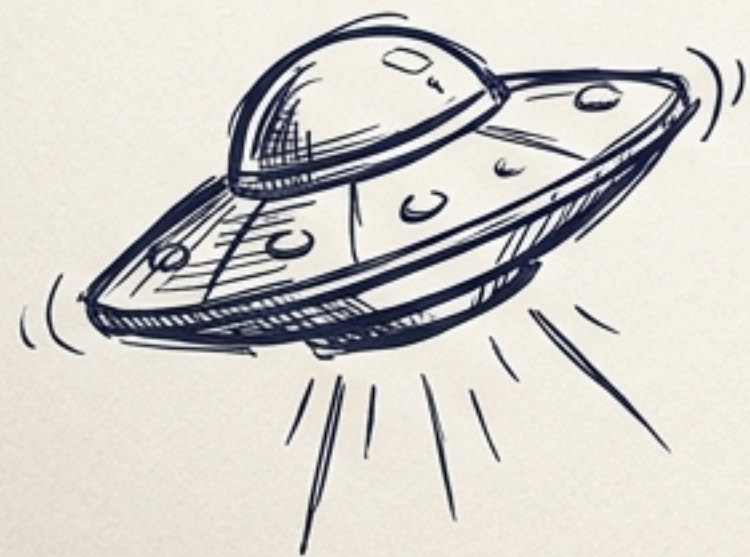




Scientology: From Sci-Fi Novel to Controversial Empire

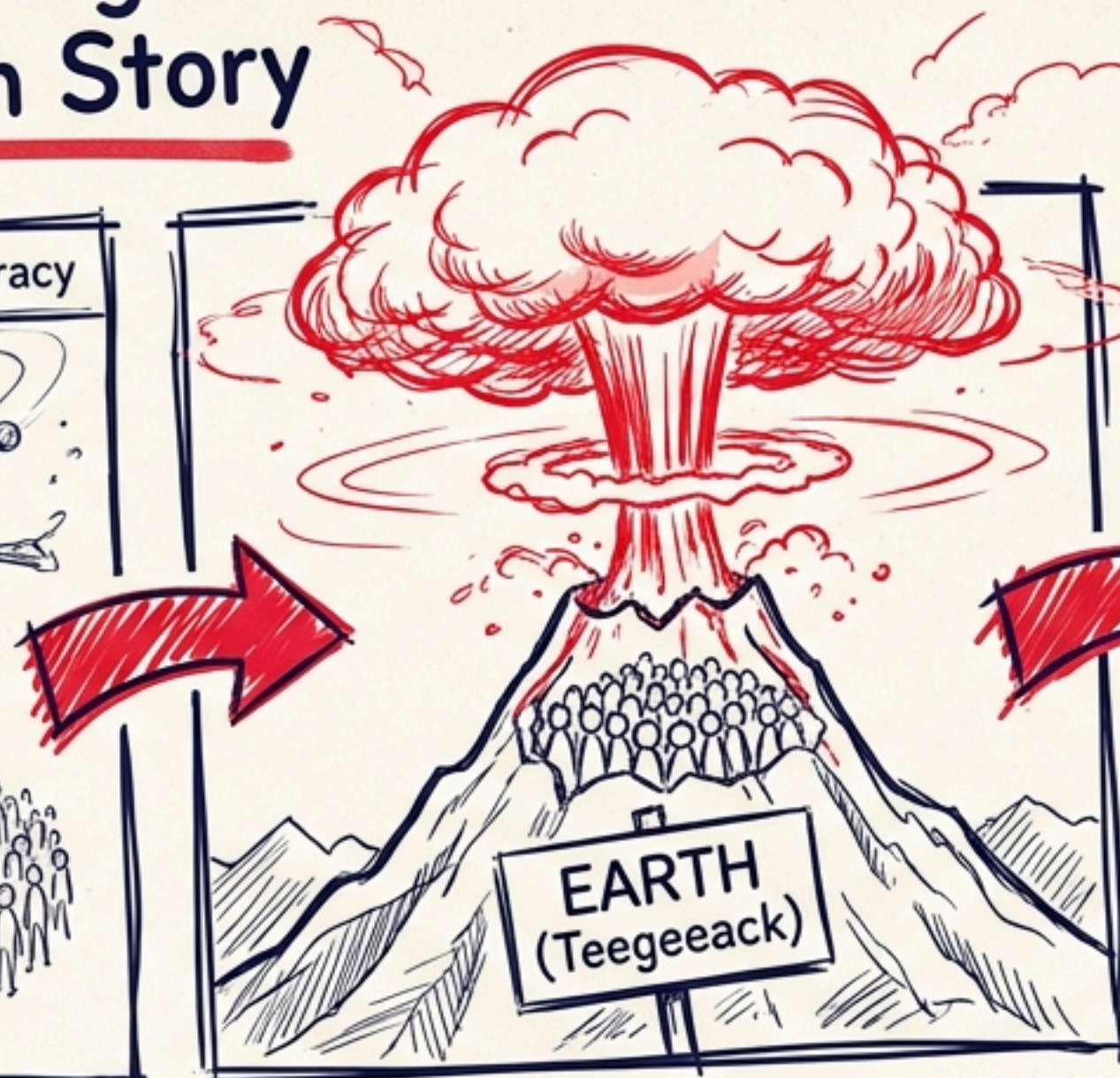


A multi-billion-dollar empire, shrouded in secrecy, drowning in lawsuits, and at war with the U.S. government.

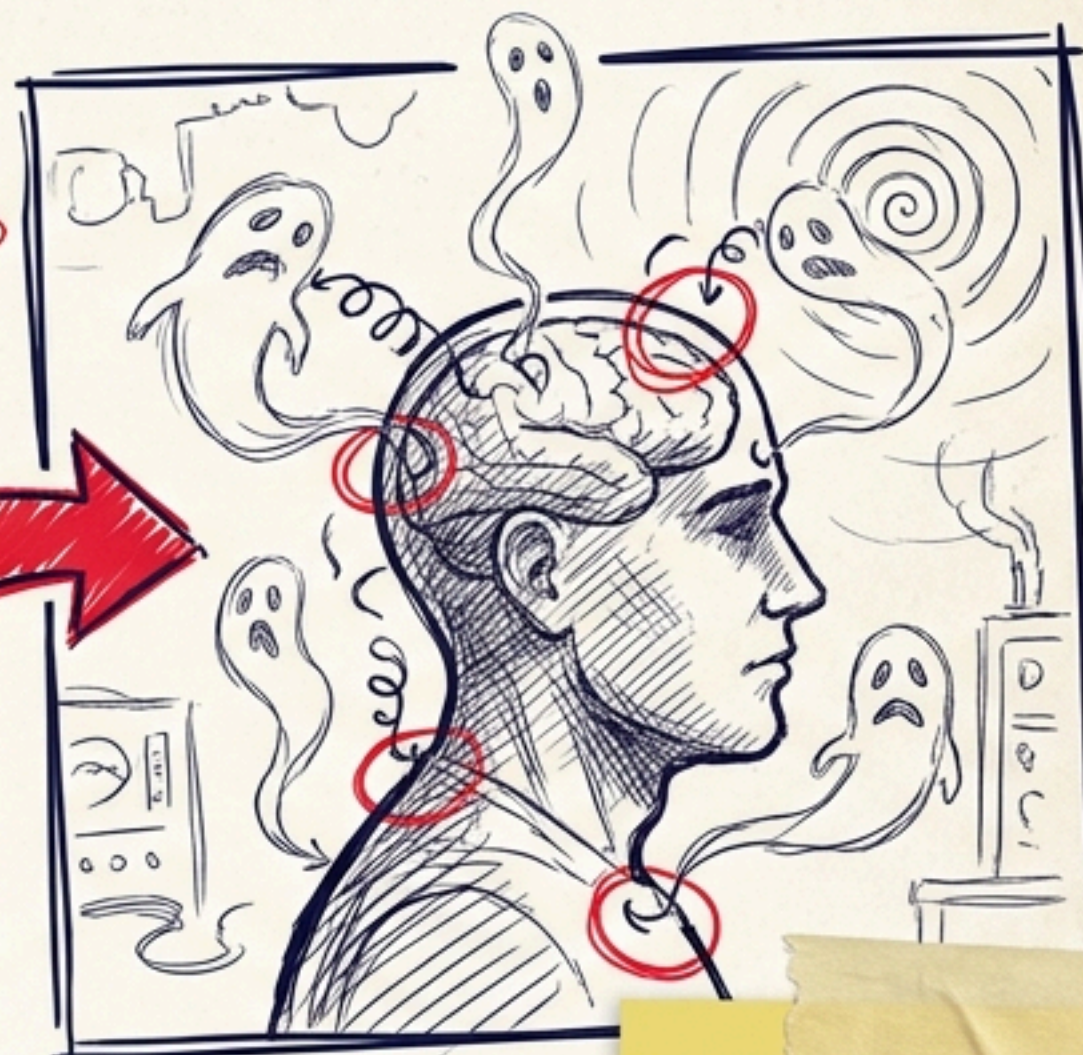
75 Million Years Ago: The Secret Origin Story



Xenu brings billions of people to Earth.



Stacks them inside volcanoes and drops hydrogen bombs.



Disembodied souls are captured, brainwashed, and forced to attach to human bodies.

Plot of a B-movie?
NO. Literal,
factual history
found in classified
"OT III" upper-level

The Architect: From Pulp Sci-Fi to Prophet

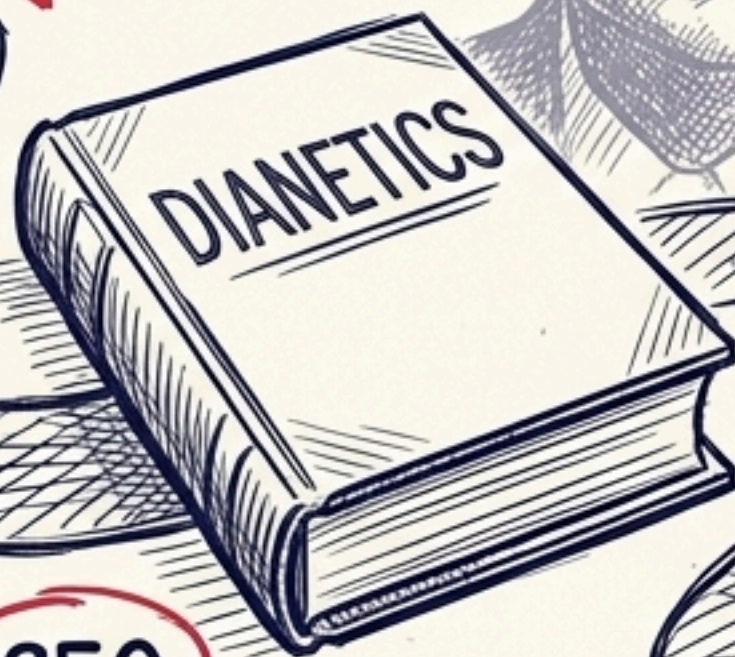
1940s



L. Ron Hubbard is a highly prolific pulp sci-fi writer (space operas & galactic empires).

1950

Publishes *Dianetics*. Claims humans are trapped souls. Massive commercial success.



1954

Officially founds the Church of Scientology. "The fastest-growing religion in the world."

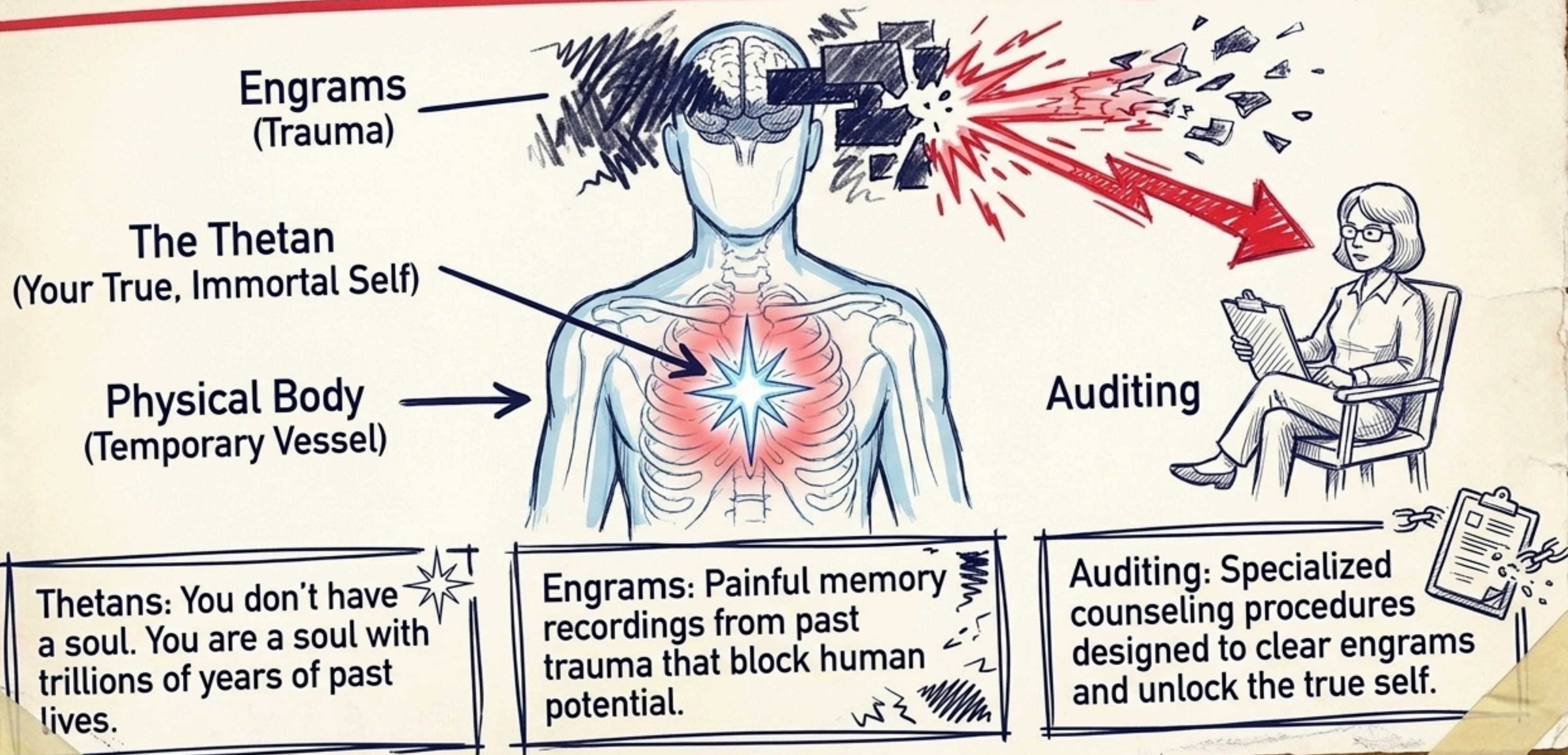


"If you want to get rich, you start a religion."

DISPUTED!

(Critics argue this reflects how the church operates today)

Core Anatomy: Souls, Trauma, and Auditing



The Parasite Problem: Body Thetans

Your current problems aren't just your own. They belong to the victims of Xenu.

Depression?

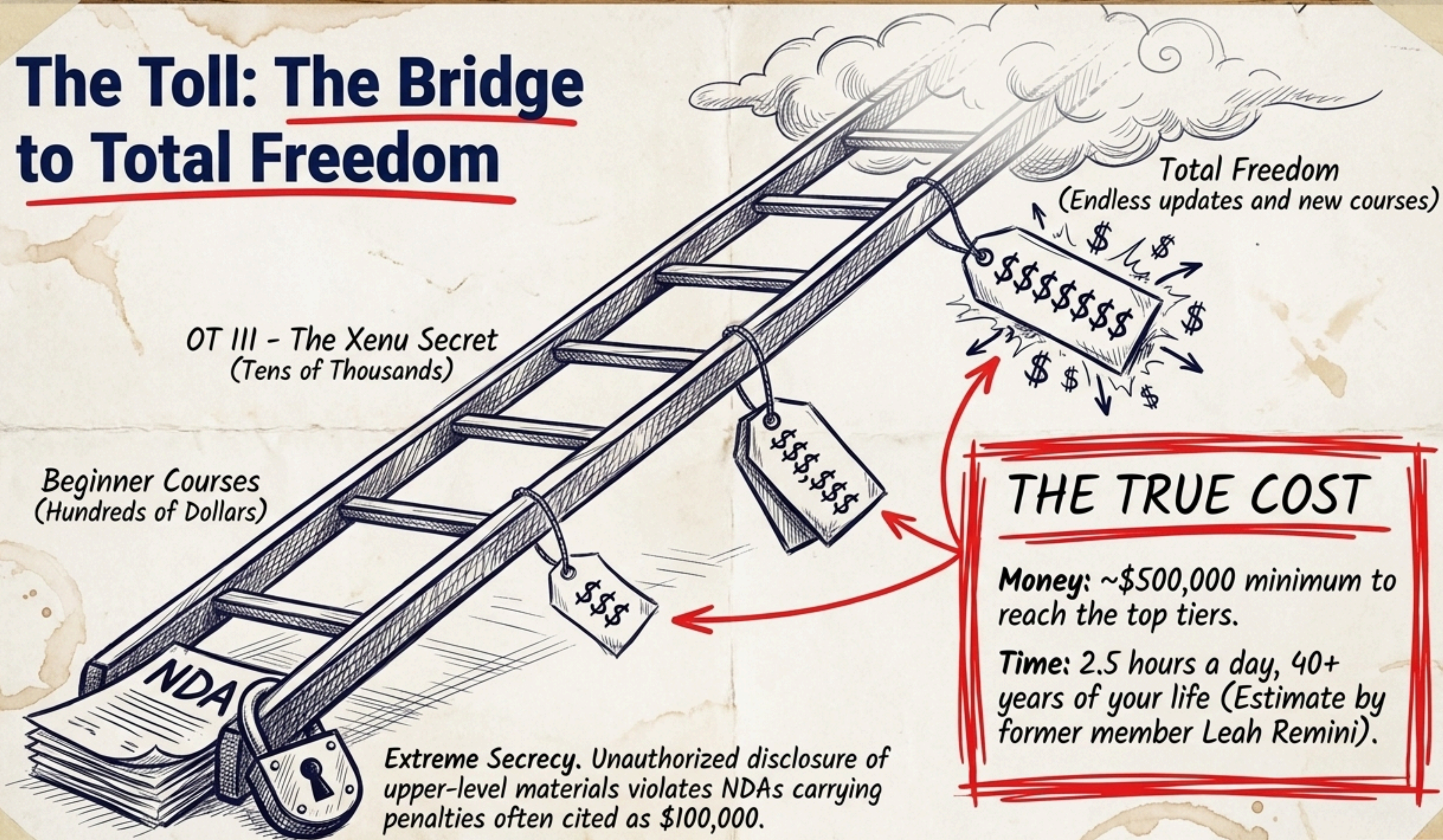
Anxiety?

Bad Breakup?

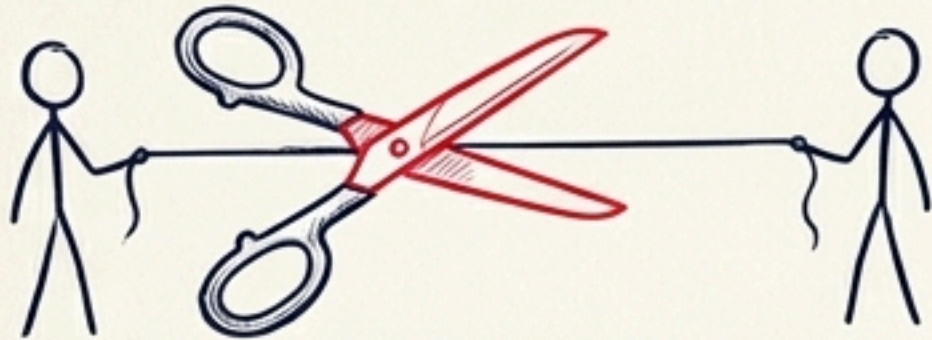


According to advanced teachings, the souls of those blown up in volcanoes 75 million years ago act as spiritual parasites. Members believe these 'Body Thetans' must be identified and released through highly expensive, upper-level procedures.

The Toll: The Bridge to Total Freedom



The Internal Machinery of Control



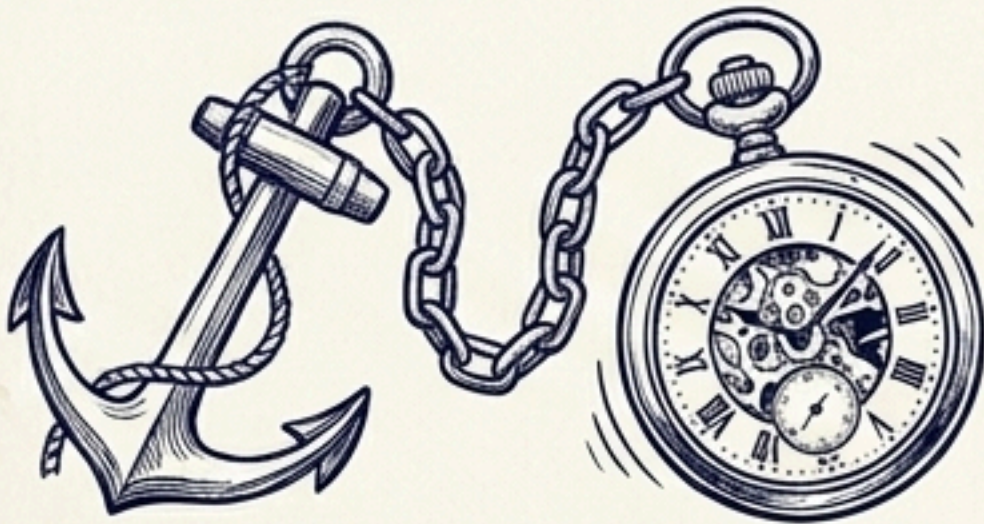
Disconnection.

Forced policy to cut all ties with any "Suppressive Person"—including family members who choose to leave or criticize the church.



Fair Game.

Policy stating enemies may be "deprived of property... tricked, sued, or lied to or destroyed." (Officially canceled in 1968, but critics argue the harassment continues).



The Sea Org.

The church's elite, monastic workforce. (Detailed on next page).

Sea Org



Where is Shelly Miscavige?

The wife of church leader David Miscavige. Unseen publicly since 2007. Church claims she is doing private work; critics remain unconvinced.

Critics

The Billion-Year Contract

Duration: Reflects belief in reincarnation and eternal commitment.

SEA ORG CONTRACT

1,000,000,000 Years

Hours: 14 to 16 hours a day, 7 days a week.

14 to 16 hours/day

Compensation: Sometimes less than \$50 a week (plus food and lodging).

< \$50/week

Critics allege: Exploitation, forced labor, and abuse.

The Church says: It is a voluntary religious order dedicated to serving humanity, strongly disputing all abuse claims.

War on the Government: Operation Snow White

- **The Operation:** In the 1970s, thousands of operatives orchestrated one of the largest infiltrations of the U.S. government in history to purge unfavorable criminal records.
- **The Targets:** Over 130 government agencies, embassies, and consulates.
- **The Methods:** Stolen documents, planted bugs, and covert operations.
- **The Fallout:** In 1979, 11 senior officials—including L. Ron Hubbard's wife, Mary Sue—were convicted of federal crimes and sent to prison.

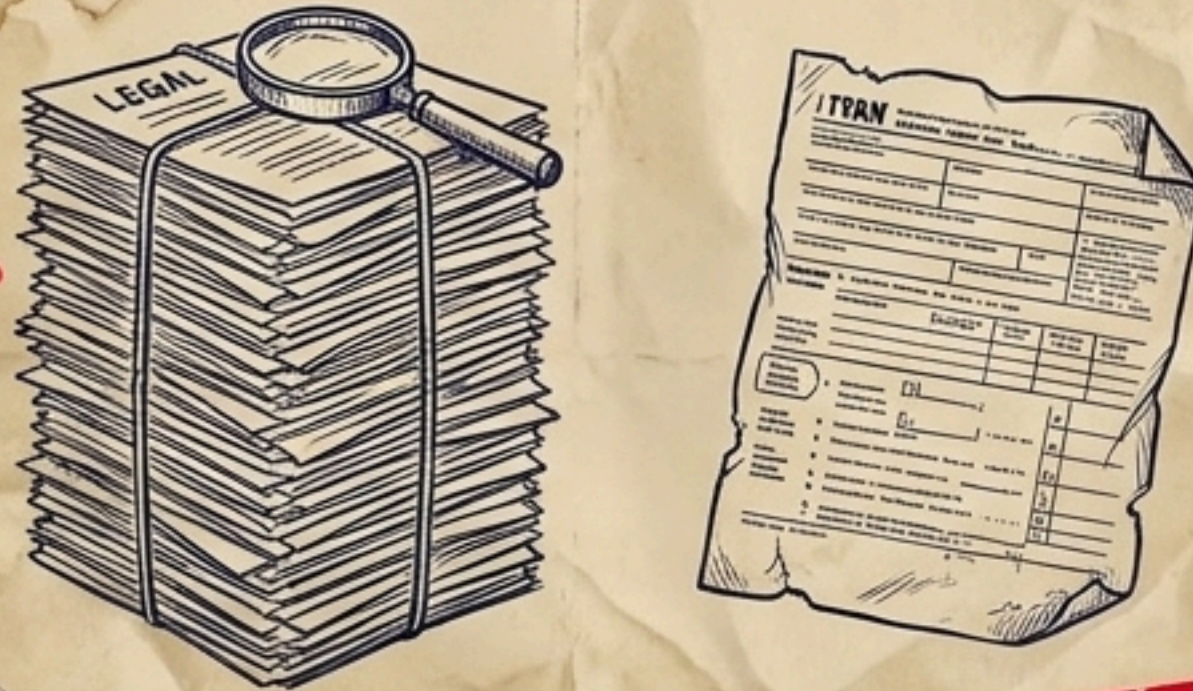


The IRS Battle & Legitimization

- The Conflict: The IRS denied tax-exempt status for decades, arguing the church was a commercial enterprise.

- The Tactics: The church filed hundreds of lawsuits. Government officials claim the church hired Private Investigators to dig up dirt on the personal lives of IRS agents.

SCIENTOLOGY vs. THE I.R.S.

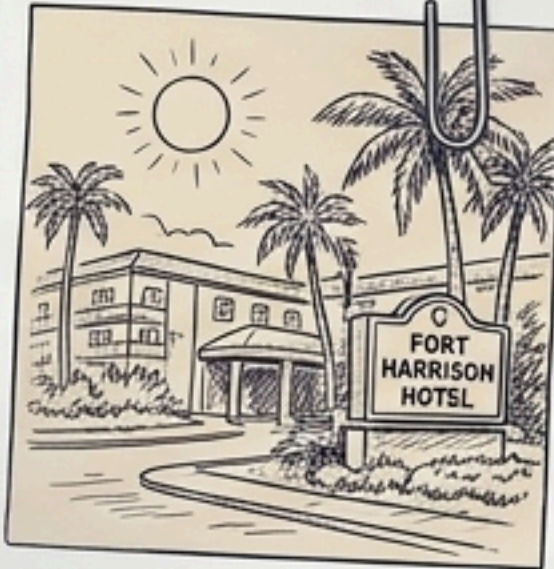


- The Turning Point: In 1993, the IRS abruptly caved and granted full tax-exempt status. Critics view this as the moment the empire was fully legitimized by the U.S. government.

**1993: TAX EXEMPT
(DETAILS OF SETTLEMENT SEALED)**

The Legal Nightmares

The Tragic Death



Mania Case File 1

Lisa McPherson (1995)

Checked into the Fort Harrison Hotel in Clearwater for a "brief stay." Died 17 days later from severe dehydration and a pulmonary embolism. Civil lawsuit settled without admission of wrongdoing.

The Criminal Conviction



Mania Case File 2

Danny Masterson (2023)

Sentenced to 30 years to life for sexual assault. Victims testified that church officials discouraged them from reporting to the police.

The Whistle-blower



Mania Case File 3

Leah Remini (2023)

30-year devout member turned critic. Won an Emmy for her documentary series. Filed a lawsuit alleging years of harassment, surveillance, and defamation.

Several former members have also filed ongoing lawsuits alleging human trafficking and forced labor. The Church strongly denies all allegations.



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The Internet Fights Back: The 2025 Speedrun



- The Trend: On March 31, 2025, a creator posted a video running through an L.A. Scientology building to see how far they could get before being escorted out.
- The Escalation: A digital prank instantly sparked global, real-world chaos.
- Sydney, Australia: 100 young people gathered, resulting in a clash with riot police and two arrests.
- Clearwater, Florida: A 19-year-old was arrested after shattering the front glass with a BB gun.

OVER 90 MILLION VIEWS!

Diagnostic Matrix: Religion or High-Control Cult?

	The Church Claims (Supporters) ✓	Critics Argue (Detractors) ⚠
Purpose	A genuine path to achieve <u>spiritual freedom</u> and <u>overcome</u> past-life trauma.	A <u>commercial enterprise</u> disguised as a faith to secure <u>tax exemptions</u> .
Finances	Millions donated to disaster relief and global humanitarian efforts.	<u>Extreme financial pressure</u> (up to <u>\$500k</u>) to access guarded secrets.
Labor - Sea Org	A <u>voluntary</u> , dedicated <u>religious order</u> serving humanity.	<u>Exploitation</u> , <u>forced labor</u> , and human trafficking allegations.
Exit Rules	Focus is strictly on <u>personal growth</u> and <u>self-improvement</u> .	<u>Systematic control</u> through <u>Disconnection</u> and <u>Fair Game</u> harassment.

The Final Tally

- \$500,000: Estimated cost to reach the top of the Bridge.
- 40+ Years: Time commitment required.
- 130+: U.S. Government agencies infiltrated by operatives.
- 1993: The year the IRS abruptly caved and granted tax-exemption.
- \$10 Billion: Estimated value of global real estate assets.
- 75 Million: The age of the alien dictator story guarded at the very top.

A fascinating case study of how belief, money, and celebrity culture can merge into a global powerhouse.