

L. Ron Hubbard: An Introduction to Scientology – Interview May 1966

Originally produced for television in 1966. Tony Hitchman interviews L. Ron Hubbard, the founder of Scientology. The interview was filmed in Salisbury, Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), in May 1966 by Rhodesian Television. Hubbard explains the basis of Scientology practices, its early research, and how he came to found the organization.

The following is deleted from or is altered on the 2006 DVD release (chronologically):

► ***Directly following the first question:***

LRH: Well Mr. Hitchman. You've just asked ... (DVD: 01:02)

altered into:

LRH: Well, it's very interesting. You've just asked ...

► ***Following the answer to the question “And is that as old as Scientology or Scientology/Dianetics is?”:*** (DVD: 22:17)

TH: Mr. Hubbard, where are the headquarters of Scientology today?

LRH: It's here in England. The world headquarters of Scientology is at East Grinstead, located in Saint Hill Manor. This of course is the organization which controls all the other organizations of Scientology in the world.

TH: But where does it spread to in the world?

LRH: All through the civilized world, but not behind the Iron Curtain. But anywhere else.

TH: Why?

LRH: Well, that would be a long story. But the one thing that a nation that is determined to make man into slaves does not want anything to do with is a science that makes Man totally free.

TH: How many people are in Scientology? How many can call themselves Scientologists today?

LRH: I have not the faintest. I haven't the faintest notion.

TH: But surely you keep records of these people.

LRH: Oh yes. But organizations throughout the various continental area's keep records, and so fort. But, these records are only the records of members of the organization. That is to say they have the limit that they are—they are trained auditors, they are ..., that sort of thing. How many people they reach I don't know. It is in terms, let me put it this way, it is in terms of millions.

TH: Training as an auditor is this only done at Saint Hill?

LRH: Oh, no. No, no. Large offices in cities throughout the world, and so fort, do this training. Saint Hill is where they come to for their final finishing touch, if they come there at all.

TH: Mr. Hubbard, you are an American. Why are you based in Britain?

LRH: Great Britain has better communication lines to the world at large than America. You have to remember that America is very new, and was a colony only a very short time

ago, and doesn't have the communication lines to the rest of the world that they have in Great Britain.

TH: You mentioned communication. I believe from what I have read that communication is a very important part of Scientology.

LRH: Oh, very. This we we're speaking of, how, is administrative communication such as banks, and attorney's, and that sort of thing. We have a telex network that connects all of our offices. And they, if added all together, our total telex lines would reach from here to the moon and back.

► ***Following the answer to the question “Now, if this is correct, why don't the medical profession use Scientology?”:*** (DVD: 26:20)

TH: Is Scientology processing expensive?

LRH: You can—it all depends—it all depends on who you go to, where you go to, and so on. For instance in the small village of East Grinstead there are tremendous numbers of people there who have been processed. Its citizens. They know nothing much about Scientology, they know that I live down at Saint Hill, and they come down, and they get processed, and it does not cost them anything at all. But on the other hand, somebody who wants a standard run of processing and demands it along his—at his time and hours and so fort, and he demands the very best technical assistance and so on, naturally cost him money. Processing goes for free, or for very much higher prices. But, in any event it is far, far cheaper than any psychotherapy where we assisted.

► ***Following the answer to the question “Do I understand from this, then, that through Scientology processing you can show Man where he's going wrong and help him in this way—in other words, he helps himself?”:*** (DVD: 38:02)

TH: Does Scientology in any way involve prayer, hymn-singing, things of this nature?

LRH: No, accept where it is applied in a Church and so fort, why naturally the church continues its own practices.

TH: Do you have a Church in Scientology?

LRH: Oh, yes. There are many Scientology Churches, particularly in the United States. And they do have Sunday services as they do in any church.

TH: I like to go back, Mr. Hubbard, to this question of processing that you mentioned last week. ...

LRH: Oh, no. You are very funny. Man is asleep! ... (DVD: 38:15)
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► ***Following the last question as on the DVD release “Who put him here?”:*** (DVD: 50:00)

TH: Mr. Hubbard, thank you very much indeed for this interview.

LRH: Thank you Mr. Hitchman.