

Letters to The Times

Scientology

Congratulations to The Times (Nov. 5) for revealing the absurdity of the core beliefs of Scientology. I hope that everyone will now laugh this so-called "religion" off the face of the Earth.

"A tyrannical ruler 75 million years ago, overpopulation on Earth and other planets, H-bombs exploded way back then, the tan spirits captured in chemical compounds and contaminated with evil"—Leapin' Lizards, it must be a job for Superman!

It is obvious why Scientology doesn't want this nonsense made public: the suckers (i.e., their clients) would never pay to get fully brainwashed through the early stages if they knew how silly the end would be.

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L. Ron Hubbard is no crazier than the average prophet, and Scientology is better than a lot of religions—at least it preaches self-improvement in this life through self-analysis rather than rewards in an afterlife through prayer.

But Scientology makes one huge mistake: it promises improved intelligence rather than the attainment of eternal bliss. And intelligence can be measured whereas no one has ever come back from the grave to prove that a religion was a fraud. Putting it another way, what Scientology must learn is that it's much safer to insult the intelligence than to improve it.

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