

Business Protective Bureau, Wichita Chamber of Commerce, Wichita, Kansas
March 1, 1952

Dear All Affiliated
Better Business Bureaus:

Re: Hubbard Dianetics Foundation
211 East Douglas, Wichita, Kansas
International Library of Arts and
Sciences, same address.
Allied Scientists of the World,
same address and Denver, Colorado.
Standard College, Box 64, Wichita
Dr. L. Ron Hubbard, President
James M. Elliott, Business Manager
Scientific Press, Inc., same address.

The following information, secured from what we believe to be reliable
sources but for which we assume no responsibility, is believed to be
correct and up to date.

Hubbard Dianetics Foundation, Inc., a Kansas corporation, on February
21, 1952, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, by action of its
president, Don Purcell, a Wichita business man. The corporation was
previously in receivership (appraised to State Supreme Court) as result
of action brought by creditors in the east prior to the move to Wichita.

Allied Scientists of the World, and International Library of Arts and
Sciences, are subsidiaries of the Foundation, and presumably affected
by the same action.

The Foundation has had a contract with Hubbard which permits the Foundation
to use the name, Dianetics, and to act as distributor for Hubbard's
books. The contract specifies that if Hubbard is discredited with the
Foundation's actions he has the right to cancel this arrangement. In view
of this fact, and since the name Dianetics seems to have considerable
possibility for even racial exploitation, the Foundation should still be
kept in your "live" files, and we will report when there are further de-
velopments.

Hubbard is now completely separated from the Foundation, and has organized
Hubbard College, a Kansas corporation, non profit, with temporary
offices in the Kirby Building, Wichita, while they seek larger quarters.

Scientific Press, Inc., a Kansas corporation, is owned exclusively by
Hubbard, for the printing and distributing of his books and other
writings.

Hubbard College is set up to teach Dianetics under the personal supervision
of Hubbard. Graduates become "registered dianalysts" and will be lic-
ensed to give courses in dianetic processing in their own offices or
schools. The fees and charges for this licensing, with necessary films
and texts, are now \$1,000, which is to be increased to \$1,500 on March 1,
1952, to \$2,000 on March 26, and to \$3,000 on June 2, 1952.

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Hubbard History Originally Hubbard Dianetics Foundation was operating under four separate charters, at Los Angeles, New York City, Washington, D. C., Elizabeth, N. J., and an office at Honolulu. Some of these are now in operation, we believe. The offices at Honolulu was discontinued because of an old law which forbade any sort of practice of the kind. An action was brought against the New Jersey corporation for the illegal practice of medicine, alleging that Dianetics was a form of psychiatry, therefore subject to this law. Our information from an interested party is that this case did not come to trial and was dismissed when the concern left Elizabeth and came to Wichita.

In 1952 Dr. G. Purcell, a builder and oil operator of Wichita, became interested in dianetics and was instrumental in getting the Foundation to this city. The Foundation was then in financial difficulties, and Purcell is reported to have invested considerable money in the enterprise, becoming president of the Kansas corporation and active in the management.

This Bureau received various rumors and reports of law business management of affairs in Wichita, but nothing in the way of complaint from the public until immediately prior to the bankruptcy action, at which time we received some complaints that the Foundation had not lived up to its teaching promises. Any claims for refunds could now have to be directed to the trustee in bankruptcy. Elliott informs us that any students of the Foundation who wish to do so may continue their course of instruction at Hubbard College without further cost by assigning their claims to Hubbard.

It is informed that prior to the bankruptcy action, Hubbard had sold his stock in the Foundation, principally to the Foundation or to Purcell, but since he has not been paid for it. He also claims to have other financial claims as a creditor of the Foundation. The petition of bankruptcy lists liabilities of about \$212,000 and assets of about \$40,000.

The Dianetics (below) quotes from their literature, () are omitted. Printed matter put out by the Foundation while under Hubbard's direction states that "Dianetics is the science of Earth behavior observed and explained by L. Ron Hubbard, American engineer and nuclear physicist. After study for 20 years and under actual test and application for five, dianetics is responsible today for saving the lives, health and sanity of thousands of human beings."

"Life force is an energy not unlike other energies in some respects. This strong (etc) store energies such as those of physical pain and (etc) later re-inject them in the body." (Apparently the stored "energies" which are injected on prosthesis or body cells, are called "enemas" and "dianetic processing" is the process of removing them.)

"Processing is done by a skilled auditor, one who listens and computes. The pre-clear (they do not use the word, patient) simply complies with the easily followed requests of the auditor, and after 20 hours, more or less, of processing is usually free from his chronic symptoms. The pre-clear sits or lies on a couch in the auditor's office. The auditor directs the pre-clear into various portions of the pre-clear's life. (That is, asks questions.) No hypnotics, drugs, surgery, anaesthetics or diets are used. It is costly conversation between the auditor and pre-clear."

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"Psychosomatic illnesses such as arthritis, sinus trouble, neuralgia, rheumatism, and others numbering 70% of man's illness were cured, Hubbard found, by three stages of pain. Every psychosomatic illness has as its root some old injury which has become continually inflicted just as though it had never gotten well. Dianetic processing can remove all pain from a lifetime, but such an effort is not necessary to relieve a single psychosomatic illness, to make it unnecessary to wear glasses or to receive depressions (such as caused by losses in the family)."

"Generally the rapidity of results leaves the pre-clear incredulous. But this is an incredible age and Dianetics, like its sister, the A-Go-Go, is incredible. It does what we would expect an actual miracle to accomplish. Dianetic processing has no exceptions. Its human engineers can help you." (In a pre-printed letter, Hubbard says) "Plainly, we are not to replace medicine in the next three years. To hell better get a move on."

L. Ron Hubbard was born March 13, 1911 Rebrashay educated at George Washington University as a mathematician, and has worked in the fields of ethnology and general exploration. He is also known as a writer of science fiction. His book, "Dianetics, the Modern Science of Mental Health," was published by Hermitage House in 1950.

This Bureau has made no attempt to evaluate any of the claims made by and for dianetics, nor has it been furnished sufficient evidence to support such claims. We have no information to indicate that the question of whether Dianetic processing conflicts with laws governing the practice of medicine or the healing arts has ever been adjudicated, except in Hawaii as previously mentioned. We have been informed, without verification, that New York has recently passed a state law specifically regulating this type of practice.

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