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# Racism

Where prejudice exists it always discolors our thoughts -Mark Twain

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Church dogma demands a slavish devotion to its founder L. Ron Hubbard, whose sentiments appear racist to [modern sensibilities](#) but were common in white society during most of his life. Racial attitudes have changed greatly over time — in fact, modern anthropological theory [denies the existence of "race"](#)  altogether. Hubbard's prejudices, however, are forever codified in *Source*, i.e., they are sacred, immutable doctrine. Hence, Scientology is *inherently* racist, as the following collection of scriptural quotes illustrates.



A basic component of the Church's services is auditing (counseling sessions). Through a progression of special auditing actions for specific purposes, called [rundowns](#) , Scientologists can advance their spiritual condition. But Hubbard has a [Big Auditing Problem](#) with native South Africans, who, along with other "primitives" and children, are in a "retrograded" state:

The South African native is probably the one impossible person

to train in the entire world – he is probably impossible by any human standard.

–L. Ron Hubbard, *PAB* No. 119, 1 September 1957, as published in *Level 0 PABS* (c.1968, The American St. Hill Organization).

Natives need the help of white men to explain how to care for their possessions, including their land. Hubbard scolds South Africa for not properly attending to native education:

As long as a white foreman is there, they will prevent soil erosion; but the moment that a white foreman turns his back – boo! There goes the whole program.

And you finally get up to the point of where he's [native] supposed to take care of something, a lesson which has never been taught to the native of South Africa.

–L. Ron Hubbard, *15th ACC* (Power of Simplicity) lecture "Education: Point of Agreement", 30 Oct 1956.

Hubbard also finds that the "insanity rate per capita in South Africa is appalling" and issues a special set of instructions, The Scientific Treatment of the Insane, for South African auditors to address the problem. Note that Hubbard also thinks the *Bantu* are in need of "rehabilitation", with mental health being only

one of the necessary efforts.

The insanity rate per capita in South Africa is appalling. ...it is easily seen that a primary requisite in any programme of the rehabilitation of the Bantu in South Africa would be mental health...

—L. Ron Hubbard, *HCOB*  
April 1960, "The Scientific Treatment of the Insane"

*The South African Rundown*, the only Scientology rundown targeted at a specific ethnic group, was developed for "delivery to South Africans—those who reside in South Africa as well as those who have emigrated to other parts of the world". Hubbard apparently feels that they required special processing because they are "untrainable" and "insane".

The Church's auditing tool, the E-meter, requires adjustment in order to accommodate the needle's larger movements because of the intensity of a black South African's undisclosed transgressions ("withholds").

A "black South African's" withholds read not only on the needle [of the E-meter] alone but on the Tone Arm [sensitivity adjustment] as well.

—L. Ron Hubbard, *E-Meter Essentials*, section I: "Meter Oddities", 1988 (pg. 24)

Perhaps the unusually strong withholds can be explained by the Bantu's mercenary nature:

Because the one thing – the very, very commercial little culture the Bantu has ... the idea of commerce and money and that sort of thing is very deeply ingrained in these people.

–L. Ron Hubbard, *SHSBC*, "Errors in Time", 18 July 1963

*Scientology: The Fundamentals of Thought*, one of Scientology's basic public texts, says this about "African savages":

...the African tribesman, with his complete contempt for truth and his emphasis on brutality and savagery for others but not for himself, is a no-civilization.



–L. Ron Hubbard, *Scientology: The Fundamentals of Thought*, Bridge Publications: Los Angeles, 1997.

The reason that Africans feel barbarous is because of their numerous overts DEF that have resulted from being exposed to a "fantastic amount of space opera DEF" and a hostile environment.

[Y]ou'll find in Africans a fantastic

amount of heavy space opera and so on, going on ... which makes the colored African very, very interesting to process because he doesn't know why he goes through all these dances ... and why he feels so barbarous ....

—L. Ron Hubbard, *1st Melbourne ACC*, lecture "Principal Incidents on the Track", 27 November 1959.

In Hubbard's view, people have to be trained to be "governable" in order to become civilized and deserve independence. He suggests that this was the problem in Cameroon, undergoing internal strife on its way to independence from France and England, because there was no one there to "give civilization to".

They took people who were totally dedicated to certain tribal procedures ... and said, "You're free." And they said, "Free. Free? Free. Ah! You mean there's no police anymore." Boom! Boom!

—L. Ron Hubbard, *State of Man Congress*, Opening lecture, 1 January 1960.

According to Hubbard, Zulus are crazy:

...the Zulu is only outside the bars of a madhouse because there are no madhouses provided by his tribe. ... primitives are far

more aberrated than  
civilized peoples.  
Their savageness, their  
unprogressiveness,  
their incidence of  
illness ...

—L. Ron Hubbard,  
*Dianetics: The Modern  
Science of Mental Health*,  
Bridge Publications, Los  
Angeles, 1995.

The Church runs *security checks* on members suspected of certain criminal behaviors. The *Johannesburg Security Check* is "the roughest security check in Scientology" and consists of a series of pointed questions which Scientologists answer while on the E-meter (in this case, used more like a lie detector than an auditing tool). Included in the list of "crimes" is engaging in an intimate relationship with a member of a "colored" race. A selected portion of the questions demonstrates the seriousness of this crime:

Have you ever slept  
with a member of a race  
of another color?  
Have you ever committed  
culpable homicide?  
Have you ever bombed  
anything?  
Have you ever murdered  
anyone?  
Have you ever kidnapped  
anyone?

—L. Ron Hubbard, *HCOPL*  
*7 April 1961*,  
"Johannesburg Security  
Check"

There are hints that Scientology membership was limited to whites, at least initially, in their organizations in southern Africa. In the first quote below, Hubbard is concerned about the World Bank taking control of England and the

general advance of Communism. He believes a stronghold of civilization  can be set up in Africa to salvage white society. In the second quote, Hubbard praises the South African organization, that, in spite of the limited white population from which to recruit, managed to outproduce all other Scientology organizations.

Now if we can get white population, immigrants and big companies and so on moving into Africa and if we can get with that Scientology well established in Southern Africa, why we can then look forward to a salvage operation base, in case the northern hemisphere's lights go out.

—L. Ron Hubbard, recorded talk to the Saint Hill staff about Rhodesia, 6 May 1966

As South Africa has a white population of only 2.8 million or thereabouts, you can see that every other central organization in the world has been out-created.

—L. Ron Hubbard, *HCOB* 17 July 1959, "Africa over the Top"

Hubbard sought to create a Scientology homeland in South Africa or Rhodesia (Zimbabwe). The Church claims it opposed the white minority governments (most of its activity in the early years took place in colonial states

where whites ruled and English was the official language: England, United States, Australia, South Africa, Rhodesia). Hubbard, however, appears to have thought the problem of apartheid was overstated.

The problem of South Africa is different than the world thinks. There is no native problem. The native worker gets more than white workers do in England! [...] The South African government is not a police state. It's easier on people than the United States government!

—L. Ron Hubbard, *HCOB*  
10 October 1960,  
"Current News"

It is considered in England and the United States that the Government of South Africa is altogether too harsh with its native peoples. It is sadly humorous to notice that the native in South Africa, however, holds an exactly reverse opinion and the fault he finds with the South African Government is that it is far too lenient in its administration of laws throughout the native populace.

—L. Ron Hubbard, *PAB No.*  
96, "Justice", 15  
September 1956

One reason Hubbard was attracted to Rhodesia was his admiration for Cecil Rhodes; he even claimed to have *been* Rhodes in a previous life. Rhodes originated the racist *land grabs* in South Africa, suggesting that "we must find new lands from which we can easily obtain raw materials and at the same time exploit the cheap slave labour that is available from the natives of the colonies".

Hubbard's expertise in handling the natives, who were a great resource that was not "well utilised at all", was probably a continuation of his former lifetime's experience.

For instance, my boy Jamble ... I used to tell him "yes, I know Jamble – you're a good boy even though you do drink and smoke dacca and gamble – that has nothing to do with me, you're still a good boy" and you know he came way up tone arm. I noticed he drank less and I think he stopped smoking dacca entirely but he didn't stop gambling because Master used to give him a pound to go out to the race track and lose.

... tremendous labour supply in the Bantu, the Mshombe, the Matabele, these people are very hard-working people and under proper direction are quite productive. ... and here is this perfectly valid labour supply – the African, who at this time is not being well utilised at all; ...

–L. Ron Hubbard,  
Conference with the  
Guardian, 18 July 1966

But they served with  
great enthusiasm. Those  
people sure can work.  
The African sure can  
work. That's one thing  
nobody has ever quite  
noticed about them.  
They are *very* hard-  
working people.

–L. Ron Hubbard, "[About  
Rhodesia](#)", lecture given  
on 19 July 1966

Hubbard praises the South African  
government's handling of the [Johannesburg  
slums](#):



Having viewed slum  
clearance projects in  
most major cities of  
the world may I state  
that you have conceived  
and created in the  
Johannesburg townships  
what is probably the  
most impressive and  
adequate resettlement  
activity in existence.

–L. Ron Hubbard, Letter to  
South African Prime  
Minister Dr. H.F.  
Verwoerd, 7 November  
1960, Johannesburg;  
reprinted in part in G.P.C.  
Kotzé, [Inquiry into the](#)

Hubbard has few reservations in supporting the apartheid government and, in fact, calls Hendrick Verwoerd  a "great guy". He suggests ways that the Church could serve the apartheid agenda, for instance, using e-meters to interrogate suspects and to uncover *agent provocateurs*. "Clean them up and the riots collapse." In Hubbard's world, the deplorable conditions of non-white citizens did not give rise to the protests, instead, it was outside agitators (usually Communists) who were to blame — a view in alignment with the government's.

Hubbard sees indigenous people as carefree "natives" dancing in the jungle, or agitators trying to overthrow the colonial government because they haven't been properly primed for *civilization*.

Illiterate cultures do not survive and they are not very high. The natives of the tribe of the Bugga Bugga Booga Boogas down in Lower Bugga Wugga Booga Woog are mostly no longer with us, or they are around waving red flags today and revolting against their central government.

And they didn't learn fast. Their literacy was not up to absorbing culture rapidly.

They've been very happily down amongst the bong-bong trees,

you know, dancing up and down amongst the bong-bong trees, and the highest level of their interest and so forth was their own back yard.

—L. Ron Hubbard, *The Study Tapes*, "Study: Evaluation and Information", lecture given on 11 August 1964

Hubbard invokes the "N-word":

You shouldn't be scrubbing the floor on your hands and knees. Get yourself a nigger; that's what they're born for.

—L. Ron Hubbard, in a letter to first wife, Polly Grubb

Hubbard describes the spiritual state of blacks:



Actually, have you ever noticed how a Negro, in particular down south, where they're pretty close to the soil, personifies MEST? The gatepost and the wagon and the whip and anything around there—a hat. They talk to them, you know. "What's a mattuh wi' you hat?"

They imbue them with personality.

—L. Ron Hubbard, Therapy section of *Technique 80* ("Route to Infinity" tapes), Part I, a lecture given on 21 May 1952

You can hear this quote in Hubbard's own voice at [Operation Clambake](#) .

Hubbard disparages other "[colors](#)", too:

Unlike yellow and brown people, the white does not usually believe he can get attention from matter or objects.

...

The white goes further. He often believes he can get attention only from whites and that yellow and brown people's attention is worthless. Thus the yellow and brown races are not very progressive, but, by and large, saner.

—L. Ron Hubbard, *Scientology: The Fundamentals of Thought*, Bridge Publications: Los Angeles, 1997.

Hubbard on [Indians](#):

Now we say there's, well, another place in the world—there's India. Wonderful place — except for its people.

—L. Ron Hubbard, "The Control of Hysteria"

(lecture), 15 April 1957.

Hubbard says that "there's nothing between me and the Arab races at all. As a matter of fact, I like Arabs."

In North Africa they had the Arab with the gun and whip, but he could force people to do things ... and he accomplished a tremendous amount of extermination, but he certainly didn't advance that civilization very much.

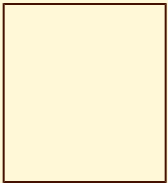
—L. Ron Hubbard, *PAB* No. 119, 1 September 1957, as published in *Level 0 PABS* (c.1968, The American St. Hill Organization)

He's [the Arab] been going crazy steadily and gradually ever since he lost the early very fertile basins of the Middle East. He's been going crazy ever since he failed to learn wheat farming and brought about the erosion of all of the fertile areas of the Middle East.

This race has been going for a very, very long time and has been eating death for a very long time and it is death. ... They have

eaten death too long  
and now they bring  
death to the things  
they touch.

The Arab is to  
a point where  
he won't even  
follow a  
decent leader.  
He's got to  
have a man of blood, a  
man of cruelty,  
exaggeration and  
bigotry. Then he'll  
follow him.



...the Arab is trying to  
be pleased with death  
and murder and mayhem  
and disease and poverty  
and political unrest.

—L. Ron Hubbard, *20th  
Advanced Clinical  
Course*, "Case Analysis—  
Rock Hunting", lecture of  
4 August 1958

Hubbard on Egyptians (and French):

Those small brown men  
who sell their sisters  
on the streets of Cairo  
were once the mighty  
Egyptians.

—L. Ron Hubbard, *Ability*,  
issue 56, October 1957,  
quoted in *Winning* ("News  
Journal of the Office of  
Special Affairs") vol.1,  
iss.3, 1997

Ostensibly there is little antisemitism in  
Hubbard's works, but on the rare mention of  
Jews, he upholds common antisemitic myths.

What's more, he [subscribed to the \*Spotlight newspaper\*](#) published by Willis Carto, "perhaps the most influential professional anti-Semite in the United States" (-Anti-Defamation League).

Hubbard suggests the worldwide conspiracy against him and Scientology can be tracked back to the "[Jewish bankers](#)" who are funding his arch enemy, the World Federation of Mental Health.

Now it's of peculiar interest to an Arab country that there is a company and a certain set of bankers who also finance the World Federation of Mental Health. ...and we see that although the KGB and so forth seems to be associated with the World Federation of Mental Health, their other organization in action seems to go back to Jewish Bankers.

—L. Ron Hubbard, Aides Conference, "Covert Operations", 2 November 1969

Another fairly common antisemitic notion that Hubbard embraces is that an obsession with sex is a natural characteristic of the [Jewish "race"](#).

Furthermore, [Sigmund Freud] had a racial fixation on sex, a fixation sufficiently pronounced to cause it to infect contagiously all modern



European stock.

—L. Ron Hubbard, *PAB No. 92*, "A Critique of Psychoanalysis", 10 July 1956

Hubbard voices concern about the U.S. pulling out of Viet Nam and how ANZO (Australia/New Zealand/Oceania) would stand alone to face the threat of Communism, which, in Hubbard's view, was part of the psychiatric conspiracy to rule (and ruin) the planet. Apparently Hubbard is dismayed at the prospect of an influx of Asians into Scientology in the area, if their attention was diverted from war with the Americans.

This is the only way I know of to keep Anzo from being deluged with Asiatic hordes.

—L. Ron Hubbard, *HCO Information Letter*, "Anzo Supplement", 17 February 1969

Hubbard's opinion of Japanese:

Japanese is a baby talk — very, very hard to read, very, very, easy to talk. ... A very faint kind of language.

—L. Ron Hubbard, *New Slant on Life*, Bridge Publications, 1997.

One of the reasons they [the Japanese] have bad eyesight is probably these microscopic

characters [furigana] which have many lines and strokes to them. ... We wonder why they went mad and bombed Pearl Harbor when they knew they couldn't win. That [the Japanese language] would be a reason.

–L. Ron Hubbard, "The Part Played by the Analytical Mind" (lecture), 19 July 1950 (as quoted by Anthony Roberts in an [a.r.s. post](#))

There is no madder nation than Japan. ... And that nation has the highest rate of suicide, has the highest rate of thick-lens glasses and did the most suicidal trick a few years ago. It's the doggonedest country.



–L. Ron Hubbard, *Perception of Truth*, part 2: "Logics 1-7", a lecture given on 10 November 1952.

Hubbard taught school on Guam for one month when he was a young man. The island's native population, the [Chamorros](#), made an impression upon him:

... gooks ... really more or less savage at heart.

–L. Ron Hubbard, personal diary, June-July 1927

Hubbard regards the Chinese as "subhuman".

When this government  
[Chiang Kaishek's]  
finally fell there was  
no one ready to teach  
the Chinese the human  
way of life.

—L. Ron Hubbard, *The  
Dianetic Auditor's Bulletin*,  
Vol. 2, No. 1, "Education  
and the Auditor", July  
1951

...China, slavishly  
dedicated to ancient  
scholars, incapable of  
generating within  
herself sufficient  
rulers to continue,  
without bloodshed, a  
nation.

—L. Ron Hubbard,  
*Fundamentals of Thought*,  
Chapter "Causation and  
Knowledge", Section  
"Civilization and  
Savagery", page 113-114,  
1997.

You can put these  
things into the hands  
of some Chinese and  
send him to Hong Kong  
and we'll have cleared  
chinks.

—L. Ron Hubbard, *Secrets  
of the MEST Universe*  
(lecture 1), "Methods of  
Research: The Thetan as  
an Energy Unit", 6  
November 1952.

The very nature of the Chinaman holds him back. If his fellow should fall, John thinks it quite proper that he stamp on the underdogs face.

-L. Ron Hubbard, [Ron Letters and Journals](#), "Early Years of Adventure" (Asia Diaries, 1927-1929)

When it comes to the Yellow Races overrunning the world, you may laugh ... [The Chinese] have neither the foresight or endurance to overrun any white country in any way except by intermarriage. One American marine could stand off a great many yellowmen without much effort.



-L. Ron Hubbard, personal journal (Asia Diaries, 1927-1929) as quoted by Russell Miller in [Bare-Faced Messiah](#), page 42.

A Chinaman can not live up to a thing, he always drags it down.

They smell of all the baths they didn't take. The trouble with China

is, there are too many  
chinks here.

–L. Ron Hubbard, [personal  
journal](#) , 1928.

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