

## Scientology

Scientology is a religion it has its own scripture, holds a worldview and seeks spiritual enlightenment.

### History:

The founder of Scientology is a man named Lafayette Ronald Hubbard; born March 13, 1911, in Tilden, Nebraska. Hubbard was a science fiction writer in the 1930s and 1940s. He was raised on a small ranch near Helena, Montana. He was also one of the youngest Eagle Scouts in the history of the Boy Scouts.

Hubbard was married three times. His second wife Sara Northrup met Hubbard through an occult group led by a man by the name of Jack Parsons, a disciple of the late Aleister Crowley, whose alias was the Beast 666. Parsons was a rocket scientist and he and Hubbard were friends.

Parsons writes about Hubbard and spoke very highly of him in the matter of knowing the rituals in the black magic cult.

Hubbard published a book in Dianetics in 1950. It originally was supposed to be a psychotherapeutic answer to the techniques of modern psychiatry.

The medical community forced Hubbard to make his theories into a religion because it was so weird.

Hubbard taught that mankind descended from a race of uncreated, gods called "thetans", who gave up their powers to enter the material world. Once entering the material world, they evolved upward by reincarnation to become humans who could not remember their deified state.

Scientists are encouraged to find their dormant thetan potential by removing all mental blocks called *engrams*, which are bad experiences in past lives.

Scientists divide the mind into three parts:

1. **Analytical mind**- is like a computer in our mind and it never makes a mistake
2. **Reactive mind**- the reactive mind holds the pictures of past experiences. Anything that has been seen, felt, touched, or sensed has been recorded in this part of the mind. These experiences are called **engrams** and these engrams are the cause of aberrations and psychosomatic problems. In other words, these engrams interfere with the **analytical mind**.
3. **Somatic mind**- which places the solution into effect on the physical level.

The **engrams** make man react insanely in society, inefficient, and ill. So, if a person can remove these **engrams** they can realize their real personhood and they can then journey to the next stage of man: **a godlike being**.

When someone joins Scientology, they are considered **"preclear"** and is need of being **audited** to discover their engrams.

To be audited you have a person called an **auditor** who audits the engrams through a form of counseling. There is also a machine involved called an **E-Meter**. The auditor asks questions much like a polygraph examination and the auditor **identifies** the engrams and gets rid of it.

Those who have removed the psychic hindrances of their engrams are said to be **clear**. The clear one is a **thetan** who has audited out his reactive mind responses.

According to Hubbard, he had personally cleared **fifty people** and his auditors have cleared many more than he has.

### **Their beliefs:**

As we have seen the source of authority in any religion or cult will usually tell us their **worldview**.

**Hubbard's writings** since Dianetics are considered their scriptures. Hubbard said he got his writing from the Hindu Veda which are **ancient writings and hymns** from India which are considered **not of man**.

- God- **polytheism**: they believe in many gods
- Jesus Christ- Hubbard does not believe in the **Christian Christ**, he believed that Christ was an implanted legend. Hubbard wrote that both **Buddha** and **Christ** were a shade above clear
- Scientology believes that everyone has a **Thetan** (spirit) that is eighty trillion years old and dwells somewhere in the **skull** of an individual. When we die the Thetan reports to an **implant station** before being shot back down to earth just before it is born.
- Scientology believes in **reincarnation**, **extraterrestrial life**, evolution on other **planets**.

Hubbard said that salvation is to **erase engrams** through auditing.

*Hebrews 9:27*

*And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,*

### **Genesis 3**

V 1

*Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"*

Crafty- **does not mean evil, the word carries the idea of being aware and knowing were dangers are.**

Satan did not **directly deny** God's word but introduced a thought that God's word is subject to our **judgment**. That is enticing.

There is something else we do not see in the English, in the first chapter of Genesis God is called *Elohim* which refers to God being the creator, but in chapter 2 he is called *Yahweh Elohim* combining his creator and covenant names. Satan only uses the name Elohim a more distant name and Eve does too.

V 2-3

*And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.' "*

Eve adds to God's restriction and she is starting **to agree** with Satan.

V 4

*But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.*

The first **teaching** that Satan **denies** is the divine judgment, he causes doubt and saying this is a scare tactic.

V 5

*For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

By taking the fruit she would become equal with God, she would decide what is right and wrong.

Scientology claims that all problems in our life come from past lives. These mental blocks need to be removed and when they are you can return to being a god once again that you were many incarnations ago.