

SERIES: *WHY CHRISTIAN?*

**“Testing Scientology”**

2 Peter 2:1-3 (ESV)

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**I. WHO DO YOU FOLLOW?**

**A) The Claims of JESUS**

**B) The Claims of L. RON HUBBARD**

*“Writing for a penny a word is ridiculous. If a man really wants to make a million dollars, the best way would be to start his own religion.” -L. Ron Hubbard, Los Angeles Times Aug 27, 1978.*

**II. UNIQUE TEACHING OF SCIENTOLOGY**

**A) The SACRED TEXTS Of Scientology**

**B) The Psychotherapy Of AUDITING**

**C) Spiritual States Of Scientology**

Stage 1: PRECLEAR – A part of the mind that records painful experiences into our subconscious. Auditors use a device called an E-meter to measure these subconscious experiences

Stage 2: CLEAR – Removal of bad experiences help people become Clear. Cost of becoming “clear” is around \$2500. Other stages in this part can be up to \$2800.

Stage 3: OT (OPERATING THETAN) – All human beings were once Thetans. Thetans let go of godlike powers to come to earth. Over time and evolution, humans forgot and now the goal is to reach a state of being as OT. Nine stages that can cost a person up to \$80,000.

**III. COMPARING SCIENTOLOGY**

**CHRISTIAN**

<b>ABOUT GOD</b>	
<p><b>Many Supreme Beings</b> The universe contains many gods and there are gods beyond even these gods</p> <p><b>Humans are Potential Gods</b> Humans can be coached (Audited) into an awareness of “existence as infinity”, the 8<sup>th</sup> Dynamic</p>	<p><b>One True God</b> Isaiah 44:6, <i>“This is what the Lord says – I am the first and the last; apart from me there is no God.”</i></p> <p>Isaiah 43:10 <i>“Before Me no god was formed, nor will there be one after Me.”</i></p>
<b>ABOUT JESUS</b>	
<p><b>Jesus is just another human being</b> “Neither Lord Buddha nor Jesus Christ were Operating Thetans according to evidence. They were just a shade above Clear.” – L. Ron Hubbard, Certainty Magazine 5, no 10, p73</p>	<p><b>Jesus is God</b> John 1:1 <i>“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”</i></p> <p>Colossians 1:15-20 <i>“The Fullness of God dwells in Jesus”</i></p>
<b>ABOUT SIN &amp; SALVATION</b>	
<p><b>No such thing as sin or evil</b></p> <p><b>Reincarnation</b> -Freedom through rebirth -All religions are paths that can lead to Freedom</p> <p><b>Self Righteousness</b> “Scientology is something one does, not something one believes in.” – Scientology Background &amp; Origins scientology.org</p>	<p><b>There is a problem of sin, death, and evil in the world &amp; Jesus is the answer</b> Romans 3:23 <i>“All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”</i> 1 John 1:10</p> <p><b>Saved by Grace</b> Ephesians 2:8-9 <i>“For it is by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not works, so that no one can boast.”</i></p>

**THE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP**

**1. Why Christian:** Take some time this week with family and/or Friends and walk through the comparisons of Scientology and Christianity. Why are you Christian?

**2. Power of Prayer:** Take some time this week to pray for the hearts and minds of Scientologists who need to experience the true freedom that comes from the truth of Jesus Christ.