

# To Preclears

**You're still new to scientology and some things may not seem quite right. These answers are from my thirty year involvement with the church, observing from both the inside and out.**

- **Where are the eight million scientologists?**

In 1971 scientology proclaimed 15 million adherents. Today they claim to be the planet's fastest growing religion. Between five and ten thousand staff members and public on course may be a more accurate estimate. There are probably about fifty thousand people who call themselves scientologists. The figure of eight million reflects the mailing list.

- **Why did Travolta and Cruise get involved?**

Many scientologist's are bright, capable people. They enter for a variety of reasons but the most common is their "ruin", a vulnerable portion of their life, such as a divorce, academic failure, unemployment, unfulfilled ambitions or any of the other disappointments that happen in a lifetime. Scientologists will focus on a person's ruin, which often has long since stopped being a problem, and turn it into an active psychosis. Scientology then presents itself as the only thing that can save them. The price is quite literally their money or their lives. Celebrities are as vulnerable here as you or I, perhaps more so. Travolta's and Cruise's ruins are often the subject of media speculation, but the famous are further disadvantaged. They are "targeted".

Scientology knows how useful celebrities can be and courts them. Once in, the world of scientology they experience is very different from the one you and I have experienced.

- **What are suppressives?**

They are said to be people who want to hurt mankind and therefore are against scientology. But, where were the suppressives when the Salk Vaccine was introduced? How did we put up weather satellites to warn of hurricanes with those suppressives ruining things? How did the Berlin Wall come down with suppressives messing things up? Of course there are people whose presence makes the world a more difficult place, even a horrible place, but most of the people who oppose scientology are merely concerned, not wicked or even influenced by the wicked.

- **What was L.R.H. doing before he invented scientology and dianetics?**

Mostly, he was writing science-fiction. That is why scientology has so many science-fictional elements. An old colleague of his, who prefers not to be identified, told me simply, "It was the money" that brought Hubbard to write Dianetics.

- **Why haven't I ever seen an OT phenomenon?**

There are none. Ex-scientologists who once claimed they saw them or even accomplished them, will now admit that they were deceiving themselves.

- **Does auditing work?**

Somewhat. Hubbard borrowed extensively from psychoanalysis, especially the schools that were better known in Europe than America. And he had some significant insights on his own. Unfortunately your gains will be offset by a loss of friends and family, paranoia, self-delusion, and a loss of conscience. One ex-scientologist said everything useful that Hubbard wrote could be put into one book.

- **Why should I care about these bad things when scientology works for me?**

There have been many changes in your life. You are receiving therapy. You are surrounded by supportive individuals. You are saving the planet. You are on your way to becoming "no longer homo sapien". It's hard to isolate just what is making you happy. Many ex-scientologists will tell you that their happiness was from anticipated benefits rather than from the minor gains they actually made.

- **How about Narconon and Applied Scholastics?**

They did not exist thirty years ago. They were created as dissemination techniques. They also give scientology something to crow about. Both techniques work best when using methods borrowed from other sources. The benefits can be acquired elsewhere without trading a drug or learning problem for religious deception.

- **Where is everyone from the fifties? The sixties? The seventies?**

Everyone I remember thirty years ago, with the exception of one individual, has either been thrown out or has quit. Many OT's have been labelled suppressive. That should be a contradiction in terms. It is very likely that one day you will quit or be thrown out.

- **Are opponents of scientology "religious bigots"?**

No more than opponents of The People's Temple or the opponents of the Branch Davidians. Most opponents don't care what you believe. They just resent what appears to be business fraud.

- **Where does the money go?**

To expand scientology and pay legal fees. The dispersal is controlled by David Miscavige.

- **What is your motive for criticizing scientology?**

Seven members of my family were on staff and/or on course for a total of about fifty years. We spent our savings on auditing, courses, and books and got little in return. One by one we left. One by one we reestablished our lives on the outside. I don't want my children or you, my reader, to make the same mistakes I did.