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# **FOR THE LOVE OF XENU: NAVIGATING THE CHURH OF SCIENTOLOGY**

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## Letter from your Chair

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Dear Delegates,

Thank you for taking part in For the Love of Xenu: Navigating Scientology! This is intended to be a fun, welcoming, and unique way to explore the world of Model UN and learn creative problem-solving. Congratulations to all of our delegates to whom this is their first committee.

As a third-year KU student, I have taken part in Model UN for two years. This is my directorial debut, and I am excited to learn while I teach. The topic of this committee is the Church of Scientology. Delegates will play high-ranking or otherwise prolific members of the Church and influence its future in any way they wish. This is an unusual topic for Model UN, given that it is not historical nor political. Nonetheless, the deeply corrupt and bureaucratic setting of the Church will surely serve as an interesting setting for political collusion and espionage. No matter your motives or methods, I look forward to seeing what you can do with the fascinating history and organization of the Church.



If you have questions about this committee or Model UN in general, do not be hesitant to contact me directly. Researching your character and the Church can on occasion be difficult due to its deceptive nature. As your director, I will do my best to help you in any of your endeavors.

Best of Luck,

***Riley Keiter, Crisis Director***



# Sensitivity Statement

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Delegates may not use the guise of "historical accuracy" as an excuse for racist, sexist, homophobic, or other harmful actions. No justification will be allowed for war crimes, ethnic genocide, or implementing slavery during their participation in the conference. These exclusionary and hurtful acts can appear not only in the words of a directive, resolution, or speech, but also in the blocs that form and the people who are included in or prevented from participating. If any of the above behaviors are reported by the Chair, Delegates, Staff, or Advisors to the Secretary General, they will promptly be investigated. Any delegate, advisor, or staff member found to be in violation of the Code of Conduct will be immediately ejected from the committee with no refund.

## This Committee

The Church of Scientology has a long history of racism, sexism, and general bigotry. Nonetheless, **no hateful speech of any kind will be tolerated** by any member of the committee. Some language used in traditional Scientology is racially coded, and will not be included in the committee or any of its supplemental materials. Any occurrence of such language in a member's rhetoric will result in **expulsion** from the committee.

While the Church of Scientology has various alleged stories of violence, **no such actions will be allowed in committee. No specific descriptions of abuse or assault will be tolerated**, even given their prominence in the Church. Assassination **will not** be accepted. If an assassination is attempted, then the backrooms will disallow it regardless of plausibility. Those who wish to use intimidation (which is acceptable in committee and common in the Church) may do so **without** resorting to assassination and abuse.



## 1.0 Introduction

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Welcome to enlightenment! As a member of this committee, you will do whatever you can to influence the future of the Church. The Church's mission is to expand our reach by teaching all young American children about the magic of dianetics and the immortal aliens inside all of us. The Church of Scientology has an estimated net worth of over 1.5 billion dollars and countless assets piled into real estate. The Church itself has a recorded 3.5 million members, most of whom are wholly dedicated to the teachings of the Church. With this amount of vast resources, almost anything is possible.

However, the church has recently faced challenges it is not accustomed to. With growing numbers of defectors, lower numbers of recruitment, PR disasters, and skyrocketing hidden debt, we call the leaders and spokespeople of the Church to come together and find logical solutions to the problems that plague our organization. You may act in the interest of the Church, or collude against it in your own best interest. Whatever you do, the future of the Church is in your hands.

Welcome to Scientology, where opportunities are limitless!





## 2.0 Background

### 2.1 The History of Scientology

L. Ron Hubbard (LRH) was a novelist before he was the creator of Scientology. In the 1940s, he wrote pulp fiction novels- pulp fiction being known as cheap and quickly made. His books were usually based on science fiction. Some of his books contain references to Scientology years before its creation, such as mentions of “engrams”. L. Ron Hubbard wrote these books with great speed and was popular for his elaborate fabrications.

These fabrications would come in handy after he was conscripted to fight in World War II. As a member of the U.S. Navy, he reports great acts of bravery. He claims to have taken down multiple Japanese submarines single-handedly, as well as overcoming his blindness through pure will. In reality, a 900-page file created by the U.S. military reports that he opened fire on a floating log and a Mexican island before being discharged with no noticeable physical ailments whatsoever. His side of the story is still popular in Scientologist communities today, and most Scientologists consider him a war hero.



After the war, in 1950, he released a revolutionary book titled “Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health”. This book discussed the psychology of the human mind, although most psychologists disagree with its findings. Dianetics is largely based on pseudoscience, according to most scientists not directly in the church. Nonetheless, it gained popularity as the average citizen began to treat it as mental health assistance. Many people felt genuinely enlightened by the ideas presented in his book, and LRH benefitted greatly. He sold many copies and began perpetuating the argument that medicine companies were not sharing dianetics because of a conspiracy to keep patients sick. Around this same time, he began to fear that attacks would be levied against him. There was no evidence to suggest that he was in danger, but he attested that the powerful insight given to him by dianetics was causing him to sense danger on the horizon. LRH began traveling constantly to avoid subterfuge and backstabbers.

LRH’s Dianetics book began selling less and less, which resulted in his decision to turn his ideas on psychology into a full-fledged religion. Doing so involved developing lessons, practices, backstories, and preachings. Although he built this

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“You don't get rich writing science fiction. If you want to get rich, you start a religion.”



L. Ron Hubbard



religion, and it contained all the base components of a religion, the Internal Revenue Service



did not accept it as one legally. LRH attempted to gain tax exemption as a religion for decades but never succeeded. This also prompted his habit of traveling from place to place, as he was wanted by the IRS for tax evasion for the rest of his life. The first place he escaped to was the Mediterranean, where he sailed across the sea many times claiming to study his past lives. He hired many young adults to crew his ship and titled them the Sea Organization. They are the earliest members of the congregation of the Church of Scientology. By the 70s, he was no

longer allowed in most of Europe and returned to America. Even while in the US, he had to live in hiding for the rest of his life.

When he had returned, the Church of Scientology had only grown. LRH began adventuring into Hollywood in an attempt to appeal to more people. He recruited actors and other Hollywood bigwigs and even started making movies. They recruited Priscilla Presley, Leah Remini, John Travolta, Tom Cruise, and many other big names of the 80s and 90s. They used these celebrities and their vast funds to create a music video to their song We Stand Tall.

“Knowing the truth will set us free  
And take us from clear to eternity  
To a future we thought would never be  
We stand tall”



Members of the Church of Scientology in  
*We Stand Tall*

By the time L. Ron Hubbard died, the Church was a powerhouse. It was claimed that LRH did not die whatsoever but was “going exterior” and undergoing intense self-exploration that required him to abandon his physical form. Scientologists still celebrate LRH’s birthday each year as if he is present. During meetings of the International Association of Scientology, a portrait of LRH resides above the crowd and is spoken to as if LRH can listen from it. David Miscavige is now the prime leader of the Church. He has prioritized measures to intimidate suppressive people. Under his leadership, the Church continues to conceal the true amount of members and capital they retain. Miscavige was obsessed with recruiting Tom Cruise into the Church and still attempts recruitment on choice celebrities. Notably, Miscavige’s wife has been missing for 17 years. No one knows of her whereabouts.



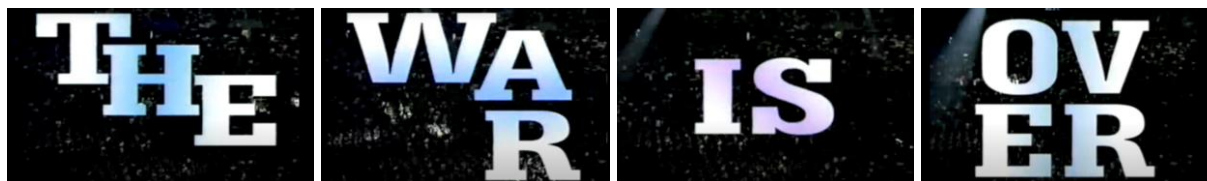
After LRH’s death, the Church began addressing a problem that had become deadly: the tax bill. The Church had racked up over a billion dollars of debt at this point and still refused to pay it. The IRS responded by raiding the Church’s files and reporting on the covert operations





found within them. Media conglomerates began to report on this issue as well as claims of abuse within the Church. To fight back against this, Miscavige enacted the Fair Game policy.

Essentially, all critics of the Church are “fair game” to be tormented by members of the Church. Miscavige also encouraged members of the Church to donate hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars to the Church to counteract the IRS bill. Then, the Church launched an attack on the IRS by filing over 2,400 lawsuits against the IRS and its employees. This legal battle was too difficult for the IRS to face, and they officially declared the Church of Scientology a true Church. Today, the Church pays no taxes and keeps all profits from donations and sales.



Still, the Church routinely gets large donations from its congregation at a large level. Defectors report giving hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Church regularly, as it was often required by the Church to be a continued member. This seemed a high point for the Church, until they ran into an issue in the early 2000s, when many of its high-level officials began defecting.

The large amount of defectors of the early 2000s, along with the interviews they gave, were cancerous to the Church. The Church has never recovered in the eyes of the public, especially as documentaries, news stories, podcasts, books, and research still delve into the abuse of the Church. Leah Remini released a documentary series outlining the many faults of the Church which remained powerful in the eyes of the public for years. Additionally, watching many popular celebrities disappear into obscurity created a distaste for the Church entirely. Today, the Church operates at a much smaller level than it used to, with fewer leaders than it previously had before the mass exodus. Although it claims to have up to 4 million members, it seems to have around 500 thousand. Nonetheless, its finances seem to only be growing. This nonprofit is exceptionally profitable to the few who remain to run the Church today.

## 2.2 The Science of Scientology

There are two sides to Scientology: the simple psychology side, and the surrealist creation side.

The simple psychology of Scientology is used to draw members in. This is the only information they receive at the beginning of their indoctrination. Dianetics contends that there are two sides to the brain, one being analytical and pure, and the other reactive and anxiety-ridden. The reactive side of the brain is problematic due to “engrams”, which are



harmful memories. For example, consider that a man has an intense fear of air travel. Dianetics argues that this is likely caused by a memory negatively associated with heights, and can be resolved. Dianetics will also argue that physical ailments can be cured by removing engrams as well.

To remove these engrams from the body, you need an auditor. An auditor is a practitioner of Scientology who conducts a session with an E-Meter. An E-Meter is supposed to detect engrams by detecting the mass of your thoughts. E-Meters work very similarly to polygraphs, although polygraphs measure more than an E-Meter does. The auditor will ask questions and watch the E-Meter to detect engrams. When the needle on the meter stops moving, the engram has been successfully cleaned out, and the person is cleaner. Patients recount leaving these sessions feeling focused and positive, similar to those who have just left a therapy session. L. Ron Hubbard also claimed that being cleaned would help your IQ grow, sustain your physical form, and stabilize your emotional turmoil.



There is another side to Scientology that goes beyond abnormal psychology. There is a metaphorical Bridge in Scientology that represents advanced awareness. This Bridge is crossed when Scientologists reach a high level in their organization- OT III. When they reach this level, they are taught their creation myth. All religions have different ideas as to how the world started, but the Scientologists' is perhaps one of the most criticized.

Seventy-five million years ago, there was a planet that had a civilization much like 1950s America. The aliens (Thetans) lived the same, looked the same, and spoke the same as modern humans. Like humans, they faced overpopulation. In an election to determine their leader, they elected Xenu, who was a Supreme Ruler and evil dictator of their world. Contrary to popular belief, Xenu is not the "God" figure to Scientologists, but more of a "Satanic" figure. To solve the overpopulation issue, he brought in Thetans for tax audits, and then injected glycol into their hearts to freeze their bodies. He then boxed them up and put them in space voyagers that appeared identical to DC-8 jetliner planes. To contain the Thetans, he hid them deep in the volcanoes of Earth and launched Atomic bombs at each volcano to close them off. The innocent Thetans were then subjected to years of indoctrination as they were set in front of movie screens and forced to watch scenes of humans. Thetans have the unique gift of immortality and are

"Man is a spiritual being that was pulled down to the material, the fleshly interest to an interplay in life that was in fact too great for him to confront. And I concluded finally, that he needed a hand."



L. Ron Hubbard



spiritual beings who can project themselves into other being's bodies. Because they are trapped and alone, they will often jump into the bodies of human upon their birth. These Body Thetans are what cause anxieties, and the more anxiety a person has, the more Thetans must be interrupting their analytical brain.

That is where E-Meters and auditing come back into play. Auditing can scan for thetans and remove them from the human body. Becoming "clear" is not just ridding yourself of anxiety, but ridding yourself of alien implants which have infested your body and mind.

This science tends to cause spiritual psychosis among Scientologists, as frantic members scan themselves for alien invaders for years. L. Ron Hubbard himself experienced this paranoia, as he feared he was infected by a Body Thetan too powerful to overcome. At one point, he rigged an E-Meter to be more "powerful" than ever and used it until it exploded.

This auditing also had an odd social effect on the Church. Many Scientologists abandoned the Church's teachings after discovering this creation myth, but could not fully defect. This is because of the amount of blackmail material the Church has. During auditing sessions, members unveil extremely personal information about themselves. This information is quietly recorded and put into a personnel file, and later used to threaten members of the Church who might defect. These "PC" folders are rumored to be the reason why many high-profile celebrities remain in the Church, such as John Travolta.

## **2.3 Levels of Scientology**

Scientology is a bureaucracy that hinges on the levels of succession to gain rank in the Church. The first few levels center around the basics of Dianetics. They require payment for courses, training, lectures, and audits. To move forward, a person must be officially identified as

"Clear" by an auditor. Very Few have reached the highest level of Scientology (OT8).



# The Official (and Complicated) Map of Scientology

## THE BRIDGE TO TOTAL FREEDOM SCIENTOLOGY CLASSIFICATION GRADATION AND AWARENESS CHART OF LEVELS AND CERTIFICATES

The chart is a detailed map of Scientology levels and certificates. It is organized into two main columns: TRAINING and PROCESSING. The TRAINING column lists classes from Class XII down to Class I, with various sub-levels and certificates. The PROCESSING column lists OT levels from OT I to OT XII, with various sub-levels and certificates. The chart also includes a section for 'DIANETICS AND SCIENTOLOGY INTRODUCTORY SERVICES' and a 'How to Use This Chart' section.

# A Simplified Version

## OT 9

The level LRH now explores.

## OT 8

The level of Church leaders/highest living members.

## OT 7

## OT 6

## OT 5

## OT 4

## OT 3

The level where the creation theory is shared.

## OT 2

## OT 1

## OT Preparation (Courses)

## CLEAR

Declared "Clear" by auditors.

## Grade 0-4

Rudimentary levels- no access to creation theory.

There are also a few other organizations within the Church that are useful in the management of the Church.

Sea Org- Members of Sea Org were the original believers of Scientology during LRH's time. They crewed his vessel as it traveled the Mediterranean. Many of them have since recounted bizarre stories from the venture, such as signing a contract for one billion years of service or being tossed overboard for simple acts of negligence.

The Rehabilitation Project Force- The RPF is a prison camp commonly used to punish defectors of the Church. Those who have been found guilty of being a Suppressive Person may be sent here for long-term, labor-intensive education. A certain place within the RPF is referred to as "The Hole" and is specifically for the highest-level executives who have since defected.



Cadet Org- The Cadet Org is a care center for young Scientologists. It educates and cares for them while their parents face rehabilitation. This provides parents the opportunity to grow without distraction.

The Squirrel Busters- These individuals are an organization technically separate from the Church that was founded under the premise of intimidating defectors and Suppressive People to the Church. This organization is a large reason behind the lack of investigations into the various mysteries of the Church.

These organizations are largely at the beck and call of the Church and act in the interests of Church leaders.

“A civilization without insanity, without criminals and without war, where the able can prosper and honest beings can have rights, and where man is free to rise to greater heights, are the aims of Scientology.”



L. Ron Hubbard





## 3.0 Character List

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This committee takes place in a time outside of any known reality. Many of the characters here have since defected, passed, or mysteriously gone missing. **Nonetheless, assume that during the time of the committee, they are all living and active members.**

### 3.1 Bob Adams

Bob Adams is a former Football player and current spokesperson for the Church of Scientology International. He has completed the highest level of enlightenment- OT VIII- and is the main communicator between the Church and the media. He has spoken on the Church's rehabilitation program, creation myth, and fair game policy, disproving all allegations. He holds his position in the Church to this day.

### 3.2 Eric Roux

Eric Roux is the current President of the French Church of Scientology, Vice President of the European Office for Public Affairs and Human Rights, and Chairman of the European Interreligious Forum for Religious Freedom. He is most well-known for writing the book "Everything You Need to Know about Scientology".

### 3.3 Hana Eltringham Whitfield

Hana Whitfield was an original member of the Sea Org. She met L. Ron Hubbard while sailing the Mediterranean, and remained a member of Scientology for 17 years before she defected. During her time as a member, she became a trusted member and Captain of one of Hubbard's ships. As a defector, she is one of the few who speaks about the beginnings of the Church and Hubbard himself.

### 3.4 Heber Jentzsch

Heber Jentzsch was the long-term President of the Church of Scientology International. He has claimed to have healed his ailments through dianetics, including radiation burns. As the leader of international relations, he has many connections across the world to a large variety of Scientologists. Most of his work was done in Europe, centralized in Spain. He disappeared mysteriously in the early 2000s, and his location is not known. The Church has not revealed his status. It is suspected he is either deceased or retained within the Church.

### 3.5 Jason Beghe

Jason Beghe is an actor who has been an active member of the Church for many years. He has taken part in many of their promotional materials and given an estimated 1 million dollars to the Church in total. He defected in 2007 and released an interview on his experiences. Many consider it to be the most influential interview ever released against the Church.



### **3.6 John Carmichael**

John Carmichael is the president of the Church of Scientology, New York, one of the most populated congregations in the Church's history. He became a minister after college and has performed for Scientological audiences around the world.

### **3.7 John Travolta**

John Travolta was Scientology's first actor mouthpiece and the most popular Scientologist to the average person. He was recruited by Spanky Taylor and regularly spoke for the Church. The Church valued him greatly until he was quietly replaced as the primary Public Relations celebrity by Tom Cruise. He continues to be part of the Church today, although rumors speculate that his membership is based solely upon blackmail.

### **3.8 Karin Pouw**

Karin Pouw has been the Director of Public Affairs for the Church for decades. She regularly serves as a spokesperson for Scientology and is one of the main activists who works to protect the Church from religious bigotry.

### **3.9 Marty Rathburn**

Marty Rathburn is a Senior Executive of the Church of Scientology who worked as the Inspector General for the Religious Technology Center. He was the preeminent auditor for the Church and audited some of its most influential members. He is the man attributed with auditing Tom Cruise for the entirety of his tenure. As an auditor, Marty has secretive information on many members of the clergy. He defected in 2004 and now lives apart from the Church.

### **3.10 Mary Sue Hubbard**

Mary Sue Hubbard was L. Ron Hubbard's wife and a popular person for much of Scientology's history. She is credited with coining the term "Scientology" and has made several other impacts on the Church throughout her tenure. In the 80's, she was convicted of conspiracy and sentenced to four years in jail. She has since passed, but is still fondly remembered as an early pioneer of the Church and one of its few founding members to ever be declared truly "Clear".

### **3.11 Michelle Stith**

Also known as "Chel", Michelle Stith has been a long-term member of the Church of Scientology. As a previous President of the Church of Scientology of Los Angeles, she has experience organizing and controlling large groups of people. As the current Deputy Executive Director of the Church of Scientology of Pasadena, she has power and influence within the Church.



### **3.12 Mike Rinder**

Mike Rinder is a senior executive at the Church of Scientology. He held the post as the Executive Director of its Office of Special Affairs, which means he oversaw most international matters of the Church. He started in the Church as a lowly member of the Sea Org but grew to become the manager of the side of the Church that handled Suppressive People. His job was to silence defectors, journalists, or otherwise antisocial voices. He defected in 2007.

### **3.13 Paul Haggis**

Paul Haggis is a long-term member of the Church and producer in Hollywood. He joined the Church at the beginning of his marriage and maintained membership until he defected due to the Church's inherently homophobic opinions. He continues to produce movies and speak out against the Church regularly. Many of his works feature harsh criticism of the Church. As a member, he provided knowledge on movie-making that was valuable to Church practices.

### **3.14 Priscilla Presley**

Priscilla Presley is most well-known for being the widow of Elvis Presley. However, after his death, she also became a member of the Church of Scientology for many years. She was a popular celebrity that the Church used to advertise to the average person. There are more recent rumors that she has defected, but no rumors have been certified by the Church or herself. She is known to be solitary and removed from the press, but it is also possible the Church required she sign an NDA.

### **3.15 Sarah Goldberg**

During her time as a Scientologist, Sarah Goldberg received one of the highest honors afforded to Scientologists: OT VIII. This is the highest recorded level of spiritual fulfillment, and the level L Ron Hubbard reached before he went full exterior. This position afforded her higher knowledge of the teachings of Scientology and the true myth of creation. When her son defected from the Church, she was asked to cut all contact with him. She chose to go with her son, which resulted in her daughter disowning her.

### **3.16 Sylvia "Spanky" Taylor**

Spanky Taylor was a major public relations consultant of the Church for 17 years. She was the key contact to John Travolta and a close friend to him until she defected from the Church completely. As a member, she had connections to many celebrity personnel in Hollywood, but most especially Travolta.

### **3.17 Tom Cruise**

Tom Cruise is the centerpiece of Scientology and the most popular celebrity involved. He regularly speaks at Scientology conferences and meets with David Miscavige often. As payment, he is treated with countless financial and emotional gifts. In his interviews with the



press regarding Scientology, he is described as delirious and frenzied. Most of his relationships and financial safety rely on the success of the Church.

### **3.18 Tom DeVocht**

Tom DeVocht is a confidant to Miscavige and an executive of the Church. Due to his closeness to Miscavige, he has a significant pull in the Church. As a manager of the Clearwater locations, he has access to the Church's Floridian funds and real estate. He defected in 2009.

### **3.19 Tommy Davis**

Tommy Davis has held a variety of positions within the Church, such as Head of External

Affairs, Chief Spokesperson of the Church, and Senior Vice President of the Church's Celebrity Centre International. Overall, his job revolves around public relations. He facilitates work between the Church and its celebrities. He has many connections within the Church and with Hollywood beyond.

### **3.20 Warren McShane**

Warren McShane is the President of the Religious Technology Center. He was regularly involved in various lawsuits filed by the Church and he is the reason that most OT levels of past and current members cannot be found freely. He is known by David Miscavige as "The best liar I know".

## **4.0 Additional Resource Material**

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The Official Scientology Website- <https://www.scientology.org/>

What is Scientology?- <https://www.scientology.org/what-is-scientology/>

L. Ron Hubbard- <https://www.scientology.org/l-ron-hubbard/>

David Miscavige- <https://www.scientology.org/david-miscavige/>

FBI Records- <https://vault.fbi.gov/church-of-scientology> (useful for seeing past illegal actions)

Escaping the Church- <https://www.vice.com/en/article/how-i-escaped-the-church-of-scientology/>

Going Clear: Scientology & The Prison of Belief- documentary



You should be warned– some research of your characters may result in biased and fraudulent evidence. The Church has created countless websites to slander many of the defectors of the Church. For example, the website [www.whoistomdevocht.com](http://www.whoistomdevocht.com) is fabricated. Many of your characters have websites entitled the same. **Be careful with your research and take every odd website with a grain of salt.**

## 5.0 Dictionary of Common Words and Phrases

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**The Bridge:** Also referred to as the Wall of Fire, the Bridge represents the moment in which Scientologists become enlightened and must grow to have faith in Scientology. Refers to OT 3 (the creation myth) most often.

**Cadet Org:** An organization that cares for the children of Scientologists.

**Clear:** A status that is given to healthy members of the Church. One can only be certified Clear by auditors of the Church.

**Dianetics:** The Science that L. Ron Hubbard used to create Scientology.

**E-Meter:** A machine used to detect engrams within a body.

**Engram:** Disruptive memories that plague the mind and corrupt effectiveness. Caused by thetans.

**Operating Thetan (OT) Levels:** The levels of Scientology (1-8). OT 3 is the level at which the creation myth is shared. OT 8 is the highest earned level.

**PC Folder:** Personnel files collected of all members. Files hold secrets and wrongdoings.

**Rehabilitation Project Force:** RPF. Used to teach faulty members of the church of their wrongdoings and punish suppressed people. The section used for high-ranking members is called “The Hole”.





**Sea Org:** The maritime sect of the Church that Hubbard used to evade the IRS.

**Suppressive Person (SP):** A person who is starting dissent against the Church. Maybe a member or a non-member. Often described as “introverted” and “anti-social”.

**Squirrel Busters:** An organization used to intimidate suppressive people who challenge the Church.

**Thetans (Body Thetans):** Aliens who inhabit the bodies of humans and cause anxiety engrams.

**Xenu:** The evil dictator of a centuries-old alien race who has caused all unrest and evil on Earth.

