

# DIANETICS: The Evolution of a Science

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**Dianetics: The Evolution of a Science**, written by L. Ron Hubbard as a book-length feature for the May issue (June issue in England) of *Astounding Science Fiction*, is the fast-moving story of how Ron brought Dianetics into existence.

Presenting the mind as a problem analogous to computing machinery, Ron then resolves the most fundamental problems of research and, in a racy, breathless style, goes flat out to resolve basic human difficulties.

It is written with brilliance and enthusiasm and is actually in itself a breakdown of how problems should be solved. It is exciting reading, and the reader will be struck by the fact that techniques which appeared at the end of 1951 (such as emphasis on self-determinism) are very solidly covered in this book, which was written in January 1950.

It was first published in *Astounding Science Fiction* because, strangely enough, this magazine was read by practically every engineer and university professor in America, and was the one journal which uniformly reached all American universities. Many of its writers were engineers of note.

First appearing on the newsstands in late April it received a startlingly immediate and wide response from scientists, engineers and the general public, and triggered an avalanche of orders for and interest in *Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health*.

*Dianetics: The Evolution of a Science* was published in the United States in a soft-cover book edition in September 1955 with several terms changed to current usage.' For example, the term *engram* was substituted for *norn* ( Norse: a hidden witch which guides Man's fate all unknown to him). The first British book edition appeared some weeks later under the title *Scientology: The Evolution of a Science*, and retained the original terms.

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