

Counterfeit Sermon Series
Part #5 – L. Ron Hubbard & Scientology

2 Timothy 4:3-5

Matthew 24:4 – Watch out that no one deceives you...

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.

Creation Story of Scientology

- The Bible tells us that the heavens and the universe was created from one true God, not many gods, but the one true God. We can look around us as the trees, mountains, rivers, oceans, and even the stars in the sky and see that this world was not created by accident but it was handcrafted by a wise and majestic God.
- Compare Biblical creationism to the story of creation according to scientology...
- *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. According to the story, 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.*

2 Timothy 4:3-5 – ³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Big Idea – Salvation is Found in Christ Alone not Mankind

Three False Teachings of Scientology

Scientology Key Terms and Definitions

- **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. Generally associated with times of pain, trouble, or related difficulties.
- **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.
- **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).

False Teaching #1 – There are god above all other gods

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Scientology states there is the idea of a supreme god that exists among all religions but they proclaim:

- "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... There are gods above all other gods, and gods beyond the gods of the universes." (**Scientology 8-8008, pp. 72-3**).

1 Timothy 2:5 – For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

Deuteronomy 6:4 – Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

How does Scientology deal with the truth as stated by Christianity about the one true God? They make up a story and call Christians madmen.

- "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 Class VIII [Auditor's] Course, Lecture 10: "Krakatoa and Beyond"*, Oct 3, 1968, aboard the *Apollo*.

False Teaching #2 – Scientology brings man total Freedom and Truth

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What are some of the myths that Scientology claims are a reality?

- **Auditors not Christ Give You Freedom** – Auditors have since the first session of Scientology been the only individuals on this planet in this universe capable of freeing Man. [LRH, Auditors]
- **Galatians 5:1** – It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.
- **Hell is not Real** – "Hell is a total myth, an invention just to make people unhappy and is a vicious lie." (PAB #130, 15 Feb. 1958).
- **Jesus Christ is only a Legend** – "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)
- **1 Peter 2:24** – He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

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Scientology view of Jesus Christ

- "Neither Lord Buddha nor Jesus Christ were OT's (*Operating Thetans*) according to evidence. They were just a shade above clear". *Certainty* magazine, Vol 5 #10.
- "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." *The Class VIII [Auditor's] Course, Lecture 10: "Krakatoa and Beyond"*, Oct 3, 1968, aboard the *Apollo*.

False Teaching #3 – There was no Christ

- **1 John 2:22** – Who is the liar? It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a man is the antichrist - he denies the Father and the Son.

Haunting Statements by L. Ron Hubbard the founder of Scientology

- No doubt you are familiar with the Revelations (sic) section of the Bible where various events are predicted. Also mentioned is a brief period of time in which an arch-enemy of Christ, referred to as the anti-Christ, will reign and his opinions will have sway ... this anti-Christ represents the forces of Lucifer (literally, the "light-bearer" or "light-bringer"), Lucifer being a mythical representation of the forces of enlightenment.... My mission could be said to fulfill the Biblical promise represented by this brief anti-Christ period. [LRH, Student Briefing, OT VIII, Series 1]
- I will return not as a religious leader but a political one.... I will not be known to most of you, my activities misunderstood by many, yet along with your constant effort ... I will effectively postpone and then halt a series of events designed to make happy slaves of us all. [LRH, Student Briefing, OT VIII, Series 1]

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Memory Verse

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Application

Counterfeit Challenge – Take advantage of the free booklets that are offered and study through them to strengthen your faith and determine the authenticity of Jesus Christ as the one and only Savior of the World!

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