

The Cults: Unitarian Universalist Association & Scientology
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The Cults Unitarian Universalist Association

History:

Unitarians – Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1825
Universalists – John Murray, 1793
Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), 1961

UUA Doctrine:

UUA Statement of Purpose, 1985

The living tradition which we share draws from many sources:

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit.
- Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

God – anti-Trinitarian

Jesus – not Messiah; not God Incarnate; not final Judge

Virgin Birth – deny

Christian Creeds – rooted in pagan philosophy or metaphysics

Bible – not definitive source of authority; reason takes precedence over the Bible or creeds

Salvation

Not rescue from sin or redemption through blood of Jesus
Rather, the cultivation of character and the nurture of the human spirit
“God helps those who help themselves”

UUA Facts and Stats:

1,041 congregations

165,000 members

Highly educated membership

Active in many Liberal causes

The Cults Scientology

History:

L. Ron Hubbard (1911-1986)

Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health, 1950

Church of Scientology founded in 1955

David Miscavige (b.1960), 1986 to present

OT III and the Story of Xenu – A Space Opera

Scientology Doctrine:

Mind – 2 parts

1. Analytical – perceives, remembers, and conducts reasoning processes

2. Reactive – records engrams (unconscious bad experiences)

Analytical mind is not aware of engrams

An auditor, using an E-meter, needed to expose them to preclear subject

Subject becomes clear when all engrams have been removed

After becoming clear, may advance to OT (operating thetan) – 9 levels attainable (many \$ involved)

Humanity

We were all once thetans (THAY-tan)

Thetans relinquished godlike powers to enter MEST (matter, energy, space, time)

We evolved and forgot we were once thetans

Auditing can get us back to pre-MEST deity

God

Many gods in the universe – and gods even beyond these gods

Jesus Christ

Not an OT; just a shade above clear

An avatar, but not King of Kings and Lord of Lords

Sin – no such thing as sin or evil

Hell – a myth

Salvation – freedom from rebirth

Heaven – only in the sense of being in the deified state to which we may return (self-actuated)

Scientology Facts and Stats:

8 million world wide

Headquarters in LA and several other places

Scandals:

Operation Snow White

Narconon deaths

France and fraud

Miscavige and alleged beatings