

Scientology Exposed

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Scientology's Lies, Aleister Crowley, L. Ron Hubbard and Black Magic

In this teaching will looking at the roots of Scientology and its founder L. Ron Hubbard. An examination of L. Ron Hubbard's life reveals he was significantly influenced by, and was a practitioner of the black arts - the occult. Hubbard was clearly involved in the occult & in 1945, L. Ron Hubbard met Jack Parsons, who was a renowned rocket scientist & protégé of occultist **Aleister Crowley (who was the self styled 666 aka: "The Great Beast")** and a member of the notorious Ordo Templi Orientis (O.T.O.), an international organization founded by Crowley to practice sexual black magic. According to L. Ron Hubbard Jr., his father considered himself to be the one 'who came after'; **that he was Crowley's successor; that he had taken on the mantle of "The Great Beast"** He told him that Scientology actually began on December 1st, 1947. This was the day Aleister Crowley died. Crowley described Jesus Christ as 'concocted', which is similar to Hubbard's claim that Jesus Christ was an 'implant,' and a false concept, meant to suppress man from advancing. These are just a few of many examples of Scientology's parallels with the occult. For the Christian, this makes it more understandable how Scientology is so evil and how it has so much power over people's lives.

Jude 3&4: "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

Book: L. Ron Hubbard Messiah or Madman: An extensive and detailed examination of the inner workings of the Church of Scientology. Using personal interviews and court records, Corydon exposes many secret Scientology practices and teachings. One of the most comprehensive books on the subject:

http://www.watchman.org/store/index.cfm?fuseaction=product.display&product_id=75

Hubbard's Magic

http://www.wfial.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=artScientology.article_9

It is not surprising then, that an examination of L. Ron Hubbard's life reveals he was significantly influenced by, and was a practitioner of, the black arts - the [occult](#).

Jon Atack, a former Scientologist and highly respected biographer of Hubbard and Scientology, has collected probably the most extensive research archives on Scientology. Atack writes, "It is impossible to arrive at an understanding of Scientology without taking into account its creator's extensive involvement with [magic](#)." (*FactNet Report*, "Hubbard and the Occult" p. 2)

Atack states that when one examines Hubbard's private letters and papers which were revealed in the Church of Scientology vs. Armstrong trial, and compares the teachings of Scientology with those of the infamous occultist [Aleister Crowley](#), the connection is inescapable. (*Ibid.*) Hubbard was clearly involved in the occult. In 1945, L. Ron Hubbard met Jack Parsons, who was a renowned scientist, protégé of occultist Aleister Crowley, and a member of the notorious Ordo Templi Orientis (O.T.O.), an international organization founded by Crowley to practice sexual black magic.

Parsons had Hubbard move onto the property of Parsons' Pasadena, California, home. It was there that Hubbard began to practice the occult and sexual magic. Parsons' mistress, Sara Northrup, left him for Hubbard and later became Hubbard's second wife, even before Hubbard had divorced his first wife. (*The Los Angeles Times*, June 24, 1990, p. A37)

Biographer Russell Miller wrote, "Parsons considered that Ron had great magical potential and took the risk of breaking his solemn oath of secrecy to acquaint Ron with some of the O.T.O. rituals.... Parsons wrote to his 'Most Beloved Father' (his term for Aleister Crowley) to acquaint him with events: 'About three months ago I met Captain L. Ron Hubbard.... Although he has no formal training in Magick, he has an extraordinary amount of experience and understanding in the field. From some of his experiences I deduced that he is in direct touch with some higher intelligence, possibly his Guardian Angel. He describes his Angel as a beautiful winged woman with red hair whom he calls the Empress and who has guided him through his life and saved him many times. He is the most Thelemic [self-willed, independent] person I have ever met and *is in complete accord with our own principles.*" (Russell Miller, *Bare-Faced Messiah: the True Story of L. Ron Hubbard*, 1987, pp. 117-8, emphasis added)

"Parsons wanted to attempt an experiment in black magic that would push back the frontiers of the occult world. With the assistance of his new friend, he intended to try and create a 'moonchild' - the magical child 'mightier than all the kings of the earth,' whose birth had been prophesied in *The Book of the Law* more than forty years earlier." (*Ibid.*, p. 119)

Former high ranking Scientologists Brent Corydon and Hubbard's son, L. Ron Hubbard Jr., wrote, "In order to obtain a woman prepared to bear this magical child, Parsons and Hubbard engaged themselves for eleven days of rituals on January 18th, Parsons found the girl who was prepared to become the mother of Babylon, and to go through the required incantation rituals. During these rituals, which took place on the first three days of March 1946, Parsons was High Priest and had sexual intercourse with the girl, while Hubbard who was present acted as skryer, seer, or clairvoyant and described what was supposed to be happening on the astral plane." (Bent Corydon & L. Ron Hubbard, Jr., *L. Ron Hubbard: Messiah or Madman?*, 1987, pp. 256-7)

L. Ron Hubbard and Aleister Crowley

Sometime in his teens, Hubbard accompanied his mother to the Library of Congress where he became acquainted with Aleister Crowley's *The Book of the Law*. Crowley alleged this book was dictated to him by Aiwass, a spirit possessing fantastic knowledge and powers. This was Crowley's Bible and perhaps the most important book in the life of L. Ron Hubbard. (*Ibid.*, p. 47) Crowley's *Magick in Theory and Practice* states: "The whole and sole object of all true magickal training is to become free from every kind of limitation....(cited in *Messiah or Madman*, p. 48)

"Hubbard says, in a 1952 taped Scientology lecture, 'Our whole activity tends to make an individual completely independent of any limitation...'" (*Ibid.*)

In Hubbard's 1952 Philadelphia Doctorate Course Lectures, he states:

"The magical cults of the 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th centuries in the Middle East were fascinating. The only modern work that has anything to do with them is a trifle wild in spots, but is a fascinating work in itself, and that's the work of Aleister Crowley - the late Aleister Crowley - my very good friend.... He signs himself 'the Beast,' mark of the Beast 666..." (*Ibid.*)

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Scientology actually began on December 1st, 1947. This was the day Aleister Crowley died." (*Ibid.*, p. 50)

As with other areas of Hubbard's life, Scientologists have attempted to revise the understanding of these events. While they admit that Parsons was a leader of a black magic group, that a girl was used in a sex ritual, and that Hubbard moved in, Scientology claims that Hubbard was working underground for Naval Intelligence. Scientology claims that Hubbard rescued the girl, and he was able to "break up black magic in America." (Jon Atack, *A Piece of Blue Sky*, pp. 89-90)

Yet, the F.B.I. files on Parsons showed that he was investigated regularly because of his government job and retained his high security clearance until his death. There is no mention of Hubbard in any investigation. (*Ibid.*)

Also, Parsons' widow disputed Scientology's account, stating that Parsons and Hubbard liked each other very much and worked well together. (*The Los Angeles Times*, June 24, 1990, p. A37) It is certain that the O.T.O. and black magic in America have never been broken up. Furthermore, in 1957, Hubbard wrote a Scientology bulletin describing Parsons as "quite a man." And in 1952, Hubbard favorably refers to the late Aleister Crowley, indicating that "he was my very good friend." (*Philadelphia Doctorate Course Lectures* 18, 35, 40)

Some Parallels

Jon Atack has researched and found copying from and extensive parallels between Scientology and Aleister Crowley's, and other, occult work. (see <http://www.snafu.de/~tilman/j/occult.html> on Tilman Hauser's Internet site)

For example, Hubbard was a member of the *Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis* (AMORC) in 1940, and after his membership lapsed there were complaints that he had carried some of their secret teachings into Scientology. (*Hubbard and the Occult*, Atack, p. 4)

In the Philadelphia Doctorate Course Lectures, Hubbard instructed his listeners in Crowley's system of Tarot cards. Atack notes that in the book, *Equinox - Sex & Religion*, Crowley represented the theta sign as "the essential principle of his system - thelema or the will." (*Ibid.*) To Hubbard, the *thetan* is also the essence of a person, and the purpose of an "Operating Thetan" is to be able to control others by intention or will, and be able to exteriorize, exercising control of matter, energy, space, and time. (*Ibid.*, p. 6)

Both Crowley and Hubbard believed in reincarnation and deemed it important to explore recollections of past lives. (Crowley, *Magick in Theory & Practice*, pp. 50, 228; Hubbard, *Have You Lived Before This Life?*, p. 3)

Crowley described [Jesus Christ](#) as "concocted," (*Magick Without Tears*, p. 11). This is similar to Hubbard's claim that Christ is an "implant," (*HCO Bulletin*, "Confidential - Resistive Cases - Former Therapies," September 23, 1968) i.e. a false concept, meant to suppress man from advancing.

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The Ultimate Spin Doctor: L. Ron Hubbard - The Man and His Myth

In its May 6, 1991 cover story, "The Cult of Greed," **Time** magazine described the [Scientology](#) organization: "The Church of Scientology started by science-fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard to 'clear' people of unhappiness, portrays itself as a religion. In reality, the church is a hugely profitable global racket that survives by intimidating members and cities in Mafia-like manner...Scientology is quite likely the most ruthless, the most classically terroristic, the most litigious, and the most lucrative [cult](#) the country has ever seen." (pp. 32-3)

In a previous issue of **The Expositor**, (Vol. 13, No. 2, 1996) Watchman Fellowship began its own series exposing the Scientology/Dianetics cult. [Part 1](#) in the series exposed Scientology's duplicitous claims of compatibility with Christianity, contrasting its own bizarre and secret teachings with the truth of Christianity, as well as demonstrating its contempt for [Christ](#). [Part Two](#) focuses on the elaborate myths spun around Scientology's founder, L. Ron Hubbard.

[Jesus](#) warned, "Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." (Matthew 24:4-5)

Hubbard was a man who was able to strongly and powerfully transfix his followers and seduce them into accepting his own fantastic delusions of grandeur. He was thus able to build a multi-million dollar international empire, and one of the most controversial, totalistic, and clandestine religions in history. Scientologists have idolized and eulogized Mr. Hubbard to the point of almost god-like status. It is no coincidence that biographers of Scientology founder L. Ron Hubbard titled their books, *L. Ron Hubbard: Messiah or Madman*, and *The Bare-Faced Messiah*.

[Note: These biographies and a third one, *A Piece of Blue Sky* by former Scientologist Jon Atack, were all targets of an aggressive Scientology legal campaign to prevent their being published and distributed. The courts denied Scientology's attempts to stop distribution of *L. Ron Hubbard: Messiah or Madman* and Atack's *A Piece of Blue Sky*. Scientology's suits were over copyright issues, not the authors' accuracy. In fact, author Jon Atack has probably the most extensive archives of primary Scientology documentation in the world.]

Between 1950 and his death in 1986, Hubbard "had skillfully transformed himself from a writer of pulp fiction to a writer of 'Sacred Scriptures.'" (*The Los Angeles Times*, 24 June 1990, p. A1)

Official Scientology spokesperson Lisa Goodman states that "Hubbard's writings and lectures on the human spirit comprise the Scripture of the Scientology religion." Hubbard is "*the sole source of the Scriptures*," and "he has no successor" (*L. Ron Hubbard Founder of Dianetics and Scientology*). (emphasis added) It is "firm Church policy that LRH [L. Ron Hubbard] ISSUES [directives, statements] ARE TO BE LEFT INTACT AS ISSUED," and "No one except LRH may cancel his issues." (SCN Policy Directive 19, July 7, 1982)

Scientology is ego-centric. The ego of L. Ron Hubbard is essential and central. The leaders and followers of Scientology are on a never-ending quest to legitimize, establish, and spread both their "religious technology" and their grandiose image of Hubbard. And it seems this end always justifies the means.

During a March 13, 1992, satellite broadcast celebrating Hubbard's birthday, Scientology board chairman David Miscavage expressed their surrealistic belief, "We have arrived at a new plateau of recognition and respect in the world. More people in more countries, more officials and opinion leaders have come to realize that L. Ron Hubbard's tech is *the* answer to today's problems." L. Ron Hubbard's Personal Public Relations Officer, Mike Rinder, also related that Hubbard's popularity had grown among millions around the world through application of his tech. (tape on file)

An honest examination of Hubbard uncovers a life of fantasy, fraud, lies, relentless pursuit of money and power, and apparent paranoia that parallels the history, beliefs, and practices of his Scientology organization.

Yet Rinder also stated, "When you look into any area of Hubbard's life, you find lessons in how to be successful in the art of living. Any single part of his life is a microcosm of the whole. He mastered every area of life." (*Ibid.*)

How was Hubbard able to weave this image that has captured the hearts, minds, and souls of so many? Where did he get his power?

This article and the one following will separate the facts from fantasy concerning the history of L. Ron Hubbard, and expose the diabolical source of [occult](#) power behind Scientology's origin and growth.

The Beginning

L. Ron Hubbard was born in Tilden, Nebraska in 1911. The Hubbards soon moved to Montana. Ron Hubbard's father, Harry, rejoined the U.S. Navy as an officer in 1917.

From this point on, the accounts of LRH's life by Hubbard and Scientology become fanciful. Hubbard and Scientology claim that he achieved wide recognition in the fields of "author, philosopher, educator, research pioneer, musician, photographer, cinematographer, horticulturist, navigator, explorer, and humanitarian." (*L. Ron Hubbard: The Man and His Work*, 1987, p. 3) Some of these claimed accomplishments are even attributed to his childhood; virtually all are incredible.

There are parts of his life that can be accurately known. For example, in 1950 he published an article in *Astounding Science Fiction* which he later expanded into the book, *Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health*. In 1953, Hubbard incorporated the Church of Scientology and the Church of American Science.

Also, Hubbard was married at least three times. His third wife, Mary Sue Hubbard, and ten other Scientologists were imprisoned for conspiracy and burglary. Hubbard himself was named as an unindicted co-conspirator. (*The Los Angeles Times*, June 24, 1990, p. A39)

Scientology claims that Hubbard produced "over 800 written works selling 94 million copies in 31 different languages." (*L. Ron Hubbard: The Man and His Work*, p. 3) Of Hubbard's *Dianetics* book alone, the church claims that over 16 million copies have been sold. In the late 1980s it appeared regularly in *Publisher Weekly's* bestseller list.

However, there is ironic truth in the statement that "Any single part of his life is a microcosm of the whole." Examining the microcosm of the issue of popularity gained through the high rate of book sales, one does gain insight into the pattern of contrived success that characterized Hubbard's whole life.

When *The Los Angeles Times* produced their in-depth investigative report of Scientology, they discovered how Scientology accomplished their best-seller feat. "The sales have been fueled by a radio and TV advertising blitz virtually unprecedented in book circles. (June 28, 1990, p. A1) And it was discovered that Scientology employees and members were showing up at the major bookstores paying cash for "armloads" of Hubbard's books, sometimes "50 to 100 to 200 copies at a crack." (*Ibid.*, pp. A1, 22)

Probably the most detailed and damaging revelations concerning the myths Scientology has crafted about Hubbard occurred in a court of law. Gerald Armstrong introduced devastating documents into testimony during his trial in a 1984 suit brought against him by the Church of Scientology.

Armstrong had been a devoted member of Sea Org (a branch of the Scientology organization). He was also a close aid to Hubbard, who had approved him as "Personal Public Relations Research Officer" for Hubbard's Biography Project. (Jon Atack, *A Piece of Blue Sky*, pp. 328-9, 333)

Armstrong began to collect and compile an enormous amount of extant Hubbard documents which included letters, diaries, medical records and official documents relating to Hubbard's earlier years. When Armstrong began to discover that reality had little resemblance to Hubbard's own autobiography, he left the church. Feeling threatened, he copied and/or kept the documents for his own protection.

Scientology sued Armstrong, charging him with stealing their private papers. Scientology lost the case and the evidence and documents presented in the case brought about critically revealing statements by Judge Paul Breckenridge of the Los Angeles Superior Court. He wrote, "The organization [Scientology] clearly is schizophrenic and paranoid, and this bizarre combination seems to be a reflection of its founder, LRH. The evidence portrays a man who has been virtually a pathological liar when it comes to his history, background, and achievements." (Church of Scientology v. Armstrong, No. C420153 California Supreme Court, 1984)

Armstrong demonstrated, through the documents, that contrary to Hubbard's claims, he was not educated in higher mathematics or physics, did not obtain a bachelor of science degree, was not a civil engineer, nor a nuclear physicist, was not in China at age 14, and lied about the time he did spend traveling in Asia, did not study with Lama priests, was never in India, was not crippled and blinded during the war, was not twice pronounced dead, did not cure himself with his discoveries, was not awarded 21 medals and palms, did not see combat, and that Hubbard had lied about many other things to embellish his image. (Croydon and Hubbard, Jr., *L. Ron Hubbard: Messiah or Madman?*, pp. 220-2)

Fact vs. Fiction

The following is a comparison of some of Scientology's and Hubbard's claims compared with the facts.

Scientology:

Soon after Hubbard was born, the family settled in Helena, Montana. He befriended the neighboring Blackfoot Indians, was eventually initiated into the tribe, and, "At the age of six he became a bloodbrother of the Blackfeet." (*What is Scientology?*, p. 89)

Fact:

There are no records to verify the possibility of Ron becoming a bloodbrother of the Blackfeet. It is highly unlikely, since their reservation was over 100 miles from his parents' home in Helena. "In the 1930's, Hubbard admitted that what he knew of the Blackfeet came second hand from someone who really had been a bloodbrother." (*A Piece of Blue Sky*, p. 48)

Scientology:

In 1923, Hubbard's family transferred to Seattle, Washington, where he joined the Boy Scouts of America. In 1924, he was honored as the youngest Eagle Scout ever, at 13. (*What is Scientology?*, p. 90)

Fact:

The Boy Scouts have record of a Ronald Hubbard becoming an Eagle Scout on March 28, 1924 in Washington, D.C. However, there is no way to know whether he was the youngest Eagle Scout ever, because the Boy Scouts do not officially record the age of Eagle Scouts. However, a national office spokesperson estimated the average age of Eagle Scouts as 11, with some as young as 10. (Watchman telephone interview with national office of Boy Scouts of America)

Scientology:

In 1927, at sixteen, Ron decided to take several voyages studying with wise men at Buddhist lamaseries in the western hills of China, and exploring the Far Eastern culture, including Beijing, Tartar tribes and nomadic bandits from Mongolia. He once wrote, "I was made a Lama priest after a year as a neophyte." (*The Los Angeles Times*, June 24, 1990, p. A39) L. Ron Hubbard returned to the U.S. in 1929. By age nineteen, he had traveled to Japan, Guam, the Philippines, and other locations in the Orient. During these travels he concluded that, despite the wisdom of the East, there were still unanswered questions about life and how to solve the pains and sufferings in it. (*What is Scientology?*, pp. 93-102)

Fact:

L. Ron Hubbard, accompanied by his mother, took a round-trip to Guam in 1927 to visit his father who was stationed there. The ship spent a brief time in two Chinese ports, visited Hawaii, Yokohama, Shanghai, Hong Kong, and the Philippines. His diary entries show that he was unimpressed with the culture and the people, in fact, his comments were full of contempt. He spent six weeks on Guam. (*A Piece of Blue Sky*, pp. 53-4) He was back in Helena, attending high school from September 6, 1927 to May 11, 1928. (*Ibid.*, p. 55) He failed to graduate due to lack of credits.

In July 1928, Hubbard decided to return to his parents in Guam; and it was during this period that he visited China with both parents. The ship docked at Tsingtao; the Hubbards traveled to Peking, Chefoo, Shanghai, and finally Hong Kong. In Peking, young Ron did visit a Buddhist temple. The trip, in its entirety, lasted two months. (*Ibid.*, pp. 55-7) His diary said nothing about studying with wise men of the East, or any other spiritual insights. However, it did describe the Lama temples as "very odd and heathenish." (*The Los Angeles Times*, June 24, 1990, p. A39) The diary reveals Hubbard's intolerance for other cultures and/or races in noting that China's problem was that there were too many "Chinks." (*Ibid.*)

Scientology:

L. Ron Hubbard entered George Washington University, studying mathematics and engineering. After taking one of the first nuclear physics classes taught in the U.S., Ron began to formulate the idea of explaining human thought processes, and even life itself, in a wholly scientific manner. He approached the psychology department at George Washington University with his theories, but they were not interested in his findings. Ron left the University in search of what he called "a common denominator of existence." (*What is Scientology?*, pp. 102-11)

Fact:

L. Ron Hubbard was a student in the School of Engineering at George Washington University from 1931 to 1932, but was placed on probation after the first year and was placed on academic probation the second. He received an "F" grade in a course on Molecular and Atomic Physics. He did not return to the University. (Letter and transcript from Geo. Washington Univ. on file)

Scientology:

In 1932, Ron led two expeditions, the first was the *Caribbean Motion Picture Expedition* and the other was the *West Indies Mineralogical Expedition*, in which he completed the first mineralogical survey of the island of Puerto Rico. (*What is Scientology?*, p. 112)

Fact:

The Caribbean Expedition only made it to three of the sixteen proposed destinations, and there was no filming done. As far as the West Indies Expedition was concerned, it was found that "a *Bela* Hubbard had make a survey of the Lares District of Puerto Rico in 1923." Furthermore, the "Puerto Rican Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Geological Survey, and a professor at the University of Puerto Rico, who had prepared the *Geology of Puerto Rico* in 1932-1933, had no knowledge of L. Ron Hubbard." (*A Piece of Blue Sky*, pp. 62-3; emphasis added)

Scientology:

World War II broke out and Hubbard was commissioned as a junior grade lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and served as a corvette commander. (*What is Scientology?*, p. 119) He had seen combat in the South Pacific and Atlantic. (*The Church of Scientology - 40th Anniversary*, p. 50) Hubbard claimed, in a tape-recorded lecture, that his eyes were injured due to a bomb exploding in his face. He was "flown home in the late spring of 1942 in the secretary of the Navy's private plane as the first U.S.-returned casualty from the Far East." (*The Los Angeles Times*, June 24, 1990, p. A38) By 1945, he had received 29 medals and palms, including a Purple Heart, and suffered injuries to his

optic nerves, hip, and back. Hubbard was admitted to Oak Knoll Naval Hospital in Oakland, California for treatment. It was there that he was pronounced partially blind and lame. (*The Church of Scientology - 40th Anniversary*, p. 50; *The Los Angeles Times*, June 24, 1990, p. A38)

Fact:

Through the Freedom of Information Act, *The Los Angeles Times* received Hubbard's actual military, V.A., and medical records. The highest rank Hubbard ever received was Lieutenant senior grade, not Commander, which is the rank between Captain and Rear Admiral. Hubbard's service record shows that he never saw action against the enemy, and received only four awards, none for combat or wounds. He was never awarded the Purple Heart. (*Ibid.*; also, military service records on file)

Naval records described Hubbard: "By assuming unauthorized authority and attempting to perform duties for which he has no qualification he became the source of much trouble. This officer is not satisfactory for independent duty assignment. He is garrulous and tries to give impressions of his importance. He also seems to think that he has unusual ability in most lines. These characteristics indicate that he will require close supervision for satisfactory performance of any intelligence duty." (Memo from U.S. Naval Attache L.D. Causey to the Commandant, Twelfth Naval District, February 14, 1942) And more than a year later, "Consider this officer lacking in the essential qualities of judgment, leadership and cooperation. He acts without forethought as to probable results. Not considered qualified for command or promotion at this time. Recommend duty on a large vessel where he can be properly supervised." (File # 113392, "Report on the Fitness of Officers," Period from May 29, 1943 to July 7, 1943)

After claiming to have destroyed two enemy submarines, an investigation concluded it didn't happen. Later, L. Ron Hubbard, according to an investigation, disregarded orders and conducted gunnery practice in Mexican territorial waters. He was relieved of command and a letter of admonition was placed in his files. "In Hubbard's defense, Scientology officials accused others of distorting and misrepresenting his military glories. They say the Navy 'covered up' Hubbard's sinking of the submarines." (*Los Angeles Times*, June 24, 1990; also, military service records on file)

Furthermore, the medical files show that when he was admitted to Oak Knoll he had 20/20 vision, with glasses, and there is no mention of "injured optic nerves." At the time he left the hospital, his eyesight was 12/20 in the right eye and 14/20 in the left, with glasses. This coincided with Hubbard's application for a disability pension. Interestingly, his military records show Hubbard stating he "contracted conjunctivitis from exposure to excessive tropical sunlight." (*Ibid.*)

Scientology:

It was at Oak Knoll where Ron began to theorize that the mind could effect the body's functions. He decided to test the therapeutic techniques he had developed along this vein. He tested his techniques of removing "mental blocks" in patients who were previously unresponsive to medical treatment, with great success. (*What is Scientology?*, p. 121) He helped over 400 individuals by 1950. He fully recovered his own health by 1949, and the Naval Retiring Board that reviewed his case was in shock to find that the very same man who had suffered so many battle injuries passed his full physical examination. They were forced to designate him fit for active duty. (*What is Scientology?*, p. 123)

Fact:

In October 1947 Hubbard wrote to the Veteran's Administration asking for psychiatric treatment due to suffering from wartime service. By 1948, Hubbard was able to get a disability award of 40% for his "duodenal ulcer, infection of the eyes, bursitis of the right shoulder and arthritis of multiple joints." In an August 1951 medical examination,

Hubbard complained of the same conditions listed in his disability award, and according to a letter from the Veteran's Administration, he was still receiving the 40% disability compensation in 1973. In fact, he continued to receive his 40% disability check through at least 1980. (*The Los Angeles Times*, June 24, 1990, p. A38, and records on file)

"Hubbard's Sea Org 'Medical Officer,' Kim Douglas, testified in court that while she attended him from 1975 to 1980, he suffered from arthritis, bursitis and coronary trouble, which Dianetics was supposed to alleviate." He wore glasses, in private, the rest of his life. (*A Piece of Blue Sky*, p. 87)

Even Hubbard's death is mythologized. The Church now claims that rather than Hubbard dying, "The fact that he willingly discarded the body after it was no longer useful to him signifies his ultimate success: the conquest of life that he embarked upon half a century ago." Now he "was off to the next phase of his spiritual exploration." (*The Los Angeles Times*, June 24, 1990, p. A1) The truth is that this false messiah, described as a madman by his own son, who supposedly had achieved the ability to exert power over matter, energy, space, and time, died a physically and mentally sick man, of a stroke.

The Bible says, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." (Hebrews 9:27) And, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." (2 Corinthians 5:10-11)

Hubbard today is not "charting the course" for anyone to follow. Unfortunately, the only course he ever charted for anyone in this life was a road to eternal ruin and hell. Between there and heaven "is a great gulf fixed" (Luke 16:26) which no "bridge" can cross.

The Church of Scientology is a cult created by [L Ron](#) Hubbard (Elron) in 1952 as an outgrowth of his earlier self-help system called Dianetics. Unfortunately there are some problems with the organization and with Hubbard as a person. This is the top 10 problems with Scientology.



1. Hubbard was a drug abuser

L Ron Hubbard was a drug abuser, which is ironic considering the organization is very anti-drugs and even runs an organization called Narconon to help people get off drugs. This from the Narconon website: Narconon is a non-profit drug rehab program dedicated to eliminating drug abuse and drug addiction through drug prevention, education and rehabilitation. I am not sure how much you can trust an organisation to help you with the very problem its founder suffered until his death.

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

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

When Hubbard was in Las Palmas during 1967 he wrote a letter to his wife. In it Hubbard tells his wife: "I'm drinking lots of rum and popping pinks and greys." See the decision by Judge Paul G. Breckenridge, Jr. in *Scientology v. Armstrong*, Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. C 420153.

2. Hubbard was a liar

Mr Hubbard told his followers that he was Nuclear Physicist:

Developed by L. Ron Hubbard, C.E., Ph.D., a [nuclear physicist](#), Scientology has demonstrably achieved this long-sought goal. Doctor Hubbard, educated in advanced physics and higher mathematics and also a student of [Sigmund Freud](#) and others, began his present researches thirty years ago at George Washington University.

[Hubbard, "P.E. Handout", HCO Information Letter of 14 April 1961]

In fact, Hubbard had no scientific degrees. In February 1953 he decided to obtain a "degree" from Sequoia University, a notorious "degree mill" in [Los Angeles](#) that was eventually shut down by the Californian state government in 1958. [Quoted in Russell Miller, [Bare-Faced Messiah](#), page 212].

Hubbard also claimed to being a war hero - this was not true. In an eighteen month period, Hubbard was relieved of duty [three times](#).

3. Hubbard was dishonest in his marriage

When Ron's wife Sara filed for divorce in 1951, she claimed that Ron was married when he married her. You can view the court document [here](#).

That in the early part of 1946, plaintiff, then age 21 and unmarried, resided with her family in Pasadena, and at the University of Southern California, that at said time, defendant L. Ron Hubbard, hereinafter referred to as "Hubbard", was a married man, age 35, he being then married to Margaret Grubb Hubbard of Bremerton, Washington, they having two children; that said Hubbard represented to plaintiff that he was single and unmarried. [Stamped: FILED Apr 23 1951, Harold Cecily, [County Clerk](#)]



4. Hubbard was a criminal

In 1979, whilst not living in France, was found guilty of fraud and sentenced to four years in prison. You can read sections of the court record translated into English [here](#).

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

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

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

5. Scientology uses dirty tricks

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

“May be deprived of property or injured by any means by any Scientologist without any discipline of the Scientologist. May be tricked, sued or lied to or destroyed.” Hubbard

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

In the recent panorama documentary you can actually see one of the leaders of the organisation in Florida slandering a man who is speaking to a reporter about the group. You can see part 1 of the documentary [here](#).

6. Scientology has killed

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

Following her death the Church of Scientology was indicted on two felony charges “abuse and/or neglect of a disabled adult and practicing medicine without a license”, [\[source\]](#) putting under trial the nature of Scientology beliefs and practices. [\[source\]](#) The heated controversy included regular pickets outside Scientology offices on or around the anniversary of her death until the year 2000. [\[source\]](#)

The charges against the Church of Scientology were dropped after the state’s medical examiner changed the cause of death from “undetermined” to an “accident” on June 13, 2000. [\[source\]](#)

A civil suit brought by her family against the Church was settled on May 28, 2004. [\[source\]](#)

7. Scientology is a rip off

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

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

Full article at: <http://listverse.com/bizarre/top-10-problems-with-scientology>

Pinching, purification and finding The Bridge to Total Freedom: Inside a very sinister induction at the Scientology HQ

By [Kerry Hiatt](#)

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I'd been pinched – hard – in some kind of strange lie-detector test and seen rooms where people went to be ‘purified’.

I'd spent an hour subjected to a gruelling and invasive ‘personality’ test and revealed my deepest inner thoughts as if hypnotised.

I'd also been invited to cross the Bridge To Total Freedom – but, in a panic, instead I found myself running away from Scientology as fast as I could – after just a day as a guest of the controversial religion.



Never again: Kerry Hiatt fled the Scientologists no sooner as she just got to Clearwater I look back on my visit last week to Scientology's Florida headquarters to celebrate July 4 as one of the most unsettling experiences of my life, and yet it all started so innocently... The invitation from the Scientologists had suggested we celebrate Independence Day at 'the Friendliest Place in the Whole World'. Why should I refuse? The event sounded fun. There would be a barbecue, pool games, live music, a petting zoo and fireworks – just like other celebrations across America.

However, there was a hint that this party would be different. The invitation also said: 'Get briefed on Scientology's exponential expansion across the globe, our penetrating 4th Dynamic Dissemination Campaigns and a full view to our future.'

It had been sent to a close relative of mine who had briefly worked for Scientology almost a decade ago, inviting him to the Florida town of Clearwater, Scientology's spiritual headquarters – where Scientologists own more than 200 shops, restaurants, hotels, banks and small businesses.



Invasive: The new Super Power Building of the Scientologists in Clearwater Florida



Inner sanctum: This picture, leaked onto internet site of a room in the Super Power Building, is as futuristic as you would expect
Almost 9,000 members live and work here, alongside non-Scientologists. They run schools, day-care centres and a drug-rehabilitation clinic.

Given that Katie Holmes had reportedly just ended her marriage amid fears Tom Cruise planned to send their daughter Suri to Clearwater – known to Scientologists as ‘Land Flag Base’ – my curiosity was piqued and we decided to go along.

Bizarrely, the invitation did not mention times or venues. We called into the opulent Fort Harrison Hotel – owned by Scientologists – to ask for directions. A security guard stopped us. We showed him the invitation and my relative explained that he had previously been a Scientology staff member and still received event invitations via email.

‘Name?’ the guard asked my relative, striding to a computer. He tapped it in and the screen filled with information. Our information. My new home address was there. How did they have such personal details and why was this data accessible on a hotel lobby computer?

The guard looked at the screen and raised an eyebrow. ‘You’re Clear?’

‘Clear’ is one of the very highest levels within Scientology. The status had either been conferred on my relative without his knowledge, or there was a mix-up in the system. The cost of reaching this level is estimated at \$128,000 (about £82,000) and Clear members are among the church’s most trusted.

‘It says you’re Clear,’ the guard repeated before giving us directions to the Sandcastle Spiritual Retreat, where the party was being held. We’d passed the first hurdle.



Mysterious: It's anyone's guess what this room would be used for - but no doubt it would be difficult to find out from the Scientologists

Scientology symbols are everywhere in Clearwater; on plaques, in paving stones, and engraved into the architecture. Security cameras are on all Scientology properties and even hidden in the shrubbery. Every move and, no doubt conversation, can be monitored. It feels incredibly sinister.

The town is dominated by the Church’s £57 million Super Power Building which will, eventually, be a centre for learning. Construction paper covers doors and windows so I couldn’t see what was inside and no one could tell me when it would open.

The Sandcastle – another Scientologist-owned hotel – was a ten-minute walk. There was live music and a bouncy castle in the grounds, red, white and blue balloons tied to the patio furniture and smoke rising from the barbecue. Families wandered around in bathing suits. I relaxed.

But again, the second we entered the lobby, we were interrogated by a guard. Who had sent the event invitation? Where were we from? Eventually, another computer was consulted.

‘Ah, you’re Clear,’ the receptionist smiled. We purchased our day tickets and made our way out to the swimming pool. Children laughed and splashed all around us.

Later, sitting in the shade, I turned to my relative and asked whether he had seen the bizarre series of posters – featuring, among others, John Travolta and Kirstie Alley promoting Scientology movies – that lined the Spiritual Retreat’s lobby walls. He stared at me in dismay and it was only then that I noticed a small camera and audio device poking out of a bush close to my chair. I felt panic.



Strange: Presumably the changing rooms for the saunas, where you would be expected to clear your body from 'toxins'

Had they heard me mocking the posters? 'Why don't we get out of this sun and watch a movie?' he said.

While my companion organised a film screening, I explored. Just off the lobby was a large gift shop and cafe. There were stacks of merchandise featuring L. Ron Hubbard, Scientology's founder: books, films, pads and pens.

One wall was dedicated entirely to brightly coloured vitamin-pill bottles. 'The vitamins are for use during the purification process,' it was explained by an older lady who had approached me.

'When we start services, it's important to rid our bodies of our former life's toxins, whether it be from pesticides, alcohol or drug use.

'You can see the rooms just down the hall where we spend several hours a day during purification.'

I went to see the 'purification rooms' – which were nothing more than a small gym and sauna. I retraced my steps to find my relative waiting, about to be subjected to a two-hour DVD celebrating L. Ron Hubbard's life.

'I understand you're new,' a Scientologist said to me. 'I'll take you to be tested and assessed.' The testing centre was a short walk away and I was placed in the care of a young woman around my own age.

At the centre, after a short DVD introduction to Scientology, I was hooked up to the infamous 'e-meter', an electronic device used during 'auditing'. The e-meter is supposed to indicate whether a person has been cleared of the spiritual impediment of past experiences.



Another world: The inside of the Super Power Building looks more like something out of a spacecraft

To illustrate how I was holding on to bad experiences, I was pinched and told to recall the pinch over and over again. Instead, to see what would happen, I silently recalled scenes from *The Sound Of Music*. Unsurprisingly, the e-meter did what was expected and I was told I was carrying painful memories that were holding me back in life.

What did she recommend? 'A personality test. You must answer a series of questions before I can assess what steps you need to take.'

I spent the next hour under observation by Sea Org members – elite Scientologists – while I answered hundreds of questions such as 'Do you smile much?' and 'Does life seem vague and unreal to you?'



All over: It is believed Scientology played a big part in the break up of Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise

The test results were analysed by computer – yet more data to be stored away, no doubt – and I was told that I'd tested as extremely nervous and irresponsible. 'Are you nervous?' the woman asked. 'Do you take too much on in life and feel as though you can't cope?'

I'm usually a private person but I opened up by talking about my occasional feelings of inadequacy and my need to strive for perfection.

Why was I telling her things, I wondered? I remembered reading that many Sea Org members use hypnosis techniques when communicating. I didn't believe I'd been hypnotised but I'd certainly said much more than I'd intended.

'You're an extremely smart cookie who could move up The Bridge very quickly,' the woman said.

'The Bridge To Total Freedom' is the training process by which Scientologists try to reach the state of being 'Clear'. They can then move on to higher levels.

'I'd like to start you on the Hubbard Qualified Scientologist and Dianetics Book Courses,' she said.

'You could finish those in a matter of weeks. Each would cost just \$60.'

I was led into a classroom filled with people studying. 'You will study here for a few hours per day. We have lots of different study rooms in this building, including ones specifically for children.'

'How old are children when they start services?' I asked.

'They start as soon as they can read and write.' I thought of Katie Holmes and Suri.

'You need to begin your purification process, too. That ranges between \$3,000 and \$5,000 and you'll need to spend several hours a day sweating out the toxins of your life while adhering to a strict vitamin regime. You can start that today.'

Things seemed to be moving far too quickly. Surely she didn't expect me to sign up for these things now?

'Well, actually I'd like to have my relative look over your course recommendations and see what he thinks, if that's OK?' I said.

'That's fine. Give me your cell phone number so I can find you during the fireworks.'

Suddenly everything seemed to be a demand, the atmosphere had changed. I gave a false phone number, promised to meet her and then bolted.

Back at the Spiritual Retreat, I found my companion. It was already dark. Suddenly, I longed to go home. As the fireworks exploded, we were already on our way out of Clearwater, checking periodically to see if we were being followed. Why I thought we might be, I can't explain.

I'm already receiving emails inviting me back for more special events but I won't be returning. In fact, I will never set foot in a Scientology-owned building again.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2170232/Scientology-Pinching-purification-finding-The-Bridge-Total-Freedom-My-sinister-induction-Scientology-HQ--just-days-ago-July-4.html?printingPage=true>

'I'm not allowed to see my own son's body': Mother's grief as 27-year-old son of Scientology president dies of high fever... and she finds out from a friend days later

By [Daily Mail Reporter](#)

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A mother's grief: Karen de la Carriere said her son disowned in 2010 after she left Scientology. The mother of 27-year-old Scientologist Alexander Jentsch, did not find out that her son died until days later, and said that she won't be allowed to see her son's body at the morgue.

Karen de la Carriere, who was once married to current Scientology president Heber Jentzsch and left the Church in 2010, said that Alexander's wife, who is also a Scientologist, is refusing to let the grieving mother view her son's body.

She also said that she was not informed of her son's death for days, and had to find out from a friend, later confirming Alexander's death with the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office of her son's passing.

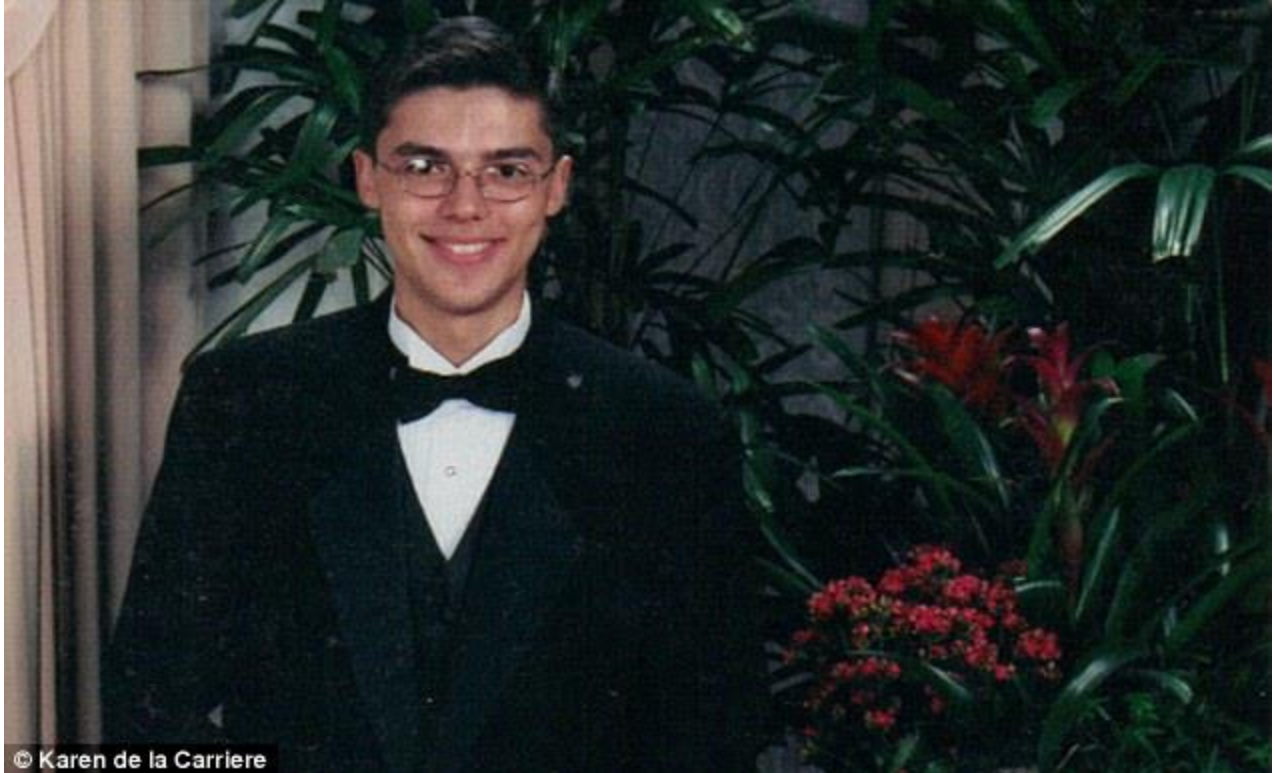
'They didn't inform me, they didn't inform Herber,' she told the [Village Voice](#).

Heber Jentzsch has not been seen in public for nearly a decade, one of several high-profile Scientology members removed from the public eye. The wife of church leader David Miscavige, Michelle 'Shelly' Barnett, has not been seen since 2007.

Ms de la Carriere did not immediately return requests for comment from the MailOnline, but told the [Village Voice](#) in an emotional conversation the details surrounding her son's death.



Missing? President of the Church of Scientology International Heber Jentzsch has not been seen publically since 2004; their son Alexander, who was 27, died July 2nd



Permission denied: Ms de la Carriere said there was no funeral and that she was not permitted to see Alexander, pictured in this undated photo

She said that Alexander 'had a high fever, and the next morning, he was icy cold and he was dead,' the mother said, adding that he was on pain killers for a back injury obtained in a car accident.

Ms de la Carriere told the Voice: 'The dead body of the son of the president of the Church of Scientology has been sitting in a morgue for days, and they didn't tell me because I'm a declared SP.'

She was excommunicated after she left the Church, and was branded a 'suppressive person,' the Voice reported.

She told RadarOnline.com that Alexander's wife, Andrea, refuses to let her see her son's body. When Ms de la Carriere sent a friend over to their home with a letter for Andrea, the friend was turned away with the message, 'All communication goes through the Office of Special Affairs.' The mother told the Village Voice that the Church created a 'hate website' about her, and coerced Alexander to cut all ties with her.



Happier times: Left, Karen and Heber on their wedding day and right, Heber and their young son Alexander

She said that he was spoon fed what to tell her, including the words: 'Never phone me, never e-mail me. Until you get your s*** together, we can have no communication. 'Until then, we are disconnected.'

The mother added: 'For two years, he disconnected from me, and now he's dead.'

She found out three days after the fact that her son had died from former Scientology spokesman Mike Rinder.

Apparently, Andrea had told some of her Scientology friends on Facebook about Alexander's death, and the news eventually tricked down to Rinder, who currently lives in Florida, RadarOnline.com reported.



Leaving: Karen, back right, left the Church of Scientology in 2010 and said her son cut all ties with her

Once told by Mr Rinder, Ms de la Carriere called the coroner's office, which solidly confirmed her son's death.

In an explosive tell all published on a friend's blog in 2010, Ms de la Carriere revealed her struggle with the religion, and explained how Alexander, who was born in 1984, was inculcated with the beliefs of Scientology from infancy.

'The dead body of the son of the president of the Church of Scientology has been sitting in a morgue for days, and they didn't tell me because I'm a declared SP.'

-Karen de la Carriere

According to her, Alexander was a member of Sea Org for more than a decade.

She also wrote of the policies surrounding Scientology and reproduction.

Alexander's wife, Andrea, became pregnant in 2007. She wrote in the post: 'Pressure is brought to bear for an abortion. It is done skilfully – no heavy threats, but both are taken off post to look at "the greatest good..." In the end, Andrea had an abortion and they were returned to post.'

Ms de la Carriere said in a 2011 interview that she and then-husband Heber had to petition for a second child, a newly-ordained rule at the time.

She said she wanted a girl. 'A new had come out that you had to petition to have a baby,' she explained. 'And along with the petition, you were to name why should be allowed to have a baby.'

Ms de la Carriere said that though she and her husband petitioned for three months, their petition was denied. She also said that her husband was beaten for making the request. She again became pregnant three years later.

A spokesperson from the Church of Scientology International told MailOnline: 'Our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with Heber Jentsch and his entire family during this difficult time.

'The Church takes offense at the irresponsible and false claims from excommunicated self-promoters who are sadly exploiting private family matters for their own personal financial gain.'



Hollywood split: The religion has again come into the spotlight after supposedly playing a central role in the divorce of Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise, pictured

The religion has again come into the spotlight after supposedly playing a central role in the divorce of Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise.

In light of the rumours that Cruise' devotion to Scientology- and his supposed desire to enrol Suri in one of the religion's intense boot camps - was one of the main causes for their split, two senior Church administrators sent a panicked email giving followers advice on how to counter the negative press storm.

The letter comes the day after one of the most noted 'defectors' from the religion predicted that Cruise' latest divorce could be the 'biggest nightmare in the Church of Scientology's history' because of the drama that could unfold if secrets are publicly revealed in court.

Scientology was developed by L. Ron Hubbard in 1952. Their website reads: 'The ultimate goal of Scientology is true spiritual enlightenment and freedom for all.'

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2170027/Scientology-Karen-la-Carriere-wife-Church-president-Herber-Jentsch-allowed-sons-body-morgue.html?printingPage=true>