

# SCIENTOLOGY

## The dramatic rise of the organization

Here are the key dates in the history of the Church of Scientology.

**1911**  
L. Ron Hubbard born in Tilden, Neb.

**1938-49**  
Hubbard earns a living as a science fiction writer.

**1941-45**  
Hubbard enlists in U.S. Navy, commands patrol craft at Boston Navy Yard and other U.S. ports.

**1948**  
Hubbard tells friends that starting a religion would be a good way to make money.

**1950**  
"Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health" is a best-selling book, selling 150,000 copies.



**1952**  
Hubbard creates Dianetics Centers in Boston and a half-dozen other U.S. cities.

**1953**  
Hubbard, right, creates the Church of Scientology, in New Jersey.

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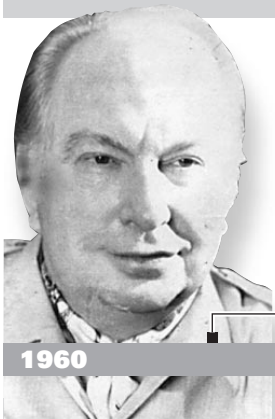
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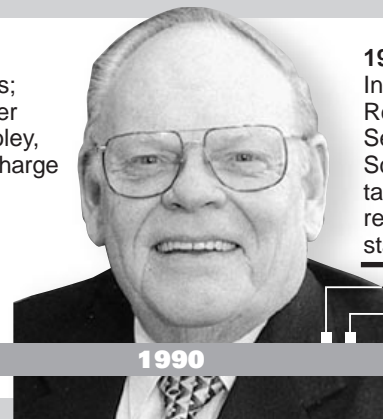
**1963**  
Food and Drug Administration raids Scientology Church in Washington, D.C., seizes "E-Meters."

**1965-68**  
Australia, Rhodesia and Britain ban Scientology as a destructive cult.

**1977**  
FBI raids Scientology headquarters. Hubbard's third wife, Mary Sue Hubbard, and 10 others are later imprisoned for spying on the U.S. government.

**1980s**  
Scientology pays an estimated \$5 million to settle 20 fraud lawsuits by former members, many of them represented by Boston lawyer Michael Flynn.

**1986**  
Hubbard dies; Boston lawyer Earle C. Cooley, right, takes charge at deathbed, oversees Hubbard's cremation.



**1993**  
Internal Revenue Service gives Scientology tax-exempt religious status.

**1993-96**  
Using literacy lessons, Scientology targets minority families in Boston and across U.S.

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