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Four Decades In Scientology
Season 1 Episode 9

Does Scientology Believe In God or A GOD?

This is a great question I got from one of my Patrons.

I'm going to answer this and take you on a short journey of how I found the answer.

It was, of course, complicated.

Before I do I want to thank my patrons. I am writing a book (and it looks like it will be multiple books) about my four decades surviving and escaping the cult of scientology.

My patrons are ponying up funds monthly to help me pay my bills and put time into getting this story told. If you are tuned in I would love your support too.

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Now...on with the show!

Is there a “god” in Scientology or is it all LRH?

Growing up in Columbus Ohio most of the people in my life were not scientologists. A majority of those people (friends and family) were very religious, mostly Christian. I observed their lives as Christians comparing them to mine as a scientologist.

I just figured of course there is God.

No one ever said otherwise and no one debated the subject. I’m a kid and people don’t lie to kids, right?

I began wondering about God after I’d joined the Sea Organization in 1983.

This is where I was shown teachings written by LRH that were special and confidential. It made me feel important and special so I consumed as much as I could with my 9th grade education.

Up to that point in time I’d had a lot of handlings that had me pretty mixed up mentally about life in general.

I figured out that I did not have a mother figure anymore and that I was on my own. I’d finally achieved the state of independence I’d wanted since my mom joined scientology!

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Everything I did to survive would be MY choice and I now knew that LRH had all of the answers to everything. I just had to follow his teachings.

He, as I explained in my last podcast, became my father-figure. I know I would do anything he said to do because I trusted him completely.

As I became more indoctrinated I also became more excited at the idea of bringing my favorite friends in to be 'saved' and help 'save earth'.

From 7th grade until I was shipped to Florida in the middle of 9th grade I attended church with a few of these friends.

I went on a retreat with one and I was very sick.

We were gathered in a common area listening to the preacher talk and I tried to compute everything that he was saying.

All at once he was calling people to the front to be healed.

He was asking for people with problems to come forward and BELIEVE that they could be healed by Jesus Christ.

My sickness had turned into a terrible cough that I'm pretty sure was an emphysema of some level.

I felt horrible and probably should not have gone with my friend but this would have been better than being forced into the scientology classroom to study L. Ron Hubbard or sit in a chair and stare at a stranger for hours without blinking.

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My friend egged me on to go up and get healed. She pointed out, correctly, that I was suffering!

So I walked slowly to the front completely embarrassed and with zero idea of what was supposed to happen next. A small line had formed which gave me time to reconsider and bolt back to my seat.

Too late. The preacher (or was it a pastor... I still don't know what the differences are at this point) had assistants and one of them grabbed my arm right when I began to cough my brains out.

I got nudged to the preacher who put his hand on my shoulders and my head.

I just stared at him and watched his mouth moving.

I remember a piercing sound in my ears and began coughing again.

His hands left my body and I scooted to the other side of the stage area to spot my seat in the ocean of stranger's faces.

There were people speaking in tongues - but I didn't know that is what I was hearing.

It was scary and mesmerizing to see.

I scanned the crowd for my friend's face but it was an ocean of heads shouting praise for Jesus Christ, arms raised to the sky in the form of a letter Y, bodies were swaying right and left and then there were the men and women speaking in tongues.

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The whole thing was over in about an hour and we went to our bunk to sleep.

I still had my cough but tried as hard as I could to suppress it to make my friend and her family think I had accepted Jesus Christ and that I was being healed.

I realize now that I was sincerely clueless and confused.

BUT I wanted this concept to be true.

I WANTED to be healed if it was possible because I felt terrible.

It made me a little more curious about this Jesus guy and his story.

I wondered what made him so important and why he spoke through people in a language that was completely indecipherable.

That was one of many moments in churches with my friends that made me wonder about my religion.

I learned that scientology was a religion. I believed it.

I didn't understand exactly WHY it was a religion so I began comparing things between my church and my friend's churches. Not much matched up, of course.

One big part of scientology is the concept of what are called the dynamics of life.

They're basically categories of life in general but LRH spelled them out. This is the closest information I can think of (that I ever read or heard from LRH) concerning God.

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He says there are 8 dynamics of existence.

I'll tell you what I remember learning they are:

1st dynamic is your self as a Being inhabiting a body that is controlled by a spirit. It's all about just you. It's

2nd dynamic. Sex. Plain stuff, nothing too exciting because it is also about the point of sex: having kids and creating a family unit. Literally, it is called a unit. It is managed like a team, minus compassion of course. Love is a bad word and it is basically eliminated from our mind and vocabulary.

3rd dynamic is about the groups you belong to. Your baseball team, your classmates, your business or your job, the town you live in, your race, your country. Groups of humans. I guess most of us have groups we are part of.

4th dynamic starts to get a little broader. This is the dynamic of humankind. It's big, right? Like ALL HUMANS on this planet and any other planet (should you believe that is possible...whole other topic, right)?

5th dynamic is the animal kingdom and living things that are not human. It's an urge to survive along with these living things. Plants and trees. Your cat, fish and dog. I don't remember learning much about how to "survive" on this dynamic according to LRH.

I do remember getting a stray kitten when I was at the CMO Int base, naming it Bach, bringing it food scrapes every night after I got off post (my job) at 11pm and then being told I was not

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allowed to have a cat because it distracted me from my post and work helping put in ethics on the planet.

Definite conflicting information.

I have little recollection of being served fresh food when I served in the Sea Org.

I did a lot of weeding and used a lot of caustic cancerous chemicals to make the int base look pretty though.

6th dynamic. Stuff. Your physical STUFF.

They have a term which is an acronym called MEST and it stands for Matter, Energy, Space and Time.

I only remember it being connected to my stuff.

I didn't have a lot of stuff and we had to white-glove clean the stuff that the church owned every week, we kept a special office for LRH in every organization just in case he planned to pop in and visit.

That stuff had to be the most expensive we could afford. Also, we were forced to give part of our paycheck to buy stuff for LRH for his birthday, for senior management officers.

Like I said, I didn't have much stuff because I didn't have any space I could call my "home" to put it.

I guess there were sea org members like me that did have room for stuff and boy did they flaunt it when they got it.

The 7th dynamic. It starts getting fuzzy for me right here.

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The urge toward existence as a spirit.

Remember number 1 dynamic? Self? Well I think this is where it connected up and believing in the concept that WE are a spirit occupying a meat body that we will dispose of (die) and then pick a new meat body to occupy.

The 8th dynamic. The Supreme Being.

Now this is where I got confused.

Is the Supreme Being God?

I assumed it was and was scared to ask for clarification.

In scientology you cannot ask a fellow member a question like this inside the church and expect them to actually give you a straight answer.

There were scientologists claiming super powers. Claiming they had achieved these elevated levels of existence.

I figured they had the answer to this question: is God the Supreme Being of Scientology?

I assumed that it was.

When I asked I would be told to “read my materials” even though they didn’t answer the question.

I wrote a letter to LRH twice and asked him. I wrote to LRH a lot as a kid (it was encouraged) and he wrote me back once in a

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while. I kept a few of the letters and I'm sure I'll come across them and share them with the world in my book.

No matter how confused I was I could NOT let it be known.

I thought there was a God.

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This God was a man and people talked to him at church.

That's what I had experienced!

I decided that it didn't really matter in the big picture and that I would eventually come upon the LRH scriptures if I continued reading and studying his work.

Afterall, he did know everything there was to know about anything that existed. He had been around for trillions and gazillions of years and dropped hints about these experiences throughout the lectures, scriptures, stories, videos...why would he lie?

I continued my study and tucked that question away for another day.

In the end I believe that LRH felt HE was God.

And that his flock should worship him, which we did.

That's all for today.

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