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WHAT IS DIANETICS?

Dianetics is that branch of Scientology which treats of mental anatomy. The science of Scientology is a broad, well-articulated science, in the full meaning of the word, which covers the mind, spirit, livingness and beingness of Man. Scientology is the first and only Anglo-American development in the field of the human mind.

All earlier mental sciences, and certainly those in use today in Western universities, were developed in Germany, Austria and Russia and are the work of Wundt, Freud and Pavlov. These developments have, some time since, been overreached by the progress Scientology has made in handling problems of the mind. Only Scientology can undo the various problems and difficulties posed by the Eastern sciences.

Dianetics is a part of Scientology and is addressed to mental anatomy. In Dianetics we find the mental image picture discovered and described in its entirety for the first time in human history. In the book *Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health* we have the first written work in English which dealt with these mental image pictures. Many startling and controversial discoveries were made, but over the years the majority of these have been confirmed and accepted by medical and spiritual sciences. Scientology covers livingness as a complete subject. Dianetics covers only that part of livingness which applies immediately and directly to the human mind.

Science of Survival is the second book on Dianetics. The first book, *Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health*, burst upon the Western world with great impact and has at this time sold more than a quarter of a million copies and is still selling. *Science of Survival* is a further address to this subject of mental anatomy.

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