

# WORLD RELIGIONS

## Scientology Lesson #20

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Scientology is one of the more sinister and aggressive of all the cults. Its secret and covert practices make it a kind of mafia cult. Money, fraud, extortion, brainwashing, and intimidation are standard practices. Many first-hand sources and even courts affirm this. High-powered lawyers, detectives, and operatives who lie about their identities in order to blackmail, discredit, and “handle” disgruntled Scientologists, are common occurrences within Scientology. In addition to these things there is the science fiction-psycho-religious teachings of Scientology. Some of the teachings of L. Ron Hubbard, the founder, are mainstream and can be found in his published writings. Hubbard’s other teachings are carefully guarded but have been leaked to the public.

### I. GROWTH AND APPEAL OF SCIENTOLOGY

- A. **Scientology is pervaded with lies so it is difficult to tell how many people are actually in the organization.** Claims have been made that there were 25 million Scientologists in the world, others claimed there were about 8 million, but a number of around 100,000 is probably more accurate. The cult is so deceptive and diligent in guarding its information, that it is difficult to determine how large the movement is with any sort of accuracy. One thing is certain, Scientology members do not exist in the millions and those who are members are charged a lot of money to get “help” from Scientologists.
- B. **Scientology offers mental, emotional, and spiritual perfection for its adherents.** Many suffering from problems related to any of these three areas are drawn in by the hope that Scientology can fix them and their problems. Walter Martin has written:

“Scientology is a cult which thrives on glowing promises that are heady stuff for the lonely, the weak, the confused, the ineffectual, and the mentally or emotionally ill. For a healthy fee, Scientology claims it can “help people do something about the upsets and travails of life. Hope and happiness can return again through Scientology.”<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Walter Martin, *Kingdom of the Cults* (Minneapolis: Bethany House, 1985), 345, quoting “Ralph Lee Smith, “Scientology – Menace to Mental Health” in *Today’s Health*, Dec. 1968, 34.

- C. **Famous people are associated with Scientology** like actors Tom Cruise, John Travolta, Kirstie Alley, Mimi Rogers, and Anne Archer. These high profile celebrities from the ranks of the rich and famous have many fans. The fact that the rich and famous are involved in Scientology is sufficient enough for some of their fans to get involved. However, some of the rich and famous have made a clean break with Scientology. Paul Haggis, for example, made it all the way to the top of the organization before he left.<sup>2</sup>
- D. **Leaders in Scientology are rich and affluent.** The bulk of people in the world are attracted to money. It is apparent when one investigates Scientology that those at the top of the Scientology food chain are very wealthy. Thus there is a subtle message that if one works their way up to the top of Scientology they might become wealthy, also. The Scientology cult enlists an army of volunteer workers through its membership, but charges exorbitant fees to “counsel” people for their problems.<sup>3</sup> Irvine Robertson notes these startling statistics:

Reportedly, the U.S. Internal Revenue Service was “dubious about a religious enterprise making so much profit, especially when they found that, in Washington, D.C. alone, the Founding Church took in \$756,962 (in one year) and that 90% of this money came from fees and not donations.”<sup>13</sup> “Annual gross income, mostly from ‘counseling fees,’ is estimated to be above \$70 million.”<sup>14</sup> Hubbard receives 10 percent of all fees collected by Scientology centers, and “spends much of his time in international waters, sailing the high seas in his 3,000 ton, 320-foot yacht, with its blue-uniformed crew of 200 sailors and students.”<sup>4</sup>

When L. Ron Hubbard died his net worth was about 650 million dollars. It can only be guessed how much the organization is worth today, but it is certain that Scientology has a lot of money which it uses to promote its expensive “counseling” business and hire agents to harass, collect protected information, blackmail, and destroy its enemies.

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<sup>2</sup>The following site contains a short story about Paul Haggis’ departure from Scientology and also gives some helpful links [http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2011/02/14/110214fa\\_fact\\_wright](http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2011/02/14/110214fa_fact_wright).

<sup>3</sup>See chart showing counseling fees and the price to get into higher levels of information at: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientology\\_as\\_a\\_business](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientology_as_a_business).

<sup>4</sup>Irvine Robertson, *What the Cults Believe* (Chicago IL: Moody Press, 1991), 162.

## II. HISTORY OF SCIENTOLOGY

- A. **Scientology's Founder, L. Ron Hubbard** – Born in 1911, died in 1986. Hubbard claimed that he graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering from George Washington University as a nuclear physicist, although university records show that he was a poor student on probation who failed physics. He left the George Washington University after two years.<sup>5</sup> Scientology overestimates Hubbard's "formal education" saying:

Returning to the United States in 1929, Ron resumed his formal education and enrolled in George Washington University the following year. There, he studied mathematics, engineering and attended the first American class on atomic and molecular phenomena. Although not necessarily subjects of choice, such were the disciplines that provided him the investigatory tools with which to pursue outstanding questions of the human mind and life. Indeed, L. Ron Hubbard became the first to bring a scientific methodology to age-old questions of existence.

To round out his university days, he also became one of the foremost pioneers of American aviation and a barnstorming sensation across the Midwest.<sup>6</sup>

Scientology also claims that Hubbard's Ph.D. is from Sequoia University in California. There was never a "Sequoia University." Sequoia "University" was a degree mill that sold people whatever degree they wanted, without any studies. The Sequoia "University" degree mill was shut down by court order in 1984 and later it was discovered that Hubbard owned the "University" and gave himself his own "Ph.D." In his documents he often put a "C.E." after his name, claiming to have earned his Civil Engineering degree.<sup>7</sup> These claims are false and misleading and used in an attempt to give educational credibility to the less discerning. Hubbard created his own persona, creating a respectable public image of himself.

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<sup>5</sup>Walter Martin, *Kingdom of the Cults* (Minneapolis: Bethany House, 1985), 345. See also Hubbard, "Professional Auditor's Bulletin No. 87", June 5, 1956, pg. 403 where Hubbard claims to have his civil engineering degree putting a "C.E." after his name. See [http://www.tep-online.info/laku/usa/reli/scien/SECRETDOX/1954\\_56.PDF](http://www.tep-online.info/laku/usa/reli/scien/SECRETDOX/1954_56.PDF). For scanned copies of official documents related to Hubbard, see this link: <http://documents.newyorker.com/2011/02/hubbard/>.

<sup>6</sup>Scientology sponsored web site: <http://www.scientology.org/faq/scientology-founder/who-was-Ironhubbard.html>

<sup>7</sup>*Wikipedia* online article explaining the fraudulent "Sequoia University" at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sequoia\\_University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sequoia_University)  
See original copies of scanned documents about L. Ron Hubbard at <http://documents.newyorker.com/2011/02/hubbard/>

Hubbard did travel widely in his lifetime and became an accomplished writer, mostly in the category of science fiction. Hubbard became friends with Aleister Crowley, famous occult leader and founder of his own religion, "Thelema." Crowley seems to have planted the idea in Hubbard's head that he should start his own religion. Many of Crowley's ideas are similar to those found in Scientology.

Hubbard's Scientology beliefs started to appear in an unpublished manuscript, *Excalibur*<sup>8</sup>, and later in articles published in *Astounding Science Fiction*. His Scientology ideas matured until they were published in his work, *Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health*, which has sold millions. *Dianetics* promotes mental, emotional, and spiritual perfection, a regular theme in most of Hubbard's Scientology writings.<sup>9</sup> Thus *Dianetics* became the name of Hubbard's movement until 1952 when it was renamed Scientology. However, the term "Dianetics" is still used to describe his science fiction-psycho-religious beliefs.

**B. Scientology has been shrouded with controversy almost since its inception.** Constant opposition has plagued the movement and its often illegal practices. James Beverly writes:

During Hubbard's tenure as leader, the church was attacked by government agencies in the United States, England, and Australia. Hubbard founded the Guardian's Office (GO) in 1966 to protect the church. However, the GO engaged in illegal activities in the 1970s that resulted in a massive raid on the church by the FBI on July 7, 1977. Several top Scientologists went to jail, including Hubbard's wife, Mary Sue. Following the trial, the church went through a major reorganization in order to prevent similar illegal activity.<sup>10</sup>

The May issue of *Time Magazine*, 1991, featured Scientology in the cover story. The article was entitled "The Thriving Cult of Greed and Power."<sup>11</sup> The article explains how Scientology baits people with the hope of something better, charges them for supposed cures, and often bankrupts

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<sup>8</sup>Online article disguising the existence of *Excalibur* <http://www.xenu.net/archive/oca/burks.html>.

<sup>9</sup>Walter Martin, *Kingdom of the Cults* (Minneapolis: Bethany House, 1985), 345.

<sup>10</sup>James A. Beverley, *Religions A-Z* (Nashville, Tenn.: T. Nelson, 2005), 205.

<sup>11</sup>*Time Magazine's* online article on Scientology entitled "The Thriving Cult of Greed and Power" <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,972865,00.html>.

people in the pursuit. Scientology hides behind its first amendment rights as a “religion,” and has a small army of private lawyers and detectives to defend itself against antagonists. That same issue included several other stories about different countries and their battles with Scientology. Richard Behar, author of the *Time Magazine* cover story, writes:

In reality the church is a hugely profitable global racket that survives by intimidating members and critics in a mafia-like manner. At times, during the past decade, prosecutions against Scientology seemed to be curbing its menace. Eleven top Scientologists, including Hubbard's wife, were sent to prison in the early 1980s for infiltrating, burglarizing and wiretapping more than 100 private and government agencies in attempts to block their investigations. In recent years hundreds of longtime Scientology adherents—many charging that they were mentally or physically abused—have quit the church and criticized it at their own risk. Some have sued the church and won; others have settled for amounts in excess of \$500,000. In various cases judges have labeled the church "schizophrenic and paranoid" and "corrupt, sinister and dangerous."<sup>12</sup>

The article goes on to explain that in spite of the opposition from governments and abused former members, Scientology continues to promote itself through deceptive means. Free dianetics testing, publishing, consulting, health care, and education are all used to draw people into the cult. In another article for *Time* entitled “Scientology and Me,” Behar writes:

Strange things seem to happen to people who write about Scientology. Journalist Paulette Cooper wrote a critical book on the cult in 1971. This led to a Scientology plot (called Operation Freak-Out) whose goal, according to church documents, was "to get P.C. incarcerated in a mental institution or jail." It almost worked: by impersonating Cooper, Scientologists got her indicted in 1973 for threatening to bomb the church. Cooper, who also endured 19 lawsuits by the church, was finally exonerated in 1977 after FBI raids on the church offices in Los Angeles and

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<sup>12</sup>*Time Magazine's* online article on Scientology entitled, “The Thriving Cult of Greed and Power”  
<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,972865,00.html>.

Washington uncovered documents from the bomb scheme. No Scientologists were ever tried in the matter.<sup>13</sup>

Behar goes on to explain how the church of Scientology went after him following the publishing of the cover story in *Time Magazine*. They illegally obtained personal information about Behar, kept contacting different friends and associates under false identities, and even posed as “detectives” giving false names, in an attempt to get information on Behar since he had become “Fair Game” for telling the truth about Scientology.

In Germany the courts have ruled that Scientology is not a religion, but a dangerous cult that brainwashes its members.<sup>14</sup> French courts found Hubbard as well as five other Scientology leaders guilty of “vulgar fraud.”<sup>15</sup> In 2009 France’s courts wanted to ban Scientology from the country after a case involving a psychologically fragile woman who was preyed upon by Scientology for \$27,000 for receiving two months of Scientology “treatments.” The courts found Scientology guilty of fraud along with six of its leaders. “The Scientology Celebrity center in Paris, a Scientology bookstore, and six individual convicts were ordered to pay fines.”<sup>16</sup>

In June 1984, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge, Paul Breckenridge, in the Gerry Armstrong (ex-Scientologist) case said:

In addition to violating and abusing its own members' civil rights, the organization over the years with its “Fair Game” doctrine has harassed and abused those persons not in the church whom it perceives as enemies. . . . The organization clearly is schizophrenic and paranoid, and this bizarre combination seems to be a reflection of its founder [L.Ron Hubbard]. . . . The evidence portrays a man who has been virtually a pathological liar when it comes to his history, background and achievements. The writings and documents in evidence additionally reflect his egoism, greed,

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<sup>13</sup> *Time Magazine*'s online article entitled “Scientology and Me” stating Richard Behar’s personal experience with Scientology <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,972886,00.html>

<sup>14</sup> *Time Magazine*'s online article entitled “Germany’s Battle Against Scientology” <http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,1695514,00.html>

<sup>15</sup> *Time Magazine*'s online article entitled “Scientology Trial in France: Can a Religion Be Banned?” <http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,1901373,00.html>

<sup>16</sup> *Wikipedia* article documenting many court cases where the Scientology cult was found guilty of a variety of crimes [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientology\\_and\\_the\\_legal\\_system#Cases\\_in\\_France](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientology_and_the_legal_system#Cases_in_France)

avarice, lust for power, vindictiveness and aggressiveness against persons perceived by him to be disloyal or hostile.<sup>17</sup>

When someone speaks out against Scientology, especially ex-Scientologists, and that person is perceived as a threat, they are considered “Fair Game” and are subject to Hubbard’s “attack the attacker” policy. Concerning the “Fair Game” policy, Hubbard wrote:

The homes, property, places and abodes of persons, who have been active in attempting to suppress Scientology or Scientologists, are all beyond any protection of Scientology Ethics, unless absolved by later Ethics or an amnesty ... this Policy Letter extends to suppressive non-Scientology wives, husbands and parents, or other family members or hostile groups or even close friends.<sup>18</sup>

. . . ENEMY. SP Order. “Fair Game”. May be deprived of property or injured by any means by any Scientologist without any discipline of the Scientologist. May be tricked, sued, lied to or destroyed.<sup>19</sup>

Scientology has claimed that it repealed the “Fair Game” policy in 1968, but testimonies from many ex-Scientologists and those in opposition to Scientology prove that the policy, though publically rescinded, is privately in force. From the many court cases won against Scientology and its members, the movement appears to be a cult that has learned to prey upon people for the purpose of extracting money, and to support Hubbard when he is reincarnated a second time as a political figure. The tactics of Scientology are those of organized crime cloaked in the guise of religion.

A *Time Magazine* article entitled, “Religion: The Mystery of the Vanished Ruler,” describes some of the activities that Scientologists, even those at the very top, have been found guilty of:

Mrs. Hubbard was the last of eleven Scientology members who were convicted for their roles in bugging and burglarizing the Washington offices of the IRS, the Federal Trade Commission, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Justice, Treasury and Labor departments. These break-ins were part of a vast spying

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<sup>17</sup>Walter Martin, *Kingdom of the Cults* (Minneapolis: Bethany House, 1985), 347.

<sup>18</sup>*Wikipedia* article on Scientology’s “Fair Game” policy  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fair\\_Game\\_%28Scientology%29#cite\\_note-13](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fair_Game_%28Scientology%29#cite_note-13).

<sup>19</sup>Hubbard Communications Office, Saint Hill Manor, East Grinstead, Sussex HCO Policy Letter dated October 21<sup>st</sup>, 1968.

operation, created by Hubbard and directed by his wife, to gather information on "enemies" of the church. One Scientology document so identifies 136 governmental agencies at home and abroad. At its height, the espionage system, called "Operation Snow White" by Hubbard, included up to 5,000 covert agents who were placed in government offices, foreign embassies and consulates, as well as in private organizations critical of Scientology. Hubbard even assembled a dossier on President Richard Nixon and individuals ranging from U.S. Senators to members of the Rockefeller family.<sup>20</sup>

Scientology continues to publically affirm that the organization is squeaky clean, though it may admit its members sometimes make mistakes. The legal systems of multiple countries have found Scientology to be guilty of many crimes.

### III. TEACHINGS OF SCIENTOLOGY

The teachings and practices of Scientology might be compared to science fiction melded with mysticism, occultism, Gnosticism, and psychoanalysis. Its official documents are stringently guarded, but have been leaked to the public and can be found on the internet for all to read. Robbery, anonymous threats, and legal intimidation have been used by Scientology to keep their top secret information under wraps. However, more recently their documents have been leaked to the public and kept available on mirrored sites around the world.<sup>21</sup> The teachings, terminology, and practices of Scientology are bizarre! There are "treatments" where "engrams" (negative trace memories) are supposedly removed from the patient by "auditors" (counselors). There are also levels of information people pay to have access to until they reach the highest level, OT-VIII. At the eighth level you are then fully informed about Hubbard's future plans.<sup>22</sup>

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<sup>20</sup> *Time Magazine* article on Scientology, "Religion: The Mystery of the Vanished Ruler"  
<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,951938-1,00.html>

<sup>21</sup> Because of the threats, attacks, and lawsuits filed against those who post the secret documents of Scientology, the documents are displayed on "mirrored websites." A website may post the secret documents, but before they are forced or intimidated into shutting down the site, several other websites take their content and set up a "mirrored" website. Thus the website host can comply with court orders to shut down the portion of their site containing the secret documents, while the information still remains available to the public from many other websites who have copied the information.  
[http://mirror.wikileaks.info/wiki/Scientology\\_cult\\_Western\\_United\\_States\\_statistics\\_files%2C\\_2009/index.html](http://mirror.wikileaks.info/wiki/Scientology_cult_Western_United_States_statistics_files%2C_2009/index.html)

<sup>22</sup> One of the sites posting the secret level eight document  
<http://www.zimbio.com/Scientology/articles/PF0vxYNQJIO/Scientology+OT+VIII+CONFIDENTIAL+STUDENT+BRIEFING>



- A. *Religions A to Z* says: “Scientology is a modern form of Gnosticism. Though Scientologists claim no incompatibility with Christian faith, this new religion essentially offers an alternate understanding of reality. For example, the Scientology story about [Lord] Xenu (the head of a galactic federation of planets) causing thetans [spirits of alien beings] to be implanted in humans about 95 million years ago is distinct from the Christian narrative of creation and the Fall. Most important, the lack of focus in Scientology on Jesus Christ is proof that Scientology views and practices offer a different frame of reference than does Christian faith.”<sup>23</sup>
- B. *Christianity on the Offense* states that Scientology is one of the many rising religions promoting *polytheism*, the idea that there is more than one God. The author, Dan Story, perceptively states, “In a society that accepts numerous contradicting beliefs as truth, polytheism is a religion that fits.”<sup>24</sup>
- C. *What the Cults Believe* says: “Scientology teaches that there are eight dynamics of existence. The Pre-Clear (beginning Scientologist) would expect to go through these eight stages in order to become a Clear. The advancement would require a varying number of sessions for each of the stages, perhaps as many as twenty. The prices per session vary from \$15 to \$35, and the total cost might be between \$7,000 and \$20,000.<sup>25</sup> The eight dynamics, or stages are: (1) Self-dynamic, (2) Sexual, (3) Group, (4) Mankind, (5) Animal, (6) Universe, (7) Spiritual, and (8) Infinity or God. This last dynamic, however, does not mean that the science of Scientology ... intrudes into the Dynamic of the Supreme Being.

Scientology is totally self-centered. The Pre-Clear is devoted to his own present and eternal advance. The movement is only for those who can afford it—it has nothing to offer to the poor. As to its ethics, William Peterson comments, “In the Scientology code are such statements as ‘Never fear to hurt another in a just cause,’ and ‘To punish to the fullest extent of my power anyone misusing or degrading Scientology to harmful ends.’”<sup>26</sup>

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<sup>23</sup>James A. Beverley, *Religions A-Z* (Nashville, Tenn.: T. Nelson, 2005), 206.

<sup>24</sup>Dan Story, *Christianity on the Offense: Responding to the Beliefs and Assumptions of Spiritual Seekers* (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1998), 18.

<sup>25</sup>Prices have gone up! See more up-to-date figures in chart showing counseling fees and the price to get into higher levels of information at: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientology\\_as\\_a\\_business](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientology_as_a_business).

<sup>26</sup>Irvine Robertson, *What the Cults Believe* (Chicago IL: Moody Press, 1991), 162-63.

- D. The beliefs of Scientology are almost beyond belief. Their secret training documents tell of Evil Lord Xenu, tyrant ruler of the Galactic Confederacy, who rounded up aliens from 76 planets, brought them to earth, lined them up around volcanoes and blew them up with hydrogen bombs. The spirits of these aliens, "Thetans," supposedly infest or attach themselves to the lives of people on earth, contributing to the problems people have. From what I can tell, Thetans are like our spirits. When we die, our spirits continue to live, but in Scientology, Thetans reattach themselves to new bodies and are reincarnated. Over the course of eons of years, Thetans have picked up a lot of engrams (the baggage of bad thoughts).

Scientology seeks to help people (Thetans in bodily form) become free from "engrams." This process is called "clearing the planet." The ultimate goal is to have everyone on earth join the "Church of Scientology" (CofS) so that all Thetans have their engrams exorcized and everyone and the planet is "cleared." This will supposedly bring about "optimum existence" (you become your own god no longer needing to be reincarnated). Those who do not want to become Scientologists will hopefully feel ostracized, left out, and experience increasing pressure to join Scientology as Scientology takes over the planet. If people don't want to become Scientologists, but are not hostile to Scientology they are "Potential Trouble Sources" (STs) and they are pursued until they "handle their situation" (join Scientology). If they are hostile or subversive to Scientology they are considered "Suppressive Persons" (SPs).

Suppressive persons fall under the "Fair Game" policy and are targeted to be harassed, blackmailed, or destroyed. A *Wikipedia* article on the subject says:

The term "Fair Game" is used to describe policies and practices carried out by the Church of Scientology towards people and groups it perceives as its enemies. Founder L. Ron Hubbard established the policy in the 1960s, in response to criticism both from within and outside his organization. Individuals or groups who are "Fair Game" are judged to be a threat to the church and, according to the policy, can be punished and harassed using any and all means possible. In 1968, Hubbard officially cancelled use of the term "Fair Game" because of negative public relations it caused, although the church's aggressive response to criticism continued.

Applying the principles of "Fair Game," Hubbard and his followers targeted many individuals as well as government officials and

agencies, including a program of covert and illegal infiltration of the IRS and other U.S. Government agencies during the 1970s. They also conducted private investigations, character assassination and legal action against the church's critics in the media. The policy remains in effect and has been defended by the Church of Scientology as a core religious practice.<sup>27</sup>

Thus Hubbard promoted revenge, evening the score, and going on the attack against those who oppose Scientology. He encourages his followers to pay whatever price is necessary to discredit, blackmail, and/or ruin the reputation of those who oppose Scientology. Thus he instituted the "attacker policy" which promotes and encourages Scientologists to "attack the attacker." The attacker policy states:

- a. Spot who is attacking us.
- b. Start investigating them promptly for felonies or worse using own professionals, not outside agencies.
- c. Double curve our reply by saying we welcome an investigation of them.
- d. Start feeding lurid, blood, sex crime actual evidence on the attackers to the press.

Don't ever tamely submit to an investigation of us. Make it rough, rough on attackers all the way. You can get "reasonable about it" and lose. Sure we break no laws. Sure we have nothing to hide. BUT attackers are simply an anti-Scientology propaganda agency so far as we are concerned. They have proven they want no facts and will only lie no matter what they discover. So BANISH all ideas that any fair hearing is intended and start our attack with their first breath. Never wait. Never talk about us - only them. Use their blood, sex crime to get headlines. Don't use us. I speak from 15 years of experience in this. There has never yet been an attacker who was not reeking with crime. All we had to do was look for it and murder would come out.<sup>28</sup>

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<sup>27</sup> *Wikipedia* article discussing the "Fair Game" policy [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fair\\_Game\\_%28Scientology%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fair_Game_%28Scientology%29).

<sup>28</sup> *Wikipedia* article discussing the controversies surrounding Scientology. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientology\\_controversy#22Dead\\_agenting.22](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientology_controversy#22Dead_agenting.22) from *Attacks on Scientology*, "Hubbard Communications Office Policy Letter," 25 February 1966.

Thus Scientology is a “get even,” “eliminate the opposition” religion that attempts to intimidate and suppress, by whatever means, those who oppose them.

- E. Summarizing Walter Martin’s discussion of Scientology’s theological beliefs, he says:
1. Scientology promotes polytheism, the false idea that there are many gods.
  2. Scientology says the cross is a symbol found all over the universe and that what the New Testament says about Jesus is nothing more than fiction implanted into the minds of people millions of years ago. Jesus was not God.
  3. Scientology says that it is contemptible to tell someone they are evil or that they need to repent.
  4. Scientology promotes reincarnation, salvation is to be free from the cycle of reincarnation.
  5. Scientology says that all faiths and religions are valid and eventually lead to salvation.
  6. Scientology says that the concept of hell is a total myth and a vicious lie.<sup>29</sup>
- F. The most disturbing beliefs of Scientology relate to their “top secret” training briefs for those who have paid their way to the top of the information ladder – “Operating Thetan Level 8” (OT-VIII). Thetans, remember, are the spirits of alien beings that infest our planet and attach themselves to people being reincarnated over and over again. OT-VIII is so heavily guarded that attempts at publishing even small paragraphs of it have been met with lawsuits for copyright infringement. Yet it can be easily found online. Though web site operators and hosts have been harassed and threatened for displaying the secret documents, they are now on “mirrored websites” and the cat is permanently out of the bag. Type in a google search and you can read the documents for yourself.

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<sup>29</sup>Walter Martin, *Kingdom of the Cults* (Minneapolis: Bethany House, 1985), 348-350.

The “OT-VIII” reveals that L. Ron Hubbard will return, reincarnated as a political figure, the antichrist, who is not the bad guy the book of Revelation makes him out to be, but represents the forces of Lucifer, “light bearer,” and is a good guy who is a mythical representation of the forces of “enlightenment of the Galactic Confederacy.” The goal of Scientology today is to assemble a faithful army of followers who will support the antichrist when he appears as a political figure before the second coming. In the last level document Jesus Christ is described as a homosexual, pedophile, and hypocrite who was given over to outbursts of anger and didn’t practice the message of love He preached. It is argued that this can be easily seen from the history of Christianity where Christians have acted violently and done evil since the time of Christ.

- G. **Thoughts about Scientology.** As I have read and read about Scientology, it (to me) is one of the more aggressive and sinister cults in the world today. The Bible makes it clear that false religions are the doctrines of demons (I Tim. 4:1-4; Eph. 6:12). There are no alien spirits called “Thetans” but there are demons, lots of demons, and they do attach themselves to unbelievers. It is called demon possession. My take is that Scientology’s brainwashing practices open people up for demon possession.

The tactic is just the kind of thing Satan does. Scientology promises people freedom, healing, self-empowerment and optimum existence. In order to get to that state you go through many sessions which free you, open you up for demon possession. When the demon comes to take up residence, you sense the demonic presence and become more convinced than ever that Thetans actually do exist! You realize there is another intelligent entity within. Thus when the clearing process is complete, the demon has complete control and is now ready to help the antichrist. While my observations about preparing an army of demon-possessed people may be wrong, it is clear that according to the OT-VIII document, Scientology’s goal is to work to create an army of supporters for the antichrist, the political figure of the last time and the reincarnation of none other than L. Ron Hubbard.

Some may wonder how anyone could believe what Scientologists teach. Yet keep in mind that when a person rejects the truth, they open themselves up to believe anything. Consider how many people around the world believe everything came from nothing—that we evolved from primordial slime, though scientifically that is impossible. Yet it is the majority view in most of the secular and academic circles. Also consider

what people are exposed to these days in the media, video games, and internet. Demons, vampires, aliens, ghosts and a host of other beings are constantly put before people in movies, books, TV, video games, and the internet. Children grow up today killing millions on video games—shooting, stabbing, getting rid of the bad guys. Their consciences are numbed and programed to accept with cavalier indifference killing, aliens, demons, vampires, etc. People are more and more retreating into the fantasy world of make-believe, living alter egos in their own imaginations and on the internet. It will be no surprise that people readily embrace a science fiction religion. And when Satan does show up on the scene with lying false signs and wonders, it will impress those who all their lives have loved and been slaves of the world system that Satan has set up.

- H. If you want to watch a short documentary about Scientology, you can view it at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rD9bCdHqU3s>.
- I. You can also watch the four-part series, “Scientology and Me” which will give you a good picture of what Scientology is really about: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QuJIZ\\_f1594](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QuJIZ_f1594).
- J. For a series of articles from *Time Magazine* tracking Scientology from the 1950's: [http://www.time.com/time/archive/collections/0,21428,c\\_scientology,00.shtml](http://www.time.com/time/archive/collections/0,21428,c_scientology,00.shtml)

And tho' this world, with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us,

We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph thro' us;

The prince of Darkness grim,  
We tremble not for him;

His rage we can endure,  
For lo, his doom is sure,  
One little word shall fell him.<sup>30</sup>

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<sup>30</sup>Martin Luther, *A Might Fortress is Our God*, Logos Hymnal, 1st edition. (Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 1995).