

Shayla: What do you think about Scientology?

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The Church of Scientology is a cult created by L Ron Hubbard (Elron) in 1952, as an outgrowth of his earlier self-help system called Dianetics.

1. Hubbard was a drug abuser

L Ron Hubbard was a drug abuser, which is ironic considering the organization is very anti-drugs and even runs an organization called Narcanon to help people get off drugs. The following quote comes from the Narcanon website:

“Narcanon is a non-profit drug rehab program dedicated to eliminating drug abuse and drug addiction through drug prevention, education and rehabilitation.”

I am not sure how much you can trust an organization to help you with the very problem its founder suffered until his death.

Here is a quote from Hubbard’s son Ronald deWolf:

“I have personal knowledge that my father regularly used illegal drugs including amphetamines, barbituates and hallucinogens. He regularly used cocaine, peyote, and mescaline.” — Ronald DeWolf a.k.a. L. Ron Hubbard, Jr. Affidavit in *Schaick v. Church of Scientology*, US District Court Mass., No. 79-2491

When Hubbard was in Las Palmas during 1967, he wrote a letter to his wife. In it Hubbard tells his wife:

“I’m drinking lots of rum and popping pinks and grays.” - See the decision by Judge Paul G. Breckenridge, Jr. in *Scientology v. Armstrong*, Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. C 420153.

2. Hubbard was a liar

Mr. Hubbard told his followers that he was Nuclear Physicist:

“Developed by L. Ron Hubbard, C.E., Ph.D., a nuclear physicist, Scientology has demonstrably achieved this long-sought goal. Doctor Hubbard, educated in advanced physics and higher mathematics and also a student of Sigmund Freud and others, began his present researches thirty years ago at George Washington University.” - [Hubbard, “P.E. Handout”, HCO Information Letter of 14 April 1961]

In fact, Hubbard had no scientific degrees. In February 1953, he decided to obtain a “degree” from Sequoia University, a notorious “degree mill” in Los Angeles that was eventually shut down by the Californian state government in 1958.¹

Hubbard also falsely claimed to be a war hero. In an eighteen month period, Hubbard was relieved of duty three times.²

3. Hubbard was dishonest in his marriage

When Ron’s wife Sara filed for divorce in 1951, she claimed that Ron was married when he married her.³

“That in the early part of 1946, plaintiff, then age 21 and unmarried, resided with her family in Pasadena, and at the University of Southern California, that at said time, defendant

¹ <http://www.clambake.org/archive/books/bfm/bfm12.htm#212>

² <http://www.xs4all.nl/~kspaink/cos/warhero/conclusions.htm>

³ <http://www.clambake.org/archive/ronthenut/bigamy.htm>

L. Ron Hubbard, hereinafter referred to as "Hubbard", was a married man, age 35, he being then married to Margaret Grubb Hubbard of Bremerton, Washington, they having two children; that said Hubbard represented to plaintiff that he was single and unmarried.
[Stamped: FILED Apr 23 1951, Harold Cecily, County Clerk]

4. Hubbard was a criminal

In 1979, while not living in France, Hubbard was found guilty of fraud and sentenced to four years in prison.⁴

"... the French group of scientology was presenting itself falsely, as it sells services ... and never its leaders did indicate that there was any possibility of failures..."

Even more telling is this quote from the same court record:

"Whereas it is proven fact that that method's application was unable , used alone, to ensure the success in trade or in job, that it was in fact a mere hope of chimerical events, fallacious promises, those having done such promises being very aware that they could not be done..."

5. Scientology uses dirty tricks

The worst of these tricks is called Fair Game. The organization claims to have ceased using fair game but many people have experienced harassment since that claim was made.

What is fair game? A person who chooses to leave Scientology *"May be deprived of property or injured by any means by any Scientologist without any discipline of the Scientologist. May be tricked, sued or lied to or destroyed."* - Hubbard

As part of this fair game, Scientology members have created and distributed pamphlets full of lies and slander against people who have publicly protested against them.

6. Scientology has killed

Wikipedia explains this best:

"Lisa McPherson (February 10, 1959–December 5, 1995) was a Scientologist who died of a pulmonary embolism while under the care of the Flag Service Organization (FSO), a branch of the Church of Scientology."

Following her death, the Church of Scientology was indicted on two felony charges *"abuse and/or neglect of a disabled adult and practicing medicine without a license"*,⁵ putting under trial the nature of Scientology beliefs and practices.⁶ The heated controversy included regular pickets outside Scientology offices on or around the anniversary of her death until the year 2000.⁷

The charges against the Church of Scientology were dropped after the state's medical examiner changed the cause of death from *"undetermined"* to an *"accident"* on June 13, 2000.⁸

A civil suit brought by her family against the Church was settled on May 28, 2004.⁹

7. Scientology is a rip off

⁴ <http://www.lermanet.com/cos/LRHfraud.html>

⁵ <http://pqasb.pqarchiver.com/sptimes/access/36255094.html?dids=36255094:36255094&FMT=FT&FMTS=ABS:FT&date=Nov+23%2C+1998&author=THOMAS+C.+TOBIN&pub=St.+Petersburg+Times&edition=&startpage=1.B&desc=State+akes+middle+road+against+Scientology>

⁶ <http://pqasb.pqarchiver.com/sptimes/access/46984794.html?dids=46984794:46984794&FMT=FT&FMTS=CITE:FT&date=Dec+8%2C+1999&author=HOWARD+TROXLER&pub=St.+Petersburg+Times&edition=&startpage=1.B&desc=When+can+a+church+be+accused+of+a+crime%3F>

⁷ http://www.sptimes.com/News/120901/NorthPinellas/Church_loads_up_for_o.shtml

⁸ http://www.sptimes.com/News/061300/TampaBay/State_drops_charges_a.shtml

⁹ http://www.sptimes.com/2004/06/06/Northpinellas/Church_settlement_bri.shtml

When you first start out in Scientology, you pay about \$15 dollars per course. You get about sixteen hours of “treatment” for that price. It sounds like a bargain. However, this is the last time you will see such a low price at the organization.

The first series on the Hubbard hierarchy, auditing or processing, consists of several courses or grades, which enable a “preclear” to become a “clear.” If each course is taken separately, it costs approximately (the prices are always changing) \$750 just to go from O-IV grade, \$500 for the next one, \$1,200 for Grade V (“Power Processes”), \$775 for Grade VI, \$600 for “Solo” (in which you audit yourself) and finally \$800 for the final “clear” or a total of approximately \$4,625, although package deals bring the price down a bit lower. For an extra \$2,850 you can go on to OT level VIII. Interestingly, the group is planning to release a new OT IX very soon, which will no doubt cost a great deal more.

8. Scientology is anti-psychiatry

The Church of Scientology is opposed to psychiatry in a big way. They offer an alternative to psychiatry which has no founding in science whatsoever. The organization has this to say in its psychiatry FAQ:

“What the Church opposes are brutal, inhumane psychiatric treatments. It does so for three principal reasons: 1) procedures such as electro-shock, drugs and lobotomy injure, maim and destroy people in the guise of help; 2) psychiatry is not a science and has no proven methods to justify the billions of dollars of government funds that are poured into it; and 3) psychiatric theories that man is a mere animal have been used to rationalize, for example, the wholesale slaughter of human beings in World Wars I and II.”¹⁰

A number of psychiatrists have strongly spoken out against the Church of Scientology. After Hubbard’s book, Dianetics: the Modern Science of Mental Health, was published, the American Psychological Association advised its members against using Hubbard’s techniques with their patients. Hubbard came to believe that psychiatrists were behind a worldwide conspiracy to attack Scientology and create a “world government” run by psychiatrists on behalf of the USSR.

Hubbard also decided that psychiatrists were an ancient evil that had been a problem for billions of years. He cast them in the role of assisting Xenu’s genocide 75 million years ago.



There was an intergalactic alien ruler named
XENU

9. Scientology is un-scientific

Scientology is entirely man made. It is the invention of one man: L Ron Hubbard, science fiction writer. It has no basis in reality and teaches such concepts of aliens attaching “*thetans*” to human bodies by means of nuclear bombs in various mountains around the world.

When questioned about Xenu (the evil overlord who committed this act), Scientologists deny it, but leaked documentation verifies that it is, indeed, a part of their belief system.

Scientology, through its Narcanon organization and auditing, tricks people into believing that they are getting help. They instruct people not to take psychiatric medicine (even in the case of sufferers of schizophrenia or other physically based mental disorders).

¹⁰ <http://faq.scientology.org/psychtry.htm>

10. Scientology is a secret organization

The Church of Scientology closely guards its secrets. On the few occasions that information about them has managed to leak onto the internet, the organization quickly followed with lawsuits and threats. If you search for the OT level documents now, you will not find a copy (except for the first two which are available as court records). The swift and calculated responses from the group have managed to do what no other organization or government has done - censor certain information from the internet. You can find out how to make a bomb on the internet, but you can not find out what you have to do to pass OT level VIII in the Church of Scientology.

Ironically, considering they are so secretive, it does not stop them using information taken from people they audit against them if they turn on the group. This would be the same as a person confessing to a priest, leaving the Church, and having the priest publish their confession on the internet and hand out fliers.

At all costs, avoid the Church of Scientology.