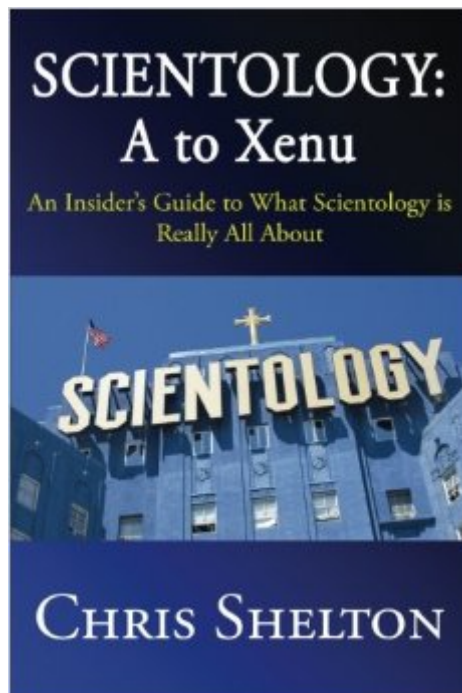


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Scientology: A To Xenu: An Insider's Guide To What Scientology Is All About



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What is Scientology really? Behind the glossy logos and sleek advertisements and South Park parodies, what do Scientologists really believe and practice? Is it really a religion? Who was L. Ron Hubbard and why did he start it in the first place? Is their "technology" for real or just so much New Age pseudoscience? Former insider Chris Shelton grew up in Scientology and worked for it for 25 years. This critical analysis covers the key aspects of its beliefs, practices and structure from the bottom to the top, including not just the confidential Xenu story but details all of the upper level scriptures. Chris goes into detail about what goes on inside Scientology churches, why their members get involved in the first place and what it takes to get out should someone decide to leave. An informative guide for anyone who has been involved with Scientology in the past as well as anyone who wants to understand what it's really all about.

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This book is not a Scientology celebrity "tell-all"™. Nor is it a former cult member's™ story of surviving bizarre practices/abuses, and eventually making a narrow escape. This book, as the title implies, attempts to clearly outline the central workings and principals of a complex and evolving group. Chris had 25 years of firsthand experience working within Scientology to draw upon. Since leaving, he has done an admirable job of "housecleaning"™ the cult's™ extensive mental influences on his thinking, and thus is able to provide many well considered answers to what Scientology is really all about. What motivated L. Ron Hubbard in starting Scientology? What are the actual (secret) Scientology fundamental doctrines? Did Hubbard believe in what he wrote, or was it just a scam? Why do people join Scientology? Is there anything good and beneficial? Is it

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