Comparing “The Word of God” with Heresies, Teachings and Quotes Found in “Scientology” Writings

“Scientology” Teachings about - God.

- God can be whoever you want him to be (AMG Enc., p.610).
- Of necessity any definition of God must be subjective, and we make no attempt to define God as a reality for all people. It would only be possible, theoretically, to be totally aware of God, in all manifestations, when one was spiritually advanced (The Background and Ceremonies of the Church of Scientology, p.22).
- Each person attains his own certainty as to who God is and exactly what God means to him, The author of the universe exists, How this is symbolized is dictated by your early training and conscience (Scientology Catechism).
- The individual Scientologist is free to interpret God in whatever manner he or she wishes (What Is Scientology?, p.200).
- “His precise nature is not delineated, since the Church holds that each person must seek and know the Divine Nature in and for himself” (Scientology, p.17).
- There exists a life energy or force (Theta) beyond and within all.
- God is therefore the Eighth Dynamic, which is also known as Infinity (FAQS at scientology.org).

“Scientology” Teachings about - Jesus Christ.

- A great teacher, though rarely mentioned in Scientology.
- “The historic Jesus was not nearly the sainted figure [he] has been made out to be” (Student Briefing, OT VIII, Ser,1).
- “You will find...the Christ legend as an implant in pre-clears a million years ago” (History of Man, p.38).

“Scientology” Teachings about - The Holy Spirit.

- The Holy Spirit is rarely mentioned, though it could be one of the many “gods” within Scientology.
- Followers are urged to follow their inner spirit rather than the acknowledgment of the Holy Spirit.

“Scientology” Teachings about - Sin.

- Scientology provides the individual the means to not only resolve his own problems, accomplish his own goals, and gain lasting happiness, but also to achieve new states of awareness he never dreamed possible (Church of Scientology Int.).
- Man is basically good (Creed, Church of Scientology).
- “Goodness and badness...are...considerations, and have no other basis than opinion (Phoenix Lecture, p.180, Scientology Axiom 31).
- “It is despicable and utterly beneath contempt to tell a man he must repent, that he is evil” (Hubbard, Auditor’s Bulletin, p.31).
**“Scientology” Teachings about - REDEMPTION.**

- "Man is basically good but he could not attain expression of this until now. Nobody but the individual could die for his own sins—to arrange things otherwise was to keep man in chains" (What Is Scientology?).
- Human beings are trapped in their material bodies and need to be released from this state so that they can achieve their original god-like-status.

**“Scientology” Teachings about - SALVATION.**

- Occurs when the psychological problems (“engrams”) that block the way to re-establishing the god-like state are overcome (AMG Enc., p.610).
- Salvation is achieved through the practices and techniques of Scientology, the ultimate goal of which is to realize one’s true nature as an immortal spirit, a thetan (beliefnet.com).
- “Salvation in Scientology is attained through personal spiritual enlightenment” (Scientology website).
- The path to salvation, or enlightenment, includes achieving states of increasingly greater mental awareness—Pre-Clear, Clear, and ultimately Operating Thetan.

**“Scientology” Teachings about - AFTERLIFE.**

- Scientology is the gateway to eternity (Isaac Hayes).
- Rebirths continue until one consciously confronts all pre-birth, current-life, and previous-life traumas and realizes one’s true nature as a “thetan,” immortal spirit–transcending matter energy, space, and time. Achieving this state enables the spirit to escape the cycle of birth and death—to operate independently of the physical universe and become one with God (beliefnet.com).
- “I have never said I didn’t believe in a Christian Heaven, God, and Christ...but there was certainly something very corny about Heaven” (Hubbard, Hubbard Comm. Office Bulletin, 5.11.63).
- “The Egyptians, Hindus, Buddhists, Jainists, Sikhs, Brahmans, NeoPlatonists, Christians, Romans, Jews and Gnostics all believed in the reincarnation and the rebirth cycle. It was a fundamental belief in the Roman Catholic Church until 533 AD when a company of four monks held the Synod of Constantinople, (without the Pope present) and decided the belief could not exist. They condemned the teachings of reincarnation as heresy and it was at this time that references to it were expunged from the Bible” (Hubbard, “Have You Lived Before This Life? Introduction).
- Death for Scientology is sometimes a blessing, for it may permit the release of the soul from the prison of the body (Hubbard, Advance, no.24).
- Teaches that Jesus may have believed in reincarnation (Staff, A World Religion p.15).
### “The Word of God” Teachings about - GOD.

- In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (Genesis 1:1).
- Know that the LORD he is God; there is none else beside him (Deuteronomy 4:35).
- God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).
- For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 2:5).
- Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost (Matthew 28:19).
- And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (Matthew 3:16-17).
- I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I (Isaiah 48:16).

### “The Word of God” Teachings about - JESUS CHRIST.

- In the beginning was the Word...and the Word was God. (John 1:1).
- His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost (Matthew 1:18).
- Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14).
- God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory (1 Timothy 3:16).
- And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth (John 1:14).
- No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him (John 1:18).
- And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead (Romans 1:4).
- If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain (1 Corinthians 15:17).
- Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. (Hebrews 7:25).
- This same Jesus...shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven (Acts 1:11; see also John 14:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

### “The Word of God” Teachings about - THE HOLY SPIRIT.

- When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth...he shall testify of me. (John 15:26).
- And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment (John 16:8).
- When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth (John 16:13).
- But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost...shall teach you all things (John 14:26).
- His Spirit that dwelleth in you (Romans 8:11).
- Be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18; see also 3:16; 1 Corinthians 3:16).
- But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his (Romans 8:9, 14,16.).
Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved (Acts 16:31).
But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God (John 1:12).
He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God (John 3:18).
He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life (John 3:36).
Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost (Titus 3:5).
For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God—not of works, lest any man should boast (Ephesians 2:8-9).
Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus (Romans 3:24).
Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth (Romans 10:4)

There is none righteous, no, not one (Romans 3:10).
For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).
If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us (1 John 1:10).
If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us (1 John 1:8).
Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law (1 John 3:4).
All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death (1 John 5:17).
Whatsoever is not of faith is sin (Romans 14:23).
Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin (James 4:17).

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins (Ephesians 1:7).
Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold...but with the precious blood of Christ (1 Peter 1:18-19).
Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father (Revelation 1:5-6).
Without the shedding of blood is no remission of sins (Hebrews 9:22).
Having made peace through the blood of his cross (Colossians 1:20).
But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God...for by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. (Hebrews 10:12,14).

For the wages of sin is death (Romans 3:23).
And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt (Daniel 12:2).
It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment (Hebrew 9:27).
And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God...the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books (Revelation 20:12).
When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven...taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ...Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10).
If thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell. (Mark 9:45).