

Denomination	Unitarian Universalist	Church of Christ, Scientist (Christian Science)	Scientology
History	Unitarians & Universalists joined to form this denomination in 1961; although both have roots going back to the 1500s.	Founded in 1878 by Mary Bakker Eddy	Founded in 1954 by science fiction author L. Ron Hubbard
Polity/Governance	Congregational	Congregational	CEO?
Authority	None, although it is possible that each congregation contributes ideas.	The Bible, but it can only be correctly interpreted alongside “The Scientific System of Diving Healing” (book by Mary Bakker Eddy)	“Dianetics” (book by L. Ron Hubbard)
Beliefs & Practices	Denies the Trinity as well as the deity of Christ. Heaven, hell, and even the existence of sin and any morality is relative at best or optional. <i>“No minister, member, or congregation shall be required to subscribe to any particular interpretation of religion, or to any particular religious belief or creed.”</i>	The “science” of Christian Science is spiritual healing. Jesus is the perfect Christian Science practitioner. They distinguish between “Jesus” & “Christ”. Christian Scientists deny the Trinity and replace the person of the Holy Spirit with “divine Science”. Matter and sin are illusions. <i>“Spiritual understanding casts out evil as unreal.”</i>	No clear definition of the nature or person of God. References to a Supreme Being are rare in Scientology literature, calling it the “eight dynamic” or “infinity.” The Supreme Being is defined in vague, pantheistic terms as embracing the “allness of all.”
Salvation	Good luck.	<i>Salvation is individually attained. None can obtain it through the efforts of another or others. That salvation is available to all, each one can prove for himself as he awakens more and more to the realization of God's nature, for no one is excluded from the kingdom of God.</i>	Engrams are stored in one’s “reactive mind” and learned from one’s past lives, prenatal experience, and early childhood. These prevent individuals from realizing their innate divinity and experiencing a happy and fulfilled life using their analytical minds.
Facts	Unitarian Universalist congregations are typically champions of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Racial diversity • Cultural diversity • Inner city ministries • LGBTQ+ rights • Social change • Political activism (as long as it aligns with the other points stated above) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refuse medical treatment • Vast majority of practitioners are women • Known for their “reading rooms” & newspaper “Christian Science Monitor” 	Engrams are removed from the mind only by an expensive process of dianetic counseling. This process, called “auditing,” involves the utilization of an “E-meter” that supposedly indicates when a person has discovered an engram and helps the client expunge it from his or her unconscious reactive mind in order to achieve “Clear.” A person who has attained Clear may need further auditing to remove engrams held over from previous lives. Auditing sessions may cost as much as \$1,000 per hour.