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**SCIENTOLOGY FOUNDER L. RON HUBBARD
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATED WITH RELEASE OF
COMPLETE BIOGRAPHICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA**

Crowning a yearlong Centennial Celebration of Scientology Founder L. Ron Hubbard, the Church of Scientology released the monumental, 16-volume complete biographical encyclopedia, *The L. Ron Hubbard Series*. The series was presented before an audience of 6,500 Scientologists gathered in Clearwater, Florida, for the annual celebration of Mr. Hubbard's birthday.

The L. Ron Hubbard Series provides the first definitive, in-depth account of the man who founded the only new major religion to emerge in the modern age.

In total, the work stands at more than 3,600 pages and chronicles Mr. Hubbard's extraordinary life and enduring legacy as drawn from his extensive personal archives, including never before published correspondence, journals and essays.

It has often been said Mr. Hubbard lived 20 lives in the span of one and this series bears out that fact in extraordinary detail. The first volume, *L. Ron Hubbard: A Profile*, serves as an all-encompassing introduction to the biographical series, presenting a complete and elucidating chronology of his life. Included are crucial details from his early years, wherein he distinguishes himself at age 13 as the nation's youngest Eagle Scout and begins a lifelong study of the human condition under the tutelage of a student of Sigmund Freud. There is more as a young L. Ron Hubbard embarks on his famed travels through Asia, where he becomes one of the few Westerners to enter forbidden Tibetan lamaseries. The chronology further follows Mr. Hubbard as a leader of expeditions and member of the prestigious Explorers Club. With the same attention to detail, readers are further presented all pertinent facts from his trail of discovery in Dianetics and Scientology and his subsequent codification of an exact route along which individuals can ascend to higher states of awareness.

L. Ron Hubbard: A Profile additionally provides an overview of Mr. Hubbard's humanitarian achievements: as an educator whose learning and literacy tools are presently utilized by hundreds of thousands of educators world over; as the architect of a drug rehabilitation program

credited with saving tens of thousands; as the man who inspired a criminal reform program at work across 25 nations; and as the author of a moral code translated into 106 languages with upwards of 100 million copies in circulation.

Successive volumes in the series illuminate Mr. Hubbard's accomplishments in well over a dozen professions. As but one example, *Writer: The Shaping of Popular Fiction*, traces Mr. Hubbard's legendary 50-year literary career as a leading light of popular fiction and author of such landmark bestsellers as *Battlefield Earth* and the *Mission Earth* series. The companion volume, *Literary Correspondence*, provides insight into a celebrated career through his extensive collection of letters, including those addressed to legendary colleagues of the Great American Pulp Fiction movement.

The entire series is richly illustrated with more than 1,000 photographs from the L. Ron Hubbard archives—including both images of Mr. Hubbard and those taken by him.

Hundreds of photographs presented were never previously published for the fact that many date back a century and naturally deteriorated over time. Accordingly, the photographs throughout *The L. Ron Hubbard Series* are themselves the culmination of a massive restoration project. The process involved digitally scanning century-old photographs and negatives at resolutions even beyond those employed by the Library of Congress and the National Archives. Teams of specialists then meticulously restored every photograph pixel by pixel,

removing dust, scratches, cracks and other imperfections. In all, the task demanded better than 10,000 man hours to complete. The resultant restored photographs, otherwise lost, are now presented for the first time in extraordinary clarity and detail.

Released along with *The L. Ron Hubbard Series* is an exclusive companion book entitled *Images of a Lifetime*. This 400-page, large format volume is a photographic biography, portraying the intimate story of Mr. Hubbard's life through more than 500 images hand-picked from the archives and accompanying detailed anecdotal captions.

The L. Ron Hubbard Series and *Images of a Lifetime* are available in 15 translated languages.

Titles in *The L. Ron Hubbard Series* include:

L. RON HUBBARD: A PROFILE

HUMANITARIAN: EDUCATION, LITERACY & CIVILIZATION

HUMANITARIAN: REHABILITATING A DRUGGED SOCIETY

HUMANITARIAN: RESTORING HONOR & SELF-RESPECT

FREEDOM FIGHTER: ARTICLES & ESSAYS

PHILOSOPHER & FOUNDER: REDISCOVERY OF THE HUMAN SOUL

DIANETICS: LETTERS & JOURNALS

ADVENTURER/EXPLORER: DARING DEEDS & UNKNOWN REALMS

EARLY YEARS OF ADVENTURE: LETTERS & JOURNALS

WRITER: THE SHAPING OF POPULAR FICTION

LITERARY CORRESPONDENCE: LETTERS & JOURNALS

MUSIC MAKER: COMPOSER & PERFORMER

POET/LYRICIST: THE AESTHETICS OF VERSE

PHOTOGRAPHER: WRITING WITH LIGHT

HORTICULTURE: FOR A GREENER WORLD

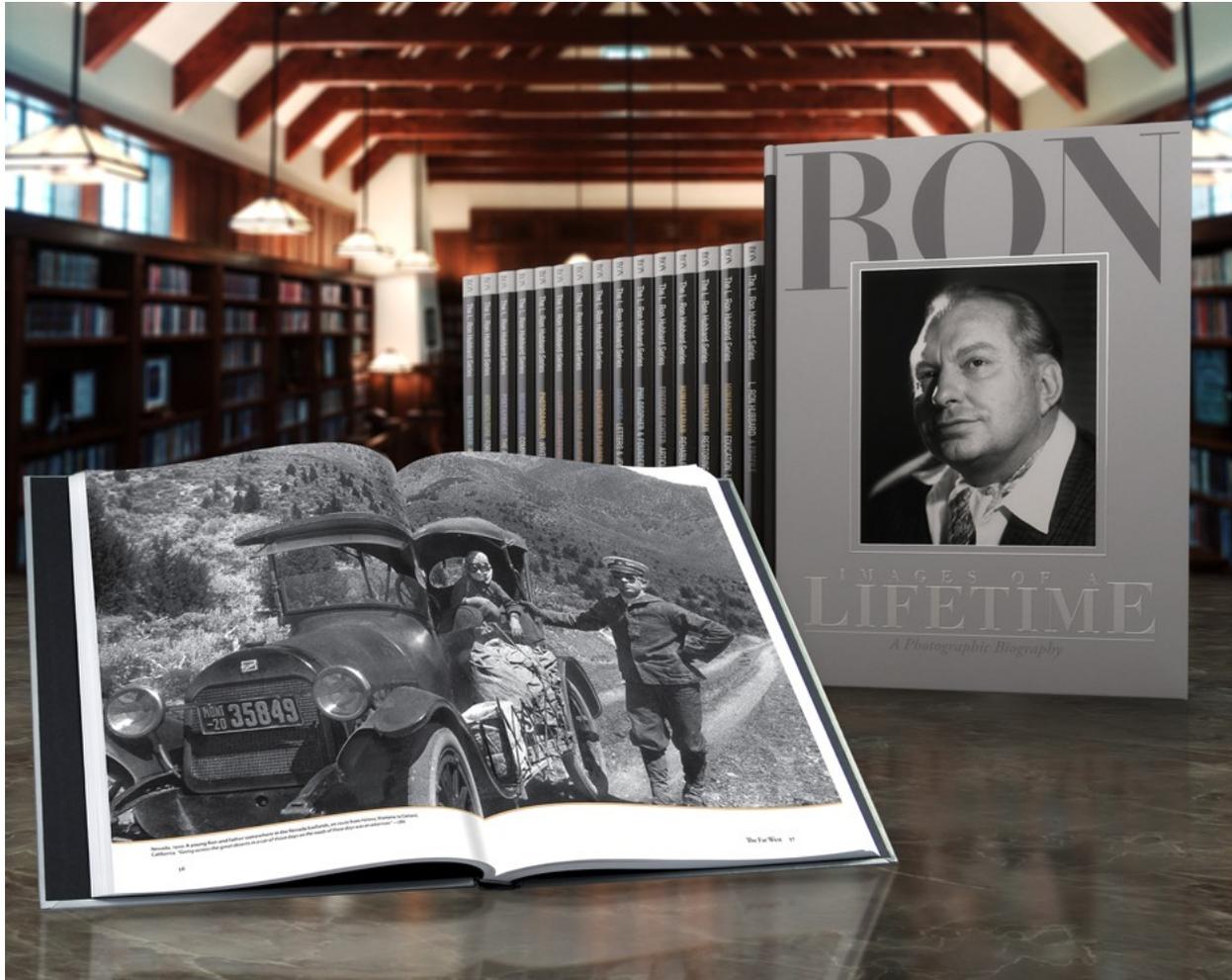
MASTER MARINER: AT THE HELM ACROSS SEVEN SEAS

The Scientology religion was founded by author and philosopher L. Ron Hubbard. The first Church of Scientology was formed in the United States in 1954 and has today expanded to more than 10,000 Churches, Missions and affiliated groups, with millions of members in 167 countries.

✧ For more information on L. Ron Hubbard, visit ironhubbard.org



The L. Ron Hubbard Series is the complete biographical encyclopedia chronicling the life and legacy of the Founder of Scientology. The 3,600-page series, along with the companion photographic biography *Images of a Lifetime*, are drawn from Mr. Hubbard's extensive personal archives of letters, journals, essays and photographs.



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