

An Introductory Guide To The Church Of Scientology And Its Fundamental Beliefs



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The Church of Scientology is a controversial new religious movement founded in 1954 by L. Ron Hubbard. It has since grown into a global organization with millions of followers. Scientology is based on the teachings of Hubbard, which he claimed were derived from his research into the nature of the human mind and spirit.

The Beliefs of Scientology

The central belief of Scientology is that humans are spiritual beings, or thetans, who have lived countless past lives. Thetans are immortal and have the potential to achieve a state of total freedom and enlightenment, known as "Clear." However, thetans become burdened by negative

experiences and emotions, known as "engrams," which prevent them from achieving their full potential.

Scientology offers a path to spiritual enlightenment through a process of auditing and training. Auditing is a form of counseling in which a trained auditor helps the individual to identify and release their engrams. Training consists of studying Hubbard's writings and applying the principles of Scientology to one's life.

The Bridge to Total Freedom

The Bridge to Total Freedom is a step-by-step path of spiritual development that Scientologists follow. The bridge consists of a series of levels, each of which represents a higher state of spiritual awareness. As Scientologists progress through the bridge, they are said to become more clear of their engrams and more able to achieve their full potential.

The Church of Scientology

The Church of Scientology is a highly structured organization with a hierarchical leadership structure. The church is headed by the Chairman of the Board, who is also known as the "COB." The COB is responsible for the overall direction of the church and its policies.

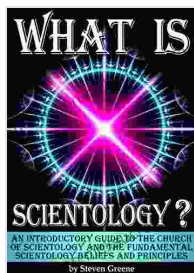
The church is divided into a number of different divisions, each of which has a specific function. The most important divisions are the Sea Org, which is the church's elite religious order, and the Church of Spiritual Technology, which is responsible for the preservation and dissemination of Hubbard's teachings.

Criticisms of Scientology

The Church of Scientology has been the subject of much controversy and criticism over the years. Critics have accused the church of being a cult, of engaging in unethical practices, and of exploiting its members financially.

The church has denied these allegations and has maintained that it is a legitimate religion that offers a path to spiritual enlightenment. However, the controversy surrounding the church has continued to grow in recent years, and it is likely to continue to be a source of debate for many years to come.

The Church of Scientology is a complex and controversial organization. Its beliefs and practices are unique, and it has been the subject of much debate and criticism. However, the church continues to grow and attract new members, and it is likely to remain a significant force in the religious landscape for many years to come.



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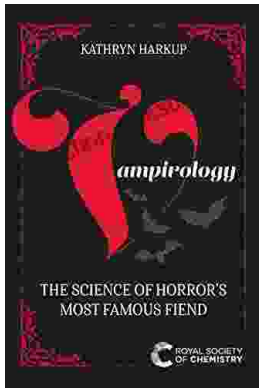
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