

FOREWORD

The work contained in this book is the result of 25 years' investigation of electronics as they apply to knowledge and human thinking by L. Ron Hubbard.

In his youth, Hubbard had the good fortune to know Commander Thompson (M), U.S.N., who had studied with Sigmund Freud in Vienna. Stimulated by Freud's investigatory spirit and by the encouragement of the late Commander Thompson, and equipped with considerable personal experience in the Orient with phenomena not generally known in the Western World, Hubbard bent the exactitudes of Occidental engineering to the investigation and practical application of such data to the human mind.

His studies of the subject were extremely broad and varied. They included such things as expeditions to investigate the ethnology of twelve widely-separated primitive cultures, an intensive survey of the endocrine system, the study of early writers and philosophers on the subject of mankind and epistemology, also the direct study of his forte, nuclear physics, as it might be found to apply to the human intellect.

In addition to Sigmund Freud and Commander Thompson, he has credited the following persons as source material:

Anaxagoras	Thomas Jefferson
Aristotle	Jesus of Nazareth
Roger Bacon	Count Alfred Korzybski
Buddha	James Clerk Maxwell
Charcot	Mohammed
Confucius	Lao Tze
Rene Descartes	Van Leeuwenhoek
Will Durant	Lucretius
Euclid	Isaac Newton
Michael Faraday	Thomas Paine
William James	Plato
Socrates	The Vedic Hymns
Herbert Spencer	Voltaire

L. Ron Hubbard's work has excited interest and comment throughout the world, and its more elementary forms are today taught in at least two leading universities. Some of his earlier discoveries have become accepted fact by the medical profession and his methodology is now in use in several institutions.

Some think of his work as the only significant enlargement of the field of the mind since Freud's papers in the late 19th century; others think of it as the Western world's first workable organization of Eastern philosophy. It has been called by two of the leading writers in America: "The most significant advance of mankind in the 20th century."

Many lay writers have sensationalized these developments in the extreme, and others have levelled against this work the bitterest of condemnations: whether bad or good, no development in the field of the mind for many centuries has excited as much interest.

L. Ron Hubbard is himself a man of considerable energy and of extremely wide interests. He has written fiction under many of his pen-names; and, indeed, financed and supported his own investigations (which have cost in the hundreds of thousands of dollars) with his own pen. His interests do not lie in the field of practice but in the field of continued investigation.

Probably no philosopher of modern times has had the popularity and appeal of Hubbard or such startling successes within his own lifetime. And mankind has had no better friend.

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