

DIANETICS: THE MODERN SCIENCE OF MENTAL HEALTH

A Handbook of Dianetic Therapy

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"The trail is blazed, the routes are sufficiently mapped for you to voyage in safety into your own mind and recover there your full inherent potential, which is not, we now know, low but very, very high."

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Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health is today the best book extant on the anatomy of the human mind. There is no such thing as a good Dianetics or Scientology auditor who does not thoroughly understand the contents of this book.

The book was written by Ron at Bay Head, New Jersey, in early 1950, based on the Dianetics technology in use that January. Since 1947 every effort had been made to put the data of Dianetics into the hands of the medical profession. *Dianetics: The Original Thesis* had been "written for and distributed to the major organizations who control healing in the United States. Yet each had shrugged off any responsibility in the matter. The direction to go, then, was not down simply because those 'in charge of healing' could not find value in Dianetics. The direction to go was out and up. Dianetics was broadly released to the general public." —LRH, "The Road Up," *Journal of Scientology*, Issue 26-G.

One of the largest psychiatric textbook

publishers offered to publish a popular text, but the editor demanded an immediate manuscript or none at all. The editor got the manuscript—180,000 words' worth. The book was published in New York on 9 May 1950 and instantly climbed to the top of the bestseller lists across the country—where it stayed for many months. And now, years later, it still continues to feature on bestseller lists.

As an organized scientific approach to life, *Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health* is without precedent; indeed, it has been hailed as one of the ultimate achievements in the history of mankind. World response to the book has typically been expressed in terms such as those of an early *New York Times* review:

"As with all great books, the impact of *Dianetics* means the world will never be the same again. History has become a race between Dianetics and catastrophe. Dianetics will win if enough people are challenged, in time, to understand it."