

Is This L. Ron Hubbard's Science?

The author: L. Ron Hubbard, founder of the Scientology cult. The title: "*Dianetics The Modern Science Of Mental Health*". The contents: A mishmash of pseudo-science and unprovable assertions, with some eye-popping instances of 1950's-era racism and homophobia. Before anyone you know decides to become involved with Scientology, wouldn't you like to know what the cult doesn't advertise about Dianetics?

Hubbard defines the reactive mind:

"*The reactive mind* is that portion of the mind which files and retains physical pain and painful emotion and seeks to direct the organism solely on a stimulus-response basis. *It thinks only in identities.*"

Dianetics, 1981 paperback, Page 44, Paragraph 9

Dianetics, 1987 paperback, Page 56, Paragraph 1

Hubbard discusses the reactive mind:

"What can it do? It can give a man arthritis, bursitis, asthma, allergies, sinusitis, coronary trouble, high blood pressure, and so on down the whole catalogue of psychosomatic ills, adding a few more which were never specially classified as psycho-somatic, such as the common cold.

"And it is the only thing in the human being which can produce these effects. It is the thing which uniformly brings them about."

Dianetics, 1981 paperback, Page 59, Paragraphs 3 & 4

Dianetics, 1987 paperback, Page 71, Paragraphs 3 & 4

Hubbard says that homosexuals are physically ill:

"The sexual pervert (and by this term dianetics, to be brief, includes any and all forms of deviation in Dynamic II such as homosexuality, lesbianism, sexual sadism, etc. and all down the catalogue of Ellis and Krafft-Ebing) is actually quite ill physically. ... He is very far from culpable for his condition, but he is also so far from normal and so extremely dangerous to society that the tolerance of perversion is as thoroughly bad for society as punishment for it."

Dianetics, 1981 paperback, Page 123, Paragraph 2

Dianetics, 1987 paperback, Page 140, Paragraph 2

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Hubbard implies that Zulus are insane:

"The number of engrams in a Zulu would be astonishing. Moved out of his restimulative area and taught English he would escape the penalty of much of his reactive data; but in his native habitat the Zulu is only outside the bars of a madhouse because there are no madhouses provided by his tribe."

Dianetics, 1981 paperback, Page 162, Paragraph 4

Dianetics, 1987 paperback, Page 183, Paragraph 2

Hubbard says that morning sickness is due to the mother hurting her unborn child:

"Attempted abortion is very common. And remarkably lacking in success. The mother, everytime she injures the child in such a fiendish fashion, is actually penalizing herself. Morning sickness is entirely engramic, so far as can be discovered, since clears have not so far experienced it during their own pregnancies. And the act of vomiting because of pregnancy is via contagion of aberration. Actual illness generally results only when mother has been interfering with the child either by douches or knitting needles or some such thing. Such interference causes the mother to become ill and, from an actual physical standpoint, is much harder on the mother than on the child. Morning sickness evidently gets into a society because of these interferences such as attempted abortion and, of course, injury."

Dianetics, 1981 paperback, Page 189, Paragraph 1

Dianetics, 1987 paperback, Page 211, Paragraph 1

Hubbard thinks civil rights should only be for the "unaberrated":

"Perhaps at some distant date only the unaberrated person will be granted civil rights before law. Perhaps the goal will be reached at some future time when only unaberrated person can attain to and benefit from citizenship. These are desirable goals and would produce a marked increase in the survival ability and happiness of Man."

Dianetics, 1981 paperback, Page 493, Paragraph 1

Dianetics, 1987 paperback, Page 534, Paragraph 3