



Scripture and Symbols of the Scientology Religion



The Scripture of the Scientology religion consists of the writings and recorded spoken words of L. Ron Hubbard on the subjects of Dianetics and Scientology. This Scripture includes more than half a million written pages, over 3,000 tape-recorded lectures and some 100 films.

This Scripture is the sole source of all doctrine regarding the religion of Scientology and it is an inherent principle of the religion that only by exactly following the path it outlines can mankind achieve spiritual salvation. This concept of orthodoxy in religious practice is

fundamental to Scientology. Thus, any attempt to alter or misrepresent the Scripture is regarded as a most severe breach of ecclesiastical ethics.

To ensure the purity and orthodoxy of the Scripture, the copyrights on all of its published works, which are owned exclusively by the Church for the benefit of

the religion, have been registered in all relevant countries. These registrations ensure that the Scripture cannot be altered, perverted or taken out of context for improper or harmful ends.

AN OVERVIEW OF THE SCRIPTURE

It is only possible for the thetan to extricate himself from the shackles of the material universe because the fundamental laws which govern the relationship between theta and MEST have been isolated. These laws, discovered by Mr. Hubbard and fully articulated in his writings and lectures, form a crucial part of the Scripture and are used in auditing to enable an individual to discover the truth about his own spiritual nature and his relationship to the physical universe. It is this understanding of truth which ultimately brings freedom.

Information about some of the most important materials which comprise the Scripture follows.

BOOKS

One or more sacred texts are commonly identified with world religions. While other religions have a strong emphasis on belief or faith, the articles of which are usually contained in one or a small number of books the Scientology religions emphasis on precise application of doctrine both in services and in life gives rise to a comparatively expansive series of books and other publicly available texts.

Mr. Hubbard's numerous books on different aspects of Scientology and his



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The religious works by L. Ron Hubbard comprise the Scripture of the Scientology religion, and thus the foundation upon which the Church is built. They include lectures, written words and films in 30 languages totaling 35 million words.

researches into the human spirit serve as texts for auditors and for Scientologists generally. These include:

- *Scientology, the Fundamentals of Thought* introduces many of the basic principles of the Scientology religion. It describes the nature of the thetan and the fundamental laws of theta from which stem many of the basic tenets of Scientology, including the dynamics, the fundamentals of affinity, reality and communication, and the three parts of man — thetan, mind and body.

These basic principles delineate how life works, and why, and provide an individual with a greater understanding of his real identity as a spiritual being.

- *Scientology 8-80* is a work concerned with the discovery and increase of the energy of the thetan. A thetan uses energy in the effort to bring order out of the chaos of the MEST universe, as detailed at page 108. When a spiritual being misuses his energy, he can become trapped by his own transgressions and thus become the effect of the material universe. The “8-8” stands for “infinity-infinity” upright, the “0” represents theta, the static.

- *Scientology 8-8008* first set forth The Factors, which comprise a vision of the beginning of life, the creation of the universe and the role of man in it. This text represents a study in how to free the human spirit from the debilitating effects

of matter, energy, space and time, and a full description of the theta-MEST theory, a core Scientology doctrine. Through the procedures described in this book, one fully awakens the near-ultimate capabilities of the spirit.

- *The Creation of Human Ability* sets out important Scientology religious codes as well as the transcripts of a number of sermons given by L. Ron Hubbard which trace the roots of Scientology through the earliest recorded formulations of Eastern wisdom in the Veda, through the Tao, Buddhism, the Judeo-Christian tradition and culminating in the works of Western seekers of truth.

This book also contains some of the fundamental auditing procedures which are used in the ministration of Scientology and which comprise the Scientology route to spiritual freedom.

- *Scientology, a New Slant on Life*, consists of a series of essays which provide both a discussion on the profound principles and concepts on which Scientology is based and practical techniques which can be used to improve life.

It provides answers to questions with which philosophers and religious men have struggled for centuries, including how to change destructive behavior patterns, the relationship of knowledge and sanity, rules for happy living, the exact anatomy of failure, how to live with children so they grow

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up intelligent and happy, and a description of what constitutes true greatness.

Mr. Hubbard's books on Dianetics also form part of the Scripture. Probably the most widely known work in the Scientology Scripture is *Dianetics: the Modern Science of Mental Health*, first published in 1950. Although this book predates the full knowledge of the spirit that made the religious nature of Scientology fully evident, it catalogues an important part of Mr. Hubbard's search for the truth of man's spirituality and is still the bedrock which contains many of the fundamental principles which underlie Dianetics and Scientology. Scientologists refer to *Dianetics* as "Book One" and annually celebrate its publication date, May 9, throughout the world.

- *Science of Survival* introduces the concept of how life suffers encumbrances when interacting with the physical universe. This subsequently evolved further into understanding the thetan as something apart from the material universe. The more the life force believes itself to be the effect of the physical universe and hopelessly controlled by it, the more heavily the impediments of the reactive mind weigh on him and affect his level of ARC.

This text contains a complete description of the emotional tone scale, which measures impact of the physical universe upon the thetan by providing a measurement of the level of ARC present in any individual. The

survival potential of the life force can be measured by its position on the emotional tone scale and can be increased by moving the thetan up to higher levels of ARC, thus restoring its position of control over the physical universe.

- *Advanced Procedures and Axioms* tenders axioms which give a structure to man's knowledge of his spiritual self and the relationship of the spirit with the physical universe. These axioms contain the fundamental principles which govern the mind and life and describe how the power of a thetan's thoughts and decisions shape existence.

This text outlines counseling methods which return to the individual his own power of self-determinism. With these techniques, the emphasis shifts from addressing the encumbrances of the spirit to include direct communication with the thetan to raise his own awareness and ability.

- *Dianetics '55!* examines at length the importance of communication to the freeing of the human spirit and is the definitive Scripture regarding communication. The text describes universal laws which govern communication and discusses the practical and procedural uses of these laws in auditing at every level of the Bridge.

It further explores the capabilities of the thetan and defines the components of freedom and entrapment. The final chapter is devoted to exteriorization, that state of the spirit existing outside of the body, separate and apart from the material universe.

TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE VOLUMES

As he made new discoveries and advances, Mr. Hubbard would release issues of varying length on different aspects of religious practice. The purpose of these was to keep Scientologists apprised of breakthroughs and ensure that auditors could make use of the latest information and counseling techniques as soon as they became known. Ecclesiastical policy concerning the management of church organizations was similarly issued. These are compiled into reference volumes and also into special course materials for the training of auditors and church staff members, and all are publicly available.

There are many other books and pamphlets by Mr. Hubbard which are similarly central to the religion. All are publicly available through any church or mission of Scientology. Many are also available in public libraries and bookstores. (For a full list of these works, see page 243.)

RECORDED LECTURES

Mr. Hubbard's discovery of the true nature of Man as an immortal spiritual being of near infinite capacity, senior to the mechanics of the material universe, opened new and unexpected horizons. During the more than half-century in which he conducted his researches into the human spirit, Mr. Hubbard delivered some 3,000 lectures to Scientologists and to the general public in many different parts of the world. The largest portion of the Scripture is contained in these lectures.

The largest single group of Mr. Hubbard's lectures are the *Saint Hill Special Briefing Course Lectures*, which he delivered from 1961 to 1966 to Scientologists gathered from around the world at Saint Hill, England. These 447 lectures comprise the most comprehensive series ever delivered on the philosophy and practice of Dianetics and Scientology.

During this period, Mr. Hubbard also began to codify the most advanced levels of Scientology. These researches culminated in mapping out the exact and certain route one takes to reach the states of Clear and Operating Thetan and in defining the exact path which is today followed by any Scientologist seeking to attain true spiritual freedom.

Another important series of lectures is *The Philadelphia Doctorate Course*. These provide the most comprehensive statement of the spirit in relation to the physical universe, and what the spirit is capable of achieving. These lectures explore and answer fundamentals about existence, including the true nature of reality, the anatomy of universes and their construction, maintenance and destruction.

By applying the spiritual truths contained in these lectures, an individual can undo the agreements which trap him in MEST and thus step outside of the physical universe and begin to operate fully as a spirit, independent of the traps of materiality.

The traps of the MEST universe are also the subject of a series of recorded lectures known as *Exteriorization and the Phenomena of Space*, which describe how a thetan, under the constant bombardment of the physical universe, becomes unable to emanate energy

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and so collapses in on himself like a dark star. Thus he becomes the effect of the material universe. These lectures demonstrate how to reverse this process and restore a thetan's ability to emanate and to create space.

The Phoenix Lectures mapped out the religious and philosophical roots of the Scientology religion, going back to the ancient Vedic Hymns. Mr. Hubbard also showed how Scientology effectively combined the methodology as well as the "impatience and urgency" of Western technology with the wisdom of the East.

In these lectures, Mr. Hubbard explored four basic attitudes toward existence or reality and described the methods used by a thetan to create any desired reality through the creation of self-evident considerations which form the very fabric of existence.

There are many, many other public lectures available at Churches of Scientology.

FILMS

Mr. Hubbard also wrote a number of film scripts to teach Scientology ministers various auditing techniques. He wrote other film scripts depicting social and personal problems and how Scientology principles can be applied to resolve them. The films are intended for Scientology parishioners and for others interested in learning about the religion. More than 30 of the films written by Mr. Hubbard have been produced and made available to Scientologists. Several that

impart basic principles of the religion and introduce people to the subject of Scientology are offered for viewing to the general public.

DISSEMINATION AND PRESERVATION OF THE SCRIPTURE

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The Church is also involved in extensive activities to preserve the Scripture for eternity. The Church's preservation program has developed and utilized special archival quality paper for books, and is also recording the texts onto stainless steel plates. The recorded lectures are being put onto special long-lasting compact disks as well as a back-up set of specially designed long-playing records. They are also being transcribed and preserved on the same archival paper as the written materials. Combined with advanced storage techniques the Church has developed, these actions will ensure that the Scripture is preserved for many millennia.

SYMBOLS OF THE RELIGION

Through its preservation and dissemination of the Scripture, the Church ensures the widespread practice of the Scientology religion in the exact manner described by Mr. Hubbard. To represent the quest for the spiritual freedom of mankind as well as the orthodox practice of the religion, churches of Scientology use a number of symbols which represent different aspects and concepts of the Scientology religion.

To represent the quest for spiritual freedom and the orthodox practice of the religion, Churches of Scientology use symbols which represent various aspects of the religion. The Scientology cross symbolizes the eight dynamics and the triumph of the spirit. The ARC triangle represents the relationship between Affinity, Reality and Communication. In the "S" and double triangle, the "S" stands for Scientology; the top triangle is the KRC triangle, Knowledge-Responsibility-Control, and the bottom triangle is the ARC triangle. The Dianetics symbol is a triangle divided into four segments which represent growth and life on the first four dynamics. The OT symbol represents the state of Operating Thetan, a being able to operate free of the encumbrances of the physical universe.



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The words Dianetics, Scientology, and other words and symbols associated with the religion are registered as trademarks and service marks around the world. Each Scientology church and mission enters into a covenant with the Mother Church which allows them to use these marks, provided the Church or mission precisely adheres to the Scripture.

Thus, when a symbol associated with the Scientology religion is displayed in connection with the ministry of religious services, those participating in the services are assured that they are being ministered in exact accordance with the Scientology Scripture. In this way they can know with certainty that they are on the true path to spiritual freedom.

SCIENTOLOGY CROSS

The cross, a symbol which predates Christianity by thousands of years, and versions of which have been used by such diverse ancient peoples as the Phoenicians, Hindus, Navajos and Aztecs, has a special design and significance in the Scientology religion.

The Scientology religion divides the life force of the thetan into eight subdivisions called dynamics. Thus, in addition to the four arms of the cross, the



Scientology cross also has four rays which emanate diagonally from the center. Together, the arms and rays symbolize the eight dynamics.

The most basic religious significance of the Scientology cross is that of the spirit and the difficulties of its progression through the material universe. The horizontal bar represents the material universe, and the vertical bar represents the spirit. Thus, the spirit is seen to be rising triumphantly, ultimately transcending the turmoil of the physical universe to achieve salvation.

The cross has other messages as well. The four arms point to the four main points of the compass and thus symbolize the idea that spiritual development extends in all directions and encompasses all of life. Both the horizontal and vertical arms end in the standard heraldic symbols for leaves and flowers, known as the “Cross Fleury” or “Flowery Cross”. This symbolizes the full flowering of the individual.

THE ARC TRIANGLE

ARC is one of the central concepts of the religious thought of Scientology. Thus, Scientologists realize that as part of their path to spiritual salvation they must work to continually improve their ARC for all areas of life.

ARC is represented as a triangle with each of its three components, affinity, reality and communication, as one of the points. Thus, this symbol is often used to show understanding and positive emotion.

SCIENTOLOGY SYMBOL

The Scientology symbol consists of the S for Scientology and two triangles. The lower of the triangles is the ARC triangle, described above. The top triangle is called the KRC triangle. The K stands for knowledge, the R for responsibility and C for control. As with ARC, these three elements interact; increasing one’s sense of responsibility for something will lead to one’s ability to increase his knowledge and will then result in an increased ability to control. In that manner, by raising each point of the KRC triangle, the individual is able to be in control of his or her life in all of its aspects.

Thus, the Scientology symbol shows that through participation in the Scientology religion, one can continually raise his ARC or understanding for life and also his sense of responsibility, his knowledge of and ability to control his life. Thus, through Scientology he is on an ascending path that will ultimately result in spiritual freedom and salvation.

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DIANETICS SYMBOL

The earliest symbol in the history of Scientology is the Dianetics symbol. The symbol is a triangle divided into four segments, representing one of each of the first four dynamics (self, family, groups, species). The triangle is the shape of the Greek letter delta. Each of the segments is green, symbolizing growth. The space between the segments is yellow, symbolizing life.

OPERATING THETAN (OT) SYMBOL

The state of Operating Thetan — a being able to operate free of the encumbrances of the material universe — is a central part of the ultimate salvation sought in the Scientology religion. This state is represented by a symbol consisting of the letters OT with the T inside the O and each of the points of the T ending at the O's circumference.

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THE BRIDGE

That man can improve himself and attain higher states of spirituality, ethics and reason both individually and as a civilization is a basic belief of every Scientologist and part of the underlying foundation of Dianetics and Scientology.

The metaphor which Scientologists use to describe their spiritual progress is that of a Bridge, taking one across the chasm of entrapment in the physical

universe to higher states of existence — from unknowingness to revelation. This exact, gradient path to salvation is depicted graphically and is even more frequently used as a descriptive term.

The Scripture of the religion, when followed exactly, offers a route of continually increasing awareness. Thus, while each of the symbols described above represents some aspect of the Scripture, it is the symbol of the Bridge which represents the path that they offer to a better world.