

Cults and Other “Gospels”

Recognizing and Understanding the Differences



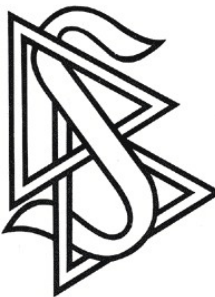
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- ♦ **Remember our definition of a “cult”**
 - ♦ **I've recommended six questions to ask yourself about any religious groups that seem at least potentially suspicious to you...**
 1. **Does the group have a prophet/founder who is revered by followers 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**



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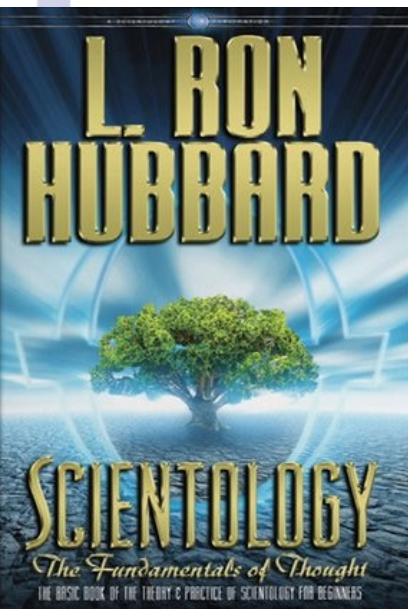


Funky little teaching moment...

- ♦ “Auditing” is an expensive process supposed to “clear” clients of destructive “engrams” through the application of the Dianetics program—which is part of Scientology
- ♦ Scientology founder—and mediocre science fiction author—L. Ron Hubbard explained that
“Engrams are a complete recording, down to the last accurate detail, of every perception present in a moment of partial or full “unconsciousness...” 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...”

—from *Dianetics*

(and that's why we have pain, sickness, and suffering in our lives—because of negative engrams fused to parts of our bodies, minds, and relationships)

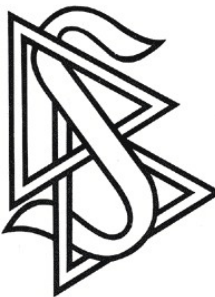


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 - ♦ TR1 Dear Alice
 - ♦ TR2 Acknowledgements
 - ♦ TR3 Duplicative Question
 - ♦ TR4 Pre-Clear Originations
 - ♦ TR6 Body Control
 - ♦ TR7 High School Indoctrination
 - ♦ TR8 Tone 40 on objects
 - ♦ TR9 Tone 40 with bullbait
- ♦ This is all designed to eliminate your critical thinking
- ♦ This is just the *first* round of Scientology courses

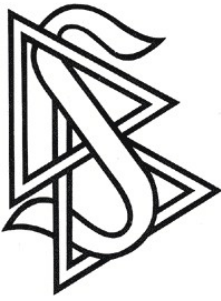
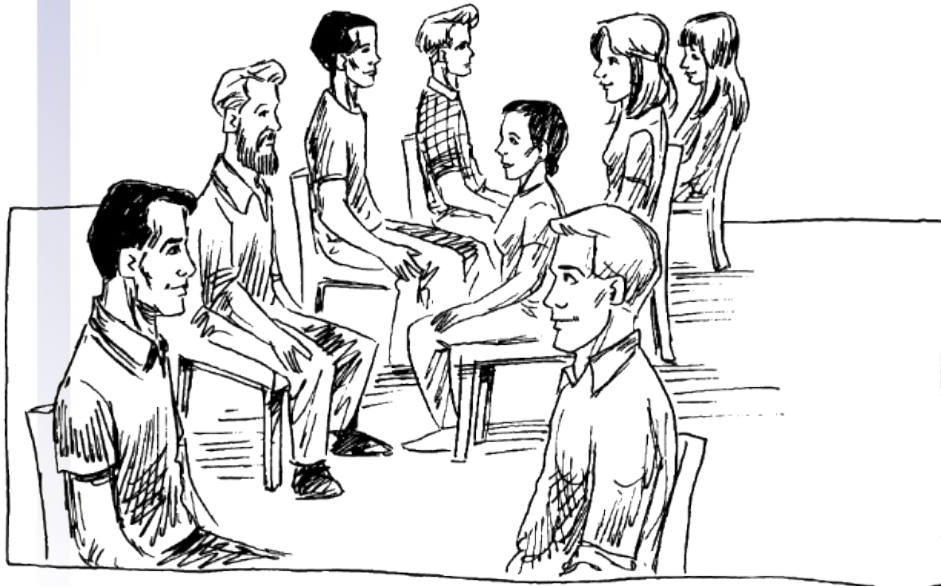


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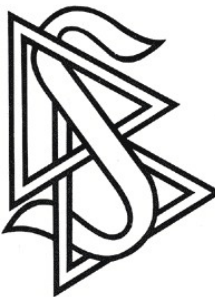


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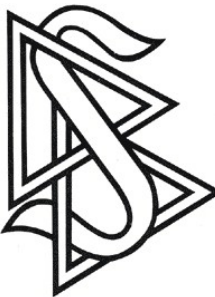
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(NOTE: *Scientology.org* defines “OT” this way—

“OT (Operating Thetan) is a state of spiritual awareness in which an individual is able to control themselves and their environment... They have been fully familiarized with their capabilities as a thetan and can willingly and knowingly be at cause over life, thought, matter, energy, space and time.”)

(i.e.; they have literally been mentally conditioned to believe that they now have superpowers)

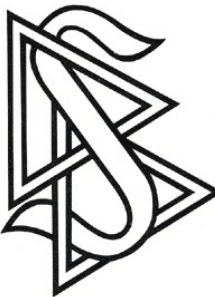


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(Spoilers: They're aliens)

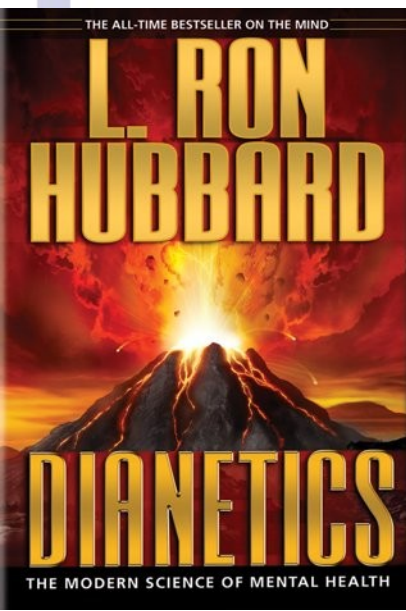


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 - ◆ OT3-4 (at a cost of \$17,010) teach clients about the intergalactic emperor Xenu, who imprisoned the Thetans in volcanoes
- (there's a reason why *Dianetics* had a volcano on the cover...)



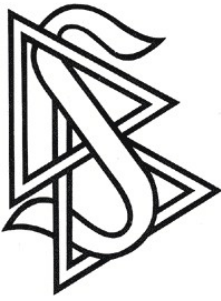
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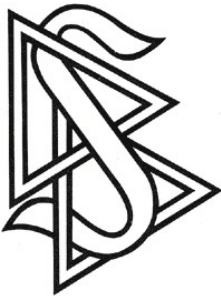


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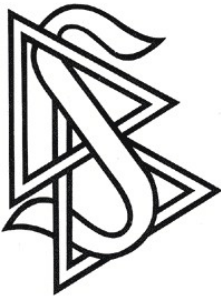
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(ironic, since Scientology has since begun using an 8-pointed cross as one of its symbols, symbolizing the 8 “Dynamics”)



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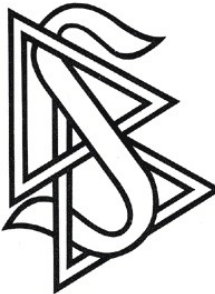
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(NOTE²: Even though Scientologists will downplay—and even flat-out deny—the whole Xenu thing, we have multiple personal testimonies about it including notes written in Hubbard's own hand)



Yaka (1)

The head of the Galactic

Confederation (76 planets around larger stars visible from here) founded 75,000,000 years ago, very space opera. Solved overpopulation (250 billion or so per planet - 178 billion average) by mass implanting.

He caused people to be brought to Teegeack (Earth) and put on H-bomb on the principal volcanoes (Incident 2) and then the Pacific area ones were taken in boxes to Hawaii and the Atlantic area ones to Las Palmas and then packaged.

His name was Xenu. He used renegades. Various misleading data by means of circuits etc. was placed in the implants.

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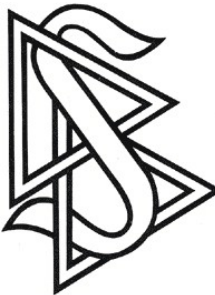
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- This is why Scientologists are so against medical sciences that include drugs, psychology, surgery, etc.—because they don't deal with the *real* problem
- That's why Scientology founded Narconon in 1966—not to be confused with the reputable NarcAnon

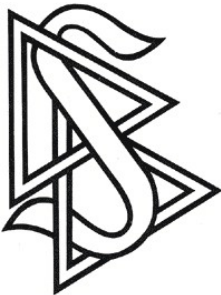


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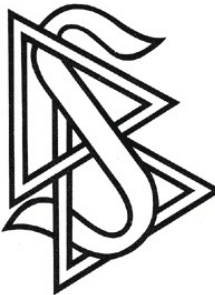
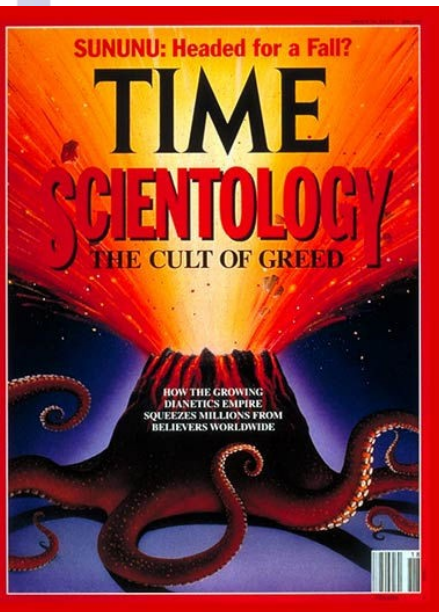


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- ♦ By the time you finally work your way all the way through OT8, it's estimated that you will have spent \$200-\$400,000 on your courses
 - ♦ That's a large part of why the only people who have made it into OT8 are celebrities and really rich executives—and why no one has ever left Scientology during or after going through OT8
 - ♦ *Most terrifying is the fact that all of the dollar values that I've given you were current as of 1991*—I'm fairly certain that prices have only gone up from there since then
 - ♦ But how does spending half a million dollars on something so utterly ridiculous actually work to make you accept the lie all the more?



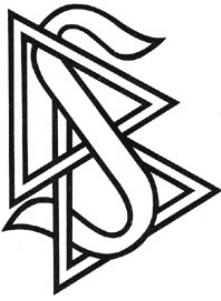
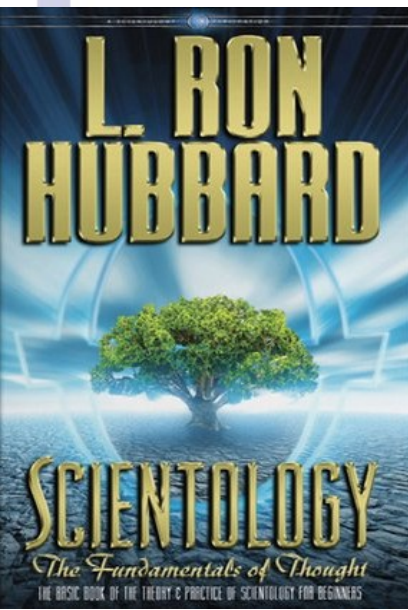
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(NOTE: In the later 20th century, Germany —citing the Nazis—decried the cult as a dangerous, totalitarian group)

(NOTE²: Scientology responded by —citing the Nazis—decrying Germany as a dangerous, totalitarian regime)

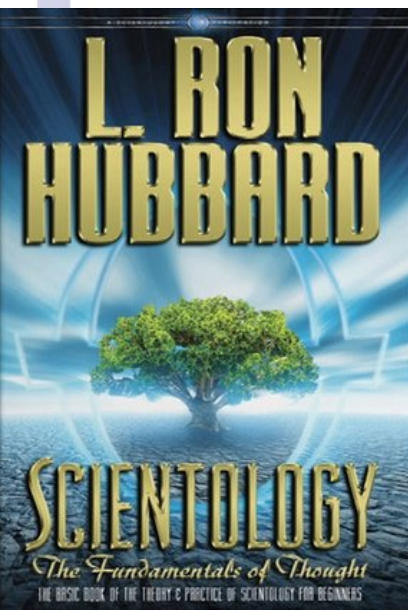


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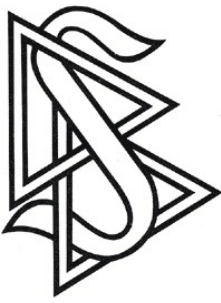
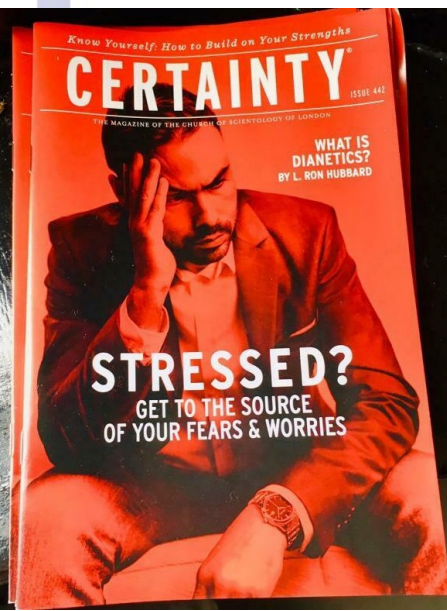
(NOTE²: As Hubbard has said several times, “If attacked on some vulnerable point by anyone or anything or any organization, always find or manufacture enough threat against them to cause them to sue for peace. Don't ever defend. Always attack.”
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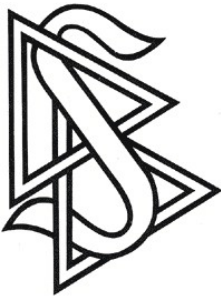
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(i.e.; they had both *just* gotten to the point where they had cleared out their destructive engrams from past lives, but hadn't become truly *Operating* Thetans who could have the mental powers over MEST that could *really* change the world like L. Ron Hubbard could)



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(i.e.; the cross is a negative trigger that pushes people into “religious” thought, first implanted into imprisoned thetans back in Xenu's 3-D, “R6 Implant” movie first used back in “Incident II”)

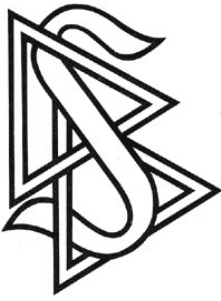
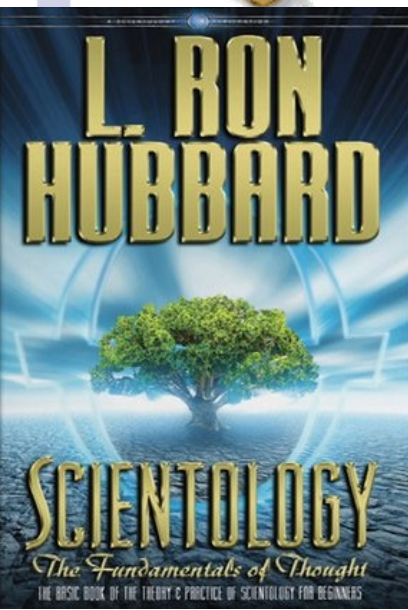


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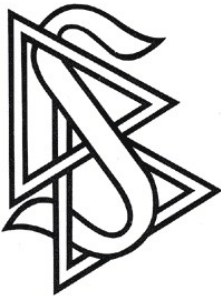
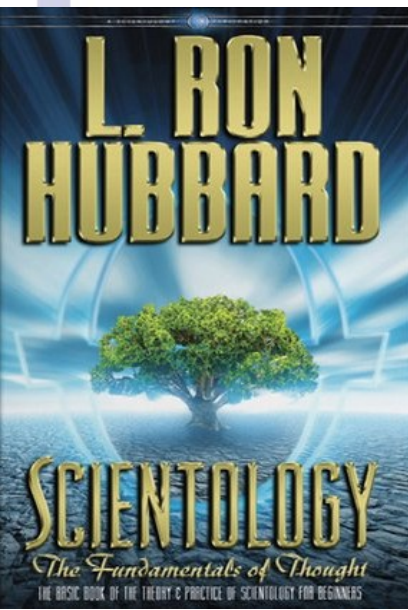


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- ♦ “The eighth dynamic [arbitrary compartment of life] is the urge toward existence as infinity. This is also identified as the Supreme Being... This can be called the *infinity or God dynamic*.”
—*Scientology: The Fundamentals of Thought*
(i.e.; the closest thing to a “god” in Scientology would be those who reach the highest level of Scientology)



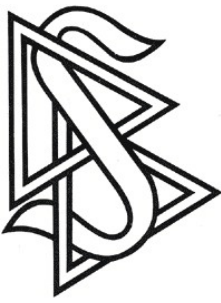
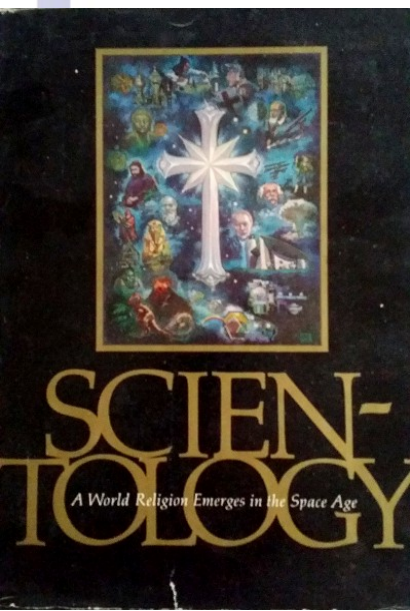
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 - ◆ **“It is only generally true that an individual is responsible for everything that happens to him. When an individual, wishing to cause many interesting effects, chooses to go into many universes or traps, he can become confused about what he is doing, where he is or what it is all about.”**
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 - ◆ **How does the group believe we are saved? By grace alone, through faith in Jesus Christ, or by faith plus good works?**
 - ◆ “It is despicable and utterly beneath contempt to tell a man he must repent, that he is evil.”
—*Professional Auditor's Bulletin #31*
 - ◆ “It is only generally true that an individual is responsible for everything that happens to him. When an individual, wishing to cause many interesting effects, chooses to go into many universes or traps, he can become confused about what he is doing, where he is or what it is all about.”
—*Scientology: The Fundamentals of Thought*
 - ◆ **“Personal salvation in one lifetime [is] freedom from the cycle of birth and death.”**
—*Scientology: A World Religion Emerges in the Space Age*



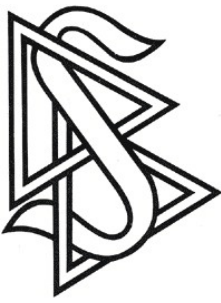
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Funky little teaching moment...

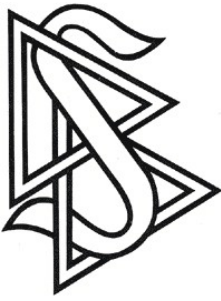
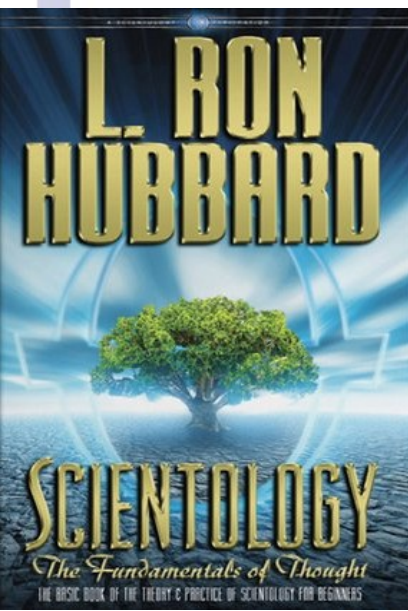
- ◆ For example, Hubbard himself never actually died—
 - ◆ “Approximately two weeks ago, he completed all of his researches he set out to do. He has now moved on to the next level of OT research. It's a level beyond anything any of us ever imagined. This level is in fact done in an exterior state. Meaning that it is done completely exterior from the body. At this level of OT, the body is nothing more than an impediment and encumbrance to any further gain as an OT. Thus at 2000 hours, the 24th of January, AD36 [After Dianetics], L. Ron Hubbard discarded the body he had used in this life time for 74 years, 10 months, and 11 days.”

—from the official Scientology eulogy in 1986



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—*Professional Auditor's Bulletin #31*
 - ◆ **“There is much discussion about between-lives areas and other phenomena which might have passed at one time or another for heaven or hell, but it is established completely that a thetan is immortal and that he himself cannot actually experience death and counterfeits it by forgetting. It is adequately manifest that a thetan lives again and that he is very anxious to put something on the time track (something for the future) in order to have something to come back to, thus we have the anxieties of sex. There must be additional bodies for the next life.”**
—*Scientology: The Fundamentals of Thought*

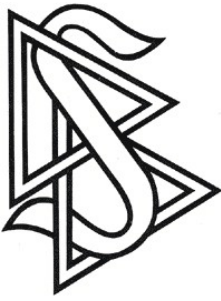


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(NOTE: This is part of why it is so important to Scientologists that, when a new baby is born, they practice a “silent birth,” where “everyone attending the birth should refrain from spoken words as much as possible” and “chatty doctors and nurses, shouts to 'PUSH, PUSH' and loud or laughing remarks to 'encourage' are avoided...”
—Scientology.org)



(See, according to Hubbard, “Everyone must learn to say nothing within the expectant mother's hearing using labor and delivery. Particularly during birth, absolute silence must be maintained” to avoid fusing traumatic negative engrams onto the child)



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—*Scientology.org*
 - ◆ **So how can we minister to Scientologists?**

