

UNIT 3

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE, SCIENTOLOGY

I/ History

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| • 1821 – | • March 13, 1911 – |
| • 1843 – | • 1920's-30's – |
| • 1853 – | • 1946 – |
| • 1862 – | • 1950 – |
| • 1866 – | • 1951 – |
| • 1875 – | • 1954 – |
| • 1877 – | • January 24, 1986 – |
| • 1879 – | • 1993 – |
| • 1910 – | |

A. Mary Baker Eddy

“I think it is quite clear that the reason why Mrs. Eddy has concentrated in herself all powers, all distinctions, all revenue that are within the command of the Christian Science Church Universal is that she desires and intends to devote them to the purpose just suggested – the upbuilding of her personal glory – her’s, and no one else’s; that and the continuing of her name’s glory after she shall have passed away.” –Mark Twain

“As I have seen the amazing spread of this delusion and the way in which men and women are offering up money and the lives of their children to it, I have felt that it is a duty I owe to the public to make it known. I have no hard feelings against Mrs. Eddy, no axe to grind, no interest to serve; I simply feel that it is due the thousands of good people who have made Christian Science the anchorage of their souls and its founder the infallible guide of their daily life, to keep this no longer to myself. I desire only that people who take themselves and their helpless children into Christian Science shall do so with the full knowledge that this is not divine revelation but simply the idea of an old-time Main healer.” –Horace T. Wentworth

B. L. Ron Hubbard

“I’d like to start a religion. That’s where the money is!” –L. Ron Hubbard

II/ Doctrine

A. God

“God is All-in-all Divine Principle, Life Truth, Love, Soul, Spirit, Mind” (S & H, 113, 115)

B. Revelation

“To the average Christian Scientist, the Bible is a compilation of ancient writings ‘full of hundreds of thousands of textual errors...its divinity is...uncertain, its inspiration...questionable...it is made up of metaphors, allegories, myths, and fables...it cannot be read and interpreted literally...’ Consequently, Christian Scientists believe, owing to the utter and hopeless confusion that the Bible allegedly engenders without a qualified interpreter, that it is necessary to have someone interpret the Bible for them. Eddy is the divinely appointed person to fulfill this task. Through *Science and Health*, she, they affirm, ‘rediscovered the healing principle of Jesus and His disciples, lost since the early Christian era...the material record of the Bible...is no more important to our well being than the history of Europe and America’” –Walter Martin

A. God

“How God is symbolized or manifested is up to each individual to find for himself.”
–*What is Scientology?*, 545

“What is true for you is what you have observed yourself.” –LRH

“Nature, Infinity, the Eighth Dynamic, All Theta”

B. Revelation

“Through drawing on the wisdom of some 50,000 years, Scientology is a new religion, one which has isolated fundamental laws of life and, for the first time, developed a workable technology that can be applied to help one achieve a happier and more spiritual existence.” –Scientology website

C. Jesus

“The spiritual Christ was infallible; Jesus as material manhood, was not Christ...The Christian who believes in the First Commandment is a monotheist. Thus he virtually unites with the Jew’s belief in one God and recognizes that Jesus Christ is not God, as Jesus himself declared, but is the Son of God.” –*S & H, Miscellaneous Writings*

The “Way-shower”

D. Salvation

“[Jesus came to rescue us] from the illusion which calls sin real, and man a sinner, needing a Savior; the illusion which calls sickness real, and man an invalid needing a physician; the illusion that death is as real as Life. From such thoughts – mortal inventions, one and all – Christ Jesus came to save men.” –Mary Baker Eddy

C. Jesus

“Jesus was just a hologram projected onto the earth to trick people into following a lie.” –LRH

D. Salvation

“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.” –LRH

E. Humanity and sin

“Hence all evil is but an illusion, and it has no real basis...The only reality of sin, sickness and death is the awful fact that unrealities seem real to human, erring belief, until God strips off their disguise. They are not true, because they are not of God...Christ came to destroy the belief of sin.” –S & H

E. Humanity and sin

“Scientology, then, is really about YOU. It is an exact and workable way for you to recover your natural spiritual power and ability and use these things to change the conditions of your life...only those things which you find true for yourself are true.”

III/ Evangelism