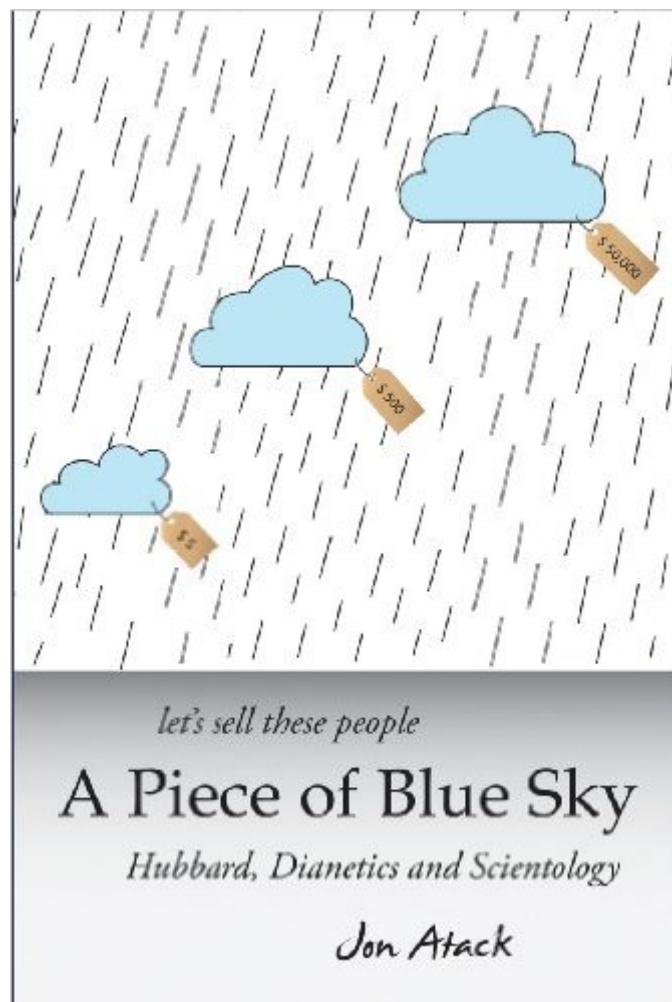


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# Let's Sell These People A Piece Of Blue Sky: Hubbard, Dianetics And Scientology



## Synopsis

Letâ™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 Hubbardâ™s false claims to be a war hero, a nuclear physicist, an explorer and a protÃ©gÃ© of Eastern gurus, and showing the true malevolence of Scientology. âœInvaluable for its history and insight into the character of its founder, L. Ron Hubbard.â • Lawrence Wright, *Going Clear: Scientology, Hollywood, & the Prison of Belief* âœIf you only have time to read one book about L. Ron Hubbard and Scientology, this landmark work is the one.â • Miles C. Ferguson âœThis is the best book I have read about Scientology.â • Steve Cannane, ABC Lateline, Australia âœA 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 Atackâ™s book.â • Christian Szurko, DialogCentre UK âœSince 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 âœHubbard.â™â • Steven Hassan, author *Freedom of Mind* âœWhen 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.â • Michael Pattinson, ex-OT 8. âœAs 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.â • Denise Brennan, former Watchdog Committee Member âœThroughout my professional life, I have seen so many victims of poisonous ideologies from communism and scientology to Saddam Husseinâ™s âœreturn to faithâ • and Al Qaedaâ™s âœmartyrdomâ •. In my attempts to help those sufferers, I applied a lesson learned from Jon Atackâ™s writings that freedom cannot be delivered, granted, or enforced. The true and complete freedom comes only with the freedom of mind and Jon Atackâ™s book is the best guide for all who want to achieve that freedom.â • Professor Khapta Akhmedova, expert on terrorism âœHonestly written, amazingly accurate, and beautifully assembled, which is why it stood the test.â • Gerry Armstrong, former Hubbard aide âœThis book is fascinating.... and fresh. I've read every expose and this one is on the top of my list.â • Paulette Cooper, author *The Scandal of Scientology* âœA 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 œAll future scholarship on Scientology will build upon his contribution.â • Professor Stephen Kent â œWhen 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 œAtackâ ™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 œThis 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 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 exposÃ© was published in a different, more dangerous time, and he was persecuted for it. It's a comprehensive history and a gripping read.

First a declaration of interest: Jon Atack is a friend and colleague and he was good enough to mention me in the acknowledgments to the 2013 edition. A Piece of Blue Sky is the foundation stone for any serious work on Scientology, the measure by which future books should be measured -- and he set the mark high. The original book was formidably well researched and documented and the new edition makes those foundations even more solid. In answer to a previous poster's questions: the new, unexpurgated edition contains 60 passages cut from the original version by his US publishers because of the vagaries of US copyright law at the time (since revised). They include passages from Hubbard's teenage diaries, from the usual bragadoccio to racist remarks about "the natives", which Atack was forced to omit the first time around. But there are also more extensive quotes from the Affirmations, a highly compromising document Hubbard addressed to himself, a kind of self-help manual, that exposes his innermost fears and darkest desires. You will also find: a letter to a colleague about how best to make money from the e-meter, the device used in Scientology auditing; extracts from documents showing the increasingly authoritarian direction he took Scientology in the 1960s; a cold-blooded official memo on the 1971 death of Susan Meister; a mid-70s memo to the Guardians Office showing that he was still very much in charge despite official claims to the contrary (and that he wanted to go to war with the IRS); and more... If there are fewer pages, it is because the print-size is smaller, my one quibble with the new edition. The endorsements for Blue Sky at the front of the new edition come from many of the leading specialists in the field. Jonny Jacobsen

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 â "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.

The new edition of Jon Atack's book is timely and important as it provides the insider's analysis of Scientology in the way that none of the cult experts could do. The book offers an informational approach that stimulates critical thinking in order to overcome the indoctrinated ideology. Jon Atack's experience in Scientology is very valuable as he presents it with courageous honesty, which is quite rare. The new edition's amazing cover design expresses a true goal of Scientology in such a simple and impressive manner.

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