



Letters to the Editor



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The Scientology debate

Misdirected energy

AS SPOKESMAN for the Church of Scientology I have only one thing to say to Mike Ricks (Letters, August 13), and that is that if he had spent as much time on improving conditions in town as he did in persecuting a religion, East Grinstead would be an even

what any anti-religion person thinks.

Mr Ricks, I hereby extend an invitation for you to visit me at Saint Hill to discuss how we may get out of the past and get on with the future. Meanwhile, I agree with another writer, John Ablett — let's end this debate and get on with more constructive issues that will benefit the town as a whole.

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The Courier has received a number of letters this week which are not being published because they are considered to be defamatory.

more pleasant environment to live and work in than it already is.

I would like to see the same energy spent in saving our Queen Vic Hospital, in providing a coffee lounge for youngsters to visit, or in doing something effective about the levels of vandalism in the town.

These are problems we in Scientology are working to help with and frankly we are more interested in these activities than in worrying

HAVING been a Scientologist for some 30 years and a Christian for even longer, and a born-again Christian for 14 years, I believe I am in a unique position to speak about both Christianity and Scientology.

There is about as much "love" in Scientology, as there is "understanding" in Christianity, but then that is how it should be. Christians will never understand until they become Scientologists and Scientologists will never really "love" until they become Christians.

Life can be likened to a very large jigsaw puzzle where the edge pieces are love and understanding. The whole of life is contained in these two words. "He who loves understanding is a wise man, he who understands love is a fool".

L. Ron Hubbard has stated that he developed Dianetics and Scientology because of his love of understanding. Very early on in the subject he decided love was unscientific, and wrote it out of the computation and replaced it with the word "affinity".

Hubbard is a builder in the accepted sense of the word and it is indeed the stone that the builder rejected that has become the capstone.

We need both the builder and the capstone, but we also need the cornerstone if we are ever to even get started.

For me Scientology was dealing with my grubby past so that I might claim my true inheritance in Christ Jesus.

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Enter Prince Xenu

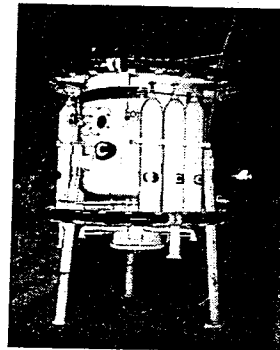
HOW refreshing it was to read in last week's Courier about Mr Revill's encounter with Old Doll Body. I believe that his letter has put the whole Scientology debate into perspective.

In a similar vein, I wonder how many local people will remember old Prince Xenu. He used to be a familiar figure in the Dorset Arms in the High Street where he worked as a barman in order to raise the money to pay for his life repair. Of course, that was in the days when it was possible to pay for a basic service out of a year's wages and still have change for a copy of All About Radiation.

I well remember the Old Man and Xenu having a drink and laughing about old times while they wrote the OT III materials.

The Old Man was into nuclear fission and Xenu fancied himself as a bit of a vulcanologist. That was before he was discovered to be a pyromaniac and had his visa withdrawn. The incident was duly recorded by the Church of Scientology HCO Department.

He often took his space pod up to the Hill where he and the Old Man used to take the advance levels students for very long



intergalactic rides. This photograph was given to me by Old Doll Body himself and shows Xenu's pod when it was parked outside the pub one night.

These days it is impossible to park a spacecraft anywhere in East Grinstead. The only place that has clearance for flying saucer landings in Saint Hill itself. I hope Saint Hill will write and confirm this and add any further data.

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