

OVERVIEW OF SCIENTOLOGY



KEY PERSON, DATE, LOCATION

FOUNDED BY L. RON HUBBARD (1911-1986) IN 1954 IN CALIFORNIA
MAJOR HEADQUARTERS FACILITIES IN CALIFORNIA AND FLORIDA

KEY WRITINGS

DIANETICS: THE MODERN SCIENCE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND OTHERS BY HUBBARD
THE WAY TO HAPPINESS

WHO IS GOD?

DOES NOT DEFINE GOD OR SUPREME BEING, BUT REJECTS BIBLICAL DESCRIPTION OF GOD

EVERYONE IS A "THETAN," AN IMMORTAL SPIRIT WITH UNLIMITED POWERS OVER ITS OWN UNIVERSE, BUT NOT ALL ARE AWARE OF THIS

WHO IS JESUS?

JESUS IS RARELY MENTIONED IN SCIENTOLOGY

JESUS WAS NOT THE CREATOR NOR WAS HE AN "OPERATING THETAN" (IN CONTROL OF SUPERNATURAL POWERS, CLEARED FROM MENTAL DEFECTS)

JESUS DID NOT DIE FOR SINS

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT PART OF THIS BELIEF

HOW TO BE SAVED

NO SIN OR NEED TO REPENT

SALVATION IS FREEDOM FROM REINCARNATION

ONE MUST WORK WITH AN "AUDITOR" ON HIS "ENGRAMS" (NEGATIVE EXPERIENCE UNITS) TO ACHIEVE THE STATE OF "CLEAR"

ONE THEN PROGRESSES UP THE "BRIDGE TO TOTAL FREEDOM" TO HIGHER "OPERATING THETAN" STATES AND EVENTUAL CONTROL OVER MATTER, ENERGY, SPACE, AND TIME (MEST)

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?

HELL IS A MYTH, AND HEAVEN IS A "FALSE DREAM"

OTHER FACTS, BELIEFS, OR PRACTICES

MEMBERS OBSERVE BIRTH OF HUBBARD AND ANNIVERSARY OF PUBLICATIONS OF DIANETICS

CONTROVERSY FOLLOWS THE GROUP WORLDWIDE

TIME MAGAZINE AND READER'S DIGEST HAVE PUBLISHED DAMAGING EXPOSES

ORGANIZATIONS RELATED TO SCIENTOLOGY INCLUDE NARCONON, CRIMINON, WAY TO HAPPINESS FOUNDATION, WISE, HUBBARD COLLEGE OF ADMINISTRATION, AND APPLIED SCHOLASTICS