the “clear” or free state.
 - Scientology claims that it alone “brings man to total freedom and truth.” (*A Description of the Scientology Religion*, p. 57)
 - Auditors have since the first session of Scientology been the only individuals on this planet in this universe capable of freeing Man. (*L. Ron Hubbard, Professional Auditor's Bulletin*)
 - The Bible declares that Jesus Christ died for our sins so that we could be given freedom from sin and slavery for eternity. (Galatians 5:1, 1 Peter 2:24)
- **Reincarnation** – Scientology believes that each thetan (spiritual being) possesses a material body until it is wore out then it will move on to another material body. Hubbard stated that this was not reincarnation but reanimation yet August Murphy claims it is reincarnation. See the quote below.
 - “August Murphy, president of the Church of Scientology of San Francisco: Another basic concept Scientology shares with universal religious thought is reincarnation. Like Buddhism, Hinduism, and early Christianity, Scientology believes that the individual as an immortal being has assumed many bodies in his evolution in the physical universe toward an ultimate realization and freedom from material bondage.” (*The News-Herald*, 27 July 1992 p. 5).
 - The Bible declares that God alone knitted you together in your mothers womb and that He alone created you unique and special. Man was destined to live and die once and will have to give an account at the end of this life for his actions. Reincarnation is not Biblical. (Jeremiah 1:5, Psalm 139, Romans 2)
- **Scientology on Heaven** – Scientology claims that heaven is only a false dream that is made up by an old religion (Christianity). It also claims that it is the symbol of betrayal not salvation.

- “Further we have our hands on an appalling bit of technology where the world is concerned. With rapidity and a Meter it can be shown that Heaven is a false dream and that the old religion was based on a very painful lie, cynical betrayal. (*L. Ron Hubbard, HCOB May 11, 1963.*)
- "For a long while, some people have been cross with me for my lack of co-operation in believing in a Christian Heaven, God and Christ. I have never said I didn't disbelieve in a Big Thetan but there was certainly something very corny about Heaven...Now I have to apologize. There was a Heaven. Not too unlike, in cruel betrayal, the heaven of the Assassins in the 12th Century. The symbol of the crucified Christ is very apt indeed. It's the symbol of a thetan betrayed." (*L. Ron Hubbard, HCOB May 11, 1963*)
- The Bible teaches that man will live for eternity with Jesus Christ and God the Father if they come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. (Matt. 5:12-30; 25:41; Rev. 20-22)
- **Scientology on Christianity** – Scientology claims that it makes it possible for any religion to attain its goals therefore it is a religion of religions. Yet, it is not compatible with Christianity and has attacked Christianity and its core beliefs.
 - "The whole Christian movement is based on the victim. Compulsion of the overt-motivator sequence. They won by appealing to victims. We can win by converting victims. Christianity succeeded by making people into victims. We can succeed by making victims into people." (*HCOB 18 July, 1959, under "Historical Note"*)
 - Jesus Christ reminds us that we need to beware of false teachers and false prophets that will give another gospel and try to lead you astray. (Matt. 24:4-14, Gal. 1:6-8)

Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you."
 - **Matthew 24:4**

Comparison between Scientology & Christianity

We have been warned through the Word of God that false teachers and false prophets would arise in the last of days to lead many astray. We must arm ourselves with the truth in order to be able to respond to these false prophets. Observe the following comparison chart and arm yourself with the Word of God.

	Biblical Christianity	Scientology
God	The one God is a Spirit who is the personal, eternal, infinite Creator of all that exists. He is the only God and necessary for all other things to exist. He exists eternally as a Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (see Deut. 6:4; Isa. 43:10; 44:6-8; Matt. 28:19; John 4:24; 17:3)	"There are gods above all other gods, and gods beyond the gods of the universes." (Scientology 8-8008, pp. 72-3). "Thetans have about the same capabilities as those which have been assigned to the Supreme Being. " (Scientology 8-8008, pp. 72-3).
Jesus Christ	Jesus Christ was the virgin born God incarnate who existed in all time with the Father and Holy Spirit in the eternal Trinity. As a man He possessed two natures -human and divine. He lived a sinless life and willingly died on the cross as a sacrifice for the sin of all humanity. (see John 1:1-18; 8:56-59; Phil. 2:6-11; Col. 1:13-22; Heb.1:3; 13:8)	"You will find the cross as a symbol all over the universe, and the Christ legend as implant in preclears a million years ago." (L. Ron Hubbard, Professional Auditor's Bulletin 31, 1954) "Neither Lord Buddha nor Jesus Christ were OT's (<i>Operating Thetans</i>) according to evidence. They were just a shade above clear". (<i>Certainty</i> magazine, Vol 5 #10)
Sin	Human beings have chosen to sin against God, rejecting His nature and pursuing life opposed to His essential character and revealed law. (see Rom. 3:23; 7:14-25; 1 John 1:8-10)	"It is despicable and utterly beneath contempt to tell a man he must repent, that he is evil" (<i>Professional Auditor Bulletin [PAB] #31, 23 July 1954</i>).

<p>Salvation</p>	<p>Men are saved from their sins only by a personal faith in Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Christ's death on the cross was an atonement for God's wrath against sin so that God could freely forgive those who trust His son (1 Jn. 2:2; Jn. 3:16).</p>	<p>"Nobody but the individual can die for his sins" (<i>HCO Bulletin</i>, 2 January 1960).</p> <p>"Scientology claims that it alone "brings man to total freedom and truth."" (<i>A Description of the Scientology Religion</i>, p. 57)</p> <p>"Auditors have since the first session of Scientology been the only individuals on this planet in this universe capable of freeing Man." (<i>L. Ron Hubbard, Professional Auditor's Bulletin</i>)</p>
<p>Final Outcome of Mankind</p>	<p>Eternal life in heaven with God for those who have trusted in Jesus Christ. Eternal separation from God's presence in hell for the unsaved. (see Matt. 5:12-30; 25:41; Rev. 20-22)</p>	<p>"Hell is a total myth, an invention just to make people unhappy and is a vicious lie" (<i>PAB #130</i>, 15 Feb. 1958).</p> <p>"Further we have our hands on an appalling bit of technology where the world is concerned. With rapidity and a Meter it can be shown that Heaven is a false dream and that the old religion was based on a very painful lie, cynical betrayal. (<i>L. Ron Hubbard, HCOB May 11, 1963.</i>)</p>

<p>Revenge and Enemies</p>	<p>"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who ill-treat you. If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also." (Luke 6:27-28, Matthew 5:38-39)</p>	<p>"An enemy... may be injured by any means or tricked, sued or lied to or destroyed." (L. Ron Hubbard, <i>Penalties for Lower Conditions</i>, HCO PL 18 Oct 67)</p> <p>"This is the correct procedure: (1) Spot who is attacking us. (2) Start investigating them promptly for FELONIES or worse using our own professionals, not outside agencies. (3) Double curve our reply by saying we welcome an investigation of them. (4) Start feeding lurid, blood sex crime actual evidence on the attackers to the press.</p> <p>Don't ever tamely submit to an investigation of us. Make it rough, rough on attackers all the way." (L. Ron Hubbard, <i>Attacks on Scientology</i>, HCO PL 25 Feb 1966)</p>
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How Now Shall We Respond?

We have exposed and responded to the false claims made by the Scientology by bringing these beliefs into the light of God's Word. It is important for us to understand that there are many more false religions, false prophets, and false teachers all around us. We conclude this booklet by asking this question:

**How will you respond
to Scientology as a Christian?**

1 Peter 3:15 – But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...

Now is the time for Christians to rise up and respond to the false religions that we are encountering in this world. Prepare your heart and mind by implementing the following steps.

- **Step #1** – Study and memorize the Word of God.
- **Step #2** – Apply the Word of God in your life.
- **Step #3** – Guard your heart and mind through prayer and the Word of God.
- **Step #4** – Always be ready to give a response for the Hope that you have through Christ alone!

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