

SCIENTOLOGY®

“If a man wants to make a million dollars, the best way would be to start his own religion,” – **L. Ron Hubbard**, at a writer’s convention (1949), as reported by *Time Magazine*, April 5, 1976.¹

“To tell you the honest-to-God truth, without Scientology I would be dead. So, I can personally highly recommend it.” - **Kirstie Alley**.²

Origin of Scientology: “A world religion emerging in the space age.” Science fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard (1911 – 1986) begins his new religion in 1954 (Church of Scientology). The religion supposedly uses “space-age technology to eliminate problems such as bad habits and psychosomatic illnesses.” Hubbard’s book, *Dianetics* has sold over 17 million copies.

Dianetics means: “Through the soul”

Scientology means: Study of knowledge

Members: 2 – 6 Million

Including: John Travolta, Kelly Preston, Joe Namath, Kirstie Alley, Priscilla Presley, Chick Corea, and Catherine Bell

Headquarters: Los Angeles, CA

Locations: 3,000 churches, missions and groups in over 120 countries.

Scientology terminology:

- **Thetan (THAY-ten):** What every human is. A thetan is a spirit being that has existed for ~ 300 trillion years. Thetans live in many bodies on different planets and are reincarnated when the host body dies.
- **Engrams:** bad life experiences that can attach to the thetan and need to be removed in order for the person to have a good life.
- **Clear:** The process of releasing the engrams, allowing the person to live a better life.
- **E-meter:** Invented by Volny Mathieson who gave it to L.R. Hubbard. It is covered under US Patent 3,290,589 “*Device for Measuring and Indicating Changes in the Resistance of a Human Body*”, issued on 1966-DEC-6.
- **Auditing:** Session where “preclear” is tested for engrams.
- **Auditors:** Members of the clergy. They are ordained and wear clerical clothing.
- **Operating thetan:** Life state when clear. This ends reincarnation cycle and transforms the scientologist into a *homo novis* – a godlike being.

What about other religions? Not being an exclusive religion, members are welcomed to retain their church affiliation when they become Scientologists.

What did Hubbard think about the Bible and God? Clearly differs in most aspects.

What did Hubbard think about Jesus? The crucifixion of Jesus is a legend. “Neither Lord Buddha nor Jesus Christ were operating thetans according to the evidence. They were just a shade above clear.”

What did Hubbard think about salvation? It means being released from the cycle of birth and death and having godlike characteristics of an operating thetan. Sin is not relevant and repentance is unnecessary.



The Electropsychometer, or E-Meter, measures the mental state or change of state of a person, helping the auditor and preclear locate areas of spiritual distress or travail so they can be addressed and handled.

Scientology recognizes “*Eight Dynamics*.” A “dynamic” is an urge, drive or impulse. Understanding these dynamics help a person gain insight and harmonize all their life activities. The first four dynamics were initially described by Hubbard in *Dianetics*; the remaining four were added with the creation of Scientology.³

- The First Dynamic is the urge to survive as oneself.
- The second the urge to survive through family and sex.
- The third is to survive in various groups such as a company or with a group of friends.
- The fourth is to survive as mankind.
- The fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth are the urge to survive through other life forms such as animals, the physical universe, the spiritual universe and Infinity or God respectively.

Joshua 24:23

I John 2:22

Hebrews 9:27

¹ Scientology: Trillion-year-old Thetans, Kurt Van Gorden, *Misguiding Lights*, p. 102-110.

² <http://www.scientology.org>

³ <http://www.religioustolerance.org/>