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Will the galactic fate of Earth be determined by a Mafia family run by a six-foot-six former Roxy chorus girl?

Can Voltarian fleet officer Jettero Heller accomplish his secret mission while living at the posh Gracious Palms whorehouse across the street from the United Nations?

Is a nature appreciation class at a New York university really the way to stop the devastation planned by the 110-planet Voltarian confederacy?

What does a bubble bath, a NATO task force off the shores of Manhattan, Rudolf Valentino, James Cagney, a Turkish belly dancer, Connecticut deputy sheriffs, the last surviving member of Hitler's general staff and a Long Island demolition derby have to do with the survival of Earth?

How does a planet get itself into such a ridiculous predicament?

Earth is in the path of conquest of the most powerful empire in the Galaxy. Combat engineer Heller has been sent to secretly arrest the pollution to make the planet inhabitable for the coming Voltarian invaders.

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Denis says

Take all ten of these books and boil 'em down all night... no, leave it on the burner for a whole week. Reduce it too a thick dense sticky sauce. And still, this will have very little flavour.

There was the seed of a decent parody in there within the first two books then the joke was over. The joke became, "...let's make it ten books, just so we could call it a "dekalogy".

David Sarkies says

Hubbard has a big problem with psychiatrists

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When we are dealing with a series of ten novels, particularly a series that was read so long ago, the entire series seems to morph into a single book that I can vaguely remember. Some people seemed to have liked these books but most of the readers that have commented on them have indicated otherwise. I have never really been a big fan of such long running series, though the only other one I read was The Wheel of Time, which I gave up on once I reached the seventh book. However, unlike Robert Jordan, it seems that Hubbard had originally set out to write ten books in his series whereas Jordan had an idea but the idea did not seem to be all that well constructed which resulted in his series becoming bogged down in detail, and then he died.

I won't go too far into discussing such problems here but I would like discuss psychology and the professions in general. I say that because Hubbard does have some serious problems with psychology, psychiatry, and marketing. I will leave marketing for now as there is a lot to be said about this discipline, but I will suggest that I can see the connection, despite me believing that the connection is a little tenuous.

The problem I think is that there is a belief that these three particular professions are manipulative and work to make us become confirmed to society: Psychology through behavioural training and psychiatry through the use of drugs. Granted, these two professions seek to assist people integrate into society, and this, in a way, is not a bad thing. If you find yourself before a psychiatrist there is usually some reason, but I do have a little more concerns with this medical profession since there is the use of mind-altering drugs, and having been down that road in the past (through the use of recreational pharmaceuticals) I do have concerns with regards to psychiatry's extensive use of drugs.

There is still an awful lot that we do not know about the human mind and in a way while using psychiatric drugs (which covers a whole different gamut of drugs) is a lot better than simply shocking people or cutting out parts of their brain, I still feel that we don't really understand to consequences of these actions. It seems to be a process of clouding the brain and the mind so that one can feel good about themselves. MDMA does that by releasing serotonin to give the user (oh, MDMA is an illegal drug, commonly known as ecstasy) not only a high, but makes them feel really happy and very confident. Unfortunately the crash can be substantially worse (and people have committed suicide during the crash, though most users become incredibly moody). The psychotropic drugs tend to be a lot less potent, but once again generally requires regular consumption for them to work.

Psychology is a different story because it is not a medical discipline, it is an allied health discipline (meaning you do not need a medical degree to practice, though these days in Australia you are highly unlikely to get a

job as a psychologist without a master's degree). The whole purpose (and you have probably seen images of people lying on a couch spouting their problems to the psychologist) is for the psychologist to help you work through your concerns and help to train the way you think so as to banish the bad thoughts and focus on the good. Now it is not about being too optimistic, we must be realistic, but we cannot be too pessimistic either.

In many cases it depends on the capability of the psychologist as their whole purpose is to never see you again. If you get to the point where you walk out the door and sign off, and then go and live a full and productive life, then the psychologist has succeeded. They generally give you encouragement, support, help you overcome your own mental barriers, and assist you in building up a sense of self confidence. Now, I suspect that there are groups and organisations that do not like that because the whole profession seems to be designed to help one accept who they are and to ignore those of other opinions, and when one begins to accept who they are, it destroys the power that others may have over you. It is dangerous because when we realise that we have control over our lives, others who attempt to interpose themselves into our lives will begin to have problems manipulating us to their will.

One of the most common tactics that is used is the doctrine of sin. Now, I believe in the doctrine of sin, as did the Ancient Greeks and the Ancient Egyptians. I believe that as humans we have been corrupted and live selfish and destructive lives. We care little about others and only seek to do that which benefits ourselves. In short we have rejected God, but, God has intervened in this universe and through an atoning sacrifice, has freed us from guilt and cleansed us of our sins. We stand before God perfect and righteous, however that does not mean that we go on sinning, by no means, because what is the point of having a shower when we are only going to throw ourselves back into the mud. However, once we understand the grace of God, the power that sin has over us is broken.

But, people do not like that, they love to preach grace but not live it. When we are free from sin we are free indeed, and indeed we are free from the control that others may seek to have over us through sin. When I say that it is not those of us who profess with our mouths and believe in our hearts, but rather those who, while understanding grace, do not wish to show it to others. It is much like the parable of the unmerciful servant. He has a debt that is too huge to pay, so he begs for forgiveness and receives it, and when somebody else comes with a debt to him, he incarcerates him and punishes him. It is like that in that while our sin before God has been cleaned, we need to forgive and show patience to the little things that may be done to us. However, I have written too much on this anyway, so I will move on for now.

Reading says

Absolute drivel.

I am wondering if I can be bothered to go write this on all the books of the series that I actually managed to slog through, and I might. Been reading sci-fi since I remember myself and almost never have I dropped a book halfway through. I really tried with this "epic" series, really did. On book 4 now and have decided that there is no way I am devoting another precious minute of my life to this.

The story has something in it, but there are so many unnecessary twists and turns, totally pointless and adding nothing to the narrative. The weird is too crazy, the strange is stupid, in short - avoid this book.

Cannot believe it is written by the author of Battlefield Earth!

Timothy Boyd says

While not as totally horrible as the Battlefield Earth book these aren't that great. There are some good plots themes and a sorta pulpish feel to the characters, but overall it seems to fall short of what it could be. The story seems to ramble and could have been cut by 1/3 and still got the point across. The random sex and sadistic events just seem to be placed in there not for storyline but for shock value. Not recommended

curtis chittenden says

Good but not the best one I've read yet

this is the third book in the mission earth series so I can't comment on the ins and outs of all the story but this book in particular was pretty slow but there are seven books after it so I figured I was bound to run into a couple slow ones I didn't like this one as much as the first but I did however like it better than the second and although people are complaining about the drawn out utanc character I actually enjoyed these parts because obviously there is something more to her than what sultan grid knows of her and I found these parts to be some of the best in this book overall though l ron hubbard is a master of developing characters and forcing you to develop feelings for these characters you actually do start to feel a little sorry for sultan grid as every effort he takes to complete his mission gets foiled very reminiscent of Jerry lundergaard from Fargo just a frustrated underpowered man who just wants to stay alive and do as he's told but always fails

Steve Bowling says

Not to knock L Ron because I absolutely loved but this one was definitely not my cup of tea. I didn't find it funny in the least and I think that was what it was trying to be. It failed and I quit the series.

Tracy says

I read this series several years ago with a friend. It was a daunting task at 10 books but we were determined. It's not the usual sort of series I read but I had heard a lot about it and had some highschool friends who loved it.

It's tough to review just one book in the series because the full story is told in all 10 books. You have to read all 10 to find out what happens.

Certainly some of the books were better than others, more exciting and adventurous, but its rare that a 10 book series doesn't have some boringness at some point in all those thousands of pages!

I liked the story and I liked how the books put in perspective some of the craziness you find on Planet Earth with the CIA, drugs, the media, etc.

Overall, I found it a fun romp through our planet from the eyes of an outsider....Mr. Jettero Heller. I think it's a great read!

Zoe's Human says

I read this entire series when I was ~12. Even then I knew it was sexist and uncomfortably white though I could not articulate the source of my unease. I was going to give it the benefit of a doubt and reread it as a 44 year old adult; however, I just finished trying to read *Battlefield Earth*, and I think I'm just going to trust my original judgement.

Attila Ben? says

I bought this series of books because I wanted to read something longer, not just a single book. The sci-fi genre, and the book description got my attention, so there I was, taking all the books in the series home, and..... quite frankly not liking it too much. It was okay, but this was one of the rare purchases that I regretted.

Craig says

The Mission Earth series is a big, bloated, fun and funny dekalogy* of pulp and satire and non-stop action. It's not a serious work, nor was it intended to be; I believe Hubbard wrote it simply out of fondness for the field, the way it was when he was beginning his career. He surely didn't need the money. It lampoons everything from economics to law enforcement to crime to space opera to science and all stops in between. It's not a particularly well-written work of literature, but is engaging and interesting and, despite the length, fairly fast-paced throughout. It was de rigueur in the publications of the field when it first appeared to vilify it entirely, I suspect both because of who Hubbard was and the old-fashioned themes and tropes of the work... not to mention the ubiquitous advertising campaign that surrounded the publication with the ever-present asterisk definition that I just couldn't resist reproducing here. However, I decided to see what all the fuss had been about and gave it a shot, thought it was fun, and read the whole thing straight through one summer. It was fun; I liked it.

*A series of ten books.

Leif says

Great read... Although the title suggests an unnerving, almost sinister plot, the author's pragmatic use of detail and effortless blend of post-modern colloquialism brings a rather homey, sympathetic view of alien domination to the reader.

Kathryn says

Horrible. The less said about this one the better.

Jason Sta. Maria says

My first Mission Earth Galaxy Press published book. Just like the previous two, I didn't really enjoyed reading it but I still wanted to know how the story will go. The hero in the story was becoming more and more cooler and he still needs to encounter a bunch of hardships while the story goes. There are still lots of boring scenarios just for the sake of making the flow of the story long.

Bradley says

I wanted to read this book so badly I checked it out of the library. I laughed several times throughout this book.. while my wife was watching a DVD. A very good story and extremely funny. I enjoyed this book a lot. =)

Nonethousand Oberrhein says

Our savior comes from Voltar

Split in ten volumes for editorial (and practical) reasons, the *Mission Earth* series can be seen as a continuous narrative whose chapters are identified by the different books. This “space opera-ish” saga (not a lot of space travels, but alien technological gizmos are everywhere!) will follow the comically clumsy actions of corrupted voltarian agent Soltan Gris as he narrates his attempts to sabotage and destroy the brave Jettero Heller, another native from planet Voltar, bent on “cleaning” the polluted planet Earth to meet voltarian colonial standards. The extremely grotesque way used to paint *earthlings'* corruption and other... “faults”, however, becomes rapidly a double-edged weapon for reader’s appreciation and may cause some annoyance if the comments read are not thought coming from the corrupted alien venting in his journal, but from the author himself trying to slip his personal propaganda into the narrative. The suggestion here is to forget the author and have a long light-hearted read, laughing at alien stupidity and their lack in understanding human complexity!
