

'SCIENTOLOGY' is a non-Christian 'CULT'

Recently I was contacted by a reporter from the Belfast Newsletter and asked for my comments on/reaction to the increased 'outreach' activity in Northern Ireland by **The Church of Scientology**. In particular they had been targeting shopping centres throughout the Province where they were offering people free '**stress tests**'. I shared some thoughts with the reporter and his article was published on Saturday 2nd June 2007 under a heading of **Scientists seek recruits in shopping centre 'tests'**.

In relation to the shopping centre activity the article stated '**Jim McGookin, manager of the Fairhill Shopping Centre in Ballymena said the group did not use the name "Scientology" when it booked a stall there and said he was "uncomfortable" with the idea that they were promoting religious beliefs. But Mr Duffy** [Northern Ireland spokesman for Scientology] **said the woman who took the booking knew they were Scientists**'.

Then what about the free '**stress tests**' that were on offer? Mr Duffy was quoted as saying '**our stress tests involve people holding two cans and a small charge is passed between them. When we ask questions about different areas of people's lives we can determine where they are stressed according to the movement of the needle**'. The article also stated '**He** [Mr Duffy] **has no knowledge of the test being independently verified as effective**'.

In relation to the title of this, my own article, I have very deliberately employed the use of the term '**CULT**' and shortly I will show how this is a perfectly accurate and appropriate designation when it comes to '**SCIENTOLOGY**'. They however see the use of the term '**CULT**' in a very different light as was clearly evidenced in the BBC 1 '**Panorama**' TV report on '**Scientology**' by John Sweeny that was broadcast on 14 May 2007. On the following link you will see excerpts from this programme culminating in the reaction by Scientist spokesman, Tommy Davis, to the use by Sweeney of the term '**CULT**' when he was speaking of '**SCIENTOLOGY**'.

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What precisely is a '**CULT**'? Collins English Dictionary defines the word '**CULT**' as follows – '**A specific system of religious worship: A sect devoted to such a system**'. The word '**sect**' is in the same dictionary defined as '**A group of people with a common interest, doctrine etc**'.

In the Belfast Newsletter article there was a photograph showing local Northern Ireland Scientology spokesman, '**Willie Duffy outside the Church of Scientology Belfast Mission**'. In the '**Yellow Pages**' telephone directory for Northern Ireland, under the section headed '**Religious Organisations**' there is an entry for '**The Church of Scientology and Dianetics**' and the address listed is that of the building in the centre of Belfast that was shown in the photograph.

In Scientology's own publication 'What is Scientology? A Guidebook to the world's fastest growing religion' chapter 1 is headed 'Introduction to the Scientology Religion' and chapter 2 is headed 'The Religious Heritage of Scientology'. On page 48 we read 'in 1954 Scientologists in Los Angeles established the first Church of Scientology'.

On page 168 under a sub-heading of 'Scientology Services' we read 'when getting married, mourning a death or naming our children, most feel that a ceremony is appropriate. Scientology congregations celebrate weddings and christenings with their own formal ceremonies, hold Sunday services and mark the passing of their fellows with funeral rites. The Chaplain or minister conducts these functions with dignity and order...Sunday sermons generally revolve around primary points of Scientology philosophy...such sermons covering the basic truths of Mr Hubbard's philosophy...so much of the Scientology minister's work is aimed at helping the infirm, the estranged, the saddened...With the tools provided by L. Ron Hubbard he can actually better conditions'.

I have underlined certain portions of those quotes from Scientology's own publication to show that quite clearly and unquestionably 'The Church of Scientology' fully meets the criteria for a 'CULT' as outlined in the dictionary definition statements.

The Collins Dictionary also made reference under its definition of 'CULT' to 'intense interest in and devotion to a person, idea or activity; the person, idea etc arousing such devotion'. I highlighted in red the name of **L. Ron Hubbard** and it is clear from these few brief references that he formulated the 'CULTIC' ideas and activities found in Scientology and he is also the 'CULT' person or figure identified with this religion. So, for Tommy Davis to react the way he did to the use of the term 'CULT' would appear to indicate a failure on his part to fully understand what constitutes a bona-fide 'CULT'.

Perhaps in particular it was the use of the prefix 'sinister' by John Sweeney when referring to **Scientology** as a 'CULT' that caused Tommy Davis to almost, as we say in this part of the world, 'blow a gasket'.

I myself in the title of this article have used the prefix 'non-Christian' and I will now give my reasons for using that particular designation and I will leave it to the readers to decide whether the Panorama-prefix of 'sinister' is also appropriate.

Those of you who have read through articles on our website may have come across articles on other 'non-Christian CULTS' such as Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses. In each case I highlighted 4 features that are often found in 'non-Christian CULTS'.

The first feature in a 'non-Christian CULT' is that of 'An earthly head or founder'. Well, we have already learned even from the brief Scientology quotes given that the 'founder' of this religious 'CULT' was **L. Ron Hubbard**.

Chapter 3 of **'What is Scientology?'** is devoted to outlining the life of **Mr Hubbard** and quite a tale is told [pages 26-47]. He was born on 13 March 1911 and as a young boy he had a **'do and dare'** attitude and he also received special tutoring from his highly educated mother thus cultivating a love for Shakespeare and Greek philosophy. In his early years he was apparently initiated into the secrets of the Blackfoot Indians with whom he had become friendly and **'at the age of six he became a blood brother of the Blackfeet, an honour bestowed on few white men'**. He was a **'Boy Scout First Class'** and the following year **'he became the youngest Eagle Scout ever'**. He developed an interest in Sigmund Freud's theories and Oriental Philosophy including Buddhism.

He travelled extensively – **'By the age of 19...he had travelled more than a quarter of a million miles...to China...Japan, Guam, the Philippines and other points in the Orient...Everywhere he went he also took time to help and teach others'**. Back in the USA in 1929 he resumed his education and eventually **'enrolled at George Washington University'** and **'enrolled in one of the first nuclear physics courses taught in the United States'**. With such atomic power now available to mankind he was concerned how individuals might handle this technology and this led him to study in particular the human mind and **'stunned he soon came to the realization that no one knew how the mind worked'** and he concluded he **'would have to do a lot of research'**.

More apparently colourful and exciting episodes in his life are then detailed until **'Returning to Washington DC, Ron compiled his sixteen years of investigation into the human condition, writing the manuscript "The Original Thesis" (today published under the title "The Dynamics of Life") a paper outlining the principles he was using...He gave a copy or two to some friends and they promptly duplicated it and sent it to their friends...In this way, passed hand to hand, DIANETICS on its own became known the world over"**.

We are told that the medical establishment **'refused to accept DIANETICS'** and tried to **'suppress its use'**. In the Belfast Newsletter article local Scientology spokesman, Willie Duffy said that **'Scientology was initially warmly received by psychiatric and medical associations until they began to perceive it as a threat to their professions'**. **Ron Hubbard** decided to market his findings direct to the public and so on 9 May **'DIANETICS: The Modern Science of Mental Health'** was published.

In chapter 4 of **'What is Scientology?'** under a heading of **'A New Era for Mankind'** we read on pages 48-50 **'Given the inherently religious nature of Mr Hubbard's work through these years, it was only natural that those surrounding him would come to see themselves, not only as students of a new philosophy, but also as students of a new religion. And so, in 1954, Scientologists in Los Angeles established the first Church of Scientology. L Ron Hubbard founded the subject – early Scientologists began the church...'**

On 1 September 1966, with Scientology established as a worldwide religion, **Mr Hubbard** resigned his position as Executive Director of the Church and stepped down from the boards of all Church corporations in order to fully devote himself to researches into the highest levels of spiritual awareness and ability...he returned to sea in part to continue his work in an undistracted environment.

On board ship for the next seven years he again travelled extensively while devoting his attention to ever-worsening problems facing society...

Returning to shore in 1975 **Ron** continued his travels...before finally settling in the Southern California desert community of La Quinta near Palm Springs, his home until 1979...Having fully completed his research and seen its broad application expand to six continents and over 60 countries around the world, improving the lives of millions of people, **L. Ron Hubbard** departed this life on 24 January 1986'.

The first feature in a 'non-Christian CULT', '**An earthly head or founder**' is fully met in the person of **L. Ron Hubbard**. Before I move on to the second feature I want to show extracts from several TV programmes that give their 'take' on the life of **L Ron Hubbard**.

These programmes included the recent '**Panorama**' programme already mentioned, an ITV '**Big Story**' programme presented by Dermot Murnaghan and a very revealing opening segment [14 minutes] of '**Secret Lives**' broadcast by Channel 4 [as you will see some of the material does for obvious reasons overlap]

SECOND SEGMENT OF VIDEO ON

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p3jpGiDENyU>

It was interesting that in the article printed in the Belfast Newsletter, the local Scientology representative, Willie Duffy said '**After being blinded and crippled in the Second World War, Hubbard developed his own philosophy with which he cured himself**' – the evidence that you have just watched in the '**Secret Lives**' video segment tells quite a different story.

The second feature in a 'non-Christian CULT' is that of having '**An authority in addition to or in place of the Bible**'. I would hope that from what you have already read and seen that you will have quickly realised that as far as **The Church of Scientology** is concerned, their '**bible**' is the book '**DIANETICS: The Modern Science of Mental Health**' which was written of course by their founder, **L. Ron Hubbard**.

To substantiate that claim let me just repeat what I wrote earlier when I quoted from page 168 of '**What is Scientology?**' – '**Sunday sermons generally revolve around primary points of Scientology philosophy...such sermons covering the basic truths of Mr Hubbard's philosophy**'.

Earlier we read on page 86 **‘Routine testing by Scientology organisations of every preclear** [a ‘preclear’ is defined on page 80 as ‘A person receiving auditing [“personal counselling”] is called a preclear from pre-Clear, a person not yet Clear’] **has made Dianetics and Scientology the most validated practices in the field of mind and spirit.**

According to Scientology their ‘bible’ called ‘**Dianetics**’ can bring people to a state of ‘**CLEAR**’ that is summarised as follows on page 65 **‘The Clear enjoys living to a very full extent. He can stand up to situations, which, before he was cleared, would have reduced him to a shambles. The ability to live well and fully and enjoy that living is the gift of Clear’.** One could almost be tempted to write that according to Scientology **‘Dianetics are Clearly able to make people wise unto salvation [Scientology-style]’.**

We read further on page 417 **‘Dianetics offered a means to happiness, stability and success’.**

The second feature in a ‘**non-Christian CULT**’, that of having **‘An authority in addition to or in place of the Bible’** is fully met in the position and prominence give to the book **‘Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health’.**

The third feature in a ‘**non-Christian CULT**’ is that they **‘have a wrong view of the person and work of Jesus Christ’.** When it comes to Jesus Christ Scientology does not have a lot to say. In his book **‘Truth Under Attack’**, gifted cult researcher, Dr Eryl Davies wrote on page 180 **‘Christ is unimportant in this cult [Scientology] and there are very few references to Christ in their publications. Jesus Christ is respected as one of the great religious teachers’.**

In their book **‘What is Scientology?’** chapter 2 traces the history of mankind’s search to discover **‘the true nature of man’.** On page 12 we read **‘Two thousand years ago Jesus of Nazareth brought new hope to man by preaching that this life was not all men might hope for, that man was more than only flesh and would continue to live, even after death. Implicit in his message was the promise of salvation from suffering and a promise of eternal peace’.**

That quote of course only gives half the story because to obtain **‘salvation from suffering and a promise of eternal peace’** the Lord Jesus Christ preached for men to **“repent and believe the gospel” [Mark 1:15]** and of course the consequences for those who died in disobedience and unbelief would be to go to **“outer darkness [where] there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth” [Matthew 25:30]** and where there will be **“everlasting punishment” [Matthew 25:46].**

Continuing to read on page 13 it states **‘Though crucified, the hope that Christ brought to man did not die. Instead, his death became symbolic of the triumph of the spirit over the material body and so brought a new awareness of man’s true nature’.**

This quote demonstrates the total ‘blindness’ of Scientology where the death of Christ on the cross is concerned. His death was not **‘symbolic of the triumph of the spirit over the material body’** but His death was a redeeming sacrifice to save repentant and believing sinful people from the divine condemnation that rested upon them because of sin, or, as we read about Christ in **Hebrews 9:26 “But now once in the end of the ages hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself”**.

The Scientology quote is also totally silent on the glorious truth of the bodily resurrection of Christ because, basically, a resurrected physical body does not fit in with Scientology’s understanding of ‘things eternal’.

The elevation of ‘the spiritual’ over ‘the physical’ is illustrated in Scientology’s definition of what is referred to as **‘The Seventh Dynamic’**. We read on page 71 **‘The seventh dynamic is the SPIRITUAL DYNAMIC, the urge to survive as spiritual beings or the urge for life itself to survive. Anything spiritual, with or without identity would come under the heading of the seventh dynamic...The seventh dynamic is life source. This is separate from the physical universe and is the source of life itself. Thus there is an effort for the survival of life force’**.

The third feature in a **‘non-Christian CULT’** in that they **‘have a wrong view of the person and work of Jesus Christ’** is illustrated in what few references there are by Scientology to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The fourth feature in a **‘non-Christian CULT’** is that they **‘have a wrong view of salvation’**. From a Christian standpoint **‘salvation’** is totally tied up with the issue of what the Bible identifies as **‘sin’**. The mission of the Lord Jesus Christ was summed up in **Matthew 1:21** where Joseph was told, **“thou shalt call his name Jesus for he shall save his people from their sins”**.

The problem for Scientology is that they do not hold to a biblical concept of **‘sin’** –either **‘original’** or **‘actual’**. Biblical Christians believe God when He declares that, ever since Adam sinned in the Garden of Eden, the heart of all people is inclined towards sinful behaviour – we read in **Jeremiah 17:9 “The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked; who can know it?”**

There was One who knew it perfectly, the Lord Jesus Christ and in **Matthew 15:18-20** He said, **“But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man”**.

On the front page of the Belfast Telegraph of 20th July 1995 there was this advert –

<p style="text-align: center;">Have you read DIANETICS Lecture and visual demonstration At 7.30pm in the Plaza Hotel Belfast Friday 21st July <i>Connected with the Church of Scientology</i></p>

I personally attended the lecture and was one of a very small number, perhaps about 8 in total and around 4/5 of those were Scientologists. It was very 'clear' from the presentation that Scientology regarded all people as being basically good and any problems of life were caused by 'engrams' [mental image pictures of past events, recorded by someone's 'reactive mind' and which need to be 'cleared' by a Church of Scientology 'auditor'].

At the end of the presentation an opportunity was given to ask questions and I asked 5 in total. The truth is that my questions were designed more to make a statement of Christian beliefs rather than to illicit Scientology answers. These were my questions –

1. Does Scientology recognise the biblical definition of SIN – “the transgression of God’s law” [1st John 3:4]?
2. Does Scientology recognise the biblical teaching that as “all have sinned” [Romans 3:23] then all are subject to the penalty of sin – “death” [Romans 6:23] and all non-Christians are under God’s condemnation [John 3:18] and are under God’s wrath [John 3:36]?
3. Does Scientology believe that Jesus Christ was “God manifest in the flesh” [1st Timothy 3:16]?
4. Does Scientology believe that Jesus Christ willingly went to the cross as a sacrificial substitute for sinners to bear the wrath of God that was due to others because of their sin [1st Corinthians 15:1-4 & Romans 4:25]?
5. Does Scientology accept the biblical teaching that “*man dies once and then faces judgment*” Hebrews 9:27]?

The reason I asked question 5 was that during the presentation it became 'clear' that Scientology was promoting belief in a form of 'reincarnation'. On the following Scientology website

http://www.scientology.org/en_US/religion/catechism/pg011.html

we read the following –

Does Scientology believe in reincarnation or past lives?

Reincarnation is a definite system and is not part of Scientology. It is a fact that unless one begins to handle aberrations built up in past lives, he doesn't progress. The common definition of reincarnation has been altered from its original meaning. The word has come to mean “to be born again in different life forms” whereas its actual definition is “to be born again into the flesh or into another body.” Scientology ascribes to this latter, original definition of reincarnation. Today in Scientology, many people have certainty that they have lived lives prior to their current one. These are referred to as past lives, not as reincarnation. Past lives is not a dogma in Scientology, but generally Scientologists, during their auditing, experience a past life and then know for themselves that they have lived before. To believe one had a physical or other existence prior to the identity of the current body is not a new concept — but it is an exciting one. In Scientology, you are given the tools to handle upsets and aberrations from past lives that adversely affect you in present time, thus freeing you to live a much happier life.

On another non-Scientology website for which this is the link

<http://skepdic.com/reincarn.html>

we read the following –

L. Ron Hubbard, author of *Dianetics* and the founder of Scientology, introduced his own version of reincarnation into his new religion. According to Hubbard, past lives need auditing to get at the root of one's "troubles." He also claims that...some scientologists have been dogs and other animals in previous lives ("A Note on Past Lives" in *The Rediscovery of the Human Soul*). According to Hubbard, "It has only been in Scientology that the mechanics of death have been thoroughly understood." What happens in death is this: the Thetan (spirit) finds itself without a body (which has died) and then it goes looking for a new body. Thetans "will hang around people. They will see a woman who is pregnant and follow her down the street." Then, the Thetan will slip into the newborn "usually...two or three minutes after the delivery of a child from the mother. A Thetan usually picks it up about the time the baby takes its first gasp." How Hubbard knows this is never revealed.

As for the first 4 questions, the following Scientology quotes are recorded in Dr Walter Martin's publication – *'The Kingdom of The Cults'*. On pages 348-349 Dr Martin cites several quotations from a *'one page flyer'* by *'L. Ron Hubbard'* that was titled *'Professional Auditor's Bulletin # 31'*. These were the relevant quotes –

'You will find the cross as a symbol all over the universe, and the CHRIST LEGEND as an implant in "preclears" a million years ago'.

'It is despicable and utterly beneath contempt to tell a man he must repent, that he is evil'.

'Hell is a total myth, an invention just to make people very unhappy and is a vicious lie'.

There were 2 other very revealing Scientology quotes cited on these pages. The first from *'L. Ron Hubbard: Certainty Magazine, Los Angeles, CA: Publications Organisation, Vol. 5, no. 10 n.d.'* read ***'Neither Lord Buddha nor Jesus Christ were OTs [OperatingThetans, the highest Scientology level] according to evidence. They were just a shade above Clear.'***

The second quote from *'L. Ron Hubbard, Scientology: A World Religion, Los Angeles, CA: Publications Organisation pp 16. 35'* read ***'personal salvation in one lifetime [is] freedom from the cycle of birth and death [reincarnation]...Religious practice of all Faiths is the universal way to Wisdom, Understanding and/or salvation'.***

The fourth feature in a **'non-Christian CULT'** in that they **'have a wrong view of salvation'** is evident in the philosophy and teachings found within Scientology.

Concluding thoughts

In the light, particularly of these last Scientology quotes, and from a biblical Christian perspective, **the eternal consequences** of someone trusting in the teachings and practices of **Scientology** are both sad and frightening. To reject, as **Scientology** clearly does, God's revealed truth about the divine person and redeeming work of His incarnate Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, will bring to the ears of scientologists when they die the chilling words from the lips of Christ as recorded in **Matthew 25:41** "**Depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels**".

That is the tragic **eternal misery** that **Scientology** will lead its followers into. But **Scientology** does also, in the here and now, lead to tragic **temporal consequences** and to **temporal misery**. This is well illustrated in the following video segments that begin with a short concluding segment from a 1987 TV programme that focussed on the family grief of relations of a young lady called Ruth Clarke who had got involved with **Scientology**.

The next segment that follows is then from an RTE TV 'Late Late Show' programme broadcast in 1995 and you will hear contributions from a girl called Mary Johnston who was personally involved in **Scientology** for a period of time and from a Mr P J Phelan whose brother Tony had got involved with **Scientology** in America.

THIRD SEGMENT OF VIDEO ON

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SUCirSv8LOg>

From these personal experiences of people and families affected by involvement either directly or indirectly with **Scientology** it is clear that control of people and their finances is very much on the **Scientology** agenda. This should come as no surprise as **L. Ron Hubbard** was likewise interested in controlling people and their finances. The following segment from Channel 4 TVs '**Secret Lives**' will illustrate this.

FOURTH SEGMENT OF VIDEO ON

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JtWB2pXu358>

These revelations about **L. Ron Hubbard** have not come from angry ex-members but from people who worked closely with him and 'shared his dream'.

In conclusion, we can see that, in contrast to Christianity that is built upon the divine person and redeeming work of the Lord Jesus Christ, 'One who was "**holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners and made higher than the heavens**" [Hebrews 7:26], the religion of **Scientology** is built upon the fanciful "**philosophy and vain deceit**" [Colossians 2:8] of a 'fallen son of Adam'.

How fallen was **L. Ron Hubbard**? Let me finish with what is recorded on pages 367-368 of '**Larson's New Book of Cults**' – there we read '**L. Ron**

Hubbard died 24 January 1986 at age 74...One of Hubbard's survivors was his eldest son, Ronald E. DeWolf, who changed his name to remove any associations with his father. Even before Hubbard's death, DeWolf referred to him as "one of the biggest con men of this century", a black magic practitioner who concocted his theories while under the influence of drugs. DeWolf, now a Christian, also says his father had many mistresses and was plagued by venereal disease'.

When it comes to obtaining real and lasting freedom from 'stress' people should not '**hold two cans as a charge is passed between them**' [as the Belfast Newsletter reported] but rather they should reach out, by faith alone, and clasp the hands of the Lord Jesus Christ who said "**Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest**" [Matthew 11: 28].

Cecil Andrews – 'Take Heed' Ministries – 5 June 2007

<h1 style="margin: 0;">APPENDIX</h1>

As **L. Ron Hubbard** came up very much with a language and vocabulary that is unique to **Scientology** I thought it might be helpful to set out some of these unique words and definitions as set out in their book '**What is Scientology**'?

WORD(S)	Scientology Definition
AUDITOR	A minister or minister-in-training of the Church of Scientology. <i>Auditor</i> means one who listens, from the Latin <i>audire</i> meaning "to hear or listen. An <i>auditor</i> is a person trained and qualified in applying <i>auditing</i> to individuals for their betterment. An <i>auditor</i> does not do anything to a <i>preclear</i> ; he works together with the <i>preclear</i> to help the <i>preclear</i> defeat his <i>reactive mind</i> .
CLEAR	A highly desirable state for the individual, achieved through <i>auditing</i> , which was never attainable before <i>Dianetics</i> . A <i>Clear</i> is a person who no longer has his own <i>reactive mind</i> and therefore suffers none of the ill effects that the <i>reactive mind</i> can cause. The <i>Clear</i> has no <i>engrams</i> which, when restimulated throw out the correctness of his computations by entering hidden and false data.
PRECLEAR	A person who is receiving <i>Scientology</i> or <i>Dianetics auditing</i> on his way to becoming <i>Clear</i> , hence <i>pre-Clear</i> . Through <i>auditing</i> he is finding out more about himself and life.
DIANETICS	Comes from the Greek words <i>dia</i> meaning "through" and <i>nous</i> meaning "soul". <i>Dianetics</i> is a methodology developed by L. Ron Hubbard, which can help alleviate such ailments as unwanted sensations and emotions, irrational fears and psychosomatic illnesses. It is most accurately described as <i>what the soul is doing to the body through the mind</i> .

E-METER	Short for <i>Electropsychometer</i> , a specially designed instrument which helps the <i>auditor</i> and <i>preclear</i> locate areas of spiritual distress or travail. The <i>E-Meter</i> is a religious artifact and can only be used by <i>Scientology</i> ministers or ministers-in-training. It does not diagnose or cure anything. It measures the mental state or change of state of a person and thus is of benefit to the <i>auditor</i> in helping the <i>preclear</i> locate areas to be handled.
ENGRAM	A recording made by the <i>reactive mind</i> when a person is “unconscious”. An <i>engram</i> is not a memory – it is a particular type of mental image picture, which is a complete recording, down to the last accurate detail, of every perception present in a moment of partial or full “unconsciousness”.
REACTIVE MIND	That part of the mind which works on a totally stimulus-response basis, which is not under a person’s volitional control, and which exerts force and the power of command over his awareness, purposes, thoughts, body and actions.
THETAN	An immortal spiritual being, the human soul. The term <i>soul</i> is not used because it has developed so many other meanings from use in other religions and practices that it doesn’t describe precisely what was discovered in <i>Scientology</i> . We use the term <i>thetan</i> instead from the Greek letter <i>theta</i> , the traditional symbol for thought or life. One does not <i>have</i> a <i>thetan</i> , something one keeps somewhere apart from oneself; one is a <i>thetan</i> . The <i>thetan</i> is the person himself, not his body or his name or the physical universe, his mind or anything else. It is that which is aware of being aware; the identity which IS the individual.
OPERATING THETAN	A state of being above <i>Clear</i> in which the <i>Clear</i> has become refamiliarised with his native capabilities. An <i>Operating Thetan</i> is knowing and willing cause over life, thought, matter, energy, space and time. [Cecil’s comment – “Ye shall be as gods”]
SCIENTOLOGY	Comes from the Latin <i>scio</i> which means “know” and the Greek word <i>logos</i> meaning “the word or outward form by which the inward thought is expressed and made known”. Thus, <i>Scientology</i> means knowing about knowing. <i>Scientology</i> is an applied religious philosophy developed by L. Ron Hubbard. It is the study and handling of the spirit in relationship to itself, universes and other life.

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