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A NEW book, published by Dr. L. Ron Hubbard, of Saint Hill Manor, East Grinstead, the town's road safety organiser and a research scientist, caused a storm of controversy this week.

The book is a collection of reports on people who believe they may have lived before this life and existed many centuries ago.

The "Courier" asked Dr. Hubbard, an American, to explain the purpose of the book, which was criticised by sections of the Press.

Dr. Hubbard issued this statement:

Scientific research work on dianetics and Scientology has been carried out by Dr. L. Ron Hubbard, and skilled persons employed by him, over the past 30 years.

Only since 1950 has the knowledge gleaned from this exacting and penetrating work into the functions of the mind been released to the general public in the form of special and skilled treatment.

#### TREATING AILMENTS

There are hundreds, if not thousands, of people in Britain alone who have benefited in no small way by this knowledge. In America the practice of Dianetics (functions of the mental anatomy) is accepted as a method of treating many and varied ailments—any physical injury, colds and asthma to mention just a few.

In connection with Dr. Hubbard's book "Have You Lived Before This Life?" the contents are merely reported from an observer's point of view.

When it was discovered that persons undergoing treatment recalled events which appeared to have taken place many years ago, Dr. Hubbard decided, as a scientist should, to investigate the matter further.

With this in mind 70 "guinea pigs" volunteered to undergo tests, without any stimulant or hypnosis, in an effort to locate more experiences of past lives. They were scientifically trained, and all mentally normal human beings.

Prior to the experiment many of these persons were highly sceptical, and as trained observers extremely critical. But in every case some recollection of a past existence was revealed. Of these about 42 reported their recollections in the book.

No scientific explanation was offered by Dr. Hubbard at the time the book was compiled, because the achievement was staggering and still very much in the experimental stage. He decided on this occasion merely to report the findings alone.

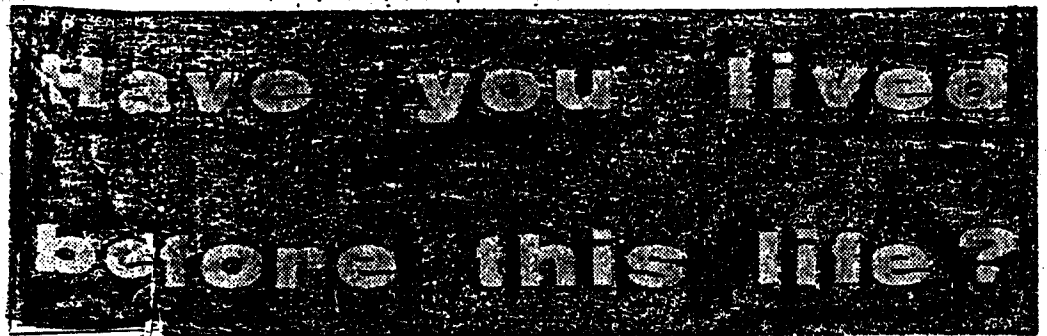
Experimental research on this

particular aspect of the mind is still taking place in Hubbard Association of Scientologist International centres throughout the world.

Is Dr. Hubbard's book about past lives conclusive evidence? "Not particularly," says Dr. Hubbard, but every-day his scientists are gathering additional information to support the theory that reincarnation is not just a possibility, but a fact.

Hypnosis is not used by Dr. Hubbard's clinical staff. A highly sensitive instrument, known as an electrometer, which works on similar principles to the well-known lie detector, accurately records the emotional charges that have been stored in the mind.

By holding two electrodes, one in each hand, and adjusting the sensitivity to allow for clenching of the electrodes, the needle reacts as the emotional charge is contacted and released.



## YES SAY THESE FOUR

FOUR people already been convinced by Dr. Hubbard that they have lived before. All are members of his staff at Saint Hill.

They are M. 40, a widow, 1 aged 48, Susan who live at Dr

St. low, aged 19, Mr. Hemery, 15's man- sion at Saint Hill, East Grinstead, and 17-year-old Mavis Leach, who lives at Cantelupe Road, East Grinstead.

Mrs. Wichelow claims that she remembers being a young gypsy boy in Spain. A bull charged her and she died as a result of her injuries.

Mr. Hemery said he was killed when his car hit a tree in Miami. He was aged between 20 and 30.

Mavis Leach said she was once a man of 50 living in South America. An Englishman shot her dead when she became delirious after being bitten by a poisonous spider.

She added that she died in 1938, and that the man with whom she was living was younger than 50.

He might still be alive, and through further interrogation she hoped to be able to remember his name and then try to trace him to prove her story.

Susan Hadfield said that in her previous life she was a pilot, killed at the age of 22 when her plane crashed.

They say they will be reborn after death.

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## I was a male, born of space parents...

THE "Courier" invited the well-known astronomer, Mr. Frank Moore, television lecturer, broadcaster, author and one of the leading experts on the study of the moon, to review the controversial book. He writes:

Mr. L. Ron Hubbard is an American science fiction writer who has come to live in East Grinstead. He deals extensively with what he calls "dianetics and scientology," according to which most human ills are caused by "engrams."

To explain just what an engram is would mean wading through a complete jungle of terminology, but in any case Mr. Hubbard is convinced that much may be learned by studies of "past lives." According to Hubbardism, we have all lived before, and his new book sets out 42 case-histories.

These are revealed by an instrument known as an electrometer (or E-Meter, in the true science fiction style), and I particularly liked his definition of a "theta-bop," a peculiar rapid action of an E-Meter needle!

### SPACE PARENTS

Some of Mr. Hubbard's clients have had remarkable experiences in previous lives — or so we are told. One was a walrus; another a fish; a third, a witness of the Pompeii disaster; a fourth, the son of a Tibetan politician, circa A.D.1500.

This, however, is merely a beginning, and Mr. Hubbard's E-Meter delves back trillions of years into the past, as well as yielding information as to other planets and even other galaxies.

Read, for instance, the following account, given on page 43: "This takes place nine galaxy periods ago. I was a male, born of space parents. I seem to have two or three mothers who died or were killed. At the age of five I was already on the look-out for brothels. At nine years of age I asked my father if I could join the space academy . . ." And so on, and so on.

### PAST LIFE

Even more delightful is the concise opening account of another past life, given on page 186: "23,064,000,000 years ago I was a very happy being who, with many others, strayed to the planet Nostra."

The reviewer has often encountered the Flat Earthers, the Pyramidologists, the Circle-Squareists and others of their kind; Hubbardism, however, is in a class by itself, and certainly adds to the gaiety of nations. Incidentally, Press reports indicate that Mr. Hubbard grows vast cucumbers. Can it be that these have "engrams" too?

(Have You Lived Before This Time? by L. Ron Hubbard, published by L. Ron Hubbard, by authority of L. Ron Hubbard, 24s.)



A symbolic skull — from the cover of Dr. Hubbard's book

# Scientist seeks your help in his research

GARDEN NEWS readers are, by now, familiar with the research work of Dr. Ron L. Hubbard at East Grinstead in Sussex. A number of the useful results he has achieved have been published in this paper—only last week we announced his claims when testing different types of soil.

Now, Dr. Hubbard has asked *Garden News* readers to join in his experiments with him and to play their part in furthering scientific horticultural knowledge. He would like to hear from any reader who has any ideas on

the scientific checking of traditional theories

Is there anything you have known of for years and which you have wondered, from time to time, if it is in fact correct? If there is — join in. You may be instrumental in bringing to light some great new fact or in destroying faith in some useless practice.

Take this recent case of the basic tests that we announced last week. How many people realised until then that sand is a first-class humus for lettuce, carrots, sweet corn and peas while fresh manure is about the worst?

With the co-operation of *Garden News* readers, Dr. Hubbard could prove or disprove any suggestions that you make. Send your suggestions to Experiment, *Garden News*, High Street, Stamford, Lincs.

## They mustn't be too warm in bed

I HEAR that Dr. Ron Hubbard has conducted an experiment at East Grinstead, Sussex, which shows that plants differ in their reaction to the temperature of the soil in which they are growing, despite the benefits of undersoil heated watering he described in G.N. Feb. 26.

In one bed heated water, supplied from the bottom, produced a soil temperature of 85 degrees F. In this was sown a telegraph cucumber, sweet corn, water melon, and tomato plants.

In a second bed water was supplied in the same way. But the soil temperature was regulated to remain at about 65 degrees F. The same plants were sown.

The tomato distinctly preferred the hotter soil, in common with the water melon, but the cucumber and sweet corn grew well above average in the lower temperature soil.

In the hotter bed the cucumber proved to be more susceptible to disease, and in the cooler soil the water melon died after only a few weeks.

In both cases the air temperature of the greenhouse was 70 degrees F., and the water was heated by immersion heaters employing a thermostat control. The beds consisted of a concrete base, three inches of gravel covered by ten inches of soil.