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Dental Technicians

41. Mr. F. Noel-Baker asked the Minister of Health what study he has made of the structure of prices of dentures and prosthetic work and of wages of dental technicians; and if he will take steps to improve conditions in dental laboratories.

Mr. K. Robinson: I have no responsibility for the prices charged by commercial dental laboratories for dentures and other prosthetic work or for the wages of dental technicians employed by them. Wages are negotiated through the appropriate joint negotiating body. As regards the last part of the Question, I would refer my hon. Friend to the reply given by my right hon. Friend the Minister of Labour on 12th July, 1965, to the hon. Member for Westhoughton (Mr. J. T. Price).

Mr Noel-Baker: Even if my right hon. Friend has no technical responsibility, is not he aware that there is a great deal of feeling, and will he discuss with his right hon. Friend what can be done about it?

Mr. Robinson: If there is feeling, I suggest that my hon. Friend puts down a Question to my right hon. Friend.

Scientology

42. Lord Balniel asked the Minister of Health whether he will initiate an inquiry into the scope and practice in this country of so-called scientology, and the practice of psychology for fee or reward by persons who have no medical or psychological qualifications.

Mr. K. Robinson: No, Sir.

Lord Balniel: Would not the right hon. Gentleman agree that the commercial practice of psychology by unqualified persons could be very dangerous indeed for certain mentally disordered people? In view of the scathing criticism by an official board of inquiry in Australia into the so-called practice of scientology, surely the right hon. Gentleman considers that it is in the public interest to hold a similar type of inquiry in this country?

Mr. Robinson: I am prepared to consider any demand for an inquiry, but I have not had one yet. I am aware

that extravagant claims are made on behalf of scientology, which are not generally accepted and for my part I would advise anyone who is considering a course of this kind to go to his doctor first.

Mr. Snow: Is my right hon. Friend aware that there will be some support among some Members on this side of the House for this general proposition, that an examination of advertisements in some free-thinking journals might elucidate the general picture for him in the sense that there are people who attract a large number of clients by almost fraudulent claims to have a medical background?

Mr. Robinson: As my hon. Friend probably knows, the law does not prohibit anyone from practising medicine or surgery, with one or two limited exceptions. Unless he is registered as a doctor, no one may call himself a doctor, or imply that he is registered. If anybody has evidence that this society—or the members of it—is doing that, I hope that he will communicate with me.

Cervical Cancer (Tests)

44. Mr. Wainwright asked the Minister of Health how many women have had the protective cervical test during each of the past three years; and how many are on the waiting list.

Mr. K. Robinson: I regret that the information is not available. From December, 1964, to June, 1965, the number of tests per month rose from 39,000 to nearly 51,000, an annual rate of over 600,000. The returns for December, 1965, are not yet complete.

Mr. Wainwright: I thank my right hon. Friend for that reply, but does not he realise that there is strong feeling in the country, especially among women, that during the past 14 years not enough has been done by Governments in diagnosing cervical cancer? Does not my right hon. Friend also realise that unless more is done on this issue there will be great feeling against this Government, even though my right hon. Friend has done better than previous Governments did? Will my right hon. Friend make certain that he is judged by deeds and not by words?



ATTENTION THE MINISTER OF HEALTH

LAST WEEK Mr. Kenneth Robinson, the Minister of Health, was asked in the Commons to order an official inquiry into Scientology and the practice of psychology for money by unqualified people.

He refused, merely advising anyone considering a Scientology course to first consult his doctor. He said he would be prepared to consider "any demand" for an inquiry if he received one.

The Daily Mail thinks it is a pity that Mr. Robinson turned down an inquiry. *Newswight* has carried out its own investigation, and here, for the benefit of the Minister of Health, are the results.

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LAFAYETTE HUBBARD

And here is the inquiry you turned down

NEWSIGHT

THE pseudo-psychological cult of Scientology is based on the teachings of an American ex-science fiction writer whose claims to academic degrees are bogus. To outsiders the most astonishing fact about it is the way it has spread around the world.

It has many thousands of devoted adherents.

Scientology was founded by Nebraska-born Lafayette Ron Hubbard in America in 1950. It was based on a book he had written two years earlier called *Dianetics*, a science by which he claimed the human mind could be processed back to previous lives.

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Scientology branches, known there as Founding Churches, were opened across the U.S., then Hubbard moved to Britain.

In 1959 he bought Saint Hill Manor, near East Grinstead, Sussex, with its 30 acres of garden and park, swimming pool, and lake, and made it his international headquarters. The house previously belonged to the Maharajah of Jaipur.

It is equipped as a large-scale enterprise with photographic equipment, tape recorder and a relax machine to communicate regularly with 16 main branches throughout the world. There is a headquarters staff of 200.

Today there are Scientology groups not only in Britain and the U.S. but in Europe, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Hawaii. Scientology claims to have "millions" of followers in the world with between 5,000 and 10,000 ("possibly many more"), in Britain.

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IN DECEMBER the State of Victoria, Australia, outlawed Scientology after an official inquiry branded its methods there as "evil."

The inquiry revealed there were 4,000 personal files on followers in Melbourne alone. It also showed that 10 p.c. of the money they paid was remitted to Saint Hill Manor, a total of £26,166 from July 1958-June 1963.

In Britain, fees for study and "processing" courses range from £2 to £360. The London branch office in Fitzroy Street, Bloomsbury, is well attended and free introductory lectures are given five nights a week.

Hubbard, 54, describes himself as a writer, student, explorer, pioneer in horticulture and many other fields, nuclear physicist, civil engineer, glider pilot, master boatsman, philosopher, and "one of the prime movers in the U.S. effort of getting man out into space."

He claims to have "many degrees and is very skilled by reason of study." He commonly uses the title "doctor."

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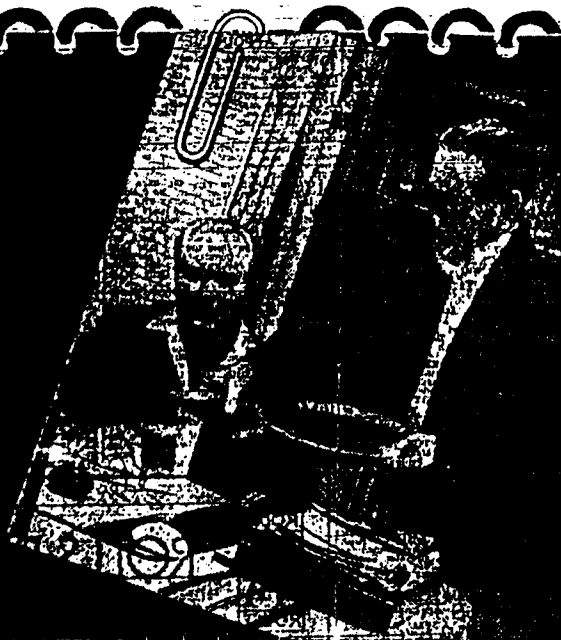
A SEARCHING inquiry by *Newswight* found his only doctorate to be a self-invented, self-bestowed D.Sc.—a Doctor of Scientology.

Hubbard's claims are sprinkled throughout his writings. (He is said in one of

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NEWSIGHT

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his books to have written 15 million words.)

They are listed in his biographical entry in the American publication, *Who's Who in the South and South West*, 1965-66 edition.

The publishers say these details were supplied by Hubbard personally and verified by him. They were also checked by *Newsight*. These are the findings:

B.S. in Civil Engineering, George Washington University, 1934, where Hubbard says he was in the first nuclear physics class. The university says he was there from autumn 1930 to spring 1932, and has never received any degree whatsoever, in civil engineering, nuclear physics or any other subject.

Ph.D. Sequoia U., 1950: No Sequoia University is listed in the U.S. There is a College of the Sequoias in California, but it is a junior college which confers no degree above Associate in Arts. There is no record that Hubbard ever attended it.

A private institution, housed in a Los Angeles residence, used to call itself Sequoia University. It was unaccredited, its degrees unrecognised.

Student, Princeton School of Government, 1945: Hubbard has never been enrolled as a student at Princeton University either as graduate or undergraduate. An undated entry in the Registrar's Office says: "L. R. Hubbard Military Government," suggesting a war service study course.

Master of motor vessels, master of sailing vessels (all oceans); radio operator: Hubbard's last licence (No. 12521) for uninspected sail vessels, under 700 tons gross, issued on April 4, 1946, is no longer valid. There is no record of any radio officer licence.

Commander of the Caribbean Motion Picture Exhibition and W. L. Minerals Expedition, 1935: The Motion Picture Association Inc. can trace no reference to this expedition.

Alaskan Radio Experimental Expedition, 1940: The State of Alaska's Department of Public Works, the Federal Communications Commission and the University of Alaska can find no trace of this expedition.

Mem. 1634. Inf. Mont. N.G. 1927-28: "Ronald Hubbard" enlisted in the Montana National Guard on October 19, 1927. At his discharge on October 29, 1928, he was a private.

Lt. U.S.N.R. 1941-46, commanding escort vessels and

navigator in all theatres: Hubbard did serve as a lieutenant in U.S. Naval Reserve.

Fellow, Oceanographic Foundation: The Oceanographic Society Inc. of New York knows of no such Foundation, but does not dispute it may exist.

Hubbard is a member, in good standing, of The Explorers Club, New York, and the Capital Yacht Club, Washington.

His claim to be one of the prime movers in getting man into space was put to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington. They state he is not connected with NASA "in any capacity."

Scientists stress their "philosophy" cannot be effectively explained to outsiders. The non-scientologist is baffled by Hubbard's prolific invention of words (*engram, anaten, thetan*).

Its purpose is succinctly laid down in his publications *Scientology: the Fundamentals of Thought* (2s.). Chapter 16, two sentences long, is headed "The Goal of Scientology" and states:

"The end object of Scientology is not the making into nothing of all of existence or the freeing of the individual of any and all traps everywhere. The goal of scientology is the making of the individual capable of living a better life in his own estimation and with his fellows and the playing of a better game."

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NOT the most modest of Hubbard's claims for Scientology is his statement (Chapter 7, *Fundamentals of Thought*):

"Probably the greatest discovery of Scientology and its most forceful contribution to the knowledge of mankind has been the isolation, description and handling of the human spirit. Accomplished in July 1951 in Phoenix, Arizona, I established along scientific rather than religious or humanitarian lines that the thing which is the person, the personality, is separable from the body and the mind at will and without causing bodily death or mental derangement."

Hubbard's name for the spirit is the *thetan*. His discoveries about the *thetan* are remarkable: it appears to be from "a quarter of an inch to two inches in diameter," normally inhabits the skull of the *MEST* body (*MEST*: Matter, Energy, Space, Time). It is subject to deterioration, is usually either blind or dim-sighted at first.

By Scientology processes the *thetan* can be separated at will from the *MEST* body. It is then capable of extraordinary achievements.

In his book, *Scientology! A History of Man* (15s.), Hubbard makes a solemn appeal to "cleared thetans":

"Let's not go upsetting governments and putting on a show to prove anything to homo sapiens for a while; it's a horrible temptation to knock off hats at 50 yards and read books a couple of countries

away and get into the rotogravure section and the Hearst Weeklies—but you'll just make it tough on somebody else who is trying to get across this bridge."

A History of Man, first published in 1952, begins with the statement:

"This is a cold-blooded and factual account of your last 60 trillion years." The knowledge it contains will make "the blind again see, the lame walk, the ill recover, the insane become sane and the sane become saner."

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DELVING back into pre-history, Hubbard discovered a "clam-like animal that may be the missing link in the evolutionary chain." This he names the "Weeper" or the "Boo-Hoo," so-called because it had to pump salt water to obtain food. The pumping tubes were later to become the eyes in the human being.

The Boo-Hoo marked the transition from life in the water to life on land. Its plights were "many and pathetic."

On reaching the beach the Boo-Hoo was menaced by "too much salt water, the boiling hot sun, volcanic eruptions and even praying birds."

(Since the Boo-Hoo was the first life to emerge from the sea, the presence of praying birds remains unexplained.)

The **Piltown Man** is also discussed:

"The **PILTOWN** contains freakish acts of dangerous 'logic' of demonstrating dangerous [sic] on one's fellows, of eating one's wife and other somewhat illogical activities. The **PILTOWN** teeth were **ENORMOUS** and he was quite careless as to whom and what he bit and often very much surprised at the resulting damage."

(The **Piltown Man**, found in Sussex between 1911-1913 and thought to be 600,000 years old, was exposed in 1953 as a scientific hoax. The **Piltown** reference is still contained in the Fifth Edition, 1965, of Hubbard's book.)

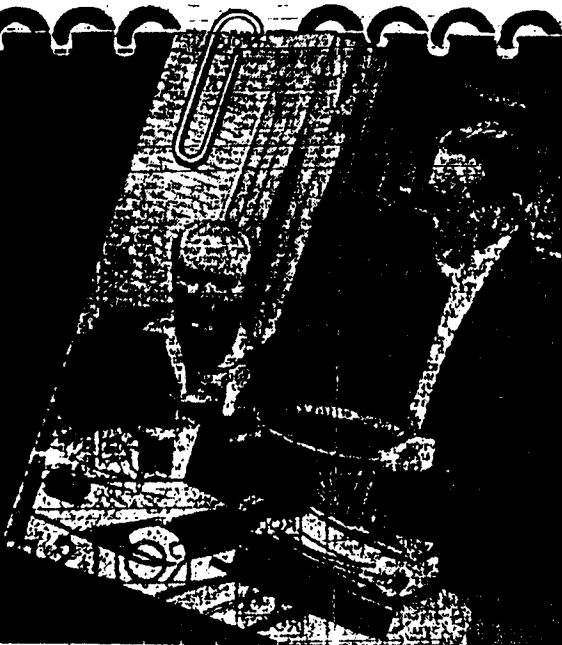
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HUBBARD believes that people are affected, mentally and physically, by memories of being eaten by animals in previous lives. He states: Psoriasis (a skin disease) may be caused by the action of digestive fluid in some incident where the pre-clear was being eaten. Subject to test."

These discoveries were apparently made by searching back through previous lives. Using this technique Hubbard has twice visited Heaven, the first occasion was "43,891,832, 611,177 years, 344 days, 10 hours, 20 minutes and 40 seconds from 10:02 p.m. Daylight Greenwich Time, May 9, 1963." The second visit was some years later.

Heaven was described by Hubbard in his bulletin of May 11, 1963:

"The gates of the first series are well done, well built. An avenue of statues of saints leads

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up to them. The gate pillars are surmounted by marble angels. The entering grounds are very well kept, laid out like Bush Gardens in Pasadena, so often seen in the movies.

"The second series, probably in the same place, shows what a trillion years of overt acts does (or is an additional trickery to collapse one's time). The place is shabby. The vegetation is gone. The pillars are scruffy. The saints have vanished. So have the angels. A sign on one (the left as you enter) says: 'This is Heaven.' The right has the sign 'Hell' . . ."

(At Saint Hill, Hubbard's personal spokesman explained that the technique involved in this process could not be explained to the layman: "You are going up into the higher realms.")

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SCIENTOLOGY, which was "born in the same crucible as the atomic bomb," is claimed to be "the principle [sic] agency that is preventing and treating people for radiation at this time." This statement is made in a book published 1957, called *All About Radiation* (15s.), which is on sale at Scientology branches.

In this, Hubbard discloses the formula of a substance he calls Dianazene which he says proofs people against radiation and cancer.

The formula is given as: Nictonic [sic] acid, 200 mg.; Iron; ferrous gluconate 10 grains; Vitamin B1 25 mg.; Vitamin B2—Riboflavin 50 mg.; Vitamin C—Ascorbic acid 200 to 300 mg.; Dicalcium phosphate 25 to 35 grains.

A leading medical authority commented: "The proportion of iron is high and might give some people indigestion. The inclusion of nicotinic acid is surprising and its only known therapeutic value, and this is doubtful, is for chilblains."

At Saint Hill Manor, Hubbard lives with his wife, Mary Sue, and four of their six children, looked after by a cook, Brown the butler, and a small personal staff. Hubbard was "not available" to *New Sight*.

At any time, about 120 students are undergoing processing at Saint Hill, the International Mecca of Scientology. This involves the "preclears" (patients) being "audited."

The auditor is "one who listens, computes, and guides another with the intention of helping the preclear resolve the problems of his life."

Frequently an electrical instrument called a Hubbard E Meter, which measures changes in the resistance of the human body, is used. Hubbard buys the meters for £17 each, and offers them for sale at £50 each (£40 to international members).

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HUBBARD'S personal assistant and spokesman, Mr. Reg Sharpe, wearing the gilt and blue badge of a clear (a person released from all mental aberrations), said that unless preclears were audited by students (when it was

free) the standard charge was £28 for a course of 160 hours.

New Sight has details of far more expensive courses. For example: Power processing; To Grade 5 release (second stage) (no rebates) £160 minimum or 1,000 dollars; Special briefing course £275, 775 dollars. Class VII interne course (staff members only) £275, 775 dollars.

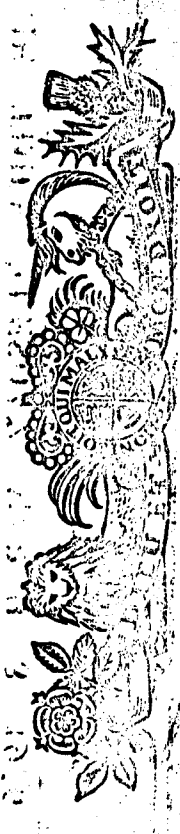
Mr. Sharpe said the Australian report was "scurrilous and biased," that in every case where Scientology is alleged to have harmed someone the true cause has been shown to be something else: "Produce them. Produce the people who have been harmed."

He was confident that Scientology would go on from strength to strength and would not be outlawed.

He said: "We are just a bunch of guys who are trying to do some good on this planet. You won't mop us. You can't stop two people talking and that's all we do."

☆☆☆ Scientology was the inspiration for another psychological cult called The Process, launched by a former architectural student, Robert de Grimston, and his wife, Mary Ann, after they had taken a 14-week Scientology course. *New Sight* described its methods and how some clients paid up to £400 in fees, on December 8. Two weeks ago the de Grimstons were banned from holding a meeting for undergraduates at the Oxford Union. Hubbard dissociates himself and his movement from The Process.

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