

*The Boston Herald:*

# Merchants OF Sensationalism



*How a newspaper  
sold its journalistic soul*



# The Church of SCIENTOLOGY REPLIES

*A message from Rev. Heber C. Jentzsch,  
President of the Church  
of Scientology International*

**T**he "media problem" is far more serious than paparazzi invading the privacy of the rich and famous. In some quarters, the problem is one of wholesale abandonment of truth, honesty and accuracy.

Over the past several years, the Church of Scientology's *Freedom* magazine has featured a series of articles on "ethics and the media." Like many others, we have observed that "self regulation" is often not enough to ensure that a newspaper, magazine or news program does the right and ethical thing. By the same token, given the Church has published *Freedom* continuously since 1968, we cherish America's tradition of press freedom. For years, in venues less free—like South Africa under Apartheid—the Church has stood up to speak the truth and expose abuses... and paid the price as well.

The Church of Scientology has witnessed irresponsible reporting firsthand. The recent *Boston Herald* series on Scientology and its parishioners is a classic—albeit extreme—example. In this special publication, we expose the corrupted form of "journalism" which molded that series.

But aside from what the *Herald* got wrong or even made up, it is also significant to note why its editors would so completely sacrifice their journalistic integrity in an effort to discredit the Scientology religion. The answer is quite simple. They have *no* way of challenging the millions of people who happily proclaim that their practice of Scientology has enriched their lives, brought improved health and happiness, and helped them to achieve spiritual freedom. As a hatchet-wielding journalist, how do you deal



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with people who say, "I am very happy, thank you; my religion has helped me to improve every aspect of my life"? Put simply, you can't.

And so they go two steps further, attempting to discredit not only Scientologists but those countless non-Scientologists who have been helped by their works and who have worked alongside them in efforts to battle social ills like illiteracy, immorality, drug addiction and revolving-door justice. But as the recent *Herald* effort shows, even in that they can do no better than exhume from their own clipping files rumors which "responsible" journalists discarded a decade ago.

When Church representatives learned the *Herald* was writing a story, they contacted the editors and reporter Joseph Mallia. They made themselves available, provided documents—in short, they cooperated in every way possible.

But to no avail. Mallia and his editors had no interest in having their story spoiled by facts.

The Church of Scientology is fortunate in that we at least have the resources to speak up to get our story told. But this is not the case for everyone. Victims of hatchet journalism often have no recourse at all. Legal remedies are usually far too expensive, and industry watchdogs have no teeth because they are operated and financed by the media industry itself. Thus, in this issue, we have sought to give a voice to others as well, including those targeted by racist *Herald* coverage.

We also offer readers the true picture of Scientology, its founder and its parishioners you were denied. And we also offer you ways of gaining further information if you want to know more.

Central to the entire religion is this concept: "Think for Yourself." That is my recommendation to anybody who read Mallia's articles. Our doors are open. Did it ever occur to you that those millions of happy Scientologists have found something that really helps?

You are welcome to visit us, make your own discoveries and make up your own mind.



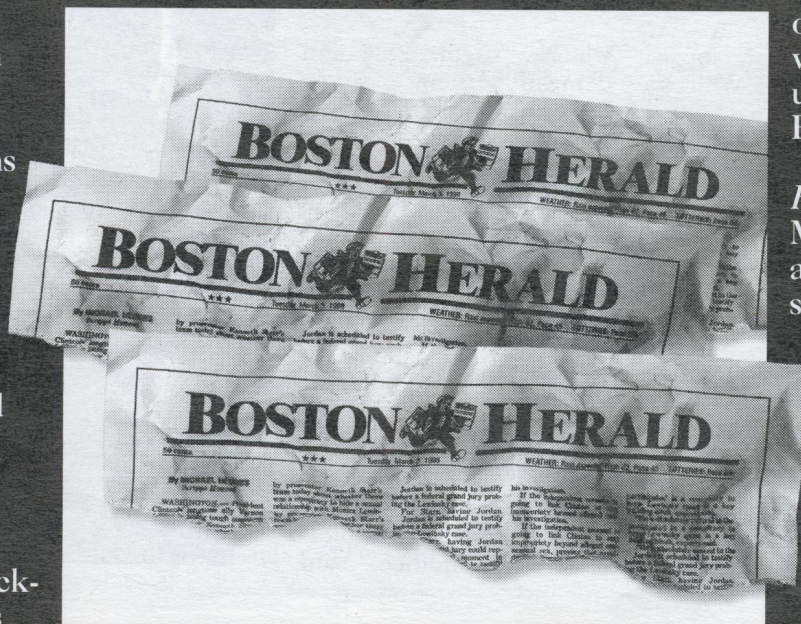
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**W**e got a call from Regan Communications yesterday—that's the PR firm that represents the *Boston Herald*—suggesting we follow up on the *Herald's* series on Scientology," reported Emily Rooney of WGBH's "Greater Boston."

It was an unusual move—a PR firm flack-



ongoing series. But that was hardly the most unusual aspect to Rooney's show.

"We booked *Boston Herald* reporter Joseph Mallia for today's show along with some representatives from the

Church," she said.

"Today, the *Herald* cancelled its appearance, saying everybody's 'too busy' to talk."

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Clearly, the *Boston Herald* hoped its shallow, hatchet-job articles on Scientology, its parishioners and its founder would win support from other Boston media and thereby gain mileage.

Things didn't work out that way. Their fellow media apparently smelled a rat—and the series failed to generate interest.

And when the *Herald* took the unusual step of instructing its public relations firm to contact local media and *urge* them to run follow-up stories, it found prominent and influential members of the community lining up to join in the debate—among them attorney Earle Cooley.

So the *Herald* jumped its *own* ship.

While those on the outside can only speculate on the heated debates which must have taken place among *Herald* executives and the exact process which led the paper to duck its own show, it *is* known that two days into the paper's series, the outcry in protest was already deafening. For the *Herald* had trained its sights not only on the Scientology religion and its thousands of parishioners in the Boston area, but also on the valuable educational and drug rehabilitation programs developed by L. Ron Hubbard, widely supported by a broad cross-section of society

—Scientologists and non-Scientologists alike.

A stream of letters poured into the *Herald's* offices complaining of the racism and bigotry in Mallia's articles—a complaint not unfamiliar to the paper. Detailed, point-by-point documentation of the series' falsehoods landed on the desks of the *Herald's* editors. Parents and community leaders, appalled at the attempted sabotage of successful African-American community initiatives, demonstrated outside *Herald* offices.

And while the *Herald's* editors continued to protest that they were "standing by [their] story," when it came to standing by it before Boston viewers, they turned and ran.

And no wonder. The *Herald* never mentioned its featured "sources" are already subject to court-imposed injunctions for violating the Church's copyrights. In other words, their statements do not represent mere "criticism" but promote those who have been adjudicated to have violated the law. The *Herald* provided the grinding wheel to those with an axe to grind.

A newspaper which takes one to task for helping people to better their lives has aborted its responsibility to its community. The motives that led the *Herald* to embark on a series of racist and bigoted articles are obscure. However, there is no doubt that reporter Joseph

Mallia and his editorial bosses were intent on a hatchet job from the beginning.

#### A PROBLEM OF SOURCES?

First, consider the sources Mallia employed.

For him, it made no difference whether he was writing about the Church of Scientology, the wholly secular World Literacy Crusade, Narconon drug rehabilitation program, Delphi Schools or the Foundation for Advancement in Science and Education (FASE). He trotted out the same "critics" each time.

For example, Mallia presented one Steve Hassan as an "authoritative source" not only in Sunday's article about the Church of Scientology, but also in Monday's story on the World Literacy Crusade, Tuesday's piece about Narconon, Wednesday's report on alleged "Scientology beliefs" and Thursday's story about the Foundation for Advancements in Science and Education (FASE), which produces award-winning educational television programs.

Far from possessing the breadth of knowledge to be conversant with so diverse a range of activities, Hassan has *no* firsthand information about any of these organizations and *no* expert qualifications. On the contrary, he is a hired faith-breaker who has conducted brutal, violent

# Herald Racism Condemned

**N**AACP national board member Jeanetta Williams spoke at a March 11 gathering of human rights leaders and concerned citizens to express their outrage over racially slanted coverage by the *Boston Herald*.

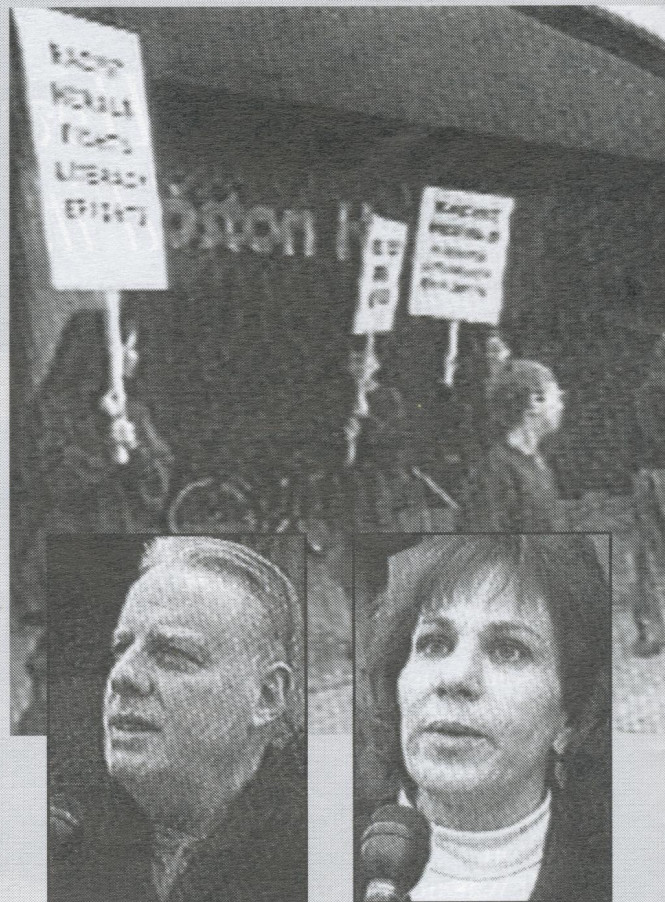
At the assembly, held at the Technology Center run by community activist Mel King, the formation of a media watchdog group, the Ad Hoc Committee on Media Racism and Bigotry, was announced.

"It is paramount that racism in the media, whether blatant or covertly presented, is exposed for what it is," said Williams. "There are many people out there—the silent voices—who are bombarded by media messages every day

which stigmatize and demean them solely because of the color of their skin or their beliefs."

"The last straw was the bias of the *Boston Herald* in its recent coverage of the Delphi Academy and the World Literacy Crusade," said Pam Austin, spokesperson for the Ad Hoc Committee. She labeled those articles "outright discrimination against people of color for adopting effective education programs."

"Articles such as these fan the flames of intolerance and prejudice," said





and coercive "deprogrammings" to force people away from their chosen faiths. Hassan is infamous for leading a deprogramming team which beat, bound and imprisoned Arthur Roselle for three days so Hassan could "free" him of his faith. "When I first tried to escape from my kidnappers, they seized my arms and threw me down to the floor," says Roselle in a sworn statement. "I received a cut on my chin and right cheek bone. My hands and feet were then tied and I was carried into a small room and placed on a cot. ... I was not allowed to sleep. ... I was always escorted to the bathroom while my hands were still bound and tied."

Hassan repeatedly ridiculed Roselle's religious beliefs and tried to pressure him into renouncing his faith. After Roselle withstood the assault with his faith intact, Hassan subsequently tried to induce him to lie under oath about the incident. "Steven Hassan [wanted] me to commit perjury," he said.

The so-called "father of deprogramming," five-time convict Ted Patrick, has said this activity "may be said to involve kidnapping at the very least, quite often assault and battery, almost invariably conspiracy to commit a crime and illegal restraint." The organization he helped found to facilitate deprogramming, the old Chicago-based Cult Awareness Network, was repeatedly rocked by criminal investiga-

#### THE HERALD'S "AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE"

**T**he Herald presented Steve Hassan (below) as an authoritative source in four of its five articles. The newspaper denied its readers the truth: Hassan is a hired faith-breaker who has conducted brutal, violent and coercive efforts, called "deprogrammings," to force people away from their chosen faiths.



*Dozens were on hand to demonstrate outside Boston Herald offices in protest of their bigoted coverage. At far left, Applied Scholastics spokesman Bernard Perry speaks to the media. At left is Ellen Garrison, headmistress of Delphi Academy.*

Austin. "Delphi Academy and the World Literacy Crusade are raising the level of literacy of all children. Programs such as these should be supported, not attacked by the media as part of some other agenda."

Austin, whose children attend the Delphi Academy, was joined by other parents who voiced similar sentiments. "The *Herald* has a reputation for racism," said Lee Jensen. "The Delphi Academy has helped our children learn to read. That the *Herald* would attack it and the black professionals who put their children in it and then have the audacity to refuse to meet with them is patently offensive."

Mel King articulated his concerns about the urgent need for effective programs to aid youth. "Every effort by people of color to educate themselves and their children has been met with resistance in one form or another," he said, "with the media often catalyzing or instigating the discrimination through socially insensitive coverage—be it fighting desegregation or taking the much-needed funding away from our schools or labeling our children educationally dysfunctional or taking away the right of the people to choose their own School Committee."

Edward Lewis, president of the NAACP's Tri-State Conference for Idaho, Nevada and Utah, who, like Jeanetta Williams, was in the city for the NAACP's National Board Retreat at Harvard, said, "It is time that we blew the whistle on such institutionalized racism and other forms of discrimination. We want to provide the opportunity for people to come forward with their experiences of racism and bigotry in the media."

Speakers noted the national disaster that is reflected in declining literacy rates—with more than 44 million American adults illiterate, according to one survey—and the need for support of effective solutions.

Pam Austin concluded, "Literacy and equal opportunity are the foundation for the future of our youth—and should not be undermined to satisfy a craving for sensationalism by tabloid media."

Members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Media Racism and Bigotry noted that, as their work to eliminate slanted coverage unfolds, they welcome minorities who have been subjected to biased or tainted media coverage to come forward.

The committee can be reached at (617) 333-9610.



**"CREDIBLE SOURCES"?**

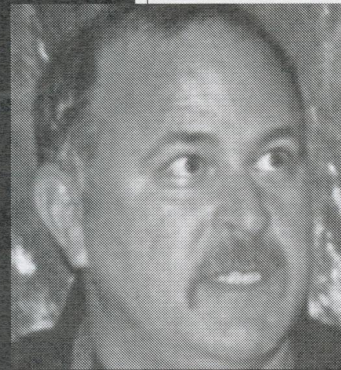
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**Vaughn Young**



**Dennis Erlich**

tions and convictions of its leaders and members; it ultimately went bankrupt in 1996 in the face of a \$5 million jury verdict resulting from a failed violent deprogramming attempt against a Christian man in Washington state. Hassan was a prominent member of that ill-fated hate group—and a leading proponent of deprogramming.

Or consider another of the *Herald's* principal sources: Robert Vaughn Young. Like Hassan, Mallia quoted Young on Sunday, again on Monday, and yet again on Tuesday. After a respite on Wednesday, Mallia brought him back on Thursday to spew more uninformed venom.

Who is Young? A failed taxi driver and editor of hard-core pornography whose sworn testimony reveals that, financially, he is at the mercy of individuals with a vested interest in making derogatory statements about Scientology. His only source of income is what he is paid for his anti-Scientology bleating. Young has proudly proclaimed his ability to conjure up statements that keep him in business, statements that he acknowledges are intended to create a false picture. Young has never worked in any of the social betterment programs he derides and his qualifications as an expert are zero. But he *has* worked with Willis Carto—the founder of what the Anti-Defamation League describes as “the wealthiest and one of the most active anti-Semitic organizations in the United States.” Nevertheless, Mallia finds Young quotable on minorities.

And who is Dennis Erlich, cited by Mallia as a “credible source”? A deadbeat dad who has refused to pay child support to his ex-wife and defied court support orders. Erlich is currently enjoined by a federal court from violating

Scientology copyrights. He is also subject to judicial restraining orders to prevent him from carrying out acts of violence like those he committed against his former wife and stepchildren. “[He] grabbed me by the hair, he threw me across the room, I flew across the room and while I was cowering, he grabbed me by the hair again, threw me in the bathroom... he hit me across the face,” described his ex-wife in a sworn statement. “I was in my first trimester of pregnancy with his child at the time and he knew I was pregnant.”

His experience in the Church’s social betterment programs? None. His qualifications as an “expert”? Again, none.

**AND THOSE HE DIDN'T CONSULT**

Having covered the sources Mallia *did* use, what about those he ignored?

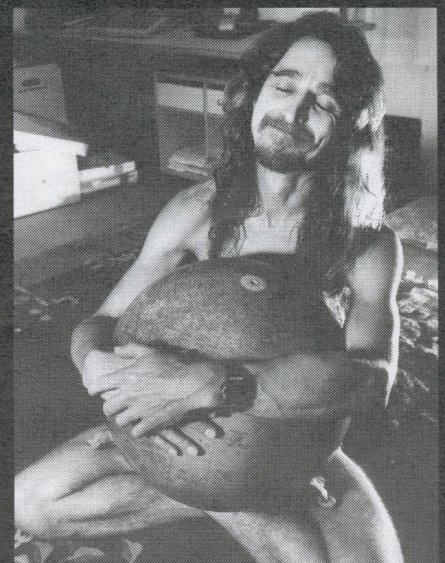
There are the more than 100 court rulings around the world which have examined the Church’s practices and activities and upheld Scientology’s religious bona fides. Then there is the U.S. government, which recognized the Church of Scientology as entirely religious in nature and granted it full tax exemption in 1993 after conducting a two-year examination of every aspect of the Church’s finances, policies and practices. It was the most exhaustive and thorough examination the agency has ever conducted of an applicant for exemption and the Church passed it with flying colors. The IRS concluded that the Church of Scientology “is organized and operated exclusively for religious and charitable purposes.”

And what about the social betterment programs that employ Mr. Hubbard’s methods in secular fields? To quote Mr. Clark Carr, president of Narconon International, in a letter to the *Herald*:

“To show just how deliberately misleading your reporter was, let’s take the example of quoting from the Oklahoma Mental Health Board. Mallia deliberately omitted the end of the story. The most stringent accreditation criteria were applied to Narconon Chilocco by the nationally recognized Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and the Narconon pro-

**ANOTHER HERALD "SOURCE"**

**G**erald Armstrong—former Scientology clerk, former paid agent of a renegade government intelligence service and, frankly, a certifiable nut. He actually proposed that Saddam Hussein accept him as a willing hostage for the release of prisoners, significantly adding: “I will be available for torture.”





gram and its methodology passed with flying colors. This accreditation met and surpassed any standards set by the state of Oklahoma, which subsequently licensed the program."

Even when the *Herald* printed Mr. Carr's letter, they couldn't swallow the embarrassment: they omitted the damning paragraph above. Apparently the *Herald* would rather censor the truth from their readers than just tell it like it is.

In reporting on Mr. Hubbard's educational breakthroughs, the *Herald* omitted the wide acclaim they have received from educators around the world. In the introduction to a book on grammar written by Mr. Hubbard, Dr. David Rodier, Associate Professor of Philosophy of Language at the American University in Washington, D.C., wrote, "Only a professional writer with a writer's sensitivity to language could have written such an innovative approach to grammar. ... This is a brilliant book by a brilliant mind. In fact, it is a revolution in thought."

In other words, with available sources including eminent scholars of religion, governmental officials, senior judges, distinguished educators and top authorities in drug rehabilitation, Mallia chose instead the aforementioned "sources." And, just to round off Mallia's miscellany of sources, let's not forget the fugitive hiding out from the law in Canada to avoid a warrant for his arrest in the United States—after being found in contempt for violating court orders to not spread his false propaganda to the media. Or the Internet poster who dines out of a dumpster and sneaks into the University at night to use its computers. Of course, Mallia did not tell his readers any of *that*.

#### CONTRADICTIONS

Not surprisingly, the resulting articles were riddled with errors, omissions and contradictions. Especially deplorable were his misrepresentations about Scientology founder L. Ron Hubbard.

For example, according to Mallia, Mr. Hubbard claimed to be a nuclear physicist. Yet Mr. Hubbard never made such a claim. Mr. Hubbard stated that he attended one of the first classes in nuclear physics, then called "Atomic and Molecular Phenomena" at George Washington University—a verifiable fact. That information was available in a 1957 *public* lecture.

Mallia also repeated a tired lie by attributing a quote about religion and money to Mr. Hubbard, allegedly made during a 1948 speech. But two people who actually *attended* that very talk deny he ever said those words. The actual source of the quote is George Orwell, as anyone can verify who consults Orwell's published diaries.

Finally, Mallia asserted that "Mr. Hubbard's claim of... war wounds, is definitely ruled out by Navy records...." On the contrary, L. Ron Hubbard definitely suffered blinding and crippling injuries through the course of combat in the Second World War, and that fact is perfectly clear in his naval medical records. One medical report describes a severe bone infection in the hip and back, forcing him to walk with a cane. Another shows his vision was registered at 20/100—which, according to



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medical review, meant that he could not distinguish facial features until three or four feet away, could not make out a street sign beyond ten yards and could not read a newspaper.

Yet by 1948, medical records suddenly show him once again "physically qualified for active duty." It's a fascinating story; even medical examiners found it remarkable that a blind and crippled L. Ron Hubbard of 1945 was suddenly fit for active duty in 1948. His vision was 20/20 and he never again wore glasses.

What had happened? In Mr. Hubbard's own words, "I yet worked my way back to fitness and strength in less than two years, using only what I know and could determine about man and his relationship to the universe." It is, indeed, a compelling human interest story.

#### GREATER STORY

How people from all walks of life in the Boston area are using Mr. Hubbard's methodologies to help themselves and others is a real human interest

story. The *Boston Herald* not only refused to tell it, they presented a story intended to destroy any chance of a better future for thousands in the Boston area. That's not merely an abdication of social responsibility, it's an avowal of social hate.

Eight years ago, long simmering discontent over the media's role in polarizing society and fomenting racism erupted into a boycott of the *Boston Herald* and other local newspapers.

"People were very displeased with the way the media, particularly the newspapers, covered the African-American community," said Mr. Tony Van Der Meer, a spokesman for the boycott committee. "The sentiment of the community is that people don't like the way a lot of things were handled. People are discussing this everywhere. There is a lot of anger."

Alan S. Eisner, then managing editor of the *Boston Herald*, conceded the media had "a long way to go in battling racism."

Eisner's successors have abandoned the battle.



# THE FACTS THE HERALD AVOIDED

*The Herald's series on Scientology and the social efforts engaged in and supported by Scientologists—a series characterized by ignoring both the truth and the very people who would have enabled the newspaper to get its facts straight—understandably produced an avalanche of letters. A small sampling follows.*

I found it appalling that your paper has chosen to attack literacy programs that are helping families and children to lead a better life. Frankly, I found the article to be racist and bigoted in the extreme. ...

[I]t is very clear that Mr. Mallia has an axe to grind. He did not take the time to really look at the positive results being created by these programs. Instead, he manufactured hidden motives and implied that the African Americans involved in the World Literacy Crusade are being duped. How dare he be so condescending! Does he think that we cannot think for ourselves? Does he think that an African American parent is incapable of making sound decisions for his children?

— Rev. Alfreddie Johnson  
Founder, World Literacy Crusade

I am reminded of a time in this country when it was punishable for a person of African heritage to learn how to read and write or for someone to teach them how to

read and write. ... I am most disturbed by the fact that you do not believe that people have the capacity to think for themselves and look for and discover resources that will be of benefit to themselves and their children.

— Mel King  
Community Activist  
Founder, Rainbow Coalition

I am disgusted by what you apparently view as an 'exposé' regarding the educational television programs produced by the Foundation for Advancements in Science and Education. I have a right to be—I'm in almost 30 of them. And I hope to be in hundreds more.

I worked in the same public school in East Harlem for 25 years before I met my friends at FASE. They brought some cameras into my class and filmed what I was doing. Quite a conspiracy, don't you think?

As it turns out, teachers all over the country found my lesson plans interesting. With the help of FASE, I've been able to reach more students, and to help

more of my colleagues, than I ever dreamed possible. Since I happen to love being a teacher, I couldn't ask for more.

I've spent much of my career fighting the conventional view that the children I teach in East Harlem are somehow incapable of learning and achieving their goals in life. The writer obviously never bothered to come and see my classroom, or the wonderful children who are in the FASE videos. Otherwise, he would know that the kind of reporting that is in the article is the antithesis of the values we want our children to learn.

You really should be ashamed of yourself for doing this to decent people. Speaking as a Baptist, I suggest you do a little soul searching.

— Kay Toliver  
East Harlem Tech

The Herald's singling out of our producers who are Scientologists is as distasteful to me as being asked to name the Jews that work on our shows. I



am Jewish, to me it's the same sort of thing. The fact is, our organization enjoys religious, ethnic and gender diversity among our producers, writers, film crews and other staff. ...

FASE programs have received 150 awards, including two Peabody awards, the Action for Children's Television Award, the Parent's Choice Award, six Gold Apples from the National Educational Film and Video Festival, the entertainment industry's Environmental Media Award, the Robert Townsend Social Issues Award and the Gabriel Award from America's Catholic broadcasters. ...

Independent evaluation of the programs has shown conclusively that they improve students' understanding of workplace uses of math, increase student interest in learning math and even improve students' ability to solve problems. So what's the problem? If there's a hidden agenda anywhere, it's at the *Boston Herald*.

— **Racquel Skolnick**

Senior Research Associate,  
Foundation for Advancements in  
Science and Education

As coordinator of Student Support Services it is one of my responsibilities to recruit speakers to come to our school to speak about problems confronting today's youth. Bob Wiggins of Narconon has been one of our most effective, entertaining, and successful speakers.

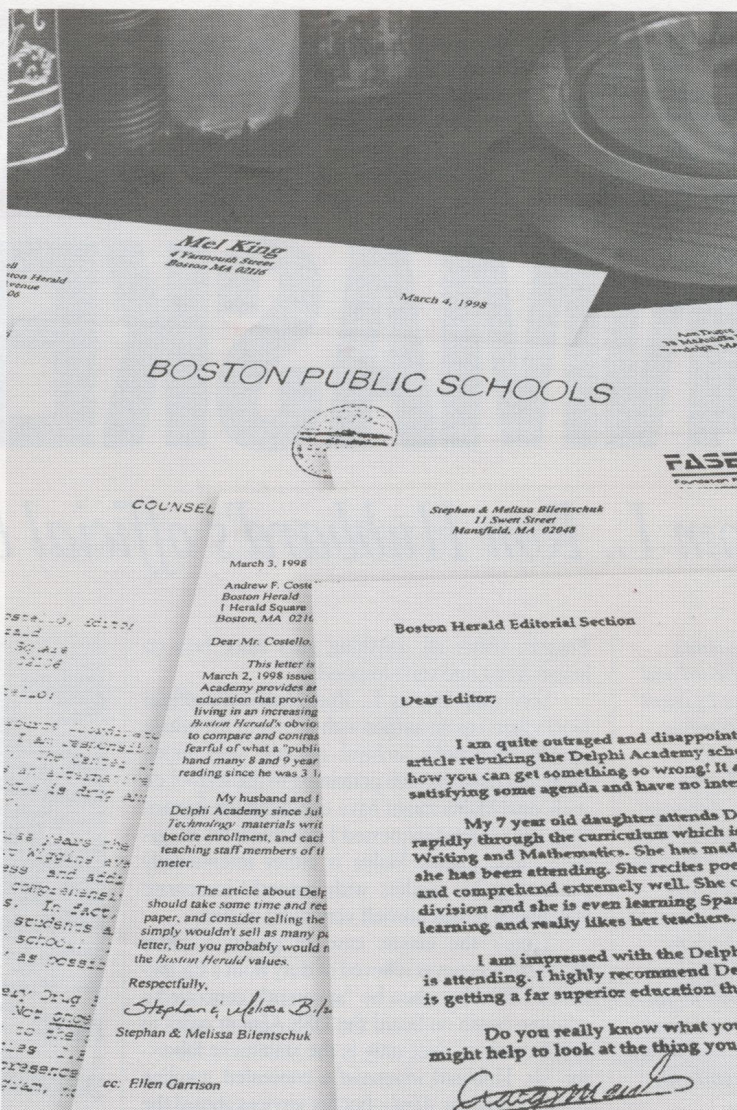
For five years he has addressed our sixth graders on the dangers of alcohol and tobacco. He allows the children to discover for themselves how these industries direct their advertising at this age group.

He has never tried to recruit anyone to the Church of Scientology. Many companies find charitable and educational causes—this does not mean that the recipients must tow the party line.

I wish the *Herald* called me prior to the printing of the article. Perhaps, then, they would have printed something more factual.

— **James T. McGrane**

Coordinator, Student Support Services,  
Umana/Barnes Middle School, Boston



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— **Rev. Alfredie Johnson,**  
Founder,  
World Literacy Crusade

I am a board-certified occupational medicine specialist and a retired Colonel of the U.S. Air Force. I am not a member of the Church of Scientology. I found your piece by Joseph Mallia, on the detoxification method developed by L. Ron Hubbard, to be as offensive as it was inaccurate.

I have utilized Mr. Hubbard's detoxification program over the last 16 years to improve the condition of more than 2,500 individuals who came to my clinic for treatment. ...

Papers documenting the efficacy of the Hubbard procedure have been published in the journals of such organizations as the American Public Health Association, the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

The news that L. Ron Hubbard developed a unique and effective method to rid the body of harmful chemical residues may not have trickled down to the *Herald* just yet. But tens of thousands of people who have been exposed to very toxic chemicals *have* heard of it, and are living healthier and happier lives because of that program.

— **David E. Root**

Medical Doctor

It was with great dismay and sadness that I read the *Herald's* piece today on the connection of Narconon and the Church of Scientology. The fact is that Bob Wiggins has spoken at Brooks School in North Andover about six times in the past four years....

So what have you accomplished? Do we now have the truth about Narconon? Did you sell a few more papers? Are you hoping that the many supporters of Narconon will withdraw their contributions and slowly kill a valuable program?

It is difficult to find good speakers about drugs, speakers who relate well to kids and give a solid message about the dangers and risks. Bob Wiggins is one of the best at it. ...

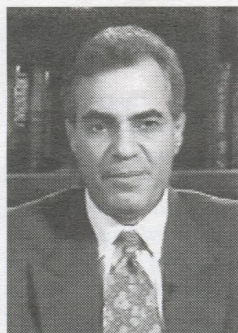
I will continue to schedule Narconon for my school for as long as they stay in business. The truth matters when it comes to drug education, not the fiction Mr. Mallia is writing.

— **Raymond S. Broadhead**  
Brooks School



# THE HERALD UNMASKED

*A word from L. Ron Hubbard's official biographer*



Dan Sherman

*Among the many topics addressed and distorted in its recent articles concerning Scientology, the Boston Herald included a disparaging biographical sketch of Scientology founder L. Ron Hubbard. Tellingly, the Herald's aspiring character assassin Joseph Mallia made no effort to verify rumor and*

*innuendo by consulting the biographer who has been researching and documenting Mr. Hubbard's life for almost a decade, Mr. Dan Sherman.*

*As if to underscore what might be seen as pure recklessness, after Sherman wrote to the paper and provided some of the facts so completely ignored or twisted by Mallia, the Herald's Jennifer Clark telephoned the biographer at his home. Her message: in response to the Herald's five-part series, Sherman could "respond" with "four or five paragraphs."*

*Dan Sherman's full response to the Herald, reproduced below, provides instructive insight into the methods employed by Mallia and his newspaper.*

Dear Editor,

Regardless of what other political machinations may have led to your Joseph Mallia report on L. Ron Hubbard, you have traipsed down the same shoddy path as the tabloid papers and "pop" biographies Mallia holds up as his precedent. That is, your Joseph Mallia has dredged up the same now discredited sources to regurgitate the same tired lies and all for the same editorial ploy: *Let's not just merely prejudice our readers against every man, woman and child who proudly call themselves Scientologists; let's also tarnish the reputation of the*

*Founder.* (After all, anything goes since he's no longer living and can't respond.)

Very well. But as L. Ron Hubbard's official biographer—as an author with access to the whole of Mr. Hubbard's archival records, very much including those records pertaining to the war—I do wish your Mallia might have exhibited the integrity to have at least requested I sidecheck his allegations. Your Joseph Mallia is either intentionally misleading his readers with patently inaccurate statements or was himself very sadly misled.

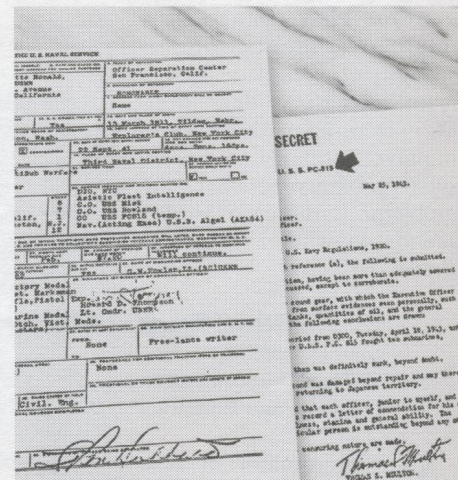
Here's the classic case in point: L. Ron Hubbard was never relieved of duty from a Pacific-based USS *Algol* when he "apparently concealed a gasoline bomb on board the USS *Algol* in order to avoid combat." Not only is the statement false—for Mr. Hubbard *discovered* a concealed gasoline bomb aboard the *Algol*—but his services aboard the *Algol* terminated with a promotion to the United States School of Military Government at Princeton University.

Moreover, the document upon which Mallia based the statement—a 1982 court affidavit from an estranged son—is quite broadly known to be bogus. Indeed, the affidavit had only been concocted when Mr. Hubbard's estranged son attempted to dupe a California court into granting him probate of the L. Ron Hubbard estate. To the same end, came all other allegations Joseph Mallia now fobs off as fact... To which I now ask: Why, Mr. Mallia, did you not inform your readers that the real source of those accusations is a 1983 interview with Ronald DeWolfe in a porno magazine and later retracted by DeWolfe as entirely fabricated?

Yes, your Joseph Mallia has quoted from a source who eventually admitted he made the whole thing up.

Now, how does that feel?

Here's another, perhaps even more to the point: your Joseph Mallia leads off his article with a recitation of Superior Court Judge Paul Breckenridge's ruling from the 1984 case involving "a top Scientology defector's court suit against the Church."



*According to the author, exhaustive records show that the Herald's Joseph Mallia "is either intentionally misleading his readers with patently inaccurate statements or was himself very sadly misled."*

Well, gentlemen, I spoke with Judge Paul Breckenridge. I further spoke—at length—with that top Scientology defector, and let me simply say you have done your readers and your reputation a very grave disservice. The facts are these: that defector is none other than Gerald Armstrong—former Scientology clerk, former paid agent of a renegade government intelligence service and, frankly, a certifiable nut. After failing to seize Church assets in a truly bizarre scheme involving the forging of incriminating evidence and the secret planting of that evidence on Church premises, he next appears in the public eye as the would-be masochist for Saddam Hussein. That is, he actually proposed Hussein accept him as a willing hostage for the release of prisoners, significantly adding: "I will be available for torture." Needless to say, even those within Hussein's camp had sense enough not to reply.

But in either case, this is the man whose testimony inspired the Breckenridge decision. This



is a man who when asked "How does one prove such testimony?" casually replied, "You don't have to prove a god damn thing! You don't have to prove s\_\_t! You just allege it!" Finally this is also a man who was recently found in multiple contempts of court for violating court orders and agreements he had entered into. He now lives as a fugitive from a jail sentence.

Need I say more on the matter?

Lastly, let me address what your Joseph Mallia presents as his journalistic coup: the statements regarding L. Ron Hubbard's service aboard the United States Naval vessel, the YP 422. For the record Mr. Hubbard never claimed to have seen action aboard that vessel. Nor does one find that statement in the "Church of Scientology's official Internet Site." Your Mr. Mallia has jumped to an

inaccurate conclusion. More to our point, however, are his statements regarding "the first former crewman with direct knowledge of the ship's activities to publicly dispute Hubbard's claim."

I do not know what led your Mallia to this former crewman, but I do know this: according to ship's records, which I possess in full, Eugene Lemare did not serve beneath Mr. Hubbard. Indeed—and this from my subsequent conversation with Lemare—the man had never even heard of Lt. L. Ron Hubbard prior to Mallia's telephone call, and certainly possessed not a shred of information pertaining to the YP 422 under Mr. Hubbard's command. That is—and once more very bluntly—your Mallia has either lied or relied upon information that he could very easily have found to be false by a direct inquiry to me. He has



*L. Ron Hubbard earned 21 medals and palms for distinguished service during the Second World War.*



presented this Eugene Lemare as a source of damning information when, in fact, poor Lemare knew nothing of the matter. In that regard, your Mallia may have sinned in precisely the same way Janet Cooke had sinned when accepting a Pulitzer Prize for an entirely fabricated story.

I might further add, Mallia as much as lied in conveniently failing to mention what a Francis Delmarmol, who took over command of the YP 422 in late 1942, concluded regarding Lt. Hubbard:

"It is with considerable pleasure that I find this ship in such excellent condition and discover that her stores and hull and machinery is in a state of high operating efficiency, superior to that of the other vessels of this division. It is with considerable gratitude that I receive from you a well trained crew."

Finally, and specifically as regards Delmarmol's remarks regarding Lt. Hubbard's fitness for command, let me add this: while Lt. Hubbard went on to earn 21 medals and palms for distinguished service through the war, Delmarmol went on to run that YP 422 aground on a coral reef.

I could say more, for your Joseph Mallia report on L. Ron Hubbard is about as flagrantly inaccurate as any I have ever seen. But now it's my turn: I have spent the better part of the last eight years examining every point of L. Ron Hubbard's life, every extant document, and the source of every allegation Mr. Mallia tosses off. And with all those eight years in mind, and all else I have witnessed through the preparation of an L. Ron Hubbard biography, I have only this to say: How does Joseph Mallia get off presenting an historical article on L. Ron Hubbard, and yet fail to even ask L. Ron Hubbard's official biographer for a statement?

While to the *Herald*, which ran with the Mallia piece, I ask this: What makes your paper run?

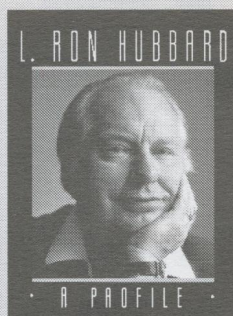
## L. Ron Hubbard: A Profile

The 130-page *L. Ron Hubbard: A Profile* chronicles the life and accomplishments of the founder of the Scientology religion, and the impact of his life's work on millions of people the world over.

*L. Ron Hubbard: A Profile* provides the best description yet of the man and his works, including professional accomplishments in many fields—writer, barnstorming pilot, explorer, musician, Marine Corps drill sergeant, Naval intelligence officer, photographer, press reporter, special officer of the Los Angeles Police Department, horticulturist, master mariner, and more. It profiles a man who was well beyond superficial classification.

To purchase a copy of *L. Ron Hubbard: A Profile*, write to the Church of Scientology of Boston, 448 Beacon Street, Boston Massachusetts, 02115 or call (617) 266-9500.

Complimentary copies are available to religious leaders, government officials and members of the news media at this address.





# Who is L. RON HUBBARD

*The truth about one of  
this century's most influential  
humanitarians*

**A**mong the many voices raised in acclaim of L. Ron Hubbard in the wake of the *Boston Herald* series was that of an African-American Christian pastor from Los Angeles. His words were direct, if strong: "That thousands of lives have literally been saved from the world of street violence and possible death is attributable, in my opinion, to L. Ron Hubbard's educational methods."

He is far from alone. L. Ron Hubbard's accomplishments have had enormous impact on the lives of millions. He is rightfully regarded as one of the most important men of the twentieth century.

The furthest reaching of L. Ron Hubbard's humanitarian efforts are embodied in Dianetics and Scientology; today, millions of people in more than 130 nations consider his works the spiritual cornerstone of their lives.



His drug rehabilitation methods are used with great success in 39 countries with more than 140,000 people freed from the harmful effects of drugs.

His breakthroughs in the field of education have been employed around the globe for 30 years, and have helped bring learning and literacy to millions of children and adults.

These are only a few of the better-known accomplishments of L. Ron Hubbard. But if you read an edition of the *Boston Herald* which purported to give insight into his life, you would have no sense of his achievements.

If the *Herald* wanted to reveal little known facts about L. Ron Hubbard they could have done so—and stuck to the truth. Indeed, it is not commonly realized that Mr. Hubbard was an accomplished professional in 29 different fields as diverse as aviation, horticulture, cinematography, music and administration.



Or that his published writings include more than 5,000 works, in genres as diverse as western, adventure, mystery, science fiction, poetry and philosophy.

He was also an accomplished master mariner, licensed to operate any vessel on any ocean, and as an explorer and expeditionary leader, Mr. Hubbard carried the prestigious Explorer's Club flag on three expeditions.

Few are aware that while residing in England in the 1960s, his horticultural research included the means to improve crop yield in famine-prone countries.

Mr. Hubbard wrote and recorded three music albums; his professional photographs appeared in many publications including *National Geographic*; and he was repeatedly decorated for service in the U.S. Navy.

And, faced with opposition of sanctimonious powers-that-be or even outright corruption, L. Ron Hubbard not only didn't quit but ultimately emerged victorious. He spoke out against the illegal and misguided machinations of Nixon, Hoover and others and against all forms of totalitarianism—long before it was politically “safe” to do so. For his efforts, his name found its way to the infamous “Nixon enemies list” and he was subject to all the maltreatment which followed from that distinction. He was one of only a few who survived the experience and saw the day when U.S. Congress exposed and denounced the operation.

A tireless champion of equal rights for all people, he travelled to Southern Africa and even suggested a constitution which would have made the dream of equality and democracy a reality for millions living under Apartheid. And though some 35 years ago he found himself dismissed as a threat to that oppressive system, he never ceased to champion those ideals... and today, through the work of many like-minded men and women of persistence and goodwill, that region, more than ever before, enjoys the equality Mr. Hubbard hoped and worked for.

His books have sold over 120 million copies. The Scientology religion has millions of followers. And there are too many people, too well known, who demonstrate every day they are every bit as, and indeed more, intelligent than the *Boston Herald*—and they practice this religion and know that L. Ron Hubbard is their friend.

*If you would like truthful, documented information about L. Ron Hubbard, write or call: L. Ron Hubbard Personal Public Relations Office Eastern United States, 349 W. 48th Street, New York, New York 10036, Phone: (212) 757-9610. You can also check the following Internet sites, available in five languages:*

*<http://www.scientology.org>  
<http://www.lronhubbard.org>  
<http://www.dianetics.org>  
[email:info@scientology.org](mailto:email:info@scientology.org)*



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# The Church of SCIENTOLOGY

## *And the Works of Its Members*

By Frank Ofman, Director of Public Affairs  
Church of Scientology Boston



Frank Ofman

Celebrating the 27th anniversary of the founding of the first Church of Scientology of Boston, local Scientologists found themselves reflecting on a rich history on March 13.

Long before the *Herald* decided to publish its recent series of articles, it would have been a rare citizen who did not know at least *something* of the prominence of Scientologists in and around Boston. In community projects concerned with improving educational opportunities, drug education and violence prevention, Scientologists have worked hand-in-hand with other churches and community organizations for years.

But Bostonians have also played prominent roles in the *history* of Scientology.

The first discoveries about the mind and the spirit which led to the development of the Scientology religion were released by L. Ron Hubbard in 1950 in his perennial bestseller, *Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health*. In August that year, at a public lecture at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, Mr. Hubbard introduced some of the very first people to experience the effectiveness of Dianetics principles. One

was a young physics student from Harvard. Significantly, she spoke of revitalized confidence in achieving her educational goals. Difficulties in attending classes—being “moody” and “nervous”—had disappeared, she said, leaving her wholeheartedly positive about the future and her own ability to deal with life’s challenges.

It soon became obvious from the results

being achieved in Dianetics that the mind, like the body, is *not* the person—each individual is a *spiritual* being who *uses* a mind and a body. Thus the Scientology religion developed, and more than 45 years later, tens of thousands of Bostonians and millions around the world have experienced the benefits of Dianetics and Scientology in their own lives.



*An important part of the practice of the Scientology religion is the study of texts that detail the spiritual nature of man and the basic principles of life. These studies are done in a church courseroom, a setting much like that seen in a university.*



## COMMON QUESTIONS

However, while Scientology is indisputably the most widely discussed religion in the world today, many know something *about* Scientology, but not what it actually *is*.

Of the many questions I am regularly asked, there are three I hear most: "What *is* Scientology?"; "What do Scientologists *believe*?"; and "What do they *do*?"

Taking first things first, Scientology is an applied religious philosophy which offers tools anyone can use to become happier and more able, and to improve conditions in life for oneself and others. The word itself literally means "knowing how to know."

The religion comprises a vast body of knowledge. That knowledge, however, extends from a number of fundamental truths, among them:

That each person is an immortal spiritual being.

That his experiences extend well beyond one life.

That his capabilities are unlimited, even if not presently realized.

Scientology holds man to be basically good, and that his spiritual salvation depends upon himself and his fellows and his attainment of brotherhood with the universe.

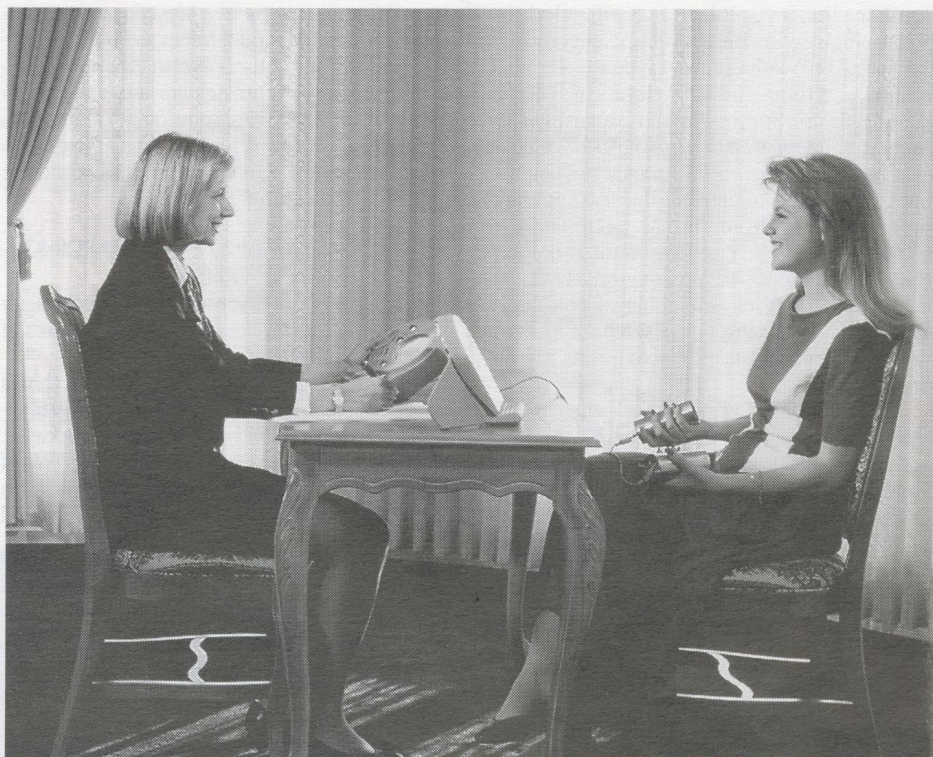
**S**cientologists are opposed to all things which make man less free in any respect—physically, mentally, spiritually or otherwise.

It is the only major religion to emerge in the 20th century, and flows from entirely new discoveries about the spirit, life and the interrelationships between the Supreme Being, man and the universe in which he lives.

It is a religious philosophy in the deepest sense of the word, for it is concerned with no less than the total rehabilitation of man's innate spiritual self—his abilities, his awareness and his knowledge of his own immortality. It answers the fundamental questions of existence: Who am I? Where did I come from? What is the meaning of life? What happens when I die?

While it follows the oldest of all religious traditions, Scientology is, again, something very new—a point which is all the more pertinent when we turn to the question of what Scientologists *believe*. For Scientology is *not* taken on faith. Nothing in Scientology is true for a person unless he or she has experienced it and observed it to be true. Scientology is something one *does*, something one can experience, observe, learn, know and practice oneself.

Thus the Scientology religion elicits interest from people in all walks of life.



*This is an auditing session—one-on-one pastoral counseling where the parishoner is able to resolve spiritual difficulties and enhance abilities.*

## FROM INDIVIDUAL USE TO BROAD APPLICATION

The question, "What do Scientologists do?", cuts to the heart of the matter because Scientology is not about belief, but about *application*. What Scientologists *do* clarifies the main reason Scientology appeals to more and more individuals everywhere: the workability of its fundamental principles.

And what could factually be said to make Scientology unique is the breadth of its application and the powerful and beneficial results—to which millions attest—that arise from its use.

The religion provides a carefully delineated, step-by-step path to complete spiritual freedom. Its central practice, and the primary means by which the basic truths of Scientology are applied to the rehabilitation of the human spirit, is known as *auditing*. Auditing is delivered by an *auditor*, from the Latin *audire*, "one who listens."

One of the fundamental principles of Scientology is that an individual can improve his condition only if he is allowed to find his own answers to life's problems. Scientology ministers—auditors—help individuals to accomplish this goal by guiding them to examine their existence through a precise series of steps. By following this gradual process, individuals can improve their ability to face what they are and where they are—peeling away past experiences that have weighed heavily upon them.

Another fundamental aspect of the religion is the study of Scientology principles. The over-

riding principle of all courses in Scientology is, again, *application*—in one's life, with one's family, one's friends and neighbors, at work and in society.

The scriptures of the Scientology religion constitute more than 35 million words—and thus represent the largest single body of work on the human mind and spirit. The precise and proven methods of Scientology improve life and bring about a resurgence of man's capabilities. There is no aspect of life that cannot be bettered through the application of Scientology principles.

Indeed, auditing and training bring improvements never before seen, and often astonishing, but which are attainable whenever applied. It has been said that Scientology will go as far as it works, and on that score the fact that the religion has grown from one small church in Los Angeles to more than 3,200 churches, missions and groups and over 8 million members in 130 countries in just 44 years says a great deal.

## IMPROVING LIFE AND RELIEVING SUFFERING

As individuals improve their own lives through the Scientology religion, it is a natural consequence that they reach outward to help others—a role traditionally played by churches before such activities became the province of government welfare programs.

Scientologists engage in a broad spectrum of activities to help their fellow man in all areas of society. In today's world, where we are faced with mounting illiteracy, drug abuse, violence and crime, knowledge of Scientology can, and does, produce results that to many seem like miracles.



The literacy projects spearheaded by Scientologists in Boston represent only a fraction of the work done in tandem with other charitable groups in this field. In venues ranging from South African townships to America's inner cities, Scientologists have been conducting or assisting in literacy projects for underprivileged children for decades, opening the door to a brighter future for millions of young people. Their selfless work prompted the City Council of Washington, D.C., to declare a Church of Scientology Community Betterment Day—just one of scores of recognitions of Scientologists' effective efforts to help youth learn.

In communities all over the world, Scientologists have enabled hard-core drug addicts to break the shackles of substance abuse through support of the Narconon ("no drugs") drug rehabilitation program. Again, the popular and massively successful drug-education campaign conducted by Narconon staff in Boston and throughout New England is only one facet of a project truly international in scope.

A team from Narconon has even achieved success in one of the most violent prisons in Mexico, with a full drug rehab program for some of the toughest and most dangerous inmates there. All hard-core heroin users, many of whom could never be paroled due to the nature of their offenses, they are actually getting off drugs—in some cases, for the first time in 30 years. Those prisoners, in turn, expanded the program to reach hundreds of others.

More than 140,000 people have been freed from the harmful effects of drugs through the efforts of members of the Church of Scientology.

By means of vigorous grassroots drug-prevention campaigns such as the Drug-Free Marshals, Scientologists in Boston, around the United States and many other lands have helped legions of children to say "No" to drugs, pledg-

ing to maintain a drug-free lifestyle, and encouraging their friends and families to do the same.

And in hundreds of North American prisons, thousands of inmates are recovering self-respect and achieving genuine rehabilitation, again through the efforts of Scientologists—who support and volunteer their time to aid the Criminon ("no crime") program.

## ADVOCATING AND SAFEGUARDING BASIC FREEDOMS

The actions of Scientologists include many programs to improve conditions in all sectors of society around the globe.

Scientologists are opposed to all things which make man less free in *any* respect—physically, mentally, spiritually or otherwise. Indeed, the Creed of the Church states, "We of the Church believe: ... That all men have inalienable rights to their own lives; That all

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men have inalienable rights to their own defense; That all men have inalienable rights to conceive, choose, assist or support their own organizations, churches and governments...."

Thus, it is not surprising that Church members often find themselves confronting those whose interests are opposed to freedom, whether in the halls of government in Germany or in the private psychiatric hells of Greece.

Scientologists are not merely "philosophically" opposed to groups and individuals who would destroy freedom. They work actively through organizations such as the Citizens Commission on Human Rights (CCHR)—established by the Church in 1969—to bring psychiatric abuse into the sunshine and to force beneficial reforms.

In 1986, a United Nations Human Rights Commission report acknowledged the effectiveness of such efforts. "CCHR has been responsible for many great reforms," the report stated, in part. "At least 30 bills throughout the world, which would otherwise have inhibited the rights of patients, or would have given psychiatry the power to commit minority groups and individuals against their will, have been defeated by CCHR actions." By 1998, that total had risen to more than 100 pieces of legislation.

The Church has a long history of advocating and defending basic freedoms. Scientologists have long been in the vanguard of efforts to advance and protect human rights and personal liberty. One such right, freedom of speech, is so important to Scientologists that it is also included in the Creed, which states, "We of the Church believe: ... That all men have inalienable rights to think freely, to talk freely, to write freely their own opinions and to counter or utter or write upon the opinions of others...."

It is significant that the Church's magazine—*Freedom*—was banned in South Africa during the 1970s by that nation's repressive apartheid government. The Church and *Freedom* had refused to bow down to government threats and demands to cease speaking out about massive human rights abuses against that nation's black citizens. Hence, we know the importance of freedom of speech—at a very personal level.

The Church has also long been an effective champion of religious liberty for all and has fought for freedom of religious belief and practice in many arenas. Scientologists firmly believe that any attempt by governments or others to encroach upon the right of free religious expression must be vigorously opposed, for the protection of people of all faiths.

Scientologists have been pioneers in the field of freedom of information in many countries—promoting public access to government files as through the U.S. Freedom of Information Act. In the mid-1970s, the Church published a popular booklet entitled *How to Use the Freedom of Information Act*. In response to enormous public demand, it was updated and

## A Description of the Scientology Religion

The Church of Scientology International has compiled and released an informative publication entitled *A Description of the Scientology Religion*.

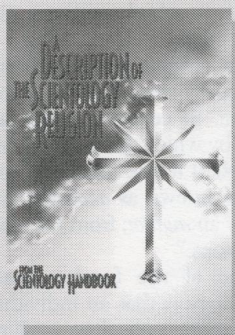
This 90-page publication contains an explanation of the factual background from which Scientology emerged, and provides the reader with a detailed yet easily comprehensible explanation of the Scientology religion and its

application to life. More than 40 full-color photos and illustrations to aid the reader.

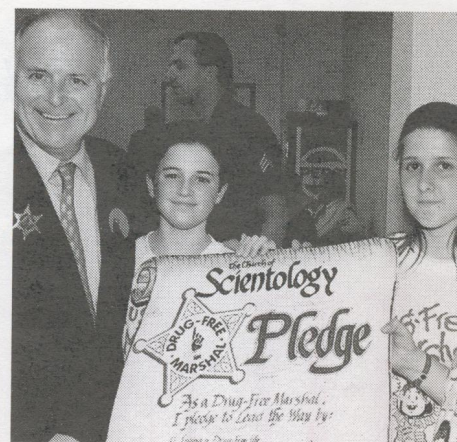
For a free copy of this booklet, please write to the Church of Scientology of Boston, 448 Beacon Street, Boston Massachusetts, 02115 or call (617) 266-9500.

If you're on the Net, you can read the booklet at:

<http://www.scientology.org>







*By means of vigorous grassroots drug-prevention campaigns such as the Drug-Free Marshals, Scientologists around the world have helped legions of children to maintain a drug-free lifestyle. Los Angeles mayor Richard Riordan is one of many officials who support the campaign (top right). Scientologists also support the Narconon drug rehabilitation and education programs operating in more than three dozen locations (left). In venues that range from South African townships to America's inner cities, Scientologists have conducted and assisted literacy projects for underprivileged children for decades (above). Scientologists and Scientology founder and humanitarian L. Ron Hubbard have received thousands of awards for their work (above left).*

We have recently renovated the building which houses our church facilities in Boston—a beautiful French Chateausque, mansion-style building originally constructed by the architectural firm Andrews & Jacques in 1889.

We have gone to great lengths to make information about the Church and its activities broadly and freely available. As part of this effort, tens of thousands of books, including the encyclopedic reference volumes, *What Is Scientology?* and *The Scientology Handbook*, as well

expanded in 1989, with an additional 60,000 copies published and distributed as a public service.

Similar work by Scientologists around the world has directly contributed to the introduction of freedom of information legislation in such nations as France, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Italy and Belgium.

#### OPEN DOOR

If the above sounds different from what you might expect of a religion, bear in mind that the Church of Scientology is not like any other religion.

The Aims of Scientology envision "A civilization without insanity, without criminals and

without war, where the able can prosper and honest beings can have rights, and where man is free to rise to greater heights." Across the globe, we move closer to these aims with every passing day.

I invite you to visit the Church of Scientology for yourself to find out for yourself why Scientology is the fastest-growing religion in the world. The Church has traditionally welcomed visitors and their questions and has always had an open door policy.

Here in Boston you will find the Church of Scientology at 448 Beacon Street in the historic Back Bay, where we have been located since 1975.

as hundreds of thousands of booklets have been distributed to public and university libraries so that the most commonly asked questions can be readily answered.

For those with access to the Internet, the World Wide Web contains the most comprehensive source of information on Scientology in existence, with more than 30,000 pages of information (<http://www.scientology.org>).

Of course, Scientology remains in the news and will continue to be. And because of our social betterment efforts and our continuing expansion, our impact on society grows with each passing day. I invite you to ask about Scientology—and I welcome you to find out for yourself.



*New publications offer answers*

# *The* HUMANITARIAN Works of L. Ron Hubbard

**W**e have the answers to human suffering," L. Ron Hubbard once wrote, "and they are available to everyone." In particular, he spoke of his means for humane and effective criminal reform, his solutions to epidemic drug abuse, his tools for the eradication of illiteracy, and his reply to a truly pandemic moral crisis.

Defining what comprises those answers, and their genuinely global impact, are three publications from a larger series detailing Mr. Hubbard's life and work: *Ethics, Justice and Civilization*; *Education, Illiteracy and Civilization* and *Rehabilitating a Drugged Society*. All told, these publications provide an immensely important statement on both what most troubles this society, and the man who provided what have proven to be the only consistently workable solutions to those troubles. In short, those who know the name L. Ron Hubbard solely in terms of Dianetics and Scientology will find these publications most enlightening. While those who regard modern criminality, immorality, drug abuse and the failure of our educational system as all but insolvable, will find these publications a revelation.

*Ethics, Justice and Civilization*: There is not a criminal in the world, L. Ron Hubbard tells us, whose life of crime cannot be traced to a loss of self-respect. And were we to ask that criminal what is meant by a loss of self-respect, we would invariably hear a statement not

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unlike this one: "One day I found that I could not trust myself." Defining the greater significance of that statement, and L. Ron Hubbard's subsequent discoveries in the field of criminal rehabilitation is the subject of *Ethics, Justice and Civilization*. Of particular focus are the truly unprecedented results from the celebrated Criminon ("without crime") program. Exclusively utilizing L. Ron Hubbard's rehabilitation tools, and presently at work in some six hundred state and federal detention

centers across North America, South America, Europe and Asia, the Criminon program has been broadly acknowledged as the world's singularly most effective means of restoring to the inmate a life of responsibility and decency. Case in point: while recidivism among juvenile offenders of Butler County, Alabama previously averaged eighty percent—generally on par with the national average—with implementation of the Criminon program that figure suddenly and quite spectacularly fell to but ten percent.

Also appropriately discussed through the pages of *Ethics, Justice and Civilization* are L. Ron Hubbard's wholly practical tools for restoration of ethical decency and his highly applauded non-religious moral code *The Way to Happiness*—now in the hands of some fifty million men, women and children across fifty nations and credited with the moral reformation of whole communities. To wit: there are former members of notoriously violent south-central Los Angeles gangs now wholly and sincerely dedicated to the eradication of gang-violence solely from their study of *The Way to Happiness*.

*Education, Literacy and Civilization*: Having long recognized the inextricable links between criminality, social upheaval and the inability to read, L. Ron Hubbard, "engaged in a study of applications of technology to illiteracy and illiterate or semiliterate populations." What ultimately followed from that study is an arsenal of learning tools fully and factually capable of resolving the whole of a



## L. RON HUBBARD



### •REHABILITATING A DRUGGED SOCIETY•

twentieth century educational crisis. To cite but two telling figures: while approximately 13 percent of all American teenagers (and upwards of 40 percent of all minority adolescents) are incapable of reading a newspaper, no less than a hundred thousand American students regularly pack concealed weapons in their classrooms. In reply, and very dramatically so, stands the greater body of L. Ron Hubbard's educational technology as presently utilized by thirty million students in grade schools, high schools, colleges and universities the world over.

Aptly described as *Study Technology*, the L. Ron Hubbard educational system is entirely unique—not a “study habits for success,” or “tips for straight-A’s”—but absolutely bedrock on the subject of learning. Delineating the three fundamental barriers to study and providing the means to surmount those barriers, *Study Technology* actually represents the first and only system by which a student actually learns *how* to learn, i.e., how to study any subject, whether practical or theoretical, with a full and lasting comprehension. Of particular note are methods for identifying and resolving the primary barrier to all literacy problems and thus, by turns, the singular source of all scholastic failures underlying an appalling high-school dropout rate.

Additionally discussed are the bottom-line—and once more astonishing—results of application, e.g., in controlled tests of British school children, a mere ten hours of instruction in *Study Technology* proved equivalent to 1.3 years of scholastic gain, while after but ten hours of instruction, a class of New Zealand students actually measured twelve points higher on IQ scores. Then again, there are the several hundred thousand or more children across the world now admirably progressing through schools they had formerly all but abandoned.

*Rehabilitating a Drugged Society*: The procedures for drug rehabilitation developed by

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### •EDUCATION, LITERACY & CIVILIZATION•

L. Ron Hubbard are presently employed in some seventy nations and credited with the salvation of a hundred thousand terminal addicts. Mr. Hubbard's discoveries have further meant a drug-free life for a million or more recreational users, and still more suffering ill effects of medicinal and psychotropic usage. In acknowledgment of his discoveries relating to the biochemical action of drugs, his work has been described as nothing less than landmark. While with an utterly unparalleled success rate among even once incorrigible cocaine offenders and habitually violent crack addicts, the description is benchmark—herein lies the program for the rehabilitation of drug abusers against which all other programs may be measured.

Providing both an incisive view of what has become a genuinely global tragedy, and L. Ron Hubbard's just as genuinely miraculous solution, is *Rehabilitating a Drugged Society*. The publication details the full range of Mr. Hubbard's rehabilitation methods, including his broadly acclaimed Purification Program, providing the only known effective means of ridding the human body of deleterious drug residues and environmental toxins. That all substance abuse tends to leave residues stored

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in fatty tissues is an L. Ron Hubbard discovery, and a crucial one. Point of fact: the presence of minute drug/toxic residues tends to inhibit any permanent severance of a drug habit.

Also included is a discussion of the drug rehabilitation methods employed within the Church of Scientology, which address underlying mental and spiritual difficulties originally precipitating usage. Then, too, *Rehabilitating a Drugged Society* offers an equally incisive view of L. Ron Hubbard's methods in action as employed through the worldwide and world renowned network of rehabilitation centers known as Narconon (“no narcotics”).

To date, *Ethics, Justice and Civilization*, *Education, Illiteracy and Civilization* and *Rehabilitating a Drugged Society* have reached some million readers worldwide. More importantly, the solutions described within these publications have reached several million others. That the author of those solutions further happens to be the founder of Dianetics and Scientology is neither accidental nor unexpected. Rather, it is altogether in keeping with a view of L. Ron Hubbard held by so many who have turned to him for answers—not only this century's most honored religious founder, but its most relevant humanitarian as well.

## The L. Ron Hubbard: Humanitarian Series

*Ethics, Justice and Civilization;*  
*Education, Illiteracy and Civilization*  
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# I am a SCIENTOLOGIST

*People who have benefited from Scientology  
come from all walks of life.*

**S**cientology saved my life. The tools and information in Scientology have allowed me to be in control of my own life and my own decisions.

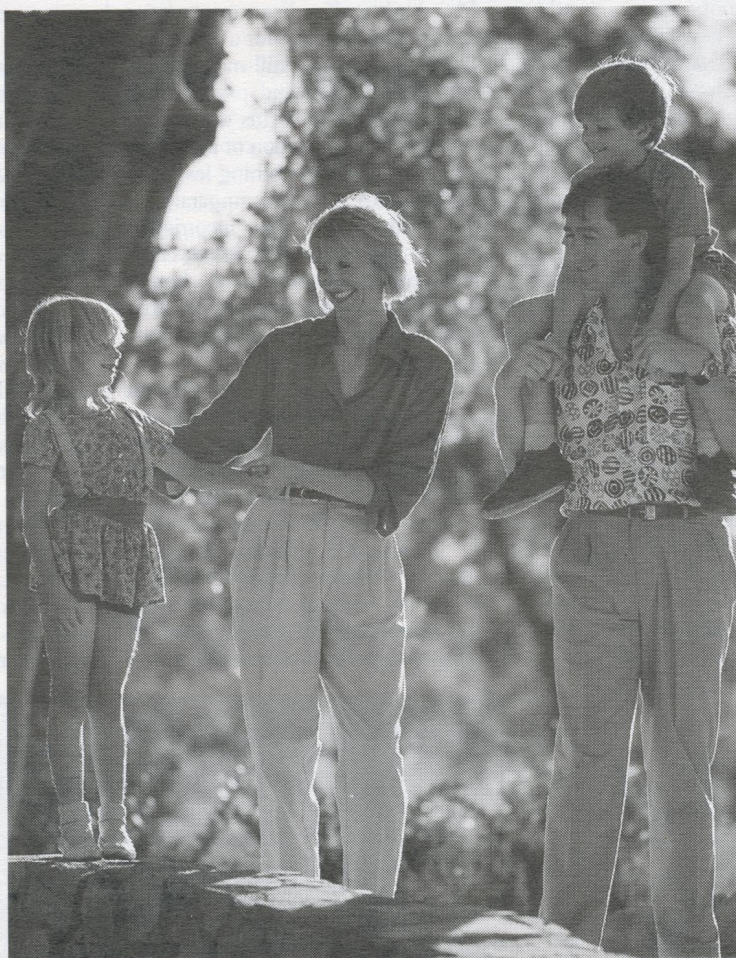
— **Damon Lequin**  
Church administrator

**I** discovered the Church in 1991 as a result of reading *Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health*, which had been sitting on my mother's bookshelf for years. I looked up the nearest Church of Scientology in the back of the book and ran in there and my life has improved ever since. First, a drug problem I had for some time was completely handled. Then, some serious communication problems I had were resolved and, as a result of some courses on personal values, integrity and ethics, I finally got the job I had wanted all of my life: I became a special effects artist for the television and motion picture industry!

— **Scott Shepard**  
Special effects artist

**S**cientology has enabled me to recognize and handle many study difficulties my students have on a day-to-day basis. I have become more able to achieve my personal goals and purposes—those idealistic reasons why I became an educator 27 years ago.

With Scientology, I have been able to understand the underlying barriers that hindered my students' progress and success and I have been able to truly help them. The sanity and reason which



Scientology has provided me as an educator surpass any of my formal educational training and gave me the kind of stability all teachers would benefit from.

— **Eileen Cummings**  
Educator

**S**cientology has greatly helped me in my life. I have improved my relationships and have really become much happier as a result.

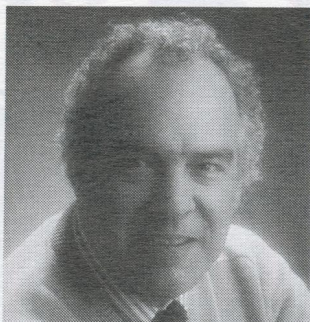
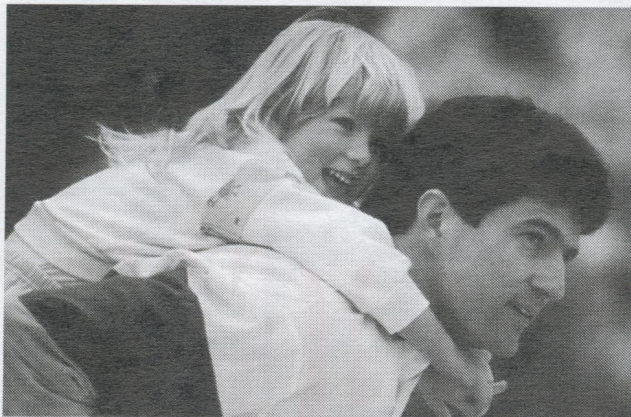
— **Waqas Jilani**  
Entrepreneur

**B**efore I became aware of Scientology, I wasn't doing well. I was making the "wrong" type of friends and my life was heading in the wrong direction. Scientology helped me turn things around. Today, I am a successful businessman. I know where I would have been without Scientology. Scientology saved my life!

— **Gerard Renna**  
Businessman

**T**he single greatest thing that studying Scientology has done for me is that it has helped me become freer. Freer to create life as I want to, without being thrown off my objectives. One of the first, simple successes was when I





**S**cientology  
makes  
people  
free, sane  
and able.

It makes it  
possible to be  
more oneself,  
with the ability  
to create and  
change anything  
being a natural  
and expected  
phenomenon.

er's devastation turned into relief. She knew she could and would carry on. With Dianetics and Scientology, I am able to help people like her and virtually anyone else, all of the time.

— **Caralyn Percy**  
Homemaker

**W**ith Scientology, I've gained an enormous understanding and love for life and my perceptions have increased. As an artist, that's priceless. My business has skyrocketed and the demand for my work keeps increasing. Scientology gave me the realization of my unlimited potential and the ability to achieve any goal I set for myself. For this I am forever grateful.

— **James T. Sorensen**  
Photographer

**B**efore I was introduced to Scientology, I was moving about in life uncertain of how to create stable success for myself as an artist, in my marriage and for others around me. I just left it to hard work and luck. I now have confidence that I can tackle any venture in life and be able to make it work for the benefit of myself and others around me. This confidence comes from the clarity and workability of a lifetime of research and hard work by L. Ron Hubbard. I am deeply indebted to him.

— **Pat Frey**  
Florist

learned to handle and remove my own self-imposed barriers and restraints. Through further study, my ability to handle life around me also increased. This freedom has been hard won, but the rewards are great.

My study of Scientology has also enabled me to write more music. I am quicker and I am more able to use all of the musical abilities that I already have. I gained a new understanding of what the proper importances are in the process of creating music. And Scientology has helped me to live better.

Using the basic principles of Scientology has become a natural way of life for me. From Scientology I've gained a freedom to learn whatever I want to learn in life, and I'm gaining new abilities all the time.

— **Chick Corea**

Eight-time Grammy  
Award-winning jazz  
musician and composer

**I** have been a Scientologist for over 25 years. When I first found out about Scientology, I was interested in getting to know myself better as a spiritual being. I soon found out that the subject of Scientology had many workable ways to help people to increase their abilities. I am currently working as a school administrator and have been happily married for over 15 years and have two wonderful daughters.

— **Chris Garrison**  
School administrator

**A**s a Scientologist since 1972 I have been able to *do* more to help myself and my family, friends and community with the principles and practices of L. Ron Hubbard. I recall, for example, when I gave a Dianetics counseling session to a lady whose son had drowned while in the Navy, stationed in Turkey. The moth-

## What is Scientology?

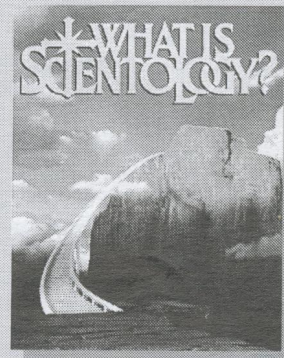
In recent years, the Church of Scientology has published a series of publications to make itself known, provide information about its activities, and clear up any misconceptions about the Scientology religion.

One of these is the definitive reference work on Scientology: *What Is Scientology?*, an 833-page volume that describes the philosophy and beliefs, catechism, creeds and codes, services and scriptures of the Scientology religion.

The book came about because of strong public interest in the Scientology religion and the Church and the need for accurate and complete information. Thousands of hours of research went into this comprehensive work that gives a full description of Scientology and its activities.

You can purchase your own copy of *What Is Scientology?*, the encyclopedic reference on Scientology, in either hardback or softcover, by writing to the Church of Scientology of Boston, 448 Beacon Street, Boston Massachusetts, 02115 or by calling (617) 266-9500.

Complimentary copies are available to religious leaders, government officials and members of the news media at this address.





# The Global SCIENTOLOGY Information Center

*More than 50 million hits to new web sites*

**W**hen a computer trade publication noted that the White House site on the Internet's World Wide Web (or "Web") had 1.25 million "hits" in its first six months—and that "If you can beat that, you're onto a winner"—those creating new web sites took note. And, since then, numerous other institutions, including the Vatican, have sought to create even more popular new destinations on the Internet.

But the Church of Scientology's sites on the Web marked the end of the second month following their eye-catching debut by celebrating a cyberspace milestone: *3.8 million hits* in less than three months. By the end of six months, the hits had soared to 8 million

and by March 1998, just two years after the first three sites opened, passed the 50 million mark.

Collectively known as the Global Scientology Information Center, the sites enjoy a growing popularity which is not confined to casual surfers. No less than 120 awards have been presented to the sites to date.

The response by casual browsers of every description to the three original sites—on Dianetics, Scientology and L. Ron Hubbard—has been enthusiastic, so much so that more than 100 additional sites were added in response to the demand, in English and four major foreign languages.

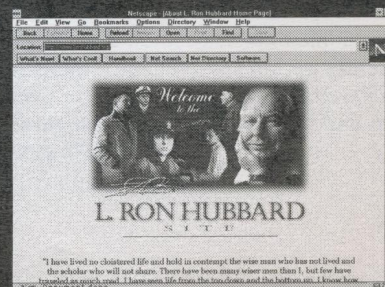
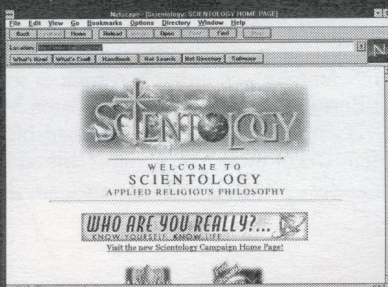
The best way to get an idea of what these sites are about is to log on and see for yourself. Once logged on, the visitor can select his lan-

guage of choice—including not only English, but Spanish, French, German and Italian as well—by selecting the appropriate flag. As part of the largest multimedia presence on the Web, users can get virtually all of their questions about the Church of Scientology answered while enjoying a broad range of unique features, such as an interactive view "inside" the human mind.

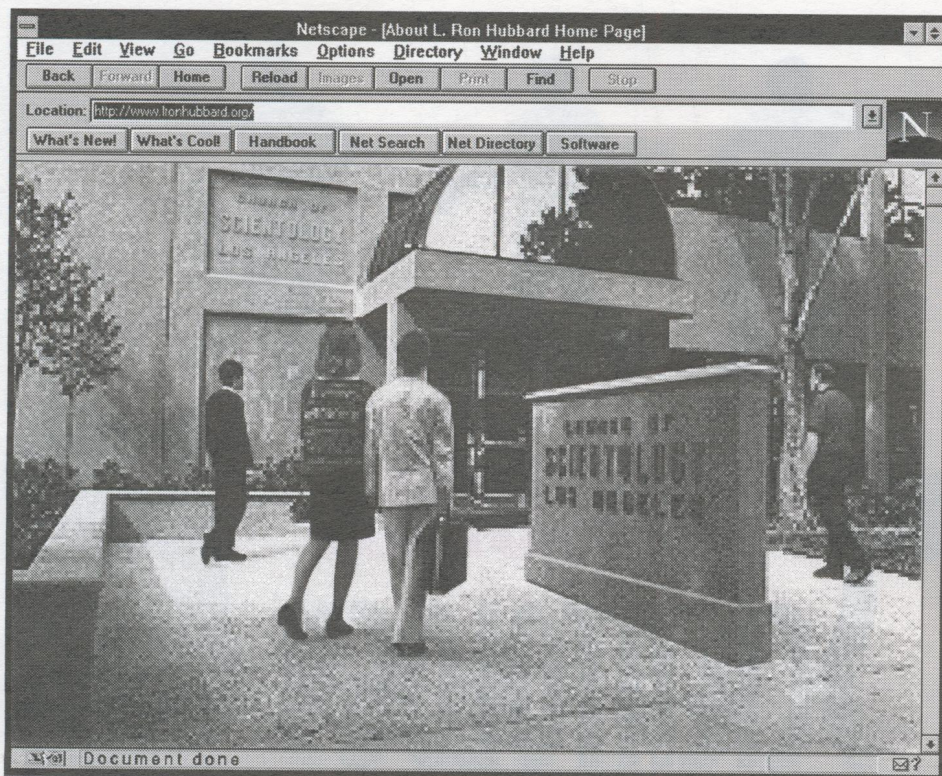
Not content with using the most state-of-the-art technology in its development of the sites, Scientologists have continued to enhance the quality as new technology becomes available.

The addresses for the original Global Scientology Information Center Web sites are:  
<http://www.Ironhubbard.org>  
<http://www.scientology.org>  
<http://www.dianetics.org>

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## NEW SITES

Since those three went online, the new sites added to the Global Scientology Information Center include one that gives the most up-to-date and accurate information about the Scientology religion. It can be viewed at <http://news.scientology.org>.

Another popular site, <http://faq.scientology.org>, answers commonly asked questions about the Scientology religion, while "virtual reality" tours of major Church organizations around the world, such as the Founding Church of Scientology in Washington, D.C.—at <http://foundingchurch.scientology.org>—are available and well-traveled.

The Citizens Commission on Human Rights, founded by the Church of Scientology in 1969 as an independent body to expose and eradicate criminal acts and human rights abuses by psychiatry all over the world, provides in-depth knowledge on activities in this arena at <http://www.cchr.org>.

With more than 120 million copies of his works sold in 31 languages in over 105

nations, L. Ron Hubbard is one of the most acclaimed and widely read authors of all time. One can browse the lists of his works, read articles and make purchases online at <http://www.bridgepub.com> the site of Bridge Publications Inc.

The entirety of *The Scientology Handbook*, an encyclopedic reference work containing invaluable practical knowledge and solutions to life's problems, is online at <http://www.scientologyhandbook.org>.

The L. Ron Hubbard Literary Site, presented by Author Services Inc., offers a comprehensive bibliography of Mr. Hubbard's fiction, complete with audio selections of his bestselling books on tape and excerpts of his internationally renowned works, at <http://www.authorservicesinc.com>.

Mr. Hubbard's bestselling novel, *Battlefield Earth*, a saga of the year 3000, inspired its own popular site, with a free *Battlefield Earth* game that can be easily downloaded, at <http://www.battlefieldearth.com>.

New sites include the full text of a series

of in-depth magazines and special publications that address aspects of the life of L. Ron Hubbard as a humanitarian, educator, leader in the field of drug rehabilitation, writer, philosopher, poet, musician, adventurer and more. These can be accessed at:

<http://humanitarian.lronhubbard.org>  
<http://education.lronhubbard.org>  
<http://drugrehab.lronhubbard.org>  
<http://writer.lronhubbard.org>  
<http://www.ronthe philosopher.org>  
<http://www.ronthe poet.org>  
<http://www.ronthe musicmaker.org>  
<http://adventurer.lronhubbard.org>  
<http://www.lronhubbardprofile.org>

Sites are also online for the Association for Better Living and Education (ABLE), a worldwide organization dedicated to social betterment. They feature this group's secular crusade against the problems of illiteracy, crime, drug abuse and moral decay and make genuine solutions readily available for the first time to millions.

The interactive Applied Scholastics site allows children to test their literacy levels and comprehension skills, and offers personal tutoring via e-mail. It presents solutions to learning and educational problems through effective study methods.

The Criminon ("no crime") site introduces the Criminon criminal rehabilitation program. It explains what causes a person to become a criminal and the simple truth that can fully rehabilitate him.

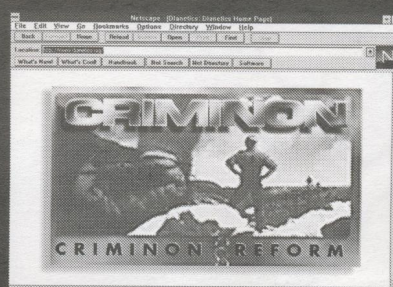
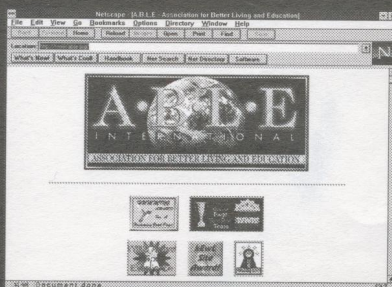
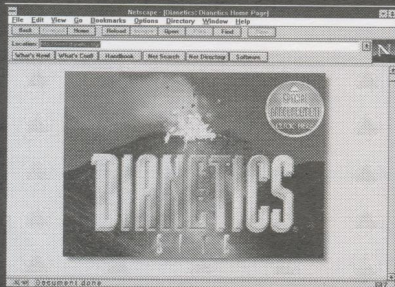
The Narconon ("no drugs") site highlights the Narconon drug rehabilitation and drug education program, with a three-decade record of international success in handling substance abuse, enabling tens of thousands of people to get off drugs for good.

The Way to Happiness site features the full text of *The Way to Happiness* booklet, a moral code based entirely on common sense—with more than 52 million copies in print—that restores trust and honesty to society.

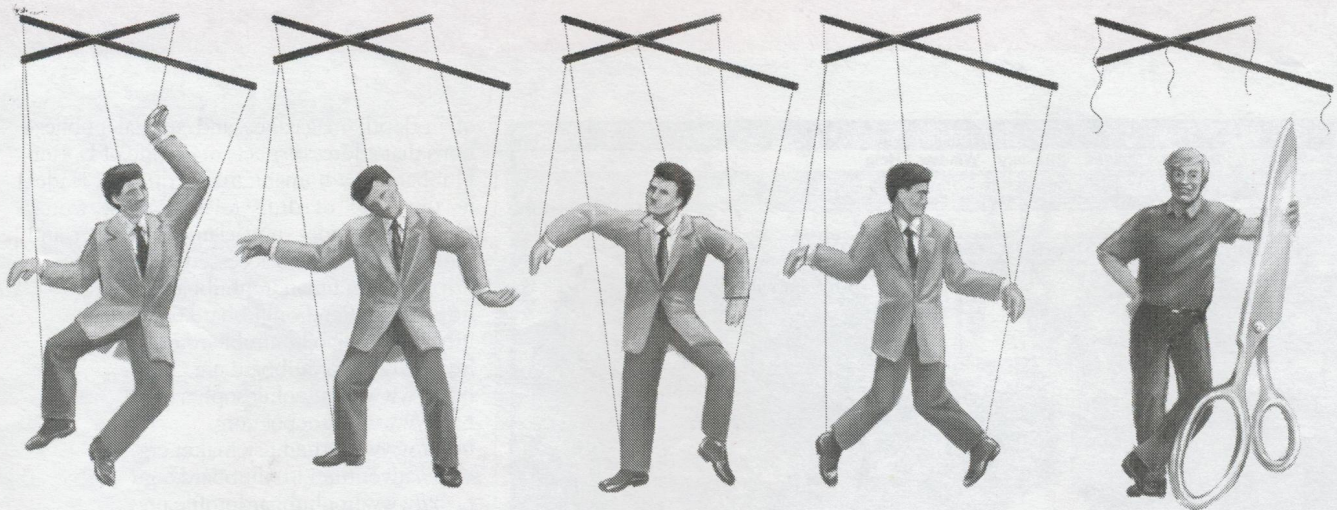
The addresses of these sites are:

<http://www.able.org>  
<http://www.appliedscholastics.org>  
<http://www.criminon.org>  
<http://www.narconon.org>  
<http://www.thewaytohappiness.org>

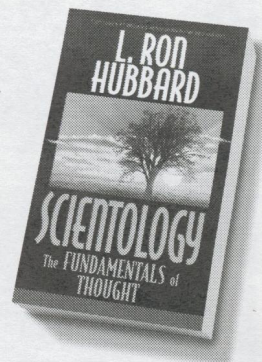
And that's not all. As part of ongoing efforts to make information about Scientology and Scientologists readily and broadly available, many more sites have been established at the Global Scientology Information Center. They are easy to find after entering any of those described above.







# THINK FOR YOURSELF SCIENTOLOGY



Those who would seek control of others often underestimate the burning passion to maintain personal integrity that is part of all free-thinking people.

People who actually have a mind of their own like to control their lives and think for themselves.

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