

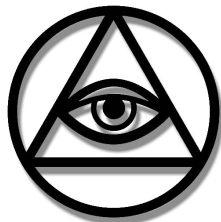
Cults and Other “Gospels”

Recognizing and Understanding the Differences



Cults and Other “Gospels”

- ♦ **Remember our definition of a “cult”**
 - ♦ I've recommended six questions to ask yourself about any religious groups that seem at least potentially suspicious to you...
 1. Does the group have a prophet/founder who is revered by followers and claims to have *special* revelation from God or from angels?
 2. Are there authoritative writings or scriptures *in addition to or instead of* the Bible?
 3. Does the group view itself as the one *true* church, founded because the *true* gospel was lost in the early centuries of the church?
 4. What does the group believe regarding the Trinity? Is Jesus fully God, the second person of the Trinity? Is the Holy Spirit fully God, the third person of the Trinity?
 5. How does the group believe we are *saved*? By grace alone, through faith in Jesus Christ, or by faith plus good works?
 6. What belief does the group hold regarding life after death? What is its concept of Heaven and Hell?



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- ◆ Introduction to Cults
- ◆ Peoples Temple
- ◆ Latter-Day Saints (“Mormons”)
- ◆ Jehovah's Witnesses
- ◆ Christian Science
- ◆ **Scientology / Dianetics**

NOTE: This is only one of several symbols used by Scientology—The “S” stands for Scientology. The top triangle represents knowledge, responsibility and control (i.e.; the “KRC triangle”). The lower triangle consists of the “ARC triangle” of affinity, reality and communication

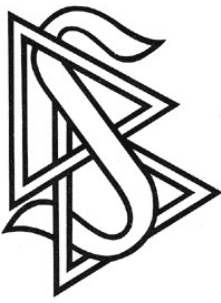


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Funky little teaching moment...

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“**Scientology is the study of knowingness. It increases one's knowingness, but if a man were totally aware of what was going on around him, he would find it relatively simple to handle any outnesses in that.**”
—L. Ron Hubbard



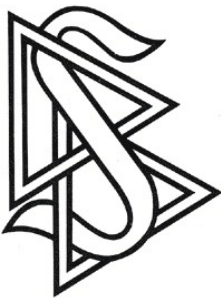
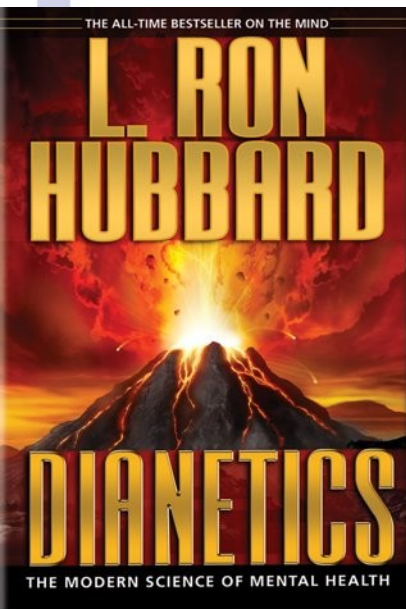
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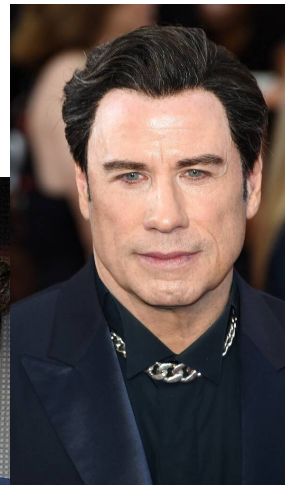
- ◆ L. Ron Hubbard once summarized Scientology for us
 - ◆ If at any point, Scientology sounds like gibberish, Hubbard assures you it's *your* fault, but he'll help you
- “The only reason a person gives up a study or becomes confused or unable to learn is because he or she has gone past a word that was not understood. The confusion or inability to grasp comes after a word was not understood. Have you ever had the experience of coming to the end of a page and realizing you didn't know what you had read? Somewhere earlier on that page you passed a word that you didn't understand. Here's an example: "It was found that when the crepuscule arrived the children were quieter and when it was not present, they were much livelier." You see what happens. You think you do not understand the whole idea, but the inability to understand came entirely from the one word you could not define, crepuscule, which means twilight or darkness. If, in reading this book, the materials become confusing or you can't seem to grasp it, there will be a word just earlier that you haven't understood... As an aid to the reader, words that are sometimes misunderstood have been defined in footnotes where they occur in the text...”

—from the flyleaf of *Dianetics*



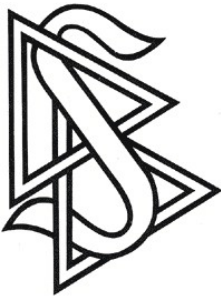
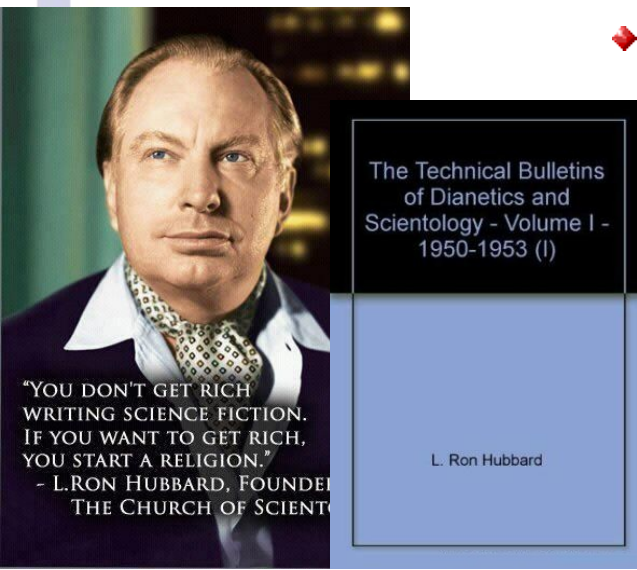
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 - John Travolta, Scientologist
 - ◆ **“I believe that L. Ron Hubbard knew what happened 13 trillion years ago.”**
 - Tom Cruise, Scientologist
- (NOTE: In 1991, even Illinois Governor Jim Edgar declared March 13— Hubbard's birthday—to forever more be “L. Ron Hubbard Day” —until he later found out who Hubbard actually was and rescinded the declaration later on that March...)**



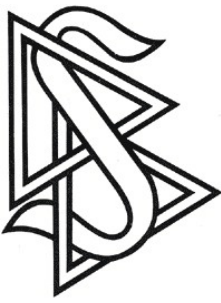
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 - ◆ “You don't get rich writing science fiction. If you want to get rich, you start a religion.”
—L. Ron Hubbard, at the *Eastern Science Fiction Association* in 1948
 - ◆ “The only way you can control people is to lie to them. You can write that down in your book in great big letters. The only way you can control anybody is to lie to them.”
—L. Ron Hubbard, in *Technical Bulletins of Dianetics and Scientology*



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 - ◆ Hubbard was born in Nebraska in 1911, but moved around quite a bit because his father was in the Navy
 - ◆ Some activities—like being in the Boy Scouts—he excelled at, while others—like his schoolwork—he repeatedly failed at
 - ◆ But to be honest, it's kind of hard to nail down a lot of specifics about his early life with any certainty, because the details are often fairly unreliable

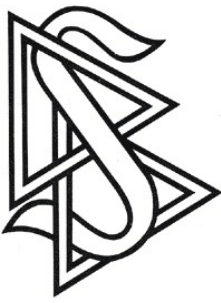


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 - ♦ Then again, the Blackfoot tribe doesn't *have* a “blood brother” rite...

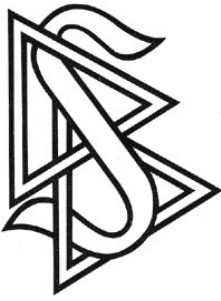


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Navy House
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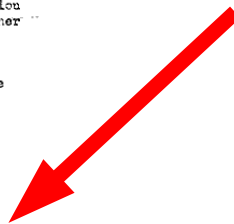
From: Naval Attache.
To : Commandant, Twelfth Naval District.
Subject: Lieutenant (jg) L. RON HUBBARD, U.S.N.R.; Suggestion
as to nature of duty assigned.

1. The subject officer arrived in Brisbane via the SS PRESIDENT POLK. He reported to me that he was ordered to Manila for duty and asked for permission to leave the SS PRESIDENT POLK until a vessel offering a more direct route to his destination was available. I authorized him to remain in Brisbane for further transportation to his destination.

2. By assuming unauthorized authority and attempting to perform duties for which he has no qualification he became the source of much trouble. This, however, was made possible by the representative of the U.S. Army at Brisbane.

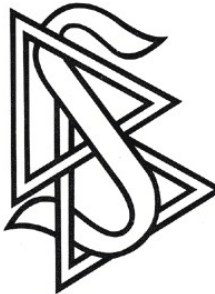
3. On February 11, 1942 I sent him dispatch orders to report to the Commanding Officer USS CHAUMONT for passage to the United States and upon arrival report to the Commandant Twelfth Naval District for further assignment.

4. This officer is not satisfactory for independent duty assignment. He is garrulous and tries to give impressions of his importance. He also seems to think that he has unusual ability in most lines. These characteristics indicate that he will require close supervision for satisfactory performance of any intelligence duty.



◆ In fact, his service record includes several negative reviews from his commanding officers, including one that said,

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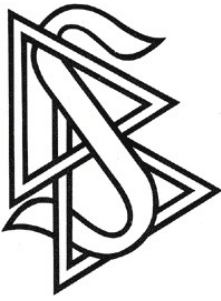


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 - ◆ Hubbard nonetheless liked to think of himself as “an old Navy man,” and is frequently referred to as the “Commodore” of Scientology's “Sea Organization”

(i.e.; a “fraternal order” made up of the cult's most powerful and influential leaders, who wear fake Naval uniforms for official actions)

(NOTE: When cult members are reborn, they always return to the Sea Org—thus its motto, “We come back”)



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Join the
SEA ORG

"In all the broad universe there is no other hope for Man than ourselves. This is a tremendous responsibility. I have borne it too long alone. You share it with me now." - LRH



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We **DO WHATEVER IT TAKES** to bring
Dianetics & Scientology to the world

Our duty is to **CREATE A SANE PLANET**

JOIN THE
SEA ORG

The Organization of Expansion
CONTACT A SEA ORG RECRUITER TODAY!

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WE COME BACK

It's not the first time you've been part of the elite. Feel the weight of the sword in your hands as you raise it high. The fiery rush of pride that's been resting in your soul will remind you:

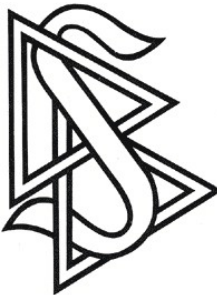
This isn't the first time we've been together. Welcome home shipmate.

THE SEA ORG
MANY ARE CALLED, FEW ARE CHOSEN

Contact your Sea Org Recruiter. Addresses are on the back page of this magazine.

DO NOT THINK OF HIMSELF AS
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- ◆ In 1992, the Church assured the IRS, "There is no such "organization" as the Sea Organization, the term Sea Org has a colloquial usage which implies that there is..."—though it owns three ships

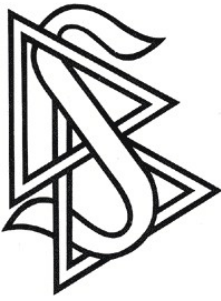
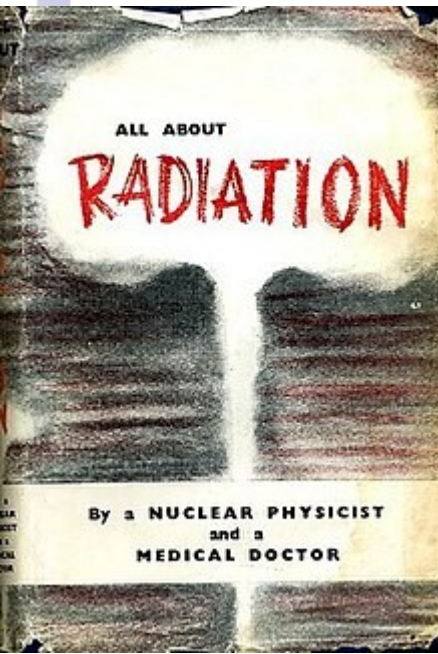


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 - ◆ Actually, he flunked out of George Washington University (failing the only course in nuclear physics that he ever took), and Sequoia University is just an unaccredited diploma mill
 - ◆ Nonetheless, Hubbard felt qualified to write a book called *"All About Radiation"* in 1957 in which he authoritatively assured people, "Scientology is the only specific (cure) for radiation (atomic bomb) burns."

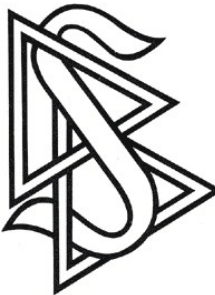


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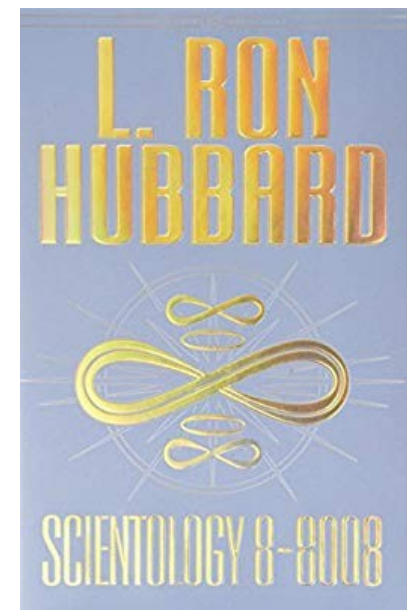
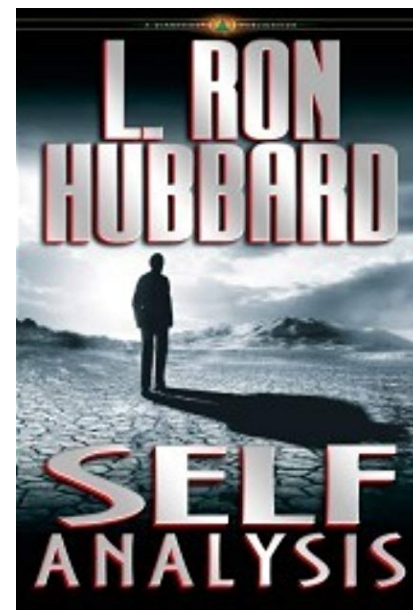
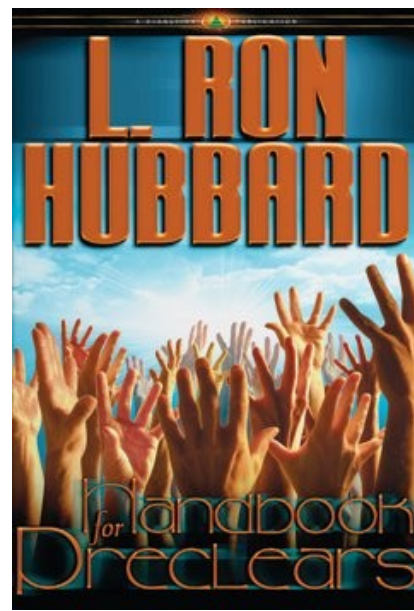
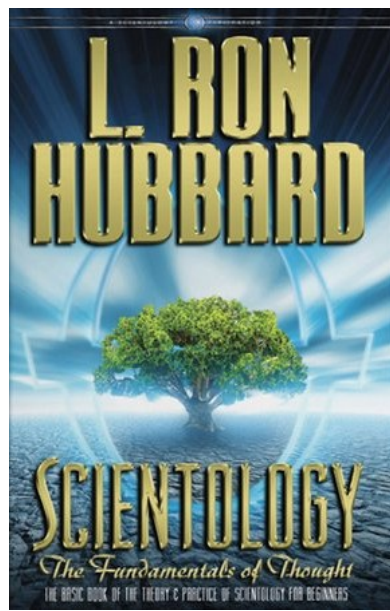
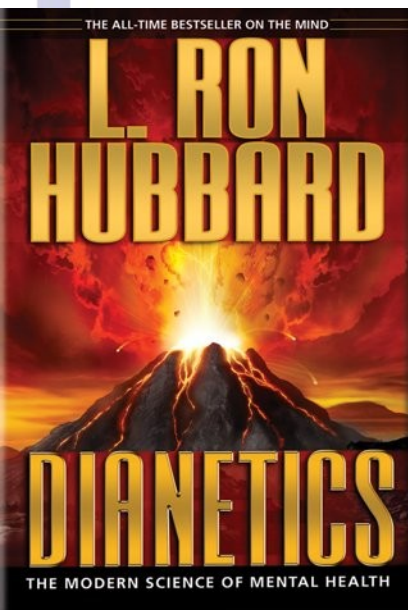
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 - ◆ Actually, a large part of his novels' success was due to the fact that the Church of Scientology funded their publication, and then purchased thousands of copies for church use
 - ◆ *Rule of thumb:* Never follow a religion that was founded by a science fiction author...



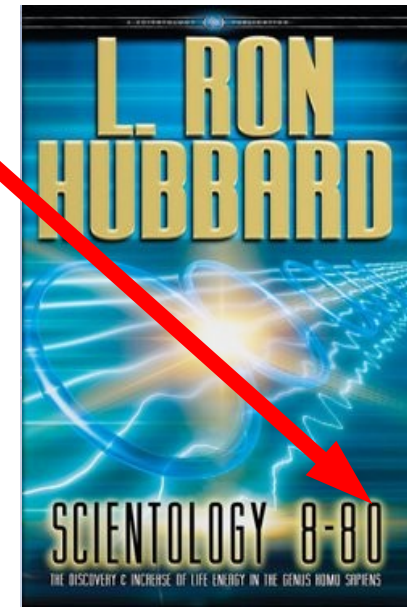
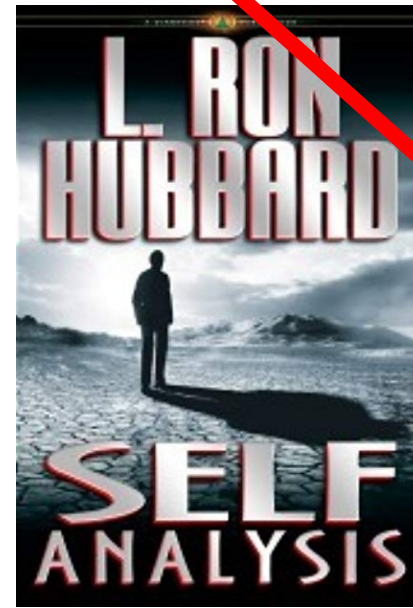
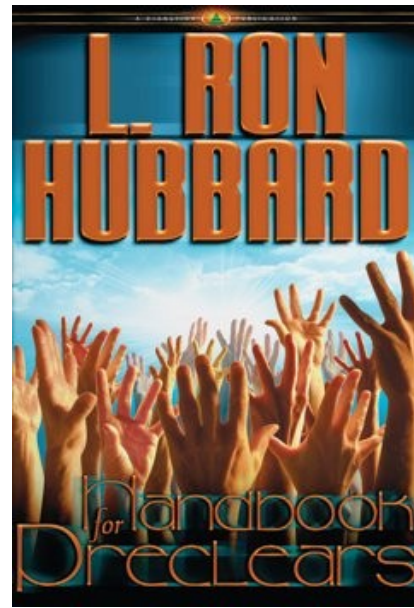
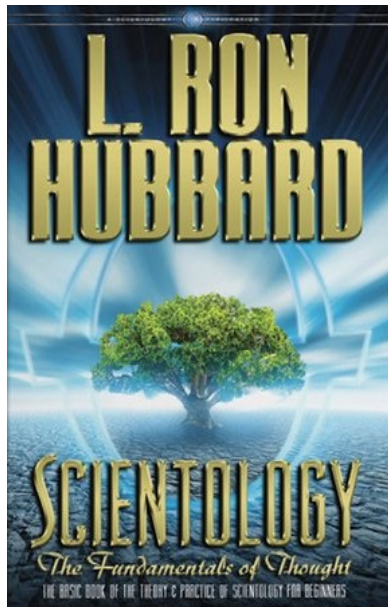
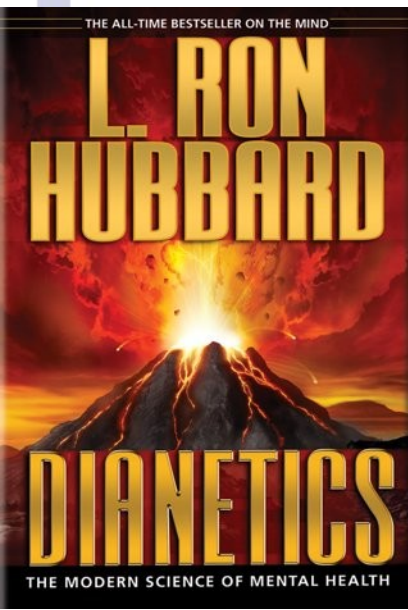
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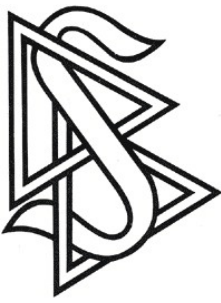
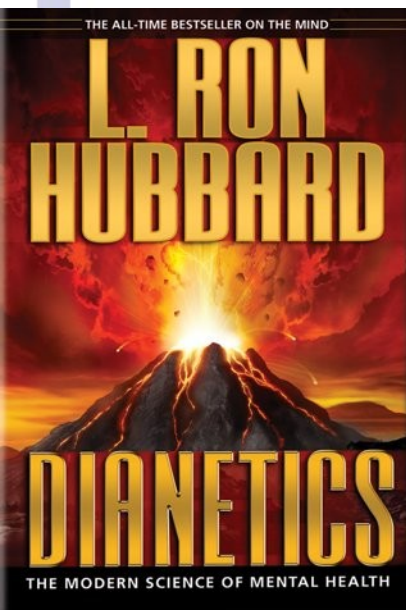
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(But is this really a “θ” here?)



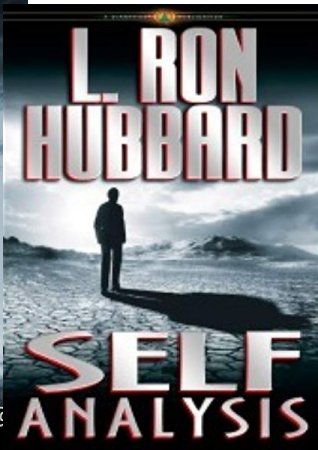
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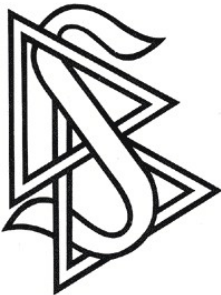
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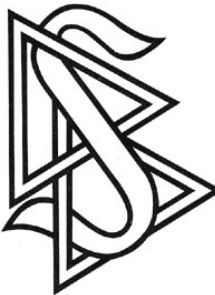
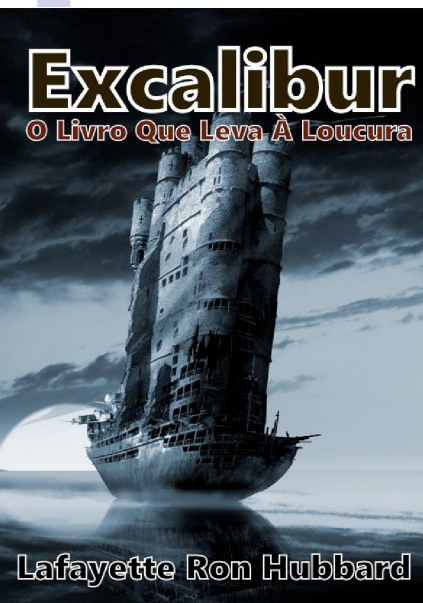
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(in fact, in general—on top of making far more money creating a religion than creating science fiction stories, Hubbard said,
"I have high hopes of smashing my name into history so violently that it will take a legendary form even if all books are destroyed. That goal is the real goal as far as I am concerned")



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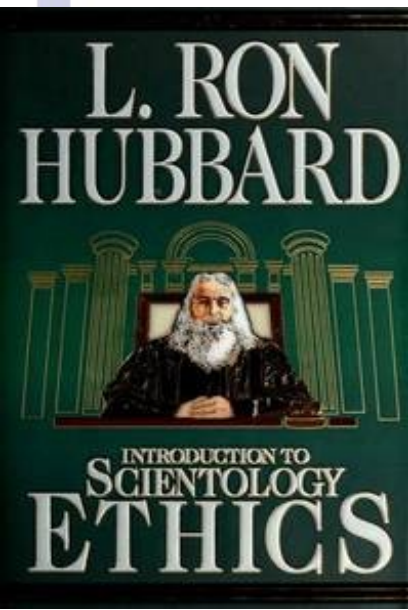
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(whom he'd met while living in Pasadena as part of a sex magick cult run by occultist Aleister Crowley that used orgies to try to summon the goddess Babalon, Mother of Abominations—I am not making this up)



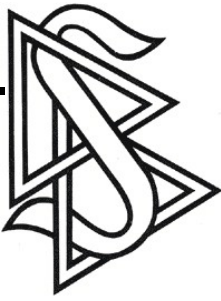
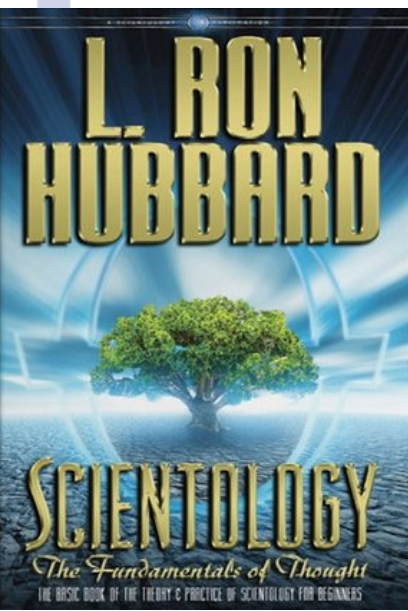
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 - ◆ **By the 1950s, both Hubbards were having affairs, and she threatened to take their daughter, Alexis, away from him entirely—so Hubbard and cult members forcibly kidnapped Sara and Alexis, subjecting Sara to beatings, starvation, sleep deprivation, and more—all while trying to have her declared insane by a local medical doctor**
 - ◆ **In the end, Sara got Alexis back by dropping all charges and settling out of court with L. Ron—who'd found a wealthy backer...**



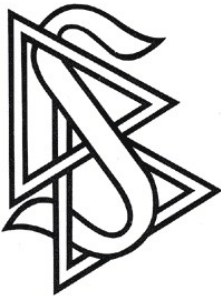
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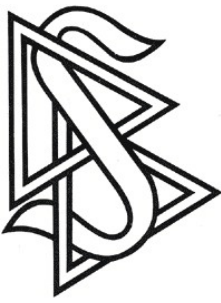
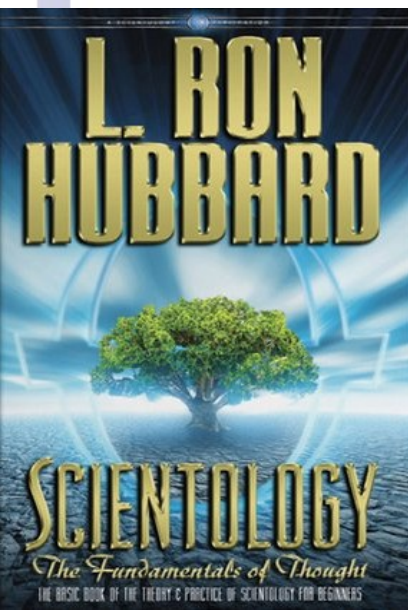
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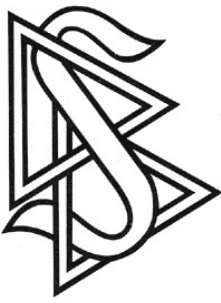
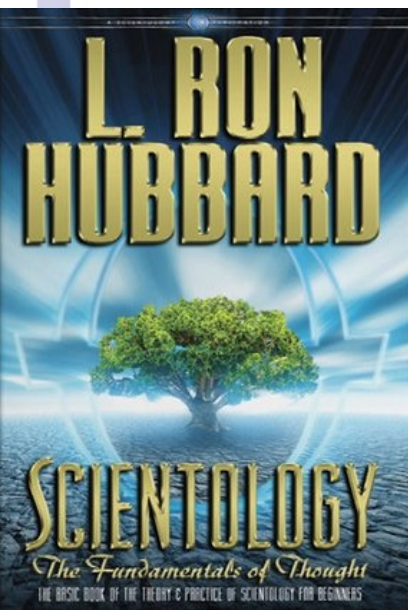
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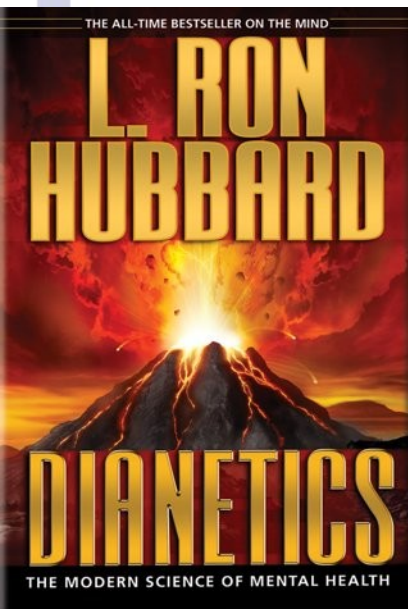


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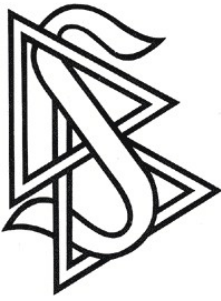


Funky little teaching moment...

- ◆ As *Dianetics* explains,
 - ◆ “The reactive bank does not store memories as we think of them. It stores *engrams*.* These engrams are a complete recording, down to the last accurate detail, of every perception present in a moment of partial or full “unconsciousness.” They are just as accurate as any other recording in the body. But they have their own *force*... The difference between an engram and a memory, however, is quite distinct. An engram can be permanently fused into any and all body circuits and behaves like an entity. In all laboratory tests on these engrams, they were found to possess “inexhaustible” sources of power to command the body... The only thing which could even begin to shake these engrams was the technique which developed into Dianetic therapy...”

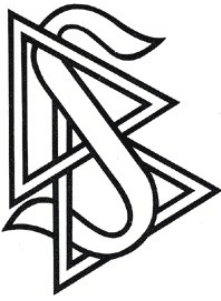
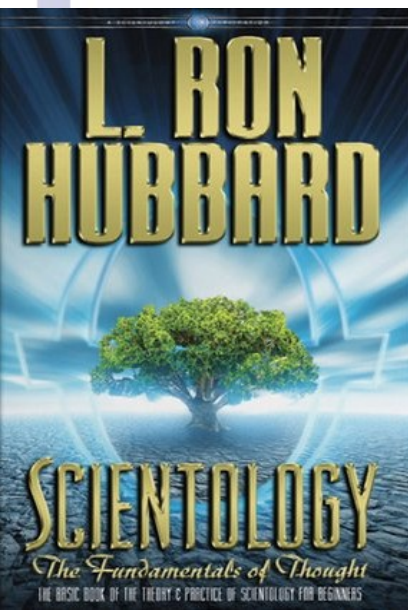


* “The word *engram*, in Dianetics is used in its severely accurate sense as a “definite and permanent trace left by a stimulus on the protoplasm of a tissue.” It is considered as a unit group of stimuli impinged solely on the cellular being.”



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 - 3) Through “auditing” the engrams are erased and the Bank emptied, and then thetans can be restored “to their original powerful state” (NOTE: “Auditing” is an ongoing, increasingly expensive process where an individual is asked increasingly bizarre questions to get them to react with alert but non-rational responses)



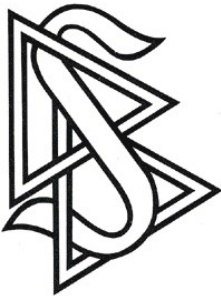
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 - ◆ Clients are informed:
The E-meter is held to be infallible. It “sees all, knows all. It is never wrong.”
 - ◆ Nonetheless, the FDA required them to clarify:
“The HUBBARD Electrometer, or E-METER, is a device sometimes used in Dianetics technology. In itself, the E-Meter does nothing. It is not intended or effective for the diagnosis, treatment or prevention of any disease, or for the improvement of health or any bodily function.”

(NOTE: Yes, that's a picture of a young John Travolta being audited by using the E-Meter—a number of Hollywood stars have become ardent followers of Scientology, including Kirstie Alley, Will Smith, and Tom Cruise)

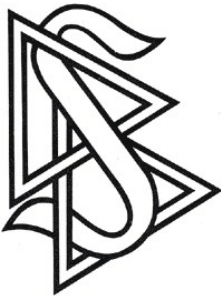


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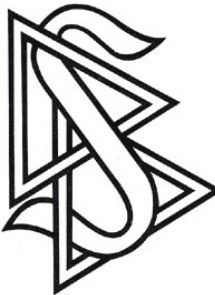
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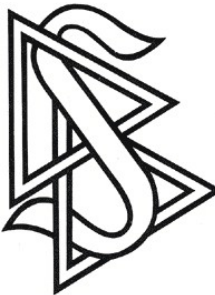


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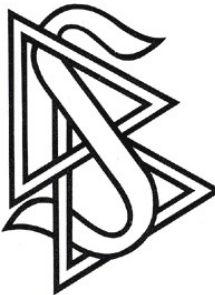


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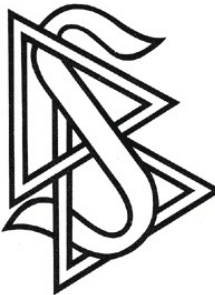


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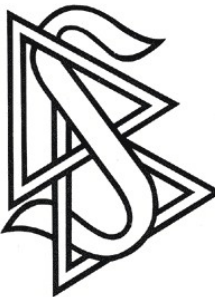


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(in which the client physically moves the coach around the room)
(NOTE: TR5 was “Hand Mimicry” but it has been obsolete since 1967)



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(in which the client physically manipulates even the coach's head and appendages, and orders the coach around the room using “Tone 40” commands)



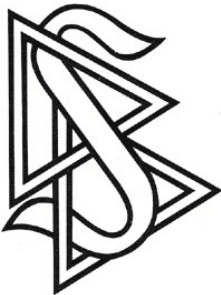
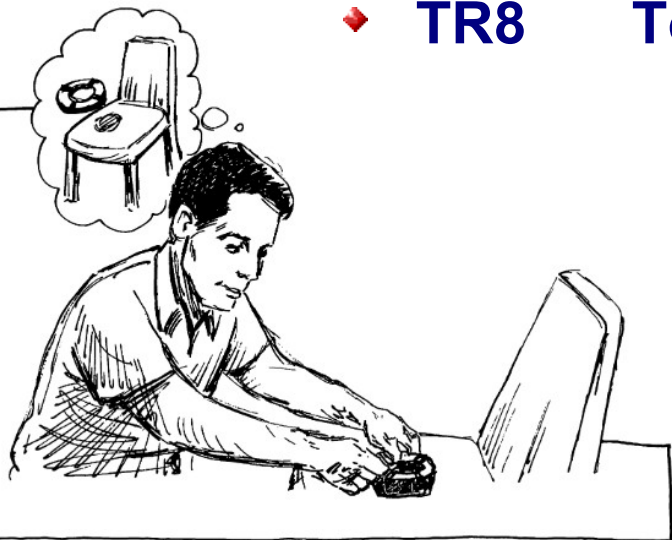
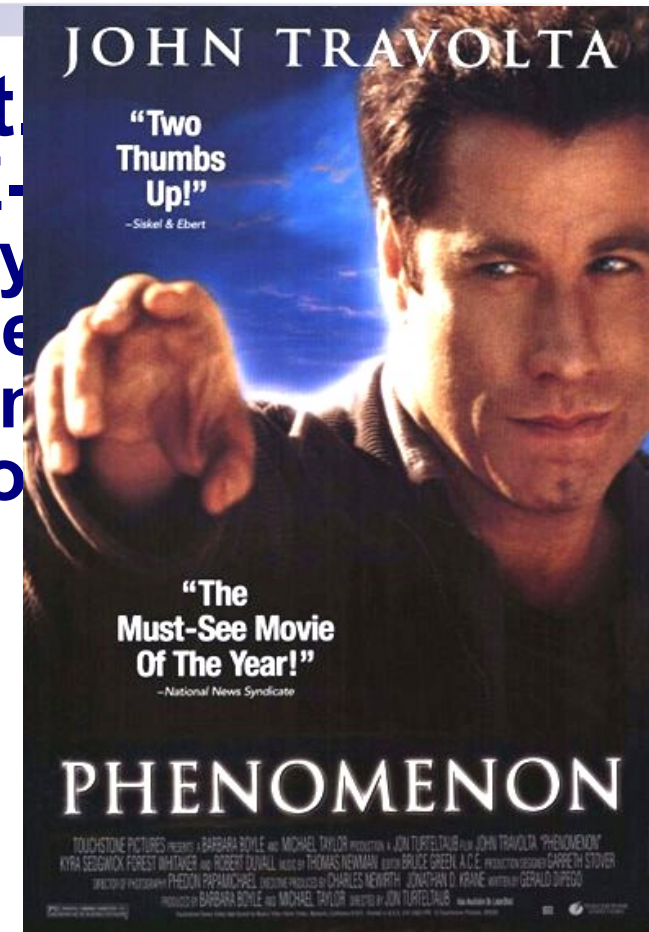
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(in which the client orders inanimate objects to move around the room—traditionally, an ashtray—shouting at it for hours on end—until, ultimately, they're allowed to move it with their hands as a mere convenience, because they know that *they actually moved it with their minds*) (like in that 1996 movie, *Phenomenon*)

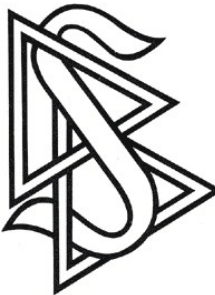
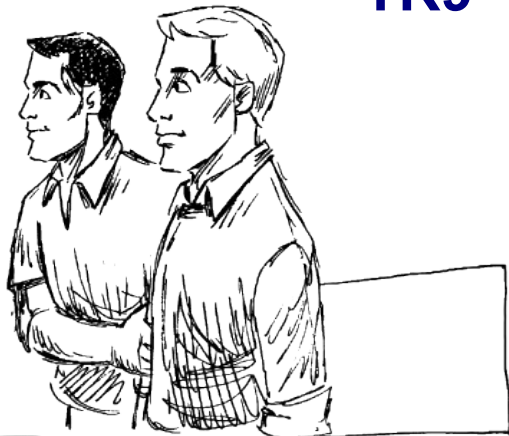


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(in which the client orders the coach around the room while the coach bullbait, forcing the client to mentally block out the coach's words and actions completely, overriding the external reality around them with their own, internal reality)

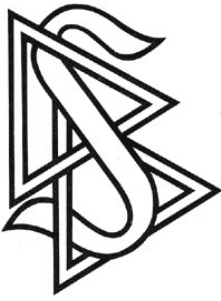
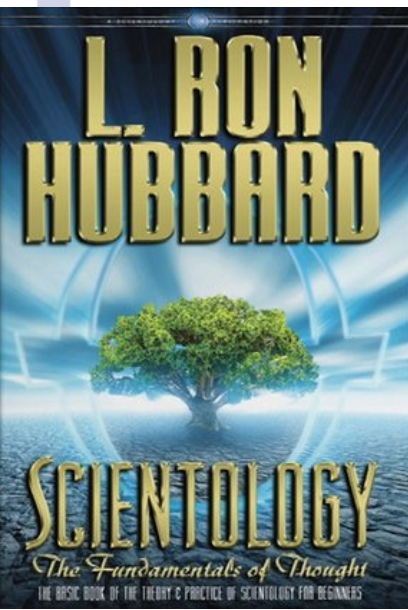


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—*Scientology: The Fundamentals of Thought*



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