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A very effective thought control technique could also be worked out from Scientology, which could be used to make individuals into willing slaves. -L. Ron Hubbard (booklet Scientology Professional Auditors Course, 1982) Nice quote. Another one on this area of control I was recently send: From The Journal of Scientology , Issue 3-G, Hubbard Association of Scientologists, Inc. (HASI) Phoenix, Arizona in late September 1952. A note from the Journal of Scientology Editor prefacing the article is entitled Does Court Protect Man Branded Insane? and says: Unscrupulous groups and individuals have been practicing a form of Black Dianetics on their fellow men for centuries. They may not have called it that, but the results have been and are the same. The easiest victims are the unsuspecting. In this, the first of three articles, read how little protection Man has should the wheels of legal procedure be turned against him. Danger: Black Dianetics! Death, insanity, aberration, or merely a slavish obedience can be efficiently effected by the use of Black Dianetics. Further, adequate laws do not exist at this time to bar the use of these techniques. The law provides that only the individual so wronged can make complaint or swear out a warrant for offenders using these techniques. A person on whom Black Dianetics has been employed seldom retains the sanity or will to make a complaint, or does not know he has been victimized. In addition, persons claiming such offenses against their persons are commonly catalogued by doctors as suffering from delusion. Thus the employer of Black Dianetics can escape unpunished under existing legal procedures. From The Journal of Scientology , Issue 4-G, published in early October 1952: There are those who, to control, resort to narcotics, suggestion, gossip, slander - the thousands of overt and covert ways that can be classified as Black Dianetics. The Loophole in Guarded Rights Thus it is possible, even now, in this 'enlightened age' for a group of men to function much as did the assassins, even without Black Dianetics. By using the public fear of the insane, a fear born from the unknowns of insanity, anyone can be discredited and imprisoned. By using Black Dianetics, insanity itself can be brought about with considerable ease. In order to resolve insanity, it was necessary to release the natural laws discovered in Dianetics. When they were released it became possible to create insanity at will. And even more insidiously, complete control of a human being can be effected without insanity being demonstrated by him. *** Hubbard's Black Dianetics sounds a lot like mind control to me. Slavish obedience can be efficiently effected by the use of Black Dianetics. ? I doubt it's as effective as Hubbard claims, but here he is saying how his tech can do so much harm. I'm sure I've seen where he ordered reverse processing or black dianetics to be used on someone. If anyone has that, it would make a nice addition to this thread. Also, didn't one of Hubbard's wives claim that he tried reverse processing on her?

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Dianetics. How could the man who discovered that you can sweat out radiation be wrong about something like this? This is probably the most ironic aspect of the ongoing is there such a thing as 'mind control'? debate. Scientology's unsubstantiated scientific claims are met with a hoot and a holler of derision, while the equally unsubstantiated scientific claims of the various anticult experts are accepted unquestionably as valid by many. Nothing demonstrates the absurdity of this position more completely than quoting L. Ron Hubbard himself as an authority on the subject of mind control. Thanks for pointing this out so lucidly, Rebecca. Diane Richardson refe...@bway.net

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The Co\$ claims thru' Dianetics to enhance human ability up to and including control over matter energy space and time. This is bullshit in the extreme. When called upon to prove these claims the Co\$ can not. Yet, the Co\$ has millions of anecdotal claims of 'gains' and 'wins' some pathetic, some outrageous, most amde because of necessity to advance and save money, many sincere. IMHO: Those who sincerely perceive they have achieved results, which defy how the physical universe measurably functions, using the 'tech', are the foremost examples of the use of suggestive hypnosis. Hubbard was no 'evil genius', just a cynical and unscrupulous individual who knew enough about rudimentary hypnosis to harness it and use it, disguised as something else to create a bevy of loyal and convinced advocate/consumers for his 'Airware' tech. And he knew enough to try and deflect criticism by those who recognised the tech as incorprating hypnotic suggestion, by denouncing 'Black Dianetics'. The 'tech' does *not* work as claimed,(enhancement) but the Auditing/Hypnosis process is one method for indoctrinating Co\$ adherents that it does. There is nothing wrong with using Hubbards own writings to show that he knew the power of hypnosis without informed consent. He did not invent this effect, he observed it, borrowed it and used it to enrich himself at others expense. No, Hubbard was no genius, just an opportunist, utilising 'slight of hand' claims to Magical Powers as has been done for uncounted generations, but reenforcing the perceptions of those he decieved with Hypnotic suggestion and controls. Just another village Medicine Man, on a grander scale and with a hell of a lot less accountability! Gregg SP4 <http://www.cgocable.net/~elrond>

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I truly wonder why I waste my time and bandwidth on you, Bernie. Maybe I just hope that somehow, someday, you can see through the bullshit and start thinking for yourself. When you stop looking for gurus and \$ources and alternate paths and start looking within, maybe you'll start to understand what I'm trying to say. bc BC, What you are running up against in Bernie, IMHO, is near hysterical Denial. Bernie will, hopefully, one day realise this and be free of the last vestiges of the Cult-think he is still governed by on this subject. He will then choose one of many courses of self determination ranging from just dropping any kind of reminder or involvement with the Cult-think or becoming a strong advocate of educating and informing the public as to the ascertained hazards of the Cult. As to the lack of action by regulatory bodies that Cult apologists cite as 'proof' the Cults do nothing wrong, this is of course sophistry. Bernie and the Cults know full well that in democracies there must be the Political Will to take action. This is hard to instill in the powers that be in dealing with unscrupulous business practices as it is, but add the 'shield' of religion and it is near impossible. However, not always. Canada has acted to apply the Laws even handedly on the Co\$ and deemed it a reasonable infringement of Religious Freedoms to hold a 'Church' entire as responsible for violations of the law. This has now encouraged the regulators to take a harder stance with the Co\$ and like frauds. It may come to pass that the practice of Dianetics/Scieno Auditing and many EST and like practices will be banned. The materials will of course still be legal, but operating an income generating enterprise, whether it be a 'Church' or a busienss utilising these procedures could be illegal in this country, just as subliminal advertising was banned as 'mental persuasion

without informed consent'. No new laws will be necessary here according to the informed friendly Legal Weasels, just even handed enforcement of the existing laws. Bernie is lost to himself at the moment and a good example of the depth and power in some cases of the Cult-think of the Co\$. He knows the issues and has no refutations. He denies their importance and can not deal with them. He retreats into sacrasms and the defence of 'it was irony'. Typical. Hopefully, oneday, this will change for him. I wish him well. Until then his participation on ARS, IMH, is a good example for others of the lingering hazards of the indoctrination of the Co\$. Bernie is, unknowingly, a vivid and tragic example of the intellectually stunted thinking engendered by the Co\$ on negative Co\$ issues. Bernie, IMHO, is one of the 'walking wounded'. The lurkers here read his participation in the threads and, I am sure, are well warned by his living example. Very sad, but true. Best, Gregg SP4 <http://www.cgocable.net/~elrond>

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Just another village Medicine Man, on a grander scale and with a hell of a lot less accountability! What accountability do you have? Can you back up your assertions with proof? Or are you merely offering an uninformed opinion about the power of hypnotic suggestion and control? Diane Richardson refe...@bway.net

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You name it. But when it comes to creating such a subtle framework of hypnosis that no one other than the enlightened anti-cultists are able to see, then, all of a sudden, he is a genius. FLUNK! START OVER! ;-) (or is that **WHACK** THANK YOU SIR, MAY I HAVE ANOTHER?) The framework isn't even subtle, it's plainly visible. Do you ever think about why you're not seeing it, Bernie? Open your eyes. Think skeptically.

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Danger: Black Dianetics! Funny that. Critics, who spend so much posts claiming that the tech doesn't work, seem all to willing to believe it does when it is being depicted in the same direction as their superstitious belief in mind-control. I've never said Hubbardspew doesn't work in building obedience. I think it works very well toward that end, at least when it's applied to certain personality types or people in particular vulnerable or suggestive states of mind. Where I don't think Hubbardspew works is in making you able to fry cockroaches with your thoughts, overcoming limitations of MEST and other magical crap. So let's not make this mistake again. Yes, Hubbardspew WORKS! It works in building your obedience to the authority of Scientology, and in building your belief that it's a superior form of philosophy. It does not work in delivering promises of supernatural abilities, nor even (IMO) improved natural abilities nor skill in coping with stress, learning, etc. As far as being a way to better living or improved coping abilities, it is simply a bait-and-switch scam. Scn doesn't work when it comes to bring about release of trauma, but it certainly works when it comes to bring about a state hypnotized clam. Considering that this later result is considerably more difficult to obtain than the first one, I would say that, in this context, Scn certainly does work amazingly well. I suppose auditing may have some initial beneficial effects in the psychic release of trauma. That the temporary good feelings one might get is part of the bait. Again, this is not an uncommon belief in a.r.s. It's been discussed many times. Catholic confession, primal scream therapy, psychotherapy, and numerous other forms of therapy encourage venting, confessing, or talking about intimate details of one's life, and all seem to offer some variant of release/catharsis effect. The question is, does Scientology deliver this service ethically, with genuine care for the people who sign up? My opinion is that it does not, that the patient is intentionally attracted with promises of being helped, but with no real intent to help, but rather to milk their bank accounts and exploit their labor. So, for some critics, Scn doesn't work, but it does work. It certainly makes sense. They will always see what they want to see in it. Again, Hubbardspew does work to control your mind, it doesn't work to overcome limitations of MEST. Are we now clear on this point? One of those things, the influencing of a human personality for the purposes of making them obedient and subservient, is well within the scope of human behavior. It has been done repeatedly, including by some very bad, but clever megalomaniacal cult leaders. The other thing, gaining superhuman abilities after assimilating the Xenu myth into one's reality (assuming the appropriate amounts of belief and fervor), are non-scientific fantasies which rely on magic and magical thinking, and are completely lacking in scientific grounding. The description above about Black Dianetic is quite obviously as superstitious as the description of the normal Dianetic, but because it is so close to the mind-control superstition itself, all of a sudden, it takes on credibility. No, no, no. You can be do dense when you put your mind to it, Bernie. Black Dianetics is just another term for regular Dianetics and auditing. It's just a variation of the same type of processing. The term merely shows us Hubbard knew what mind control effects he could exert over some of you Scientologists. LRH techniques are usually dismissed as being taken from other researchers who found the concepts of it already before. That's right, and you haven't shown why this is unfair to Hubbard. Hubbard didn't ever do any

research himself. If you know of a single study that shows this to be an incorrect statement, please post it. On the other hand, his lies have been documented by the dozens, from his claims of academic credentials, to his war records, to his discoveries of Xenu and the whole BT charade. The mind is an incredibly complex system. No psychologist, doctor or scientist can explain even a tiny fraction of what really happens inside a typical head, let alone a specific head (personally, I think the brain chemists will be making the biggest strides in explaining human behavior over the next few hundred years). Still, some of the concepts that Hubbard stole are probably considered valid. I think Freud's speculation that the human mind contains conscious and subconscious elements is still accepted among psychiatric professionals. But many of Freud's other ideas and speculations are now considered incorrect by psychiatric doctors and psychology. That's the great thing about the scientific method, it has built in mechanisms to correct faulty ideas, as evidenced by the fact that the pilttdown man is now realized as a hoax foisted on the anthropologists of the day (I think it's so damned funny that Hubbard endorsed this particular hoax as a meaningful event in his book *The History of Man*). Hubbard just had a knack for scamming. I think it's fair to say that a widely accepted opinion amongst Scientology critics is that Hubbard was bad, in fact downright awful, at figuring out cosmology and the true nature of the universe, but he was pretty fair at manipulating and scamming certain needy types of people out of their money and their labor. At the same time, the tech is being described as a subtle and extremely influential set of techniques of mind-control and hypnosis. Well it *is* influential, for certain types of people. It's just not influential in the exact ways the mark is told and sold. When it comes to possible valid aspects of the tech, LRH is a stealer, a fraud, a liar, a psychopath. Well I for one, have never called Hubbard a psychopath (but all your other adjectives apply perfectly well). Having some personal experiences with one makes me think that Hubbard was what psychologists call a sociopath. A sociopath is someone who does not integrate the norms of society into their personality. They are usually seen as manipulative, compulsive liars, incapable of feeling remorse, physiologically lacking in normal guilt response feelings. IANAP, but everything I've learned about Hubbard points to him being sociopathic. And I would go even further. I think the processing of Hubbardspew attempts to condition and indoctrinate adherents into assimilating some of Hubbard's own sociopathic values. In case anyone missed it, I don't like L. Ron Hubbard. I don't like what he was, nor the legacy he left. He was a sick, pathetic man, who had a pathological need to prove he was somebody. He needed to think of himself as somehow more important than others, he needed control of people and events around him. I think history will judge him as a two-bit con artist who started a church in order to cover his scamming. You name it. But when it comes to creating such a subtle framework of hypnosis that no one other than the enlightened anti-cultists are able to see, then, all of a sudden, he is a genius. FLUNK! START OVER! ;-) (or is that ****WHACK**** THANK YOU SIR, MAY I HAVE ANOTHER?) The framework isn't even subtle, it's plainly visible. Do you ever think about why you're not seeing it, Bernie? Open your eyes. Think skeptically.

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Any particular ~theory~ (key word) of the mind can be torn apart. Theory refers to a viable explanation of known facts. I believe maybe you were looking for the statement Any particular hypothesis... or perhaps Any particular speculation... Gravity is a theory, the existence of dark matter in the universe a hypothesis to explain why the theory of gravity doesn't fully account for certain movements in the universe (if so) and the existence of antigravity speculation. I'm not merely being pedantic here. The problem with mind control interpretations (those interpretations which use that label) is that they AVOID the most substantially sound THEORIES of behavior and grasp for fuzziest foundational theories or hypothesis, and sometimes mere speculation, from various psychodynamic schools of psychology. If one studies what the claims for mind control are from a standpoint of behavioral science, one would call them something much more familiar. Heck, I haven't posted to ARS my account of having been subjected to all the points of mind control in the one place where those elements were to most prominent in my whole life: **JUST ABOUT EVERY BIG LAW FIRM I'VE EVER WORKED FOR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** Seriously. What is being referred to as mind control in the anticult URLs, when stripped of its loaded language peculiar to the mind control advocate, resembles ordinary techniques of instruction and executive control, simply in a sometimes more extensive and vigorous form. If you want to find the facts about brainwashing, start out by reading the extremely distinguished Chinese scholar Lin

Yutang. His book *Brainwashing in Red China* is based on first hand data from exit interviews of people leaving the PRC in favor of Hong Kong. Brainwashing in its historical context its very different from the psuedoscientific presentation of it popularized in the fuzzy psychodynamic psychologist circles. This point is important because its the historical context of the idea of brainwashing that gives it provocative power as a word. Brainwashing was a total bust as a method of thought reform, though it was a good method of holding troublesome elements of the populace in terror by some of the milder forms of torture available. Most mind control views of behavior are trying to avoid the simple and common language for life as we know it. They refuse to perceive the rhetorical methods as they are: mere adaptations of traditional methods of persuasion and religious advocacy. They are startling to those who object to the lack of truth in the new religions that use this. But on that point, it is a saddening spectacle to see their objection to the lack of truth, for these people seem to be the victim of an old definition of truth : the information most familiar to one. Brownie points for who can say who said that.

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What makes you think that Hubbard was capable of deceiving anyone with hypnotic suggestion and controls ? Within my above presentation's limits, that's how I'd say Hubby could achieve something with hypnosis. He understood it principally as one element of credos. He mentioned hypnosis principally to build up a sense of prestige towards him as someone capable to introducing one to unknown potencies. In short, he know how to suggest properly. 88!

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From: mre...@rmi.nospam.net (Michael Reuss) So let's not make this mistake again. Yes, Hubbardspew WORKS! It works in building your obedience to the authority of Scientology, ... While an interesting charge, this does not well explain why there was an intensely bitter schism in Scientology when the Watch Dogs came to be in charge. There was stout dispute about the dictates of ethical conduct and the proper roles of various people in the church. This lead to several confrontations in very different views of proper relations between various members of the church were aired, and slavish acceptance of authoritarianism was not the order of the day. True, as one the primary acts in creating a schism in Scientology the Watch Dog Committee published a policy that everything LRH said would henceforth be regarded as true, invariably, as a matter of policy. (Funny that it needed to be published as a policy SO MANY YEARS INTO the church's life!!!) As well it kicked lots of people out who simply wouldn't conform to authority arbitrarily applied towards them. Surprise, surprise, there was a considerable exodus from orthodox affiliation in response to all of this. Many many more people left than were kicked out. Is that really what trained lap dogs do - abandon what they've previously thought was the one worthy focus of their greatest efforts in life, because they don't approve of excessive authoritarian rule? No - that's what people do when convinced that one must live according to certain ethical and philosophical precepts - they are not optional - and to remain affiliated with those violating those precepts can no longer be tolerated as the violation is too severe. Those precepts require cohesion and loyalty to a group that in net and in the main is managing to move forward in a sensible fashion, within the constraints of human fallibility. Those precepts require abandoning what is wrong and will not reform sensibly. This is what many Scientologists did - in accordance with their philosophy and ethical precepts. I sometimes wonder if there's a special place in the critic mind called sweep it under the rug land where all information about indepedent scientologists and the schism in Scientology that started about 1979 is placed to be forgotten. 88!

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(suggestion, gossip and slander being dilute components), litigious harassment, and run the ugliest private intelligence network currently in existence; all as a matter of religious practice? I wonder if perhaps the effect of Hubbard's statements regarding Black Dianetics would be misunderstood in this thread based on these above quotes. Hubbard's statements about Black Dianetics started out mainly as a method of ensuring brand loyalty in a time when there were rival groups offering Dianetic services. Later on he also played up how the basic principles can be used deviously, as part of building up the air of potency for his rather feeble therapy. Hubbard's quote is not an admission that this is what his followers do. Look elsewhere for evidence of that. Perhaps you aren't trying to present his statement as evidence of this, but since there are other readers who wouldn't understand I point this out. Hubbard's statement above has to do with his efforts to create brand loyalty by slandering rival Dianetic groups, early in the history of Dianetics. Most serious students of Scientology history know this.

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