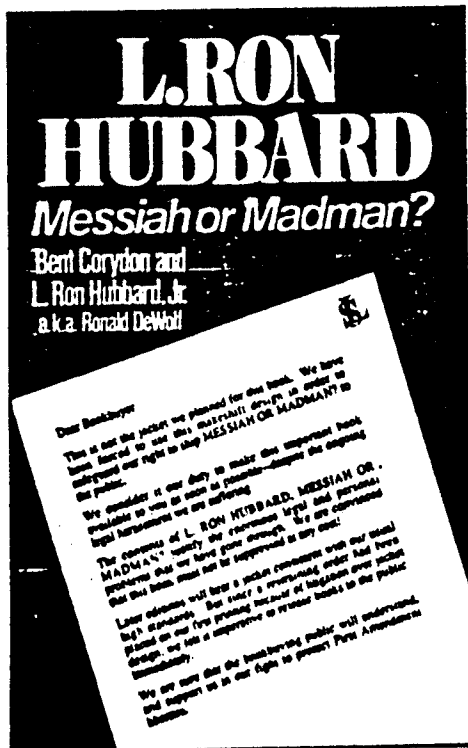


The just-published shocker about the bestselling author and cult leader

L. RON HUBBARD



MESSIAH OR MADMAN?

L. Ron Hubbard wrote the 1950 bestseller *Dianetics, the Modern Science of Mental Health*. It inspired a layman-oriented mental health movement which developed into Scientology, the most profitable of the money-making new religions.

Hubbard was a bigamist who masterminded Watergate-style break-ins. He surrounded himself with adoring teenyboppers, uniformed in mini-skirts, bikini tops and high-heeled boots. He smoked opium and regarded himself as the successor to Aleister Crowley, self-proclaimed "Beast 666."

These are but some of the facts about the man uncovered in this unusual biography.

Dianetics is on the bestseller lists again. This, thanks to a massive advertising blitz which uses television and thousands of billboards across the country. Bestseller lists also usually include one or more of Hubbard's science-fiction novels.

Are Hubbard's followers the victims of a highly organized form of "spiritual crazy glue"? Not if you listen to them. There is no shortage of celebrities who claim that Hubbard's teachings and counselling techniques have made them happier and more successful. John Travolta, Priscilla Presley and Sonny Bono are a sample trio of those who have stood and applauded, for minutes on end, a giant photograph of "the man who exposed them to all the secrets of life."

Yet it can be dangerous—even life-threatening—to attempt to expose HIS

secrets. Most of those people with firsthand knowledge of the man have been silenced. Fortunately, Bent Corydon conducted extensive interviews with many of them before they were pressured or paid not to talk.

L. Ron Hubbard: Messiah or Madman? has survived several attempts to suppress its publication. For refusing to show the manuscript to the Scientologists in advance of publication, the Scientologists have sought to jail publisher Lyle Stuart!

Bent Corydon was a pioneer among Scientology's leaders. When he recognized the true nature of Scientology, he was among the first to broadly publicize Hubbard's deceptions. Corydon went public to expose to the world the corruption and mind-control aspects of Scientology.

L. Ron Hubbard, Jr., witnessed a very different man from the one known to the rank and file of his father's Church. He spent nearly a decade as his father's

confidant before breaking away.

Corydon, with an assist from Ron Hubbard, Jr., has written *L. Ron Hubbard: Messiah or Madman?* with the pace and feel of a good novel: fact stranger than fiction! At the same time its varied, strange and often shocking revelations are packed with information to prevent the pursuit of happiness from becoming a "weakness to be exploited."

This very much unauthorized biography of Lafayette Ronald Hubbard is a major blow to people-manipulating Scientologists.

The Church of Scientology has spent heavily to fight this book. Both Corydon and his publisher have been sued. They've been followed. They've been harassed. They've been threatened.

L. Ron Hubbard: Messiah or Madman? is for everyone concerned about the fate of America in the age of false preachers who prey upon the innocent and the idealistic.

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