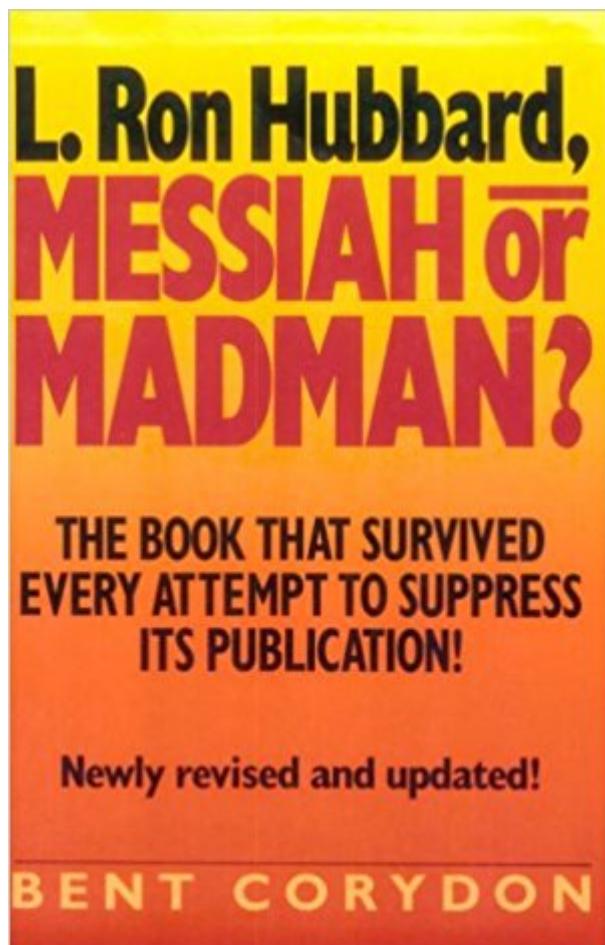


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Synopsis

An in-depth biography that tells the no holds barred story of Hubbard the scam artist and his Church of Scientology.

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Part of this book was written by LRH's son DeWolf until the ruthless CO\$ administration forced him to sign a non disclosure agreement so he could see anything from his father's estate after his death. The picture painted here is less than flattering to say the least. There is even an account of someone who may have been Hubbard raping a Sea Org member, apparently using Sex Magik techniques used by Crowley. Nibs (DeWolf) said that his dad considered himself to be the successor to Crowley and it was his goal to finish his work. Several human rights abuses from several different people inside the sea org and from the independent Scientology branches are included here. The book also goes into detail about the scandals of the church including the Snow White fiasco and how it was discovered by the FBI. It also goes into great detail about the takeover of the church that Miscavige engineered by suppressing Hubbard's will and naming himself leader over his last will and testament. Highly recommended.

Whatever else he might have been, L. Ron was a real work of art. The gathering he created was, like the self-actualization fellowship, the O.T.O., and a few others, a place for like minded (or weak minded) people to gather for indoctrination. Now whether Zenu/Zemu clobbered Earth 75 million

years ago or not - leaving body cooties behind - is something that may bug you, but it doesn't bug me. The man made a big mark on western civilization (good, indifferent, or bad) and that's for sure! His followers face the challenge of keeping his 'church' viable and with all the defections that may be tough. Wait, and see. In the meantime, BUY, and READ this book!

A very well written book about the founder of Scientology. L. Ron Hubbard was a tyrant and a lunatic, who made his followers grovel at his feet. It's a cult like any other cult, but a very dangerous one. Great read!

If you don't have a basic familiarity with Scientology this should NOT be the first book you read, but the second. First should be Jon Atack's *A Piece of Blue Sky*, which gives a compelling chronology of Hubbard and Scientology. You won't be able to put the book down. Nor this one, if you know the history. Corydon's book is essential supplementary material - disorganized, true, as some reviewers accurately note - but gives in-depth information on aspects Atack only alludes to, such as Hubbard's belief in black magic and how it influenced his supposedly "positive" religion. Also includes some frightening depositions from ex-Scientologists - the description of Hubbard's sexual "assault" on one victim (he lay upon her for an hour, motionless, limp, smothering, while she felt she was going crazy) is something you won't learn about from Tom Cruise and his ilk - the celebrities are feted by Scientology, and kept far away from the dark underbelly that powers the cult of Scientology.

an eye opener

Shocking and true. Corydon spent many decades as a loyal member of Scientology and was among the many who suffered in the 80s when L. Ron Hubbard died and Stalinist-style purges began. His history of L. Ron is quite good too.

Great little book and a real eye opener. Everyone should read this book

This book was helpful to me in seeing how the Church and LRH have abused and mis-used the workable tech for personal gain. Having considered myself a Scientologist for close to 50 years, the book has confirmed some inconsistencies I had noticed myself.

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