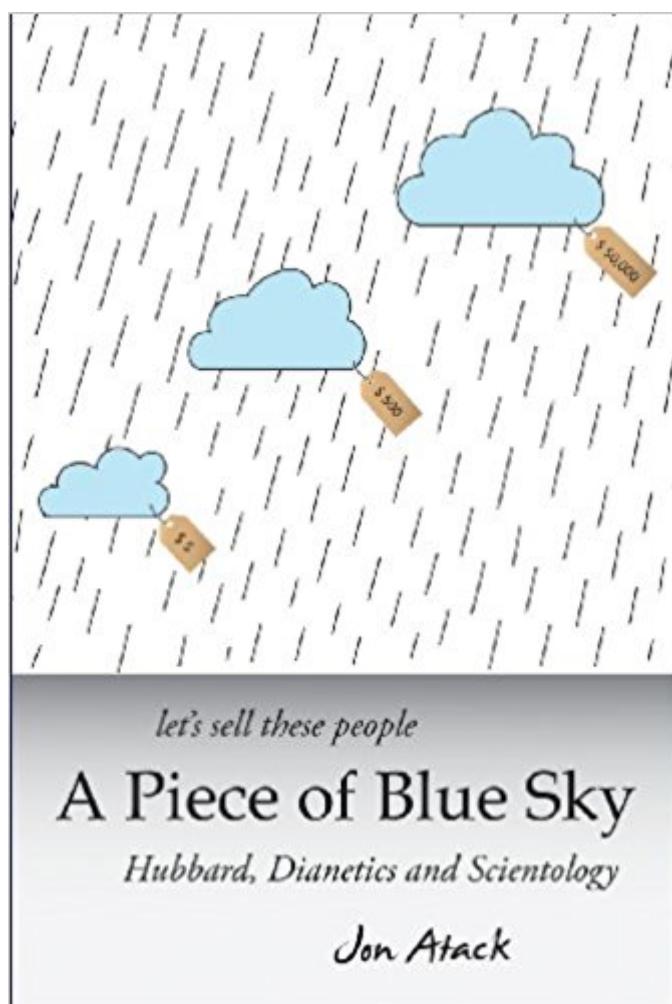


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Let's Sell These People A Piece Of Blue Sky: Hubbard, Dianetics And Scientology



Synopsis

Let's sell these people a Piece of Blue Sky: the new, unexpurgated, unabridged version of the classic history of L. Ron Hubbard and Scientology. Exposing Hubbard's false claims to be a war hero, a nuclear physicist, an explorer and a protégé of Eastern gurus, and showing the true malevolence of Scientology. "Invaluable for its history and insight into the character of its founder, L. Ron Hubbard." Lawrence Wright, *Going Clear: Scientology, Hollywood, & the Prison of Belief* "If you only have time to read one book about L. Ron Hubbard and Scientology, this landmark work is the one." Miles C. Ferguson "This is the best book I have read about Scientology." Steve Cannane, ABC Lateline, Australia "A Piece of Blue Sky is the standard reference among serious students of authoritarian belief systems. Newer books about Scientology have been released, but none reproduce the detail and narrative clarity of Atack's book." Christian Szurko, DialogCentre UK "Since 1976, I have met, interviewed and counseled countless former officials and ex-members of Scientology. Of everyone I have ever met, and every book I have ever read, Jon Atack is the definitive resource of all things Hubbard." Steven Hassan, author *Freedom of Mind* "When I first read Jon Atack's amazing book *A Piece of Blue Sky* it was a series of revelations. I had been on the receiving end of the false promises, heavy ethics pressures and greed-motivated financial stresses for decades without being able to reconcile these things with Hubbard's writings. Jon's book gave me considerable relief as to what was really going on behind the facade." Michael Pattinson, ex-OT 8. "As someone who has been at the top of organized scientology, and seen much of what really went on there, I would like to express my appreciation for what Jon Atack has done to get out the truth when it was not safe to do it." Denise Brennan, former Watchdog Committee Member "Throughout my professional life, I have seen so many victims of poisonous ideologies from communism and scientology to Saddam Hussein's 'return to faith' and Al Qaeda's 'martyrdom'. In my attempts to help those sufferers, I applied a lesson learned from Jon Atack's writings that freedom cannot be delivered, granted, or enforced. The true and complete freedom comes only with the freedom of mind and Jon Atack's book is the best guide for all who want to achieve that freedom." Professor Khapta Akhmedova, expert on terrorism "Honestly written, amazingly accurate, and beautifully assembled, which is why it stood the test." Gerry Armstrong, former Hubbard aide "This book is fascinating.... and fresh. I've read every expose and this one is on the top of my list." Paulette Cooper, author *The Scandal of Scientology* "A Piece of Blue Sky was my first introduction to the real

truth about L. Ron Hubbard and Scientology. It's still the most reliable of the many books on the subject. No one seems to have worked harder to get things right by relying so carefully on rare and crucial documents that spell out the history of Scientology's abuses.â• Tony Ortega, former editor, Village Voice â•“All future scholarship on Scientology will build upon his contribution.â• Professor Stephen Kent â•“When I first read A Piece of Blue Sky, it became more than instrumental in helping me to understand my experiences and put them into a meaningful context that changed my life.â• Bonnie Woods, ex-OT3 â•“Atackâ•“s book displays mastery of his material and subtlety of analysis and discussion that would be praised at the typical final doctoral examination.â• Richard de Mille, ghost author of Hubbardâ•“s Science of Survival â•“This book delivers like none other. We used it extensively during the fifteen years we helped families retrieve their loved ones from the cult of Scientology, and we still recommend it today to those who want to know the truth about Scientology.â• Jerry Whitfield and Hana Eltringham Whitfield

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Customer Reviews

Jon Atack was a â•œpublicâ•“ Scientologist for nine years. He trained as a counsellor and did the secret â•œOTâ•“ levels, but left when he discovered the criminality which put eleven members, including the founderâ•“s wife, in prison. He spent years interviewing former members, digging out records and unmasking the many false claims of its founder, Ron Hubbard, before publishing A Piece of Blue Sky. Jon is the author of many papers on the subject of Scientology, and has been acknowledged as the leading authority on this subject by academics the world over. Jon has counselled hundreds of former members and survived extensive harassment

from Scientology. He has four children, and one grandchild and lives in the heart of England, where, as Voltaire advised, he cultivates his garden.

Jon Atack spent nine years trying to tamp down his cognitive dissonance as a Scientologist, even when he was most firmly enmeshed in the cult's airless, blinkered world. But he is telling Scientology's story, as opposed to his own, which he touches on only glancingly, and he does it masterfully. His approach is certainly informed by his experience, and his depiction of L. Ron Hubbard, Scientology's huckster Maximum Leader, is devastating. There's been some discussion about "objectivity," comparing this book to Janet Reitman's. I've read them both, and Lawrence Wright's superlative book (I'm on something of an anti-Cult kick). Mr. Atack's factual underpinnings are as solid as either of the later books, which both owe him an enormous debt. Ms. Reitman has called her book "the first objective history of the Church of Scientology," which I think unfortunate and unfair to Mr. Atack. The evidence he piles up chapter by chapter is unlikely to lead any sensible reader anywhere that his rousing summation doesn't go. His declaration as a Suppressive Person means that he wasn't likely to get cooperation from the "Church," and his experience as a member gives him more than enough authority on anything a pro-Scientology spokesman would be likely to say. He also provides a penetrating analysis of the ugly, heartless core of Scientology, a "religion" that devalues compassion. Atack's exposé was published in a different, more dangerous time, and he was persecuted for it. It's a comprehensive history and a gripping read.

A Piece of Blue Sky by Jon Atack If you ARE a Scientologist, this book will inform you honestly of the actual intentions and activities of the organization brushing aside all bias and rumor. Quitting Scientology Greatly Reduces Serious Risks to Your Health. If you WERE a Scientologist, this book will help you unscramble all the false data you have imposed on yourself and help you deconstruct the reactive mind that the subject has imposed on you. If you are a WOG*, this book will give you an insight into the making of one of the most successful mind control cults in this sector of the universe. If you are an SP, this book will acknowledge your bravery for daring to stand up to someone who practiced Magik, stole from friends, was promiscuous, took drugs, mistreated his children, lied about his past, purged himself, was on the run from the Law and who thoroughly destroyed anyone who criticized him. Jon Atack was a very brave man, who in the face of the evil power of "Fair Game" doctrine as practiced by the thought police department of Scientology; took them on anyway so that he could warn others. - Thank you Jon :) Read his book, and if you have friends or family trapped in this cult, or who are thinking about joining, give them a copy

ÃƒÂ¢Ã ¬Ã œ you could save their lives.* If you are not a believer, you are a wog; a common ordinary run-of-the-mill garden-variety humanoid.

In Jon AtackÃƒÂ¢Ã ¬Ã „œsÃƒÂ¢Ã ¬Ã „œA Piece of Blue SkyÃƒÂ¢Ã ¬Ã „œ, Atack addresses the issues within Scientology such as the pseudoscience of Dianetics, the corruption of the Church of Scientology, and the cynical L. Ron Hubbard. The author, a member of the church turned skeptic, holds an objective view on these matters and provides details from many sources, making him a reliable resource of information on an otherwise mysterious subject. The book starts off with a credulous tone as the author relays his experience with the church when he was a young adult but slowly transitions into a skeptical tone as the cracks begin to show in the reasoning of Dianetics and Scientology. This book reveals the ugly truth about what seemed like ideas that were meant help people but were actually just scams supported by pseudoscience that L. Ron Hubbard created. Believers and skeptics alike should read this book as it provides a lot of insight into one of the most successful scams of all time. Atack does an impressive job of conveying his experiences with the church in a logical, chronological manner without compromising the objectivity of his writing. In the beginning, the author finds himself feeling dejected and is able relieve his pain through the comforting atmosphere of Scientology. Scientology, or more so Dianetics, offered him a cure to all of his pain so naturally he accepted these ideas with open arms. Throughout the book, Atack begins catching some startling subtleties that begin to alert him to some disconcerting aspects of the ideas of the man he practically worshiped, L. Ron Hubbard. As he progresses further and further through the churchÃƒÂ¢Ã ¬Ã „œs levels of initiation, he notices more flaws such as his experiences of mental abuse, the outrageous price fluctuations of different Scientology amenities and Dianetic auditing, and the scientific shortcomings in the background and evolution of Dianetics. Atack even explains the numerous fabrications Hubbard provides in his background from the specifics of his service in World War II to the data he provided in hisÃƒÂ¢Ã ¬Ã „œscientific researchÃƒÂ¢Ã ¬Ã „œ on Dianetics. Atack effectively exposes the errors in HubbardÃƒÂ¢Ã ¬Ã „œs background and his concepts of Dianetics and Scientology; Atack uses personal experiences to prove his points and remains unbiased so as not make it seem like he is attacking the views of Scientologists. Atack successfully connects his personal experiences to the facts pertaining to Hubbard and Scientology. This connection makes the book easy to read and the points supporting the main idea easy to put together. Atack goes into great detail about each subject-Scientology, Hubbard, and Dianetics-which allows the reader to make a confident, informed decision about each. Atack could definitely be considered an authority figure on the matter but he

chooses to keep his opinions out of it, letting the reader feel like they are in control. At a glance, this book may not seem like it is debunking pseudoscience but more like the author is uncovering a scam. The author is mainly uncovering a scam but this scam would be nothing without the support of Hubbard's made up pseudoscientific jargon that made these ideas so convincing. Atack gradually dissects the components of Dianetics and Scientology, revealing absolute nonsense when Hubbard's actual scientific terms are put into context. If it were not for the original ideas of Dianetics-a classic example of pseudoscience-Scientology would have never succeeded because Dianetics contained all of the so-called "reasoning" for the religion. The book contains dialogue of actual statements that Hubbard made about the church and Dianetics that are absolutely outrageous. Even the book's title is a quote straight from Hubbard's mouth that excellently represents his intentions in creating Scientology and Dianetics. This book is great point of reference for a psychological study because it shows people's willingness to believe in something so far fetched if it just has some big complicated words to back it up. Atack includes astonishing statistics about the prices of Scientology and Dianetic services and how much the Church of Scientology collected due to the gullibility of the followers of a retired science fiction writer. The author reveals how the church would deceive people by producing false statistics on how many people joined the church, how many people had been cured through Dianetics, and how much people would have to pay to progress through church. The book includes details about smaller, yet important aspects of Dianetics and Scientology such as engrams, auditing, Operating Thetan Levels, and the use of the E-Meter. Nearly everything Atack includes in this book contributes to the main idea of the book, which is the exposure of Hubbard and his creation of Scientology and Dianetics. This book is a must read for anyone interested in Dianetics, Scientology, L. Ron Hubbard, or anyone who is a member of the Church of Scientology. This book gives you the cold, hard facts with information directly from the church and Hubbard himself. Atack's interactive approach to this book is very effective in helping the reader feel apart of the story and motivating the reader to read and learn more about the subject. He tells you his complete story, gives you all facts, and makes the writing objective enough for the reader to form their own opinion on the matter after reading. The book does not feel like it is forcing you to think one way or another; it just informs the reader on what Hubbard tried to hide from his followers for decades. This book provided the thrill of a fiction novel but with all the facts and first hand experience detail of a true story.

"A Piece of Blue Sky" is a truly great book that is well written on an interesting topic and is sure to provide new, eye-opening information to anyone who reads it.

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