

# Scientology for Never Ins

Clearing Away the Fog  
That Hides the Truth

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## Prologue

Scientology.

Cult of mystery.

Ridiculous, foolish and harmless or malicious, abusive and dangerous?

Scientology insists it is a religion.

Insists that it's roots are to be found amongst the firmly established ancient religions such as Christianity and Buddhism while at the same time calling itself a "New Religion".

A busy worldwide institution that calls to mind aliens, space planes and an entire confusing language of its own.

Much of it operates in isolation behind sprawling, gated compounds protected by razor wire, video cameras and license plate readers.

Their more visible locations in towns and cities around the country project an air of forbidding paranoia. Beautiful façades that should be warm and inviting instead somehow manage to feel cold and impersonal.

Many buildings such as the Ft. Harrison Hotel in Clearwater, Florida and the Celebrity Center International in Hollywood, California have been beautifully renovated. While others, like the "Pacific Area Command" or PAC building, also known as "Big Blue" in Los Angeles looms over its neighbors, menacing and watchful.

The "Vatican" of Scientology located in downtown Clearwater, Florida is the Flag or Super Power Building. Due to permitting and other issues it took over 20 years to complete. Inside one finds a massive atrium, a bookstore, chapel, dining area, offices for SeaOrg members, rooms for study and hundreds of individual spaces for Scientology's own form of both therapy and confession known as "auditing."

Taking up a full city block, it is the largest building in all of Clearwater at an astonishing 377,000 square feet and houses the elite SeaOrg which Scientology refers to as their own religious order.

Filled with marble, stained glass, majestically curving staircases and a plethora of artwork Flag also contains their Super Power testing

facility. Here, if rumor is to be believed, the well paying member finds such amenities as an anti-gravity simulator, something called a “pain station”, a machine to improve one’s magnetic sense and a Smell Wall.

Thousands of square feet of real estate all housing a cult that claims only IT can save Mankind.

Upon first glance, one might wonder at the expense; the grandeur of marble, luxury hardwoods and gilding that would make Liberace chartreuse with envy.

Those locations open to the public present the visitor with eye popping extravagance from high tech information areas to restaurants.

Scientology even owns its own cruise ship, The Freewinds, that is used for religious retreats and where the select go to learn the highest levels of the cult’s teachings.

All of this opulence is funded by tax free donations squeezed from members seeking to eradicate their “Reactive Mind”, reach a state known as “Clear” and obtain those aforementioned Super Powers. But what IS Scientology, really? What does it actually Do?

Today there are many good resources online for the curious. The advent of the internet was both a blessing and a curse for a cult used to operating in the shadows. While modern technology allows Scientology a new avenue for the dissemination of its doctrine, it also allows the general public a window into the realities it would rather stay hidden.

Since it’s inception Scientology has had its defectors. Those early members who lived in the cult then broke away stayed quiet out of fear.

The Church of Scientology, or COS, has a policy of attacking anyone who leaves their organization and dares speak out about their experiences. This policy, called Fair Game, instructs its members to destroy their enemies by any means necessary.

Those who found themselves on the receiving end of the Fair Game Policy suffered enormously and it was an effective deterrent.

The internet offered a safer place for former members to interact. It provided protection and even anonymity for ex Scientologists to come together and share their experiences.

Private groups, message boards and blogs were born, the renegades began realizing they had more common ground than first thought.

A small community was built.

For the most part this new means of support was *for* former Scientologists *by* former Scientologists. They were a kindred group who understood the lifestyle and the lingo.

Small cracks were appearing in the tightly closed shell surrounding Scientology but the effect was minimal and easily handled.

Everyday people who had never been part of COS still had no real idea what the group was or what it did. Scientology was just “that crazy Hollywood thing” that many actors were a part of.

How bad could it possibly be if incredible people like John Travolta, Kirstie Alley, Tom Cruise and Sonny Bono were involved?

The first indication to the general public that Scientology was perhaps something more than some harmless Hollywood club came with the Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes relationship. That Holmes felt it necessary to secretly plan an escape from both her church and marriage made people stop and think. But like all things Hollywood, it was a fleeting conversation and people soon moved on to other things.

It wasn't until 2013 when actress Leah Remini left the church that interest again began to rise.

Concern for the welfare of her friend Shelly Miscavige, wife of leader David Miscavige, prompted Remini to file a missing person's report with the LAPD.

Shelly had not been seen nor heard from since 2007; her absence from the wedding of Cruise and Holmes was the impetus for Leah Remini's concern.

According to both Scientology and the investigating officers who took the case, Shelly was fine.

Case closed.

Outraged fans and followers of Remini would later discover an uncomfortably close relationship between this police department and Scientology that calls into question the LAPD's ability to provide fair and impartial service.

As of this writing Shelly Miscavige remains unaccounted for.

Remini's book, *Troublemaker: Surviving Hollywood and Scientology* was published in 2015 and the cracks grew larger.

Scientology was being discussed more often. Maybe there really was something strange going on with this cult. Why hadn't the leader's wife been seen since 2007? Articles were appearing more frequently in News magazines and tabloids about the enforced estrangement between Nichole Kidman and her Scientology raised children. Cruise verbally attacked Brooke Shields on television when she spoke openly about her postpartum depression and the medication that helped her through it. During his tirade he announced that he knew psychiatry better than anyone, that Shields' career was over, her use of medication was "misguided" and that he could have helped her over the depression with vitamins.

People were confounded. What on earth was Tom Cruise talking about?

Cure postpartum depression with vitamins? Is he serious?

Finally A&E aired a breakthrough new documentary by Leah Remini and a former, high ranking Scientology Executive named Mike Rinder.

*Leah Remini: Scientology and the Aftermath* burst onto the scene and the cracks became chasms. The truth was coming out and there was no turning back.

Each week people grabbed their tissues and watched in disbelief and outrage as ex members shared their experiences of abuse, neglect, sexual molestation, rape and multiple violations of basic human rights.

Weekly Scientology denied and refuted each and every tale told. According to COS everyone was lying through their teeth and Leah Remini and Mike Rinder were apostate devils.

The cult created ugly, malicious websites designed to undermine the credibility of Remini, Rinder and anyone who appeared on the show. In spite of their ugly actions against all those who spoke out, Scientology continued to insist they did not practice Fair Game or Disconnection.

Although Remini and Rinder issued invitations to *anyone* from Scientology to appear and speak on *The Aftermath*, the "church"

refused to participate, then posted on social media that they were not being given the chance to “tell their side of the story”.

Scientology also launched an endless letter writing campaign against A&E Networks, the Disney Company, all of the sponsors and anyone else they could even remotely connect to *The Aftermath*.

It was too late.

They may as well have been trying to put toothpaste back into its tube.

Scientology’s dirty secrets were hanging on the line for everyone to see and people were angry.

The interest in who and what Scientology is has grown exponentially in contrast to the cult’s declining membership. More people than ever have begun to question, to seek answers.

Former members of Scientology now have a large group of people who have never been involved with the cult but who sincerely want to lend their help and support.

The term *Never In* was born.

Most Never Ins are new to the world of Scientology. Many have never even heard of L. Ron Hubbard, or if they have it was only as a science fiction writer.

While there are a lot of good internet resources for an interested Never In to study in an effort to understand some of the things discussed on *The Aftermath* or on various blogs, Scientology is still a confusing swamp to wade through.

Terms like “Wog”, “Meat Body”, “Thetan”, “Body Thetans”, “Reactive Mind” and “Clear” are used during discussions or in articles and while the former members know exactly what is being spoken of, most Never Ins are left confused.

On *The Aftermath* Leah and Mike talked about the policies of Disconnection and Fair Game. Scientology has continually asserted there are no such policies.

Never Ins hear of a Billion Year Contract signed by members of the SeaOrg and ask “is this for real?”

What is the SeaOrg? What do they do?

That Scientology hates psychiatry and everything to do with it leaves people shaking their heads in confusion.

What does it mean to “Clear the Planet”?

Intergalactic Warlord Xenu? Seriously?!

The biggest question of all, one that almost every Never In asks at some point is; “how on earth could anyone fall for a cult like Scientology? How could anyone believe in the craziness they teach?”

This last is the most complicated to address because everyone is different. People are drawn to the idea of a spiritual life in different ways. There are different motivations for everyone. It all comes down to Scientology’s carefully crafted ability to target a person’s weakness and then exploit it just long enough to reel him or her in. This book is not meant to cover any one part of Scientology in great detail. There are other good sources out there for that. This is meant to be a primer of sorts, something basic that touches on many aspects of COS that Never Ins may not be familiar with. More importantly, it is an attempt to help others see what lies beneath the gilding, perhaps to have an “ah-ha” moment.

It is hoped that the information contained within these pages fosters conversation and thought. Allowing a better understanding for what former members experienced as well as clear up some of the confusion.

Hopefully something found herein will resonate, enabling the reader to think, “ah now that makes more sense to me” or “I never thought of it that way!”

It is the result of a heartfelt desire for the truth to be brought into the light where all can see.

Scientology is a cult of words. Everything they say or write is designed to cast them as harmless and helpful.

*Scientology for Never Ins* has been crafted to fight words with words, to undermine the semantics and step by step to remove the hiding places.

Both the truth and the pen are mighty weapons indeed.

This book is by a Never In for other Never Ins.

No disrespect is meant to any former member in the interpretations or thoughts noted within these pages.

It is written with sincerity and hope.

COS is not OK.

It is not harmless.



Hubbard's policies have left countless damaged souls in their wake like so much flotsam.

This small work is one Never Ins' attempt to make a difference.

An act of defiance, a raised fist for every tear shed, every family ripped apart, every lost life.

One prays that this becomes a springboard for others to go out and seek more information, to educate themselves and thus be armed against false belief.

Finally, here is offered a literary hug to all whose lives have forever been affected by this cult of darkness.

Scientology deals in hypocrisy and games of semantics, constantly trying to blind the world to the ugly reality of life within the razor wire topped fences.

Where did COS learn such devious tactics?

The best place to start is at the Source.

## L. Ron Hubbard

Lafayette Ronald Hubbard was born March 13<sup>th</sup>, 1911 in Tilden, Nebraska. He was the only child of Harry Ross Hubbard, a United States Navy Officer and teacher Ledora May Hubbard née Waterbury.

This information is true, unlike so much else Scientology teaches about their Founder.

According to Hubbard, he would go on to live one of the most adventurous and exciting lives that any one man could ever have.

Even if only in his own mind.

Scientology portrays their founder as perfection personified. Master of all he put his hand to and unequaled by any. They insist that every bit of information they publish about him is historical fact. He is their Source.

The reality is that Hubbard's life was marked by failure, lies and embellishments. When one cuts through all the fictional tall tales he spun, what's left is the cold truth that L. Ron Hubbard was a liar, a cheat and a conman. Just as Ron used fear as a weapon, so too Scientology.

For both LRH and Scientology lies come as naturally as breathing. The policies and practices of COS perfectly mirror the real L. Ron Hubbard. His cruelty, his selfishness, the paranoia and need to control all those within his grasp.

His insatiable greed.

There is a lot of information about Scientology's founder available and an excellent place to start for an in depth look would be *Bare Faced Messiah: The True Story of L. Ron Hubbard* by Russell Miller. Considering the lengths that COS went to try and stop the publishing of this particular book it should be on every interested Never In's list. This chapter will hopefully give a brief but thorough examination of the man who founded Scientology with all the rhetoric, and the lies, stripped away. The focus will be more on the man and his reality rather than the details of any one Scientological event.

LRH, as he is affectionately known amongst Scientologists, describes an incredible childhood; breaking broncos at the age of 3, befriending a local tribe of Blackfeet Indians who made him a blood brother at aged 6 and learning ancient shaman wisdom at the knees of a tribe member named "Old Tom".

Unfortunately for Hubbard these amazing achievements were impossible. Young Ron lived in Helena, Montana at the time he claimed contact with the Blackfeet tribe and the nearest Blackfeet Reservation was over 100 miles away.

The Blackfeet Nation did not participate in the blood brother ritual, either.

Interestingly in 1985 Scientology produced a document typed on Blackfeet letterhead stating "*To commemorate the seventieth anniversary of L. Ron Hubbard becoming a blood brother of the Blackfeet Nation. Tree Manyfeathers in a ceremony re-established L. Ron Hubbard as a blood brother to the Blackfeet Tribe.*"<sup>[1]</sup>

This document was quickly labeled as fictitious by representatives of the Blackfeet Nation who stated none of the men who signed the

paper had any legal right to speak for or take action on behalf of the tribe.

To add further illegitimacy to the blood brother saga, it was discovered that the letter had been created by Scientologist Richard Mataisz. Mataisz allegedly has a drop or two of Indian blood somewhere in his ancestry which was close enough for COS. Mataisz commented at one point that he tried to prove that Hubbard was a Blackfeet blood brother but couldn't.

The tales grow taller as Ron ages; allegedly spending time in Tibetan Lamaseries in China and studying with the last royal magician descended from the court of Kublai Khan.

"I've slept with bandits in Mongolia and I've hunted with pygmies in the Philippines..."<sup>[2]</sup>

These things simply did not happen.

As for his time in Asia, Hubbard spent a summer with his parents beginning in April 1926 and ending with him returning to Helena in time for school that September. There is a write up of the trip in the October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1927 Helena Daily Independent describing the places LRH visited.

*"Ronald has kept a complete diary of his trip in which he visited the Hawaiian islands, Philippines, China, Japan, Guam and the small island of Wake."*

Hubbard would have been 15 in 1926. It is highly doubtful his parents would have let their teenaged son go traipsing off to study in lamaseries or hunting with Philippine pygmies.

Even if they had, Ron would have had less than 5 months in which to accomplish all that he claims to have done allowing for travel time by ship to and from the states and in between all of the noted stops. He couldn't have spent that much time in either China or the Philippines. In 1928 after he was expelled from high school because his grades were so terrible he rejoined his mother in Guam and made a return trip to China which he absolutely hated. He wrote in his diary *"They smell of all the baths they didn't take,"* and *"The trouble with China is, there are too many chinks here."*

Hubbard was a desultory student at best and his grades showed it. In spite of failing out of both high school and college, the man had no problem with awarding himself scholarly honors.

“I happen to be a nuclear physicist; I am not a psychologist nor a psychiatrist nor a medical doctor.”<sup>[3]</sup>

He was enrolled at George Washington University but left after his sophomore year. The single nuclear physics course he took called “Molecular and Atomic Physics” he failed.

Turns out he wasn’t a nuclear physicist either.

Hubbard gave himself a doctorate that he created; D.Sc.n, Doctor of Scientology. In addition to this bit of educational fiction he also claimed a B.S. in Civil Engineering which is, well, BS.

As mentioned earlier he failed out of George Washington University so there were no degrees.

Ron also paid for a PhD from a fly by night, unaccredited correspondence “college” called Sequoia University that was run out of a home.

In 2018 Christie’s Auction House in New York auctioned off a collection of letters written by Hubbard that included one wherein he discusses his need for “academic alphabetism” after his name.

The letter, dated July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1948, addressed to a man named Russell says *“I’ve got to start on my book now for this publisher and said book will probably require six weeks to write or thereabouts. The thing about such work is the lack of proper academic alphabetism (sic). A psychiatrist, who can do practically nothing for anybody; he uses psycho-analysis; he works two to three years on a customer – you can’t say patient because nothing much is being done for him but you will admit that besides being a fool he is patient - ...I’ll have a book, AN INTRODUCTION TO TRAUMATIC PSYCHOLOGY but I have no alphabet trailing L. Ron Hubbard around. I have no license to practice...I am not connected with any institution and I have no capital to start a fancy clinic. Your advice would be extremely welcome, swami.”*

This admission in Hubbard’s own words, bemoaning the of a lack of a degree puts paid to Scientology’s insistence to the contrary.

Over the course of his life he would claim military honors he never received in addition to the academic degrees he never earned.

Claiming ownership of over 20 combat medals for his participation as a lieutenant in WWII, the truth is he never saw a day of actual combat.

Hubbard prided himself on being *“returned home as the first American casualty of the war in the South Pacific.”*

He was sent home alright, but in disgrace for his insubordination. In a memo dated February 14, 1942 from the Naval Attaché to the Commandant of the Twelfth Naval District it says *“This Officer is not satisfactory for independent duty assignment. He is garrulous and tries to give impressions of his importance. He also seems to think he has unusual ability in most lines. These characteristics indicate he will require close supervision for satisfactory performance of any intelligence duty.”*

Months later on September 25, 1942, the Commandant of the Boston Navy Yard wrote to Washington that in his opinion, Hubbard was "not temperamentally fitted for independent command."

Hubbard was relieved of his command six days later.

Scientology insists that their Founder received the Purple Heart for injuries sustained in service.

LRH described his war wounds for the public; *“the muzzle flash of a deck gun had left him legally blind, while shrapnel fragments in hip and back had left him all but lame. In consequence, he could barely seat himself at a typewriter, could not focus on a printed page and, for that matter, could not discern the pages of his own books.”<sup>[4]</sup>*

Medical records expose the truth of LRH's ailments. Hubbard was nearsighted, something that had earlier precluded him from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD but was waived out of need for soldiers once the war began. He suffered from conjunctivitis (pink eye), hemorrhoids, a duodenal ulcer and various symptoms associated with gonorrhoea that he got from a girl named Ginger. Although Scientology insists Hubbard was the recipient of serious wounds from the War, in his own *Affirmations* he writes *“Your stomach trouble you used as an excuse to keep the Navy from punishing you. You are free of the Navy. You have no further reason to have a weak stomach. Your ulcers are all well and never bother you. You can eat anything.*

*Your hip is a pose. You have a sound hip. It never hurts. Your shoulder never hurts.*

*Your foot was an alibi. The injury is no longer needed. It is well. You have perfect and lovely feet.”*

His civilian life is likewise coated in glossy embellishments and fabulous achievements.

Hubbard declared for example he was a “*pioneering barnstormer at the dawn of aviation in America.*” While he did fly gliders as a hobby, it certainly was not at the dawn of aviation in America.

The Wright Brothers may take issue with this particular announcement as they were the first to actually fly in 1903.

Scientology ascribes the invention of LORAN (Long Range Aid to Navigation) to Hubbard but this, too is untrue. LORAN was developed in the 1920s-30s by Alfred L. Loomis.

What he was good at was writing science fiction. A prolific novelist, pumping out hundreds of stories over the course of his lifetime, writing did not however, pay the bills as well as Hubbard would have liked. Money was always a problem for LRH and he left unpaid bills in his wake wherever he went.

In 1946 he and Jack Parsons, friend and fellow occult dabbler, opened a company called Allied Enterprises. Hubbard and Parsons planned on buying yachts and reselling them for a profit.

Parsons contributed his entire life savings to the company and three vessels were purchased.

Hubbard absconded with the ships, Parsons' girlfriend and the money.

Eventually Parsons got two of the ships but not his money.

Later in August 1948 Hubbard was arrested and charged with Petty Theft for check forgery and fined \$25.

Changing course from penny-a-word tales of derring do by brave swashbuckling heroes he decided to create a self help book.

At this point LRH would have been in his mid to late 30s.

Keeping in mind that he'd spent time in the Navy and claimed that he was legally blind, lame and basically unable to spend any time in front of the typewriter, the assertion that he'd spent years doing scientific research thus discovering a new form of therapy seems suspect.

When *Dianetics* hit the shelves it was a huge success. The timing was perfect as a post war society was seeking new ways to improve their lives. Therapy was expensive and time consuming, the idea

that one could treat oneself was hugely appealing and the book sold well.

Hubbard's *Dianetics* is known to Scientologists as *Book One*. It is the foundation on which Scientology is built. LRH claims it is the culmination of years of study and research. Suspiciously, Hubbard spent time in a psychiatric hospital in Georgia where he states he was researching his "theories of the mind" using some of his fellow patients as his subjects.

The problem is that there is no scientific research. No notes, no case studies, nothing of a scientific nature that could be produced to the psychiatric community for review or testing.

Dianetics is based on the idea that most people have "engrams". Engrams are imprints in the mind that occur during moments of trauma that always contain some sort of physical pain that comes with a traumatic event. They are like a movie that plays in the mind that causes a person to relive the hurt and other negative emotions caused by that the event.

The area of the mind that contains the "engrams" is called the reactive mind. Hubbard insisted that using Dianetics removes all the engrams by causing the person to relive those painful memories over and over until he no longer is affected by them. When the person no longer has a reaction to the traumatic event, they are known as having attained the state of "Clear."

Scientology describes it "*Without a reactive mind, individuals regain their basic personality, self-determinism and, in essence, become much, much more themselves.*"

It could be argued that one becomes the person they are through both the positive as well as the negative experiences that are a part of one's life. Without going through loss, hurt and other negative situations Man would not be able to empathize with those around him.

For example when one loses a loved one, the pain of grief is intense and deep. Over time the grief fades, though the loss is forever felt, but the memory of the emotion is etched in the mind and heart. This experience allows one to reach out in support and comfort to others who then feel grief and loss.

Does one truly become “more” themselves by the loss of the “reactive mind”? Or in fact does it make one less human?

When Ron completed his first version of *Dianetics* and offered it to the medical community they rejected it.

This may very well be the start of Hubbard’s deep seated hatred for psychiatry.

LRH had a driving, deep seated need for praise and acceptance. He wanted to be the center of attention, to be thought the biggest and the best. When members of the medical community scoffed at his “science of the mind” it could have been a hurt and rejection that even his own auditing couldn’t overcome.

Hubbard was a charlatan and he was defensive. The people who knew him well have revealed that the man had a terrible temper and he became extremely angry if anyone expressed doubt about the stories he told. This anger was also directed towards two of his wives.

L. Ron Hubbard married his first wife, Polly in 1933 and had two children; L. Ron, Jr and Katherine. Hubbard, who wrote copiously about Ethics and truth, proceeded to leave Polly behind as he traipsed about the country ostensibly doing “research” while dating other women.

One of these, Sara Northrup Hollister, became his second wife in 1946. Sara was the girlfriend stolen from Jack Parsons and it was she who bullied Jack into not pursuing legal action against Ron for the theft of his life savings. Apparently Parsons and Hollister had begun their sexual relationship while she was under age and she reminded him of this small, illegal fact.

Parsons withdrew his case.

Ron was completely unmoved by the fact he was still legally married to Polly. It wasn’t until a year later in 1947 that Polly was freed from her wayward, bigamist husband.

In retrospect Polly may well have breathed a sigh of relief for having missed the opportunity that Sarah received; that of guinea pig for Hubbard’s new found science of the mind techniques.

LRH gave talks to paying audiences where he would demonstrate the various claims made in *Dianetics*. Often his demonstrations were



done on Sara while other times members of the audience were called forward to assist.

Ron's philandering ways continued while his temper and need to control all eventually drove Sara to seek a divorce.

When she finally left Ron in 1951 she accused him of being a paranoid schizophrenic, stating in her divorce decree; *"That plaintiff and her medical advisors, following the foregoing incidents, concluded that said Hubbard was hopelessly insane, and crazy, and that there was no present hope for said Hubbard, or any reason for her to indure [sic] further; that competent medical advisors recommended that said Hubbard be committed to a private sanitarium for psychiatric observation and treatment of a mental ailment known as paranoid schizophrenia..."*

Hubbard's response was to kidnap their daughter, Alexis. When that failed to produce the response he wanted he then kidnapped Sara and attempted to have *her* declared insane.

This "get them before they get you" attitude would become one of the strongest threads woven through the Scientology tapestry.

In Sara Hubbard's divorce complaint Hubbard's cruel streak is seen clearly. This is an excellent glimpse into the character of the man who founded a cult that would embrace and expand on the idea of fear and violence to keep its members in line.

Scientology is entirely concerned with its image. Members' needs are secondary to that of the cult and always the focus is on what crimes someone may be hiding that could impact the cult's PR.

In the same selfish, uncaring way when Hubbard realized Sara was going to divorce him, he encouraged her to kill herself because a divorce would have damaged his reputation.

In her divorce statement Sara Hubbard claimed that she was *"repeatedly subjected to systematic torture, including loss of sleep, beatings, strangulations and scientific torture experiments.*

*She said that Hubbard kept her from sleeping for four days, then gave her sleeping pills, nearly killing her. And that once when he nearly strangled her, he ruptured the eustachian tube in her ear, permanently impairing her hearing."*<sup>[5]</sup>

Polly wrote to Sara to offer her support saying *"If I can help in any way, I'd like to. You must get Alexis in your custody. Ron is not*

*normal. I had hoped that you could straighten him out. Your charges sound fantastic to the average person. But I've been through it—the beatings, threats on my life, all the sadistic traits you charge—twelve years of it.*"<sup>[6]</sup>

After his divorce from Sara in 1951, Hubbard quickly married for the third time in 1952. Mary Sue and Ron had 4 children the eldest of which, Quentin, committed suicide at 22.

Upon hearing of the death of his son, Hubbard exclaimed "*That stupid fucking kid! Look what he's done to me!*"

Scientology would have everyone believe that their Founder was an amazing worldwide adventurer, nuclear physicist, researcher, scientist, multi decorated Naval war hero and inventor.

They see him as a father figure, friend and beneficent benefactor; the man who gave them the tools to save the planet.

In fact L. Ron Hubbard was a fraud, thief and philanderer with a violent temper. He beat at least two of his wives, abandoned his children, told Alexis that she wasn't his daughter and drove his son to kill himself.

In spite of early success he very nearly lost everything, including the rights to *Dianetics* due to his selfishness and inability to work with even those closest to him.

The *Hubbard Dianetic Research Foundation* was opened in Elizabeth, New Jersey with fellow writer John Campbell and medical doctor Joseph Winter on the Board of Directors. Both men were ardent supporters of Hubbard and believed in the *Dianetics* tech. As the movement grew new branches were opened across the country including New York and Los Angeles.

By mid 1950 *Dianetics* was flourishing, money was coming in from people all over wanting to take classes to learn to audit and from those attending Hubbard's demonstrations; but it wasn't to last.

Beginning in the first part of 1951 it was becoming apparent that the successes promised by Hubbard in his book were not forthcoming. People began questioning Hubbard's research as well as the fact that his promised "Clear" was never achieved.

LRH was occupied with his seminars rather than handling administration and organizational issues.

The bottom came during a disastrous evening demonstration when Hubbard introduced a woman to the audience as the first "Clear". Using *Dianetics* auditing to remove one's "reactive mind", achieve a perfect memory and even raise one's IQ was the biggest promise made by Hubbard. It was the whole point of the book, to achieve the perfect state of inner self control to the point where the blind see, the lame walk and one's mind was no longer holding one back.

This is the state of "Clear".

Senses are more acute, telekinesis is possible and as Hubbard tells his audience the young lady standing before them now has perfect recall.

What happened next was that the first Clear could not even remember the color of Hubbard's tie when he turned his back to her. The entire evening was a complete failure.

Almost the whole audience got up and walked out.

By the Summer of 1951 everything collapsed. Those who had dedicated themselves to Hubbard and *Dianetics* were through with their leader's temper and inability to work with them. Splinter groups had broken off and were recreating Hubbard's therapy themselves, often adding their own twists to the procedures laid out in the book. This would later become known as "Squirrelling".

Scientology sees all of the works of LRH as their sacred scripture, anything that is added to, changed or removed from this scripture is Squirrelling and is taboo. Especially if the squirrel is making money from his heretical actions.

Between the Squirrelling and lack of an organized leadership the whole foundation became mired in debt and the complaints of dissatisfied patrons.

Just as everything looked bleak for Hubbard and his *Dianetics Foundations*, a new investor appeared. Millionaire Don Purcell agreed to open a new *Dianetics Foundation* in his town of Wichita, Kansas. Once again thanks to LRH's stubborn inability to play nice with others, this foundation was short lived and filed for bankruptcy. After marrying Mary Sue they founded the *Hubbard Association of Scientologists International* and so begins the shift from a science of the mind to a more religious approach.

What he was seeking was the tax exemption that religions receive from the IRS. This would be a fight not won until after his death in 1986

L. Ron Hubbard was a man driven by greed and the need for approval. The quote “If you want to make money start a religion” has been attributed to Hubbard and while Scientology vehemently denies he ever said it there is some evidence to the contrary.

*“Around this time he was invited to address a science fiction group in Newark hosted by the writer, Sam Moskowitz. ‘Writing for a penny a word is ridiculous,’ he told the meeting. ‘If a man really wanted to make a million dollars, the best way to do it would be start his own religion.’”*<sup>[7]</sup>

Scientology is both an extension of and separate from Dianetics. Hubbard would say that “Dianetics is for the mind, Scientology is for the spirit.”

Within the pages of Dianetics it states unequivocally that it is not a religion. It was intended to be a “science”, such as it was. A new kind of therapy addressing both physical and mental illnesses.

As interest in Dianetics began to wane and the money dried up, Hubbard needed a new way to fill his coffers and his need for adulation.

Hubbard wanted sole, total control of his new venture but his ego and growing inability to discern truth from fiction led him to make some strange, unhinged choices.

Ron made himself the focus of the FBI through a letter writing campaign in which he first offered to become a spy, then began “exposing” certain people as Communists. Alleging these communists were acting both within the FBI as well as the Dianetics Foundation, he claimed that his form of therapy or “auditing” could cure the “illness” of Communism.

On another occasion Hubbard stated that one of the communists in his foundation was the reason for Sara going “insane”. Conversely he later attempted to convince the FBI that Sara was a communist and that she was part of a plot to kill him.

One might reasonably ask why Hubbard simply didn’t cure both the communist and his then wife of their maladies with Dianetics.

At any rate, the FBI kept a wary eye on all things Hubbard for many years although they labeled him a lunatic.

Scientology was soon under distrustful scrutiny all over the globe.

LRH and Mary Sue bought an old English Country Manor in East Grinstead, England called St. Hill. This idyllic estate became the main headquarters for Scientology until 1967 and it was from here that Hubbard would announce his “breakthroughs”.

However the secrecy and the odd behavior of both Scientology and its founder caused problems everywhere they appeared.

An integral part of Scientology therapy is a device known as an “E-Meter” which is basically a lie detector with two cans connected to it. The person being audited holds the cans and is asked a series of repetitive questions. If the needle on the meter moves, the auditor then questions from that point until the needle “floats” or no longer reacts.

Hubbard taught that all illness was psychosomatic and stemmed from the “reactive mind”. By addressing the root cause of the Engram (traumatic event) one could cure the illness.

Exasperated by the claims made that Scientology could cure any malady including cancer, through the use of the E-Meter, the FDA raided and confiscated all of the devices they could find at the COS offices in Washington, D.C. and in Maryland.

In England, Scientology was being investigated by Parliament and those students living at St. Hill had not only the specter of deportment hanging over their heads, but the FBI also had the property under surveillance.

In Australia an investigation was underway and South Africa was beginning to feel the same hostility and scrutiny.

Presuming to interfere with the Rhodesian government, Ron was tossed out of that country on his ear and told to never return.

With so many governments giving Hubbard the side eye he decided to revisit his navy days and return to the sea where his word would be law and no inconvenient governmental interference could touch him.

Purchasing three ships; the *Diana*, *Athena*, and the *Apollo*, which served as flagship, the SeaOrg was born.

The SeaOrg is considered to be Scientology's Religious Order and keeper of Ethics. The members wear a uniform similar to that of the U.S. Navy and sign a Billion Year Contract as testament to their dedication to "Clear the Planet".

Hubbard bestowed upon himself the rank of Commodore and surrounded himself with a bevy of young teenage girls in shorts to cater to his every need. While there is no indication of sexual misconduct, the girls, known as Commodore's Messengers, were his personal assistants. As the name applied, they ran his messages all over the ship and spoke with his authority. From there their duties degenerated into the bizarre as they would follow him around holding his ashtray, lit his cigarettes, washed his clothing which could not, under any circumstance bear a scent of any kind, put powder into his socks and slip them onto his feet. He also had them run his bath and give him massages.

As they sailed from port to port his temper and paranoia grew, motivating him to establish rules he called Ethics. These became more and more strict as over time Hubbard began to devise new, terrible punishments for any imagined infraction.

No one on board was exempt, even the few children traveling with their parents.

Janis Gillham Grady, one of the first Commodore's Messengers, writes of children being sent to the ship's chain locker on board the *Apollo*, including a 6 year old girl named Angela: *"The Commodore labeled Angela a suppressive person and ordered her to be sent to the chain locker. I did not know that she was there until one mealtime, when I went to the poop deck where we mustered, and saw a skinny little girl climb out of the hole that the anchor chain came out of. She was filthy and hungry, crying for her mother."*<sup>[8]</sup>

LRH claimed that children were actually adults in small bodies and therefore were to be treated the same as the grown members of his crew. This also included the practice of "Overboarding" where the hapless person unlucky enough to cross the Commodore would be picked up by the arms and legs and thrown from the ship 2 stories down to the water below.

As Ethics got tougher Hubbard indulged his sadistic streak by attempting to invent ever more serious punishments. He referred to

these as “too gruesome to confront”.

The fact is that when one strips away all the grandiosity and bravado the man was insecure, pretentious and obsessed with sex. He was a typical coward, using his temper and his position to bully those who followed him.

Hubbard was so feared that not one adult even considered stepping in when he ordered young children into the dirty and dangerous chain locker where they languished sobbing for their mothers.

One of the best examinations of the soul of the founder of Scientology comes from a work done around 1947 called his “*Affirmations*”.

Here Hubbard attempts to both soothe his conscience as well as give himself a sort of pep talk. It is amongst these notations, these mantras that he repeats to himself that one finds bits of reality.

Moments of truth are revealed by LRH and what they show could be the source of his damaged soul.

*“I have a very bad masturbatory history. I was taught when I was 11 and, despite guilt, fear of insanity, etc. etc. I persisted. At a physical examination at a Y when I was about 13, the examiner and the people with him called me out of the line because my testicles hung low and cautioned me about what would happen if I kept on masturbating. This ‘discovery’ was a bad shock to me.*

*I had to be so silent about it that now when a bedspring squeaks I lose all libido. I eventually found out I would not be insane, or injure myself but the scars remain.”*

Is this an indication that Hubbard had been molested at 11 years old? If so it would account for his obvious mental illnesses.

Hubbard, himself expresses an obsession with sex in the *Affirmations*, he also works to convince himself not to commit suicide.

*“That life is beautiful to me. That I want to live. That things taste and smell and look and feel wonderful to me.”*

*“That all ideas to destroy myself are false, for I love life and I am a free and exuberant spirit in it.”*

Attempting to work his way out of his depression and suicidal thoughts didn’t work. Feeling overwhelmed Hubbard wrote a

desperate letter that same year to the Veterans Administration begging for help.

*“After trying and failing for two years to regain my equilibrium in civil life, I am utterly unable to approach anything like my own competence. My last physician informed me that it might be very helpful if I were to be examined and perhaps treated psychiatrically or even by a psycho-analyst. Toward the end of my service I avoided out of pride any mental examinations, hoping that time would balance a mind which I had every reason to suppose was seriously affected. I cannot account for nor rise above long periods of moroseness and suicidal inclinations, and have newly come to realize that I must first triumph above this before I can hope to rehabilitate myself at all. I cannot leave school or what little work I am doing for hospitalization due to many obligations, but I feel I might be treated outside, possibly with success. I cannot, myself, afford such treatment.*

*Would you please help me?”*

Whether Hubbard ended up receiving mental health treatment is unknown. What is clear however, is that for all the fabulous claims of curing one's inner demons with *Dianetics* auditing LRH obviously struggled with his own.

Scientology has gone to a lot of trouble to keep their founder's image spit shined and sparkling clean. The truth is that L. Ron Hubbard was a deeply troubled individual and there are indicators of his damage left behind in his writings if one but looks; most especially in this *Affirmations*. Beyond those statements there is also his life; the actions and reactions to various situations he found himself in.

What normal, healthy minded adult would label a 6 year old child a “Suppressive Person”? This term is used by Scientology to describe an enemy of the church. Ron declared the 6 year old Angela Suppressive and ordered her locked in the chain locker on board the *Apollo* notwithstanding the fact that he was placing the child in imminent danger had she been caught in the chain as it fed the anchor down into the sea.

Scientology shares this same disregard for the safety and welfare of the children within it's purview.



SeaOrg children see little of their parents. There was a practice of placing these hapless children into poorly run nurseries attended by other children with no training in childcare. As the children grew they would be placed in the Cadet Org, the first step towards becoming full fledged SeaOrg members themselves. These young Cadets would be worked well beyond the allowable limit by the law. As “adults in small bodies” they were subjected to the same treatment as any other Scientologist. The belief is that a person’s spirit or Thetan, has lived many times before.

A child would be assigned a job and was expected to perform it correctly with no training or help as they should be able to remember doing this job in another lifetime and thus know how to do it. Any failure was the fault of the child and they would be punished for their fault.

Placing children in harm’s way was all in a day’s work for Scientology. Even worse, many children removed from the care and protection of their parents have found themselves victims of sexual predators who abuse them, then tell them that they brought the abuse upon themselves because they had crimes either in this life or another.

Cold cruelty made permissible by the teachings and policies of L. Ron Hubbard.

In Russell Miller’s *Bare Faced Messiah* all indications are that although Ron did not grow up on an enormous Montana ranch breaking broncos at the age of three, his actual childhood seemed idyllic. His parents and grandparents doted on him even to the point of spoiling him.

Somewhere along the way it seems there would be a defining moment or moments for Hubbard. Some type of action that would haunt and drive him for the rest of his life. Reading his *Affirmations* one catches a hint of his dark and driving trauma, Ron had a tremendous fear of rejection and of losing control. At some point he was made to feel helpless and weak and it deeply affected the man he would become.

He wrote “*You are not a coward. Fist fighting had no bearing on your courage. You were ill when you were fought before. You did not understand the rules. You can whip anyone now and have no*

*physical fear of hand to hand fighting. They who fought you before were knaves and fools. You would be merciless to them now. Nothing can stand up to your fighting now. You are strong and wonderful in combat. You never know fear or defeat. You refrain from fighting because you are too powerful.”*

The *Affirmations* were not works of fiction. Rather they were Hubbard's attempt to address those things in his life that were holding him back. They were a conversation between Ron the man and Ron the child. An attempt to comfort and strengthen the angry, frightened victim of whatever incident or incidents carved dark holes into his soul.

He stated that he was “taught” to masturbate at the age of 11. Was he, indeed, molested? Children who have been traumatized by sexual abuse are often deeply scarred, with a lifelong fear of helplessness. They can develop anxiety and depression and have a wary aversion to bonding with others.

Was he at some point bullied?

There is no way of knowing but along the way something affected Hubbard permanently to such an extent that he very obviously had relationship issues, an obsession with sex, a deeply disturbing cruel streak, a fear of rejection, of not being in control and a paranoid “get them before they get you” mind set.

There can be no doubt that he suffered from depression and suicidal thoughts.

No matter the cause Hubbard was an angry man who drove his followers to obey through fear.

Likewise, Scientology is an angry cult that drives its followers to obey through fear.

Everything that shaped the man also shaped Scientology. The cult is the spitting image of the soul of it's founder. LRH thought nothing of betraying those closest to him, his loyalty was to himself only.

In the 1970's when the FBI discovered that Scientology had infiltrated multiple governmental offices and copied or stolen thousands of files Mary Sue Hubbard was one of the people indicted and sent to prison. That she had been acting on her husband's

orders meant nothing to Ron, he was more worried that he'd get caught as well.

Mary Sue never betrayed Ron.

He, on the other hand was content to let her take the fall while he stayed in hiding, never facing justice, until his death in 1986.

## Is Scientology A Religion?

Most Never Ins have a basic understanding that Scientology is a cult masquerading as a religion. Anything further than that becomes unclear and confusing.

Is Scientology a legitimate religion and if so, what are it's beliefs?

With its foundation in Dianetics which was from its inception a "Science" it seemingly goes from academic to spiritual with the turn of a page.

Created by Hubbard to address physical and mental issues, Dianetics was touted as an amazing new therapy and was supposed to wipe out the need for psychiatrists.

Whether or not LRH said "if you want to make money start a religion", he certainly acted upon it.

As long as there have been people there has been an attempt to explain our existence, a seeking for an elusive Other to justify our

lives. Something to believe in to comfort and calm our fear of the unknown.

This search has led to as many different interpretations of spirituality as there are cultures.

Herein lies the tinder for abuse and fraud.

While most people seek with honest and sincere hearts in whatever form their faith takes, there are some who use Religion as a shield. These people take advantage of the sincerity and longing that lives in the hearts and souls of those who search. They turn the desire for more into chains that imprison and control.

Society has developed a word to describe these groups who twist religion into an unrecognizable morass of blind misery.

Cult.

Currently no other pseudo religion has had more exposure in the media and online than the self titled "Church of Scientology".

Thanks to strong and courageous former members like those appearing on *The Aftermath* the world is finally getting more than a glimpse into what has up until now been a closed and mysterious world.

The more that is exposed the less a religion it becomes.

Scientology wields it's tax exempt status like a badge of honor. Proof that it is, indeed, a religion. On it's website it explains exactly why it deserves that designation. Aligning itself with the other major religions it states: "Scientology holds in common with all great religions the dream of peace on Earth and salvation for Man."

But is there truly common ground with "all great religions"?

Is there anything even remotely spiritual about this Cult?

True religion directs the individual outward. One is encouraged to good works to better the community. It is love of neighbor, forgiveness for wrongs and treating others as we would want to be treated. Hindus believe that all life is sacred, to be loved and revered, and therefore practice ahimsa, noninjury, in thought, word and deed. Christians are taught to forgive and turn the other cheek. No matter the religion, our similarities are in the focus being on how our actions reflect on and affect our community and family.

Scientology focuses not on the good of the community but on what good the community can do for the entity. Where the Christian

Church, the Jewish Temple or the Mosque is a point of coming together to pray for each other and the world, each building in the Scientology fold represents materialistic progress and growth. Currently this organization owns buildings large and small around the world that sit empty and neglected. In December of 2017 it was noted that in Clearwater, FL alone; “The church owns a 10 square mile chunk of the city, with nearly 70 buildings worth some \$500 million, and approximately 8 percent of Clearwater’s population (just under 110,000 people) is said to be made up of Scientologists,”<sup>[9]</sup> according to the New York Post’s Page Six.

Success is measured in square footage not in the souls who cross the thresholds.

Focusing on Christianity, one of the major religions that Scientology leans on for validation, there is the issue of free will. The freedom to choose. Scientology seeks to take away that freedom of choice from it’s members by limiting the person’s right to speak out freely. Where God created us as diverse and different and wonderful, each with his or her own gifts and strengths, Scientology seeks to whittle away everything that makes each person unique. Scientology creates an order of followers with no choice. Anything perceived to be against the Organization results in immediate retaliation. If a member questions the teachings, policies or practices of Scientology that member is subjected to criticism and attack. He is accused of hiding crimes and is forced into hours of torturous confessions, called “security checking” or “sec checking”.

This is what Leah Remini endured months of after simply asking why Shelly Miscavige was not at the wedding of Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes.

One question.

Months of tortuous assaults on the mind.

If something goes wrong in a member’s life such as an illness, accident or other event the person is told that they “pulled it in” on themselves by having hidden crimes or sins. In this, the member has not even the right to the privacy of his own soul.

Instead of forgiveness or turning the other cheek, Scientology is all about crime and punishment. Disagreeing with the Organization, or even worse leaving, is considered the highest sin. For the unlucky

member who attempts to escape they are hunted down and if possible forced to return. In the real religions of the world members can question, learn and seek. A person can ultimately choose to leave without fear of being hunted down and imprisoned. There is no free will in Scientology. No freedom to seek or to question. As it is only through these basic rights of our souls that we grow spiritually those who are part of Scientology are in fact being spiritually stifled and stunted.

Scientology believes that only IT has the ability to save mankind. COS instructs its members not to accept anything on faith. For them, only that which they can actually see and experience is truth.

Hubbard taught "What is true for you is true."

How close this seems to Occult Leader Alastair Crowley's admonition to "Do what thou whilst".

After all if one acts purely upon what is true for that individual are they not in reality doing exactly what they want?

Expecting one to accept the conflicting, confusing, outrageous claims made by their Founder just because they are told to seems like a giant leap of faith by any definition.

Scientology wants people to believe that they are being lead along a path of spiritual awareness towards God.

The fact is that in the end the only Scientological Supreme Being, the only Creator, the only One capable of saving Mankind... is Man as Thetan.

There is no room for or need of God because Man Saves himself.

How did Scientology's religious angle come about?

Hubbard created it to answer the requirements the IRS have to be eligible for a religious tax exemption.

Just as Hubbard took to the high seas to avoid governmental laws and restrictions, so too the exemption can be used as a cover. If questioned about a behavior, one can point to the tax exemption and play the "Religious Rights" game.

Not only does this particular exemption provide the religion freedom from income taxes, which in Scientology's case equals millions in savings, but it also allows for a certain amount of autonomy.

Ever the imaginative fiction writer, Hubbard set to work and created an entire “spiritual” belief system including his very own deity. Like a gourmet chef, he took a small helping of various doctrines from real religions then added a large dollop of science fiction and voila!

The Church of Scientology was born.

Scientology hedges it’s bets by telling people that one may or may not believe in God, but the reality is that in practice, this is not so. COS considers all the writings and works of L. Ron Hubbard to be their sacred scripture. Part of that scripture is the directive that Hubbard’s policies must be followed exactly and without deviation. This includes the belief in the Thetan.

On it’s website Scientology defines the Thetan as *“the source of all creation and life itself. It becomes fully apparent for the first time in Man’s experience that the spirit is immortal and possessed of capabilities well in excess of those hitherto predicted.”*

*“Finally, and most importantly, there is the thetan. The thetan is not a thing. It is the creator of things.”*

If the Thetan is immortal, the Creator of Life and is capable of godlike Super Powers which is promised when one reaches Clear, then what would be the purpose of any other Supreme Being? Hubbard taught that one’s body and brain are both just inanimate lumps of organic matter, the Thetan resides in the skull and animates the “meat-body”. A brain is not the same thing as the mind nor does the brain determine one’s IQ.

According to COS, *“The thetan (spirit) uses its mind as a control system between itself and the physical universe. The mind is not the brain. The brain is part of the body and does not determine intelligence. It can be likened to a switchboard. If one said that a telephone switchboard was the intelligence of the corporation it served, this would be like saying the brain was the intelligence of the person. It is just not true. The brain is simply a conduit that, like a telephone wire, carries messages.*

*The mind accumulates recordings of thoughts, conclusions, decisions, observations and perceptions of a thetan throughout its existence. The thetan uses its mind in the handling of life and the*

*physical universe. The body (including the brain) is the thetan's communication center. It is a physical object, not the being itself."* Jamie DeWolf, Great-Grandson of L. Ron Hubbard, was asked in a 2013 interview by Abby Martin of *Breaking The Set* why so many celebrities seemed drawn to COS. His response was; *"one of the reasons celebrities become ensnared in it is in a certain way the whole sort of belief system is narcissistic in nature. You're basically on a path to become a godlike being. You know the whole idea is about you, that you, yourself are a godlike being inhabiting this shell."*

While the Thetan satisfied the IRS' requirement for a deity, there was still a need for some sort of doctrine.

For this Hubbard created the 8 Dynamics.

Basically what these dynamics explain is that Man has the drive to survive at all costs. The most important of these dynamics are the last two as the first six are allegedly Man's struggle to survive in this life and to continue his legacy.

The first six Dynamics are basically as follows:

1. Man wants to survive.
2. Sex as a means towards future survival
3. Man seeks his survival within the perimeters of a group or community.
4. Man's survival as a species. In the babbling words of LRH; "All men and women, because they are men and women, seek to survive as men and women and for men and women." This could just as well be the same thing as the first dynamic.
5. This one is the urge for survival of all life forms including animal and vegetable.
6. This is the urge for the physical universe to survive.

All of this is just a lot of words that are supposed to impress. These dynamics are simply nothing more than Hubbard making a mountain out of a molehill where life is concerned.

Of course we want to survive. We want to be a part of something more than just simply survival however. Hubbard's dynamics are an excellent example of his ability to dissect a simple idea into its various parts so that his audience believes they are being confronted



by a new and exciting discovery. In reality it's all just for dramatic effect.

The dynamics are life. They are one's desire to live, to continue on through his progeny. No one can live in isolation so we seek others to interact with, a community that offers structure, security and support. Not only are these ideas nothing new, but they are not truly spiritual in nature.

The fourth dynamic is simply a bunch of BS designed to impress and make one believe he is being confronted with something deep.

However Scientology needed a spirituality in order to qualify for the religious exemption, something that they could point to showing a common belief system so there it is.

There was a method to Ron's madness when he created his dynamics which also applies to the rest of Scientology's so called spirituality.

Confronted by long, convoluted explanations and contradictory statements that twist and backtrack there is no way the IRS was going to sit down and attempt to truly understand whether what they were seeing was religion or bunk.

So confusing are the so called spiritual beliefs of Scientology that not even their own members are clear on what they believe.

During a conversation with one Scientologist, she stated that she did not believe in God and had no spiritual beliefs. She insisted that Scientology had spiritual beliefs, but she did not have any.

If a member of a religion cannot embrace their own faith's doctrine, how can they truly call themselves a parishioner?

Of the eight, it is the last two that, taken together, truly put paid to the impression of any true religion if one but takes the time to study them.

For Never Ins this entire philosophy might seem impossible to understand, but with just a bit of patience and the paring away of the flashy extraneous words until we come to the core it is not as intimidating as one might think.

The Seventh Dynamic is the Spiritual Dynamic.

As Scientology would have it; "This is the urge to survive as spiritual beings or the urge for life itself to survive. Anything spiritual, with or without identity, would come under the heading of the Seventh

Dynamic. It includes one's beingness, *the ability to create*, the ability to cause survival or to survive, the ability to destroy or pretend to be destroyed. A subheading of this dynamic is ideas and concepts and the desire to survive through these. The Seventh Dynamic is life source. This is ***separate from the physical universe and*** is the source of life itself. Thus, there is an effort for the survival of life source."

All one needs do is weed out all the "religiobabble" and cut to the chase; "The Seventh Dynamic is Life Source"

The Seventh Dynamic, by definition then is the Thetan. Scientology claims that the Thetan is "the source of all creation and life itself". The Seventh Dynamic states it is the urge to survive as spiritual beings. As Scientology separates the body from the Thetan and asserts that the Seventh Dynamic is separate from the physical universe, that leaves, per definition the life source or the Thetan. Finally, Hubbard's Eighth Dynamic is the urge toward existence as Infinity.

Here is where we finally come to Scientology's version of a deity. "The Eighth Dynamic also is commonly called God, the Supreme Being or Creator, but it is correctly *defined as infinity*. It actually embraces the allness of all.

That is why, according to L. Ron Hubbard, 'when the Seventh Dynamic is reached in its entirety, one will only then discover the true Eighth Dynamic.'

We find ourselves back to the Thetan which was already defined as "Creator" and as immortal. Number 8 just routs one back to the seventh dynamic in an attempt to add another splash of the deep and mysterious. More words that go nowhere.

What is "Life" according to LRH? This is important because it is inextricably bound to the Thetan as "Creator of Life Itself".

Thetan is the deity that gives Mankind life. Mankind then, under the control and direction of the Thetan is driven to survive.

The problem with what Hubbard is trying to sell is that he creates a conflict for himself and his followers when he attempts to explain what "Life" is.

In *Scientology The Fundamentals of Thought*, chapter 2 Hubbard describes life as *The Cycle of Action*.

Again he uses a lot of words to describe the birth, lifetime, death cycle; saying; *“The actual cycle-of-action is as follows: CREATE, CREATE-CREATE-CREATE, CREATE-COUNTER-CREATE, NO-CREATION, NOTHINGNESS.”*

Nothingness?

Poof!

Where did the Thetan go?

If one is to believe Hubbard’s version of the life cycle, there is nothing after the death of the person.

If there is nothing then what is the need for any religion at all?

How can the Thetan live multiple lifetimes?

If the Thetan is Creator of life and immortal, how can there be No-Creation?

How can there be nothingness?

If there is nothing following no-creation, where do the new bodies the Thetan picks up come from? No-Creation means just that.

It is a cessation of creation.

Imagine one has a pile of building blocks in front of him. If he just sits there and does nothing there is no creation happening.

Full stop.

Realizing he was writing himself into a corner he then decided that No-Creation was actually an act in itself.

So sitting there just looking at the pile of blocks and doing nothing has now become an activity.

Hubbard was still trapped.

He’d already defined No-Creation as an absence of any creative activity.

So where does the Thetan fit in?

In the next breath he states that No-Creation is an act called destruction.

*“Destruction is (in terms of action) a creation of something against a creation of something else (create-counter-create).”*

Simply stated, the Cycle-Of-Action (life) consists of creating our environment until we finally run out of ideas and then create the end.

At least that’s what he wanted it all to mean.

This again cannot be, because by the definition Hubbard gave, something is always being created ad infinitum.

There can BE no end.

Continuing his explanation of the life cycle he claims that in fact life as we know it is all just a figment of the imagination.

Hubbard tells his followers that life “Is” because Man believes it “Is”.  
*“This cycle is only an apparency. It is what we see, what we behold. what we believe. We consider (think, believe, suppose) that it is so and we then see it so.*

*A child is born. He grows, he reaches manhood, he grows old. He dies.*

*In Scientology it can be seen that none of these steps are necessary. One considers them so, and so they are ‘true.’ A man can grow old quickly or slowly. He grows old to the degree that he believes he is growing old. Because everyone ‘agrees’ that this is the way things are, they go that way. The cycle is not true. It is only apparent. It is apparent because we believe we see it. It is apparent because we agree that it should be so.”*

So.

*“A child is born. He grows, he reaches manhood, he grows old. He dies.*

*In Scientology it can be seen that none of these steps are necessary.”*

Hubbard claimed that the Cycle-Of-Action is “*the most fundamental idea in Scientology*”.

Again all this extraneous wordage is just for effect. Once pared down to its simplest form it is much clearer for the Never In to understand.

The most fundamental idea in Scientology is that life is simply an appearance of reality.

Everything we see, experience and live is just make believe because Man wishes it so.

Hubbard effectively negates either his entire explanation of the religious side of Scientology with all this fictitious claptrap or the religious angle negates the Cycle-Of-Action.

They both cannot be true.

If the cycle is not true, then where does the Thetan actually fit in?

If one is to believe that life is a cycle of false creations until it ends in destruction, and the Thetan is the only cognizant, sentient being then that would mean it is the Thetan creating the lie.

COS believes that the Thetan is the only thing that is real and everything else is just a consideration. Why, then is there any need for Scientology at all? That belief path leads directly to the logical next step wherein Scientology is also simply a construct of the mind as well.

No matter how one deconstructs the various beliefs, at some point one comes to a crossroads where one idea is in opposition to another.

None of the steps of life are necessary.

Hubbard wrote himself into a corner.

Through all this chaos and confusion that Hubbard created in trying to define what life is, he apparently remembered at some point that he was trying to create a religion.

At the very end of the chapter he acknowledged that he needed to fit God in somewhere. So he did, only to brush Him off as irrelevant to the subject.

*“Creation in this work may be thought to exclude God. We are here considering only those things which Man or Man as a spirit can make or manufacture or think. The subject of who or what is doing the creation does not invalidate the cycle. This is a work on the subject of the mind, spirit and life. Not a work on the subject of the Supreme Being.*

*Lying is the lowest order of creativity.”*

Why bother at all with God?

There is no God in Scientology.

One final part of COS that Hubbard created was first a therapy device for Dianetics and then rebranded as a spiritual tool for his new religion.

Used during their “spiritual counseling” sessions, known as “Auditing”, it is called the “E-Meter”.

This device, basically a lie detector connected to two cans, has a needle that allegedly responds to one’s reactions to various questions posed by the auditor (one who applies the therapy).

It was claimed by Hubbard that auditing and the use of the e-meter was so effective that it could cure any illness, make the blind see again and even raise one's IQ.

In 1963 the FDA took exception to these outlandish promises, confiscated all the e-meters they could lay hands on and took Scientology to court. As a result all e-meters must now carry a sticker stating that the machine does not cure anything and is for spiritual use only.

Auditing, the Scientology version of confession is one more weapon used to keep the members in compliance and obedience.

The Auditor sits in the place of power over the member, pressuring and exhorting for more and more revelations of crime and misconduct. When used as a disciplinary tool or sec checking, the person is subjected to hours, even weeks of constant questioning until finally the victim agrees to anything just to be freed from the inquisition. Everything is documented and if the member escapes, these files are used to disparage, humiliate and even damage the reputation of the former member.

Auditing is purportedly counseling to help the pre clear address his reactive mind. It is claimed to enable the follower to get rid of any negative reactions to the traumas of life and help him move closer to the state of Clear.

In reality it is simply a weapon placed into the hands of Scientology leaders to ensure cooperation and compliance. It is a reasonable guess to assume that the reason more celebrities do not leave the cult is because of the fear that the content of their pre clear folders will be made public.

Always Scientology's "get them before they get you" paranoia colors everything they do.

Anger simmers beneath all that drives this cult. Hubbard extorts it's members to attack and destroy anyone who causes offense. The current leader, David Miscavige, uses anger and violence to control those around him. Claiming that its religious roots are found in the teachings of Hinduism amongst others, still it uses negativity and anger as a cattle prod. Hinduism however speaks clearly about anger.

“The ignorant always regard anger as equivalent to energy. Wrath, however, has been given to man for the destruction of the world. The man, therefore, who wishes to behave properly, must ever forsake anger.”

Christianity teaches that anger is a sin. That God is peace. Islam believes extreme anger is unlawful because it creates opposition and bitterness. So how then does does Scientology claim brotherhood with the major religions of the world while at the same time shunning the basic tenets that each holds? The same virtues held by very different faiths, bonding people together through similar ideals. Scientologists believe that all the writings and lectures of L. Ron Hubbard are their scripture. His works are not to be changed nor are they open to interpretation of any kind.

With this said, according to Hubbard, the religions that are noted as the examples for it's Spiritual foundation do not exist. Christianity is particularly targeted as being fake.

First Hubbard claimed that Jesus did not exist at all. Later he wrote: “For those of you whose Christian toes I may have stepped on, let me take the opportunity to disabuse you of some lovely myths. For instance, the historic Jesus was not nearly the sainted figure (he) has been made out to be. In addition to being a lover of young boys and men, he was given to uncontrollable bursts of temper and hatred.... You have only to look at the history his teachings inspired to see where it all inevitably leads. It is historic fact and yet man still clings to the ideal, so deep and insidious is the biologic implanting.” Hubbard also likened himself to Lucifer, saying “No doubt you are familiar with the Revelations section of the Bible where various events are predicted. Also mentioned is a brief period of time in which the arch-enemy of Christ, referred to as the anti-Christ, will reign and his opinions will have sway ... this anti-Christ represents the forces of Lucifer (literally, the "light-bearer" or "light-bringer"), Lucifer being a mythical representation of the forces of enlightenment.... My mission could be said to fulfill the Biblical promise represented by this brief anti-Christ period.”

Hubbard states that God and all the major religions of the world are merely false and misleading implanted memories designed to confuse and control the Thetan. With this explanation Hubbard

himself effectively negates Scientology's claims. They fight to prove that they are a legitimate Religion the same as the other major religions of the world, yet their own founder states that these Religions are not real. Where does that leave COS? Is Scientology a religion? Is it truly aligned with the great religions of the world?

Hubbard himself said "No".

In *The Creation of Human Ability*, 1953 LRH wrote "*Scientology has opened the gates to a better World. It is not a psycho-therapy nor a religion. It is a body of knowledge which, when properly used, gives freedom and truth to the individual.*"

Also in *Fundamentals of Thought*, L. Ron Hubbard, 1956, Bridge Publishing, 1983 edition, p. 7

he wrote, "*Scientology is a branch of psychology that treats human ability.*"

Additionally, the intention to assume the guise of a religion was clear in his 1953 letter to Helen O'Brien where LRH states, "*I await your reaction on the religion angle. In my opinion, we couldn't get worse public opinion than we have had or have less customers with what we've got to sell. A religious charter would be necessary in Pennsylvania or NJ to make it stick. But I sure could make it stick. We're treating the present time beingness, psychotherapy treats the past and the brain. And brother, that's religion, not mental science.*"

It is clear that Hubbard never originally intended for either Dianetics or Scientology to be religious in nature.

If the teaching and belief is that all Ron's works are scripture and not to be trifled with one wonders how it is so much of his works are bypassed and ignored by the current regime.

Scientology has a lot of "beliefs" that range from the bizarre to the outright insane.

They believe that an intergalactic warlord named Xenu blew up a portion of his population due to overcrowding. They believe that if one reads the text of the story of Xenu without spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in preparation beforehand one will get pneumonia and die.

Another belief is that mental illnesses are not real because there are no physical medical tests with which to diagnose them.



Scientologists believe that they are a religion and are the only hope for Man's salvation.

Or do they?

COS requires potential members to sign a Contract before being allowed to join. This Contract, called an Enrollment Agreement, precludes the new attendee from ever suing Scientology under any circumstance, it also clearly states that there is a good chance he won't actually receive the benefits promised him.

*"Neither the Church nor any other Scientology Church or organization which espouses, presents, propagates or practices the Scientology religion makes any claim:*

*II. That the application of any Scientology or Dianetics technology or practice will have any particular effect on me or any other person, or*

*III. That any particular result may be forthcoming from my participation in any Scientology Religious Service. I specifically acknowledge that I have read and that I understand Scientology Policy Directive 13 March 1996. Statements by Staff Members, which states clearly that if any individual staff member of any Scientology Church or organization makes any claims about the results which may be forthcoming from my participation in any Scientology Religious Service, any such claims are the personal opinions and beliefs of that staff member only, and are not claims made by the Church or any other Scientology Church or organization."*

It must truly be confusing to be a Scientologist.

Scientologists are whatever and whoever they need to be in the moment. If it suits someone to claim affiliation with the Jewish community then so be it, they are Jewish Scientologists. One simply ignores the fact that the Jewish people do not believe Jesus is the long awaited Messiah; the Jewish Scientologist walks proudly into his or her COS building which displays the ultimate Christian symbol- a Cross.

The Christian Scientologist must live in a veritable wilderness of spiritual confusion. Christians believing that Jesus is the Salvation of

Mankind while Scientology teaches that THEY are the only hope and salvation.

If COS truly believed in the efficacy of their so-called religion they would not hedge bets with a Contract, nor would a need exist to supplement their technology with the symbols and beliefs of other Faiths.

For a Christian, Muslim, Jew or other member of an established religion, their ideology is enough and it is theirs.

The fact is, for all its cries of inclusion and defense of religious freedom, Scientology is incredibly blasé and callous towards other faiths.

Taking on the symbol most sacred to the Christian community when Hubbard claimed Jesus did not exist, that He was a child molester and that religion was actually a false implant is heresy and blatant bigotry.

Bigotry is intolerance for the religious beliefs of others. Displaying the Cross when one does not believe in anything it represents, using this holy image simply as a tool in one's pretense for financial gain is beyond disrespectful. It shows a marked intolerance and disregard for the Faith of every Christian.

Adding other beliefs to this cauldron of confusion just increases the show of disregard and contempt Scientology holds for established religions.

COS has no recognizable creed.

Yes the cult claims belief that Man is a spirit, is immortal and can attain godlike powers. However they also state that Scientology can't deliver what they promise.

No other religion requires members to sign multiple contracts, waivers and releases.

Apparently for Scientologists something vital is missing, leaving its members seeking, confused and living in the shadows.

If COS truly had all the answers and could save the world none of those within its fold would *need* supplemental religion.

In order to qualify for and keep a religious tax exemption the organization must have their own spiritual identity and history. Scientology has neither.

Instead it attempts to cover its lack by claiming it holds in common the beliefs of religions that go back thousands of years.

The truth is they have nothing in common with true religion.

That COS must grasp onto and misuse the beliefs of others with no respect, understanding or reverence proves how far off the mark they truly are.

The religious aspect is only one side of the Cult of Scientology.

In fact the religious angle is actually the least of the problems surrounding Hubbard's dysfunctional organization.

Since its inception Scientology has always preferred to operate in the shadows, out of sight of mainstream society. Hubbard was very clear that neither Dianetics nor Scientology were religious in substance. When he made the decision to turn from science to religion for financial purposes it was like forcing a square peg into a round hole.

Now the religion angle could almost be called a red herring in the overall scheme of things, keeping the attention on one facet while the real issues of abuses, crimes and hate filled policies continue unabated.

Once the focus is turned from the *claims* made by COS to its *actions*, especially the policies of Disconnection and Fair Game, Never Ins can hear the truth loud and clear that this cult is no real religion.

Disconnection

The 80's hit *Rich Girl* by Hall & Oats has a lyric that says "*It's so easy to hurt others when you can't feel pain*".

It's the perfect metaphor for Scientology's Policy of Disconnection. L. Ron Hubbard thought nothing of leaving his wife, Polly, behind so he could travel the country womanizing. He had no interest in Polly's feelings nor for the mountains of unpaid bills he left behind for her to deal with in his absence. From all accounts Polly was no fool and was aware that her wayward husband was a cheat. There is an anecdote in *Bare Faced Messiah* that tells of a time when Hubbard wrote letters to two different women and placed them in his mailbox. Polly found and opened them, then switched the letters and mailed them off.

It might be said he paid her back years later when he coolly moved with Sara into the very same house that Polly and her children were living in shortly after he was finally divorced from his first wife. Such cold and calculating cruelty to inflict on anyone.

His in-laws were appalled, he saw nothing wrong with his actions. Hubbard committed bigamy without a second thought when he married his second wife, Sara.

When he married her, she had no idea he was already married and had children. That Sara would have been devastated when she found out meant nothing to Hubbard. What he wanted, he got and to Hell with how anyone else felt about it.

He committed kidnapping and blackmail when Sara wanted free from his torturous ways. Hubbard then went on and pretended they had never been married for the rest of his life.

According to Sara's divorce statement, before Ron blackmailed her into changing it, he abused her unmercifully. Later in life, he would coldly denounce his daughter Alexis (by Sara) writing her a letter while she was at college.

Sara Hubbard writes about this incident in a letter of support/commiseration to Paulette Cooper, stating: "*My older daughter [Alexis Valerie] (who is Ron's daughter) was home over the holidays. When she arrived back at college there was a man who had been waiting for her in the local inn. He had been there 3 or 4 days.*"

*She asked him to come to her Dorm to talk with him. He told her he was Ron's agent. He had several typewritten pages of "statements" to read her. It had obviously been written by Ron.*

*It said to her that she was illegitimate - that I was a "street-walker" he had hired as a combination housekeeper-secretary. He said that he fired me and that I came back to his doorstep "destitute and pregnant" and that out of his great heart he had taken me in to see me "through my trouble".*

*He said that when Alexy was a "Toddler" she was a cute little thing so he took her and a cat, "Motor Boat", along on his wanderings "as pets" for 2 years. [Alexy was 15 months old when we were divorced] [\[10\]](#)"*

Hubbard's denial that Sara was his second wife is something that Scientology upholds to this day, even to photoshopping her out of at least one photograph.

What kind of person could be so violent, controlling and cruel to those closest to him?

Someone who was either unwilling or unable to handle creating healthy, loving relationships.

Ron had to be ordered by his aunt to return home when his mother was dying and although he gave in and went, he left before the funeral.

Given the fact that L. Ron Hubbard had a track record of betraying both his friends as well as his family members it shouldn't be a surprise that one of the two most destructive policies Scientology has is that of Disconnection.

COS insists that there is no formal policy of Disconnection, however the cult also insists that "Clears" obtain mental Super Powers that can be used to cure illness, raise the IQ and allow one to hear one's shoelaces.

In fact there *IS* a policy of Disconnection.

It begins with one being labeled "Suppressive".

Anyone, whether a member, former member or a Never In, who speaks out in a manner displeasing to the Cult, is labeled an enemy or Suppressive Person (SP).

Such hubris is a reflection of the founder's own pride and selfishness. Hubbard took it upon himself to extol the virtues of

honesty and ethical behavior yet for him as well as for his cult it was definitely a case of “Do as I say, not as I do”.

Scientology presumes to judge the rest of Mankind with complete disregard or care for the pain inflicted upon others.

This attitude is well modeled by current leader, Captain David Miscavige. During each gala event Miscavige stands before those who trust him implicitly and feeds them both twisted facts and outright lies.

Captain Miscavige assures his audience that their “donations” are paying for amazing advancements, that the religion is expanding monumentally and the longed for upper levels of the Bridge are closer than ever.

With a callous shortsightedness he awarded COS’s Freedom Medal of Valor to actor Tom Cruise, calling him “the most dedicated Scientology I know”. This remark most likely offended all those rich Scientologists sitting in the front row who have donated millions, not to mention all the SeaOrg members who are worked to exhaustion for little to no pay, dedicating their lives to the exclusion of all else. But this is the man who allegedly physically assaults his executives. Who confines them to The Hole, a filthy prison contained in two double wide trailers at Gold Base. Here he sadistically forced his captives to compete for their freedom in a game of Musical Chairs. No moral, ethical person, let alone religious leader would behave in such a way. Miscavige, in tribute to his founder and former friend, imitates Hubbard’s cold ability to throw off an unwanted wife. Shelly Miscavige has not been seen in over a decade and any attempt to find her is met with silence.

The experiences of those who lived in this emotionally stunted world should be a real concern for everyone. COS has as its goal a “Cleared Planet”, they claim it will be a world free from “Insanity, War and Crime”. In fact a world created in their founder’s image would be a world Cleared of friendship, trust, joy and family.

On *The Aftermath*, Amy Scobee was declared a Suppressives and her own mother was ordered to disconnect. The ensuing emotional torture both mother and daughter endured was tantamount to psychological assault.

Tearing familial bonds apart so cruelly is a violation of the very soul. Declaring a loving mother or wife to be an enemy simply because she disagreed with a position taken by her “religion”, or because she refused to sever her connection with a loved one is a moral outrage. Hubbard made a comment addressed to himself in his Affirmations; “You worked to darken your own children”.

LRH placed no importance on relationships.

He darkened his own children as well as all those who have given their lives to his religion.

The feeling of others are simply something to be audited away.

Ron cared little about anyone except himself, he was only concerned with the end result- money.

Disconnection is a policy that directly attacks what makes a society whole. To order children to no longer speak to their parents, spouses to divorce one another, friends to turn away is to cripple everyone involved.

Once one is found wanting and labeled Suppressive, any family member left behind within Scientology is *prohibited* from having any contact whatsoever with their wayward loved one.

As Scientology states;

*“When someone has been expelled from the religion, that person loses both his or her fellowship with the Church **as well as with other Scientologists**. The condition lasts until they have been restored to good standing. Once the person has been restored to good standing, the **prohibition** against fellowship with other Scientologists is lifted. Similar practices have been part of religious communities for thousands of years and have been recognized by courts of law as a fundamental right.”*

The important thing to note is that this prohibition of familial or social interaction is *not* one that has been addressed or recognized in courts of law as a fundamental right.

Imagine taking your family member to court because they won't speak to you. Can one seriously expect a court of law to order a family to interact?

First they state there *is* no policy of Disconnection, then they defend it by saying it is a practice of other religions for thousands of years.

Scientology claims that Disconnection is something freely chosen by the individuals, that it is not a rule of their “church”. If this is so then it is not in fact a religious practice and is not “*part of religious communities for thousands of years and have been recognized by courts of law as a fundamental right.*”

There would be no need for this explanation at all if the severing of ties between family and friends were really personal choice. The fact that Scientology feels such need to defend the practice, to provide justification, is proof that it is a hard and fast law.

Disconnection in Scientology is a *prohibition*.

Their word.

While the cult has long looked to the practices of other faiths as a justification for their own actions, they fail to understand the *motivations* behind those practices. Scientology is basically saying that Disconnection is a religious practice that everybody else does so why not them? Sheesh, it’s been around for thousands of years and even the courts have recognized it.

The problem with Disconnection verses another religion’s excommunication is that unlike Scientology which focuses on extreme social isolation, it is a bottom line, last resort, *religious* focused discipline for everyone else.

In the Catholic Faith there is excommunication. This practice is one that is levied extremely rarely and only in the most serious of circumstances.

If one does behave in such a way as to find oneself excommunicated the person is still permitted to interact with their Catholic family and friends. There is no denial of love or support. Families do not turn on their excommunicated loved one with angry, scripted videos or hateful letters. Spouses do not divorce one another, children are not torn from their parents.

Excommunication refers to the person’s participating in the sacraments of the Church and the state of his soul. It is a spiritual based practice designed to bring the fallen parishioner back to Grace within the fold. Excommunicated people are still permitted to attend Mass, they are just prohibited from taking Holy Communion until they go to Confession and are reinstated.



In Scientology it is a policy that if a member does *not* disconnect from an excluded (or Suppressive) person then that person becomes Suppressive as well. Like the cooties the condition of SP is extremely contagious. Guilt by association can very well lead to another Disconnection.

This is not found in Catholicism.

Beside excommunication in the Catholic Church, the most familiar form of this punishment is Shunning as practiced by the Anabaptist communities like the Amish.

There are several different sects of Amish, each one with its own interpretation of Shunning (called *Meidung* in Pennsylvania Dutch, it is also referred to as being placed under the *Bann*).

From the Old Order Amish which is the strictest down to the more lenient groups like those in Lancaster, Shunning is a process with several steps that can take months before anything is permanent and is used only in extreme cases. Normally a person will be placed under a temporary Shunning with the hope that he will see the error of his ways and come back. If this does not produce a return the Shunning will be “permanent” although the door and the hope is always open for a return. For many Amish communities the care and concern for their Brother or Sister’s soul is such that if the recalcitrant person joins a more lenient Church that still follows the Anabaptist belief system the Shunning is lifted. They would rather see their loved one attend a different church than no church at all. While there is a social isolation amongst the stricter sects, many Amish communities do not agree with this aspect of Shunning and have adopted a symbolic approach which allows them to follow the letter of the Shunning without losing contact with their loved one.

*“One mother prepared two separate tables, placed them within several inches of each other, and covered both with one large tablecloth. Each table had separate benches. The children and the excommunicated ate at one table and the members at the other. Only the adults knew what had transpired.” —Amish Society, Hostetler*

This highlights the crucial difference between the anger, negativity and finality of Scientology’s Disconnection and the loving desire families and religious communities have for their prodigal to return.

Another important distinction between Scientology's Disconnection and excommunication or shunning is that while COS labels their fallen member an "enemy" and Suppressive, at no time is this the case for the other faiths. An excommunicated Catholic is not considered an enemy. He is not harassed or derided. Rather the excommunicant is looked upon in the same sad, loving way parents look upon a child who has lost his way. There is a sincere longing for the fallen to return all for the salvation of his soul. It would be, and is, entirely counterproductive to attack and torment a person mercilessly if one wishes him to return to the fold. One only sticks one's hand into the fire once.

Scientology begins and ends in anger.

Their decision to excommunicate a member is based upon the member's effect on *Scientology* not vice versa. For one to question something that doesn't feel right or something not understood is to be blamed and shamed. If the member has had enough and leaves, renouncing his experiences and choosing to no longer conform he is attacked and denigrated.

Scientology is in no way worried about the spiritual welfare of the former parishioner, rather what is important to the cult is how the former parishioner's actions reflect upon Scientology.

Yes, religions have the right to form their own ecclesiastical laws and to expect their parishioners to follow them. However true religions use those laws with care for the spiritual welfare of those who adhere to that particular faith. Their ultimate wish is for the person to return for the sake of their soul.

Scientology's rules are solely for the protection of the cult and are heartbreakingly cruel and destructive.

Imagine having one's children taken away; never to be allowed to hold them, to never celebrate another milestone or birthday. What must it be like to be ordered to divorce one's spouse over a church matter?

This is Disconnection in all its raw and ugly malice.

Hubbard had no sense of loyalty, love or friendship. Human relationships meant nothing to him except for what they could do for him. He needed the adoration, the approbation that others might direct his way. He forced respect through fear of his violent temper.

The tearing apart of families would have been just another policy for him to produce. The magnitude of the emotional destruction done would not have even been on his radar.

Disconnection is not designed to urge the ex member to reconsider and return. There is nothing encouraging about it. It is an angry rejection not only by the so called "Church" but also an enforced rejection by those supposed to love him.

Excommunication, Shunning or whatever it may be called is designed as a tough love approach to the wayward member for the person's perceived salvation. Like sending a child to his room, he can still hear the rest of the family enjoying themselves and wants to be part of that togetherness again.

It is the hope that the person will realize he has placed himself outside his spiritual community and his soul in jeopardy and like the prodigal son, he will return and repent.

When a former member of Scientology leaves and is named an SP, his entire community turns on him in rage and hate. Fair Game can be applied and the former member finds himself the target of malicious harassment. His own family attacks him in order to remain in good standing themselves.

Why would anyone wish to return to an organization that treats them like this?

There is no similarity between Disconnection and the excommunication used by other faiths and there is no court case that upholds a church's right to sever family ties and Fair Game someone.

Scientology is not a religion and it cares nothing for the individual member, his wellbeing or his soul.

As usual, Scientology wants the world to believe that they are the most ethical, most wonderful, lily white and pure religion on the planet. To hear them tell it, they've never done a single wrong thing ever.

This includes denying any policies that may rebound and cause them bad PR.

It is interesting to watch the antics of Hubbard's cult as they disavow both their spiritual promises as well as their punishments.

One might legitimately ask "So what *DO* you admit to?"

The enrollment agreement warns that one need be aware no spiritual benefits should be expected all while stripping the potential member of any hope of legal action if/when something goes horribly wrong. One agrees to give up all rights to legal recourse and any hope of psychiatric help if the auditing creates emotional or psychological damage.

The person signing gives up all his rights while acknowledging Scientology promises nothing in return.

One goes in already on the losing side.

Part of the agreement states that you understand what you are signing, that you've watched their orientation video and know what you're getting yourself into.

This, too is as dishonest and shady as everything else that Scientology does.

No incoming member is privy to the information contained in the upper levels of The Bridge. The new PC is certainly not told about Xenu and his mass genocide.

Imagine how many people would run the other way if someone explained to them they'd have to disconnect from everyone they love who may speak against Scientology.

While it is bad enough for COS to prohibit loved ones from seeing one another, there is yet another aspect to Disconnection that is even more insidious.

When one is named an enemy of Scientology it is more than a possibility that the remaining family may be called upon to publicly speak against the SP. This practice, part of yet another terrible policy known as Fair Game (which will be addressed more fully in a later chapter), has absolutely no justifiable reason for its existence.

In the case of those brave people who have spoken out publicly about their experiences, Scientology in the most hateful, malicious way, created websites that contain letters and video of family members saying terrible things about their own flesh and blood.

Parents, siblings and children of the former member sit down in front of the camera and spew nasty vitriolic character assassination against someone they were supposed to have loved.

This is not even remotely religious.

Allowing for a moment Scientology's claim that Disconnection is a personal choice rather than policy, the question remains; what kind of religion fosters this kind of teaching?

That love of parent, child or other family member is conditional upon the good will of one's "church"?

For a mother to not only turn her back on her child, but to actively lash out against him in vicious verbal abuse. Children caught between parents, one a former member, one still active are forced to choose a side by an organization that calls itself a religion.

Spouses pressured to divorce, the remaining one creating horrible lies which they spread in public forums.

All ways of forcing those who should stand together in loyalty and love to instead burn bridges and stare with hate across the chasm created by the legacy of L. Ron Hubbard.

What does this policy really say about the church that enforces it? Scientology asserts that it has no policy of Disconnection, that the decision to sever the ties between members and former members is self determined.

In Hubbard's book, *Introduction to Scientology Ethics*, in the chapter titled *PTSness and Disconnection*, pg 207 it says; *"Earlier, disconnection as a condition was cancelled. It had been abused by a few individuals who'd failed to handle situations which could have been handled and who lazily or irresponsibly disconnected, thereby creating situations even worse than the original because it was the wrong action...The bare fact is that disconnection is a vital tool in handling PTSness and can be very effective when used correctly. Therefore, the tech of disconnection was restored to use, in the hands of those persons thoroughly and standardly trained in PTS/SP Tech."*

How can something that is not a policy be "restored to use in the hands of those persons...trained in PTS/SP Tech" if it is a self determined practice?

It is important to understand these labels, PTS and SP because they are used by COS in a game of semantics when this issue is raised. PTS, or Potential Trouble Source is, according to Scientology "A person who is in some way connected to and being adversely

*affected by a suppressive person. He is called a potential trouble source because he can be a lot of trouble to himself and to others"*  
A Suppressive Person is "A person who seeks to suppress, or squash, any betterment activity or group."

Namely, Scientology.

It is easy to see that by this definition, anyone who actively speaks or works against COS is automatically considered Suppressive.

Once one falls neatly and conveniently into this category he qualifies for all the negative policies Scientology has to offer, including Disconnection.

It is also simple to see that by the definitions provided by COS, it is impossible for Disconnection to be a free and personal choice as anyone who remains connected to the SP becomes suspect himself. A coerced choice is not a free one.

Ignoring the fact that the word, "Prohibition" is used and setting aside the comment from *Introduction to Scientology Ethics*, both of which lend credence to the fact that such a policy exists, it needs to be understood that this is exactly how Scientology splits hairs.

In order to "properly" exit Scientology there is a process called Routing Out.

This involves time in COS's version of house arrest, called the Rehabilitation Project Force or RPF. Hours of enforced running, short rations of rice and beans and hours upon hours of sec checking are all designed to ensure that when the person actually leaves they are not planning on speaking out against Scientology. This process could take months to move through and before one is permitted their freedom they must sign affidavits swearing that COS is the most wonderful religion on earth, their intrepid leader, David Miscavige is a candidate for Sainthood and no one but the one leaving has done anything wrong.

Later, if the former member does speak out, Scientology pulls out the coerced confessions and affidavits as "proof" that everything the defector says is a lie.

Routing Out is nothing more than blackmail on top of kidnapping.

The person is held against his will under horrendous circumstances, subjected to mental assault over weeks or months and then forced to make confessions and sign documents.

As with any torture, anything confessed to or signed must be disregarded. Coercion doesn't lend itself to legitimacy.

The alternative to routing out is to simply escape in whatever way one can. This is known as a "blow".

For SeaOrg members who blow there is a policy in place called the "Blow Drill" wherein multiple members of the organization all commence a coordinated procedure to hunt the escapee down and bring him back.

On again off again Scientologist Marty Rathbun describes this process while under oath stating;

*"First, top priority for RTC was to assure there were no departures of staff from the base. RTC was alerted immediately if anyone left the base unannounced. That was done despite the fact CSI had more than a dozen full time security personnel to keep people in and to hunt people down. RTC then mustered a number of people to supervise what was known as the "blow drill." A "blow" is defined as an unauthorized departure in the Scientology vernacular. That entailed*

*mustering even more CSI staff to: a) thoroughly examine personnel and others files for the purpose of predicting where the escapee might flee, b) thoroughly examine pre clear (or counseling) files for the same purpose and the additional purpose of finding personal "buttons" (matters of high emotional potential) of the individual so that when located he or she could be manipulated to return, c) gather all bank account and credit card information available and use it to find out daily expenses so as to pinpoint the blown person's whereabouts, d) contact Scientologist relatives and persuade them to work on the church's behalf to make the person return, e) contact non-Scientologist relatives of the blown person and do public relations capers on them to garner their assistance on getting the person to return, f) put together a phone bank of individuals to phone every motel on whatever route we determined the blown person most likely took, (decided by analysis of a-e above), g) put a number of trusted individuals into a number of vehicles to hit the road and attempt to locate the blown person. As many as two dozen people could work on the blow drill for days and even weeks until the blown person was located and returned."*

If the escapee is lucky enough to get away those he left behind still in COS are subject to intense scrutiny and suspicion.

In 2007 after Mike Rinder blew, his family hunted him down and accosted him while he sat in the parking lot of a doctor's office. Fortunately for him, he'd been on the phone at the time with BBC journalist John Sweeney who was recording the call. During the verbal assault that ensued Rinder's brother, Andrew is heard saying at 02:38 on the recording; *"you have no idea what I am gonna go through! You can't do this to me!"*

This is heart rending in that not only is Andrew obviously frightened of what he's facing at the hands of his own church, but it is also a small glimpse into exactly how Scientology manipulates a person's emotions. Andrew's first thought was not for his brother, but for himself.

This is how the "Church" of Scientology operates and no matter which assertion one chooses to believe neither is ethical.

COS has weaponized family relationships.

If someone blows, Scientology stakes out non cult family members hoping to catch the escapee, basically seeing any source of refuge as bait.

There is the threat that their loved ones remaining within the cult may face serious consequences due to the defector. Family members are used to attack and denigrate if and when COS deems it necessary. Those who stay in the organization are encouraged to tattle on one another through Knowledge Reports.

These are not the actions of any real religion.

They aren't even the actions of a moral, ethical lay organization.

Within the confines of Scientology's SeaOrg, families are often kept separated damaging the bonds that are meant to provide love and support. Husbands and wives are given assignments that make it almost impossible for them to spend quality time together.

The policy of policing each other with the threat of Knowledge Reports and punishment undermines trust and friendships.

Anything designed to isolate someone, leaving them alone and wary of their fellows is destructive not only of the person but of society because to be a society there needs to be bonds of fellowship and family.



Disconnection is Scientology's way of perpetuating anger and isolation in order to protect the cult. The very threat of being shunned by one's family and friends is enough for some to stay obedient and compliant. For those who are able to break through the chains of mind manipulation and free themselves, the decision comes with a heavy price.

By keeping those who have escaped from Scientology in constant conflict with those left behind non healing communication is assured. While everyone is hurt and angry, the chance that the newly freed ex will convince others to leave is small.

Disconnection is a policy created solely for the continuance of Scientology. There is nothing moral, ethical or honest about it. COS members are isolated from each other and from the real world. Their familial and friendship bonds weakened and laced with wariness and suspicion. The person is filled with doubt, insecurities and guilt to control their ability to logically reason their experiences. David Miscavige lies to his followers, reinforcing the "us v them" mindset to keep control, he uses violence and chaos as weapons of compliance.

Nothing about Scientology, from it's inception to it's current activities, is honest, moral or in anyway ethical.

Scientology is the only "religion" with written policies on how to lash out and attack enemies.

Their Fair Game, Dead Agent And Disconnection campaigns are now familiar and overt behaviors, noisy and in your face actions designed to instill fear and enforce compliance.

Separating family and friends may be an effective deterrent for some, but it appears that Scientology's iron grip through fear may be loosening. People *are* leaving and fewer are joining.

Hubbard wrote, "*Dishonest conduct is non survival*".

Perhaps in this instance, he was right.

Scientology appears to be at an all time low with its membership.

Real estate all over the world is sitting empty and abandoned.

Missions are closing and no Org is really Ideal or "going St. Hill size".

Simply looking at the lack of support and response to Scientology's social media presence shows the growing emptiness. They are shouting into a growing void.

The truth is the only thing that ensures survival.

It will always out in the end.

It may take years or even decades but the truth wins.

Former members of Scientology already know that the cult is nothing more than a twisted carnival of confusion. A maze of fun house mirrors that distort everything into the bizarre.

For the Never Ins it is important to explain all the malicious distortions, the hidden abuse and destructive lies. Scientology has perfected the subtlety and nuance of deception, the art of twisted semantics. Lies of omission allow them to skate past facts and truths. This makes it harder for those unaware of their tactics to miss the game being played. By bringing the double speak and contradictions out where they can be seen it is hoped that Never Ins get a better picture of exactly how dangerous and abusive Scientology truly is.

There is nothing ethical found in the actions and policies of this dangerous cult.

Nothing in this cult is for the betterment of Man or the Planet.

Everything they do is for one purpose and one purpose only.

*“Make money. Make more money. Make other people make money.”*

The escaped, former Scientologist faces the loss of his loved ones, which is quite bad enough. That pain will be carried within him for the rest of his life as long as the break remains. However once the ex begins to speak out about the suffering he endured there is the second Policy of Vengeance he will be faced with.

That of Fair Game.

Fair Game and Mike Rinder

*“Everything critics claim about “Fair Game” is false. No “Fair Game” policy exists in Scientology. In truth, the term “Fair Game” only existed in the Church of Scientology for three years and was cancelled in 1968—nearly five decades ago—expressly because it was intentionally being misinterpreted and misused by opponents of the Church, even though it never had the meaning they tried to assign to it.”*

The bulletin referred to that was issued in 1968 is yet one more bit of twisted Scientology semantics. In actuality the bulletin did *not* cancel the practice. It ordered Scientologists to stop using the *term* Fair Game because it made COS look bad.

The bulletin says, *“The practice of **declaring** people Fair Game will cease. It will not appear on any Ethics Order. It causes bad public relations. This policy letter does not cancel the treatment or handling of an SP.”*

In other words, since Scientology labels anyone who publicly disagrees with them Suppressive, it’s business as usual.

Hubbard embraced vengeance with unholy fervor and Fair Game is the result.

There is an especially clear example of this policy currently in practice that highlights the lengths and depths Scientology will go to in order to bring down their perceived enemies.

The ongoing crusade COS has against this one man is a much better way to illustrate Fair Game and the harm it does than defining the policy. A simple definition is too impersonal.

Far better to show it in action, to understand the depravity of it as it plays out in the life of Scientology’s chosen target.

Here again, as with Disconnection, Scientology claims there is no policy called Fair Game. Actions speak louder than words.

Mike Rinder is most definitely not the first or only person to fall victim to this directive. The framing of Paulette Cooper, the attempted framing of Clearwater mayor Gabe Cazares and the ruination of Bob Minton are all just a few well documented cases of this “non existent” policy.

Each incident shows just how far Scientology is willing to go to destroy innocent people whose only crime is to take a stand against them. Even now there are websites containing pure hate directed at those who grabbed their lives back from the iron fist of mind control and abuse.

Mike Rinder’s case is one of the most recent and is still occurring with no sign of an end. Twitter and instagram are two of the online sites being used to disseminate bold faced lies even in the face of hard, undeniable proof to the contrary.

His case also illustrates that just as L. Ron Hubbard had no notion of loyalty neither does his usurper, David Miscavige.

Miscavige seems to have perfected the art of revenge and elevated it to an entirely different level, maybe even beyond that which Hubbard had intended.

Fair Game: *“SP Order. Fair game. May be deprived of property or injured by any means by any Scientologist without any discipline of the Scientologist. May be tricked, sued or lied to or destroyed.”*

Injured by any means.

This is the directive of an organization claiming to be “The Most Ethical Religion on the Planet”.

May be tricked, sued, lied to.

Destroyed.

What religion overtly seeks to injure and destroy those who no longer wish to participate?

This policy is dangerous and has the potential for a serious outcome.

All it will take is one, unbalanced fanatic, add a weapon and someone could end up dead.

This is Scientology.

It is imperative to peel back the layers and reveal the truth. Look past the religious rhetoric and sweet sounding humanitarian activities. All of that is just the shiny red peel on an otherwise rotten apple.

A religion is judged on how it treats *people*. Not in the grandeur of it's cathedrals or temples, not in it's collections of art and not in how many places it sets up shop. None of those things means anything without the people who are the heart and soul of any faith.

COS talks a good game but talk is the cheapest thing going 'round.

Look past the talk and watch how they treat their people.

We are living in a dark and violent time where physically lashing out is becoming commonplace. Scientology has a written POLICY advocating violence towards others that they act upon daily. No matter how they try to deny it, there is too much evidence to support the fact that Fair Game is real and in play to believe them.

Mike Rinder knows this better than most.

He's been on both sides of this insidious policy.

Rinder joined Scientology's SeaOrg at 18 and became one of the elite Commodore's Messengers. He married another SeaOrg

member, Cathy, and they have two children, Taryn and Benjamin. Over the years he worked his way to one of the top senior executive positions, that of Executive Director of the Office of Special Affairs. His new position basically made him King of Fair Game.

As he described it, *“If the Church decided someone was an enemy and needed to be silenced or destroyed, it was my job and I did it... Everything from following them 24 hours a day to having people camped outside their door, to being vilified on the internet, to following them wherever they traveled, I was the guy.”*

Intelligent, dedicated and determined, Rinder was Miscavige’s Enforcer and he did his job well.

As time went on, Miscavige began displaying violent, abusive tendencies towards his executives. Punching, pushing, choking and spitting became part and parcel of daily life under the Captain’s rule. As life under David Miscavige became more and more violent and precarious those under him learned to walk softly. No one was immune from the COB’s (Chairman of the Board) petty nitpicking, impossible deadlines and cruel treatment.

John Dalberg-Acton said “Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.” This most definitely applies to David Miscavige.

After dedicating himself to Scientology for decades, Rinder found himself on the wrong side of his tyrannical, unpredictable leader and was sent to The Hole.

The Hole seems to be Miscavige’s personal fetish.

Housed in two derelict double wide trailers on Gold Base near Hemet, CA it has been described by those who have been it’s prisoners as a veritable Hell.

Upwards of 100 people at one time could be crammed into the small space. In an area where the weather can reach triple digits, one occupant recalls that Miscavige ordered the electricity shut off.

People are forced to stand in trash cans while the rest of the group screams at and physically assaults the victim in an attempt to force him or her to confess to crimes real or imagined. Miscavige seems especially interested in any offense of a sexual nature.

Some have been ordered to lick a bathroom floor.

It was during his incarceration that Rinder was forced to endure humiliation after humiliation including participating in a high stakes game of Musical Chairs.

The sadistic COB explained to his prisoners that whoever lost the game would be sent away, losing everything and everyone.

To the tune of Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody, the desperate men and women battled it out motivated by fear of failure until finally only one chair was left.

As his victims stood by helplessly awaiting to hear their fate, Miscavige told them that no one was really going anywhere and left them locked in their prison.

This is the man controlling Scientology.

In March 2007 Miscavige, faced with the possibility that BBC Journalist John Sweeney was about to air an unflattering show concerning called *Scientology and Me* plucked Mike Rinder from The Hole and ordered him to London to stop Sweeney.

Mike had a confrontation with Sweeney but the show aired right on time to Miscavige's displeasure.

Rinder was then faced with a no win ultimatum; either go back to America where he would be returned to The Hole or be sent away for good, never to see his family again.

This was no choice at all as either way the result would be the same.

Things just clicked in his mind and he picked up his briefcase walked out the door of his hotel, jumped on the tube and never went back.

Mike Rinder, Executive Director of the Office of Special Affairs with more intimate knowledge of Miscavige and how things were being run than almost anyone else in Scientology, had blown.

One can only imagine the things that went through David Miscavige's head upon hearing that no one could find Rinder.

This was a dangerous situation for DM and the Fair Game Policy was fully initiated.

Once the dust settled Rinder attempted to see his wife to no avail.

He was sent his belongings but Cathy Rinder responded to his overture with a simple response, "fuck you, I'm getting a divorce".

Now out and away from the community he'd lived in almost his entire life, he needed a way to support himself. After working on a few

different jobs, he was given both a job and friendship by Robert Almlad a brilliant inventor.

Both men found themselves under constant surveillance by private detectives hired by Miscavige. They were followed everywhere they went, their trash was stolen and gone through, Almlad's business was constantly under attack until finally David Miscavige completely destroyed his chance to provide the world with a clean ice maker that kept bacteria from the ice. Almlad lost millions simply because he'd befriended and hired Mike Rinder.

The stalking and harassment did not cease for Mike. Scientology attacked the Clearwater, FL business woman who rented her B&B to Mike and his fiancé for their wedding.

A home in the Rinder's neighborhood was bought and a video camera was installed in a bird house to record their home day and night. Again, their trash was stolen, they were followed and harassed and everywhere they went Scientology was there.

A website was created by COS, filled with "testimonials" from former colleagues bashing Rinder, name calling and alleging he was expelled from Scientology for egregious bad behavior.

It is here with the libelous website that the most insidious and malicious acts of Fair Game against Mike Rinder took root.

Cathy Rinder, Mike's ex wife, began claiming that he was guilty of domestic violence. Headlines of "Wife Beater" appeared on the website and Miscavige had other women claim Rinder had also been physical with them.

Rinder's daughter Taryn, then joined in, writing a horrible and heartbreaking letter claiming he was a terrible father who abused her and her brother.

Here one can get a true idea of the damage and malice that both Disconnection and Fair Game cause, a man's own children were being used to say the most disturbing and untrue things about their father.

But it goes much farther, crossing every possible line of common human decency and morality.

April 2010.

Mike Rinder sits alone in his car in the parking lot of a doctor's office in Clearwater, Florida. He is on the phone with journalist John

Sweeney and the call is being recorded.

Out of nowhere several cars appear and Mike finds himself surrounded by his ex wife, now remarried, his daughter, his brother, another woman Scientologist and a couple of private detectives. Chaos ensues as Cathy Rinder Bernardini begins screaming and swearing at him, his brother, Andrew attempts to take Mike's car keys and there is a struggle that can be heard on the recording. First the group attempts to keep him in his car, then they try to keep him from getting to the doctor's office. In the melee, Cathy Bernardini hits her arm and sustained a small cut.

The fracas ends up in the doctor's office waiting room where, alerted by all the yelling and profanity, the doctor ends up calling the police for Mike and an ambulance for the bleeding Bernardini.

This one incident will turn out to be THE Fair game weapon of choice against Mike Rinder for years to come.

In spite of the fact that there is a police report describing the incident, a recording of the entire assault on Mike and an EMT report all of which exonerate Rinder of any guilt or culpability Scientology has twisted the incident into a massive online attack labeling him guilty of domestic violence and of maiming Cathy Bernardini for life.

There are ugly photos plastered both on the Fair Game website as well as on social media of Cathy's alleged wounds. While over the years her story has changed and grown beyond even the semblance of reason. At one point she alleges that she was so grievously injured her "blood was spurting onto the walls". Considering she was out in the parking lot and the nearest wall was dozens of feet away one marvels that the woman is still alive.

Almost daily the twitter account created by Taryn posts demands for her father's firing from his job. She has created a blog ostensibly to support victims of domestic violence but plastered all over it is the heading "Fire Mike Rinder".

That there is hard and fast, irrefutable evidence that counters everything Bernardini and Taryn claim is simply ignored. The police report states unequivocally that no crime was committed, that the Scientology group instigated an attack on him and lied about it and that Bernardini was injured by "incidental contact" during the confrontation. The officer notes only one, small injury to one arm.



The EMT notes the same thing, in addition they note that Cathy rates her pain at 2 on the scale from 1-10 and she refuses any further medical treatment.

However as time elapsed, her injuries grew to encompass both arms as well as her shoulder. Both she and her daughter, Taryn claim that she is now crippled for life because of Mike.

This is interesting in that Scientology teaches that anything bad that happens to someone is because you “pulled it in”, or brought it on, yourself. You must have some hidden crime you have committed and as a result the bad thing, whether accident, injury, illness or natural disaster has fallen upon your head.

Hubbard also writes that one sign of a Suppressive Person is that they are often unwell. Further one might ask why Bernardini simply doesn't make use of the superior Dianetics tech that promises it can heal anything.

*“The basic use of Dianetics is to make a well body and to augment physical treatment. **Any injurious experience can be erased by Dianetics.** It is very easy to use and if one wants people well and happy it should be used at every occasion. A person has an operation. This should be followed soon after by the erasure of the engram of the experience by R-3-R and the usual Dianetic auditor actions. The healing time will be greatly speeded and often healing will occur where a relapse might have followed.”*

However, we digress.

As the years have progressed, Bernardini's account of what happened that day in 2007 has taken root and grown like Jack's beanstalk.

*“Then one day she approached him on a public street in Florida. Instead of listening to what she had to tell him about their son's illness, he physically attacked her, shredding her arm and twisting it to where it popped like a broken toothpick. Worked up into an uncontrollable rage, Rinder repeatedly screamed at Cathy, calling her a “—— bitch” to her face. She vividly recalls hearing her bones crack as he twisted her arm. ‘All of a sudden he lashed out,’ Cathy recalled. ‘He came straight up to me and he grabbed my arms in a crisscross vice and started pulling and pushing my arms down and he was pulling my bones out of the socket. I could hear my bones*

*creaking and I would start screaming for him to let go and as soon as I started screaming for him to let go, he did it harder, jerked me down tight. His hands and arms are far bigger than mine and with a lot of force he yanked my shoulder, my collar bone and whatever else. He had keys in his hands by his thumb that was pressing my right arm and it actually put a hole in my arm. When he moved his arm away he ripped it.'*

*Cathy endured extensive physical therapy, but may never regain the full use and motion of her arm again. As her doctor wrote, "The forearm external would heal (with a scar), but Cathy's shoulder did not recover and it was evident there could be nerve damage."<sup>[11]</sup>*

*"Rinder's brother, Andrew, flew all the way from Australia to accompany Rinder's former wife, Cathy, and their daughter, in one effort to contact him. But upon seeing them, Rinder reacted with such hatred that he physically attacked Cathy, gouging and stripping the flesh from her arms so severely it caused nerve that is still healing almost a year later, and dislocating her shoulder, an injury that required surgery to repair. Andrew returned to Australia with a near-broken finger from his attempt to aid his sister-in-law."<sup>[12]</sup>*

*"What happened was the whole arm swelled, and I ended up having to go to a specialist in L.A. to get put on the antibiotics and I go on antibiotics, etc. So that was the visible, gory part, and I couldn't move my shoulder or my arm and it really, really hurt. And I had this pain in my back, which I later found out, so I did go to the doctor, a specialist, and he tried, you know he knew there was something wrong here because my shoulder blade is now no longer even with the other one. It got pulled down and over permanently, permanently stuck there. And I could feel that. I could feel all of this. And he tried various things. He was giving me steroid shots to see if that would handle it and finally after an MRI he saw a bone break near the achromiam [SIC] and the bone had sort of cracked over and was jabbed into my arm bone which was why I couldn't move. I couldn't move because it was being, and he said there [SIC] isn't any other option but surgery, remove the bone. My collarbone had been dislocated. So then I went through this whole cycle of getting surgery*

*which was completely debilitating and when I was done I was pretty much paralyzed.”<sup>[13]</sup>*

*“Based on the information I received during the investigation it appears that Michael was intentionally followed to the doctor’s office and confronted either due to his departure from the Church of Scientology or his desire to break his ties with his family. Although Catherine did receive an abrasion on her arm the injury was likely caused during incidental contact while Michael was attempting to move away from the group rather than an intentional battery.”<sup>[14]</sup>*

The EMTs arrived and noted that Bernadini was ambulatory. On the pain scale she said her pain was 2 out of 10. The EMTs observed a “minor skin tear” to her right arm and bandaged it. She denied any further treatment and refused to go to the hospital. Bernadini signed the Refusal of Treatment form.

She was subsequently interviewed by the Police Officer on the scene. In the police report there is no mention of the various, serious injuries described by Bernadini, Taryn Teutsch and Scientology after the fact. She does accuse Mike Rinder of grabbing her but the investigating officer dismisses her story as well as dismissing the story that the group just happened to come across Rinder by accident. The officer notes in the report that there was “an abrasion”. He concludes from the witnesses’ interviews that Bernadini’s injury was most likely a result of incidental contact.

What about the shoulder injury?

She went to Orthopedic Surgeon Dr. Bell a year after the incident. How does one live for a year with a dislocated collarbone? Had there truly been bones broken in April of 2010, how could she have endured the pain day after day?

Regardless of all the claims made afterwards, the police investigated and then closed the case from April 23, 2010.

There is enough evidence available for right thinking people to come to the conclusion that there is a huge discrepancy between what the professionals who are legally obligated to tell the truth and document all evidence discovered and the stories thrown about in the years since by Scientology.

One thing is certain, with all the discrepancies in the Bernadini/Teutsch/Scientology tales, that unhappy trio has done more to prove to the world that Fair Game is alive and well than anything else that could have happened.

The vicious attempt to destroy Rinder's character and career continue and due to a terrible tragedy in Australia, Scientology was given new material to use.

January 2019 saw a tragic, fatal stabbing attack occur at the Australian Org in Sydney. A young man, only 16 years old, argued one evening with his mother about her involvement in Scientology. The next day she went to the Org to begin what is known as The Purification Rundown, a potentially dangerous regimen of exercise, massive doses of vitamins and long hours in a sauna to "sweat out toxins". The PR is not only unsafe and unregulated, it is also often the first step towards joining the SeaOrg. Certainly the young man was aware that if his mother became a SeaOrg member he would very likely never see her again.

He went to the Org but the Scientologists there would not let him see his mother. Rather she began to escort him from the premises. Where a 16 year old was supposed to go from there without his parent is unknown.

Sadly the young man snapped and produced a knife stabbing two people one of whom died.

Rather than show compassion for those involved in this terrible tragedy Edward Parkin, Scientology Spokesman and International Director of STAND League, a COS sub group supposedly focused upon religious freedom, saw an opportunity and he ran with it.

Mike Rinder and Leah Remini, he posted, were responsible for this murderous attack and they had "blood on their hands".

This outrageous accusation, accompanied by unflattering photographs and brilliant splashes of red ink were posted all over social media.

Even after the Australian journalist who broke the story contacted his sources who confirmed neither Remini nor Rinder had anything to do with the attack posted their innocence, Parkin continued to accuse them of being complicit to murder. He doesn't stop with just this

incident, he also lays dozens of other hate crimes committed by mentally ill people directly at their feet.

Edward Parkin, a so-called “Minister” spends his days name calling, harassing and cyber bullying Leah Remini and Mike Rinder for their speaking out against the abuses of this cult. Parkin has completely crossed the line of ethics or morality by claiming Remini and Rinder are directly responsible for arson and murder. This “Minister” has compared innocent people of being like nazis, of being “Big Pharma Whores” and “Hate Mongers”.

One might wonder at this point why someone simply does not report these accounts and have them banned over such obvious policy violations.

In spite of stated policy to the contrary, daily harassment, false accusations and outright cyber bullying on a daily basis is permitted on Twitter for Scientology.

There is an egregious and blatant double standard where COS is concerned.

No amount of reporting the violations will result in a response. While those who have created sites to fight Scientology have found themselves with suspended accounts for the simplest of violations, neither Parkin nor any other Scientologist account has yet to even be given a time out for the horrendous things hurled at Leah Remini and Mike Rinder. So they tweet and retweet their ugly lies and false accusations proudly because they feel safe to do so.

Safe perhaps because of a mysterious relationship with CEO Jack Dorsey.

Scientology has set up their Little Shop of Persecution on Twitter where they daily push the boundaries of Policy ever further and further with apparent impunity.

Besides Edward Parkin’s vitriol, @StandLeague and @TarynTeutsch accounts are two of the most vocal and intolerant of the accounts.

They all share two basic and indisputable facts; first, these accounts would not exist if Leah Remini and Mike Rinder were still practicing Scientology and not speaking about their experiences within the “church” which makes this something beyond simple bullying. As the assaults are solely because both people have chosen not to participate in the Scientology “religion” and are speaking out, this

means they are being Fair Gamed in violation of their right to religious freedom.

Secondly, based upon the percentage of posts dedicated to personal attacks, name calling, accusations of criminal acts and taunting, there can be no doubt whatsoever as to the purpose of the existence of these accounts.

Fair Game is undeniably an active policy within the church of Scientology.

The @TarynTeutsch account especially spells out it's *raison d'être*: Fire Mike Rinder.

Her account is filled with nothing but accusations already and exhaustingly proven false but still it goes on in spite of report after report of Twitter Policy Violations.

These accounts are not created to engage in Social interactions. Not to discuss all things Scientology or even for the purpose of luring in new members. There are *directly targeting* Remini and Rinder in a daily barrage of vitriol and torment solely to make them publicly look bad for no other reason than they left Scientology and are speaking out.

Because of these two things the accounts are engaging in harassment, hate, false accusations and religious persecution.

Time and again outraged twitter users have reported these accounts. Time and again the response is a blistering silence.

One activist who regularly speaks out against Scientology found herself with a 7 hour ban for making the statement that "Scientology is not a fucking religion!"

Scientology accusing Leah Remini and Mike Rinder of complicity to commit murder and of "having blood on their hands" and flinging filthy names such as "Big Pharma Whore", "nazi", "Goebbels", "Hate monger" and "Wife beater" at them has yet to be found in violation of any stated policy.

Apparently making such serious and patently false accusations is fine as long as one doesn't use a swear word.

Edward Parkin and the @TarynTeutsch account have accused Rinder of Domestic Violence of the worst kind even though time and again a Pinellas County, Florida Police Report has been posted proving his innocence of such a horrible crime.

Report after report has been filed, a petition was created with over 600 signatures, a letter was sent to Twitter Lead Counsel Vijaya Gadde begging for a fair and impartial hearing.

All leading to absolutely nothing.

Adding insult to injury, Parkin posted a series of smug, gloating tweets directed at Leah Remini in which he may as well have just come out and said that Twitter was on his side.

*“I was alerted today that @LeahRemini has sought to suppress my first amendment right to freedom of speech by complaining that I am exposing her anti-religious hate campaign. Twitter investigated and found NO violations.”*

He was alerted by whom? Twitter does not tell people who reported them.

Do they?

Apparently if you are Scientology they do.

Even in the face of such clear evidence to the contrary COS wants everyone to believe there is no policy of Fair Game.

This dishonesty is pure Scientology.

Fair Game is an evil practice that has not an iota of justification for it.

There is no spiritual reason to cross so many lines of morality in order to injure or destroy another human being. Further, Scientology cares not at all for the collateral damage their actions may do.

Those they target for destruction have families, careers and social connections.

That someone may have children in school who might have to deal with the ramifications of their parent being Fair Gamed is not even on COS' radar. More personally, that Taryn continues participating in this quest for her father's destruction without giving a second thought to the feelings of her own half brother is a sad reflection on the quality of the teachings of her church.

Fair Game has the potential to hurt more than just the targeted individual and for Scientology this is apparently an added bonus rather than a consideration or deterrent.

By destroying Robert Almlad's ability to sell his clean ice invention COS removed the potential of fewer illnesses for thousands if not millions of people meant nothing.

Scientology bullies its way through life, ignoring anything that does not align with their own agenda and doing anything it can in order to get its own way.

They look down their noses at anyone not part of their group. To COS outsiders are “raw meat” to be recruited, converted and added to the collective of drone workers. Never Ins are “wogs”, a derogatory term used by this church to describe anyone not a Scientologist.

They live by the “Us verses Them” mentality.

Actually one may say they are right.

Their paranoia is well founded.

People *are* out to stop them, exactly as one would work to stop any other criminal.

Because they are guilty of abuses of epic proportion and it all needs to be brought into the light and ended.

Offering people a clear order stating they have *carte blanche* to destroy another by any means necessary when they are already under extreme pressure to produce, to succeed, to be “Up-Stat” at all times while pushed past exhaustion and mentally manipulated is a recipe for disaster.

This is not an overdramatized statement.

Scientology has already shown that it is more than willing to consider pushing way past the lies, stalking, name calling.

In the 1990’s a former Scientologist named Marjorie Wakefield testified under oath that; *“At one point, in the fall of 1977, I did volunteer work for the infamous Guardian's Office of Scientology, the branch of Scientology which deals in espionage and covert activities. I had to go through the auditing folders of a man who had defected and mark in red anything that he had ever said in auditing (which is supposed to be confidential), and I was to look especially for anything involving sexual practices or criminal activities and to mark them in red and circle them. This information could be used to blackmail him.*

*At this same time, while doing work for the Guardian's Office, I sat in on a meeting in the Guardian's Office (now known as the O.S.A. - Office of Special Activities), and I heard two murders planned. One murder was of this man who had defected. He had been caught, and*



*they said they had him in a motel room, and the next day they were going to take him out to sea and "deep six" him - tie weights to him and dump him overboard.*

*The second murder that I heard planned was of Paulette Cooper, who had written a book critical of Scientology, and they were planning to shoot her. To my knowledge this murder was not carried out, but at this meeting it was planned.*<sup>[15]</sup>

If they truly were as pure and innocent as they claim to be no need for such policies as disconnection and Fair Game. Why have a written directive on how to handle people who speak out against one if one is not doing something wrong in the first place?

Never Ins especially need to learn to question every thing said by Scientology. They need to always look past the verbal gymnastics to the motivations and actions instead. By becoming more aware of the semantics and the game playing, Never Ins who want to be a support and help will be better armed.

Everything Scientology says must be taken with a bushel of salt. Consider the source when one hears some negative claim concerning a former member or anyone who speaks against COS. It simply cannot be a coincidence that so many people over so many years have all left Scientology and told of the same abuses and practices.

All those people, so many strangers who have never even met one another, have one thing in common.

Fair Game is a real policy. It is used daily to inflict the utmost harm. There is one last item concerning Fair Game that needs to be mentioned.

As Scientology vehemently denies their directive to attack, they seem to have forgotten one pertinent bit of information and it seems a bit disingenuous considering how COS likes to use the law to justify their own actions when it suits them.

Representatives of Scientology swore under oath that the Fair Game Policy was part of the doctrine of the Scientology Religion.

*"In Wollersheim v. Church of Scientology of California (the "mother church" of the Churches of Scientology at the time the suit was filed), the California Appeal Court ruled, in a decision upheld by the US Supreme Court: "Wollersheim was compelled to abandon his wife*

*and his family through the policy of disconnect. When his mental illness reached such a level he actively planned his suicide, he was forbidden to seek professional help. Finally, when Wollersheim was able to leave the Church, it subjected him to financial ruin through its policy of 'fair game'." (JCA-147, pp.A-7, 15 & 16). At appeal, Scientology asserted that "fair game" was a "core practice of Scientology", and therefore protected as "religious expression". This position was also made on behalf of Scientology in the case against Gerald Armstrong, in 1984, by religious expert Dr. Frank Flinn (JCA-45).<sup>[16]</sup> <sup>[17]</sup>*

No true religion would have, let alone enforce, such actions against others. It flies in the face of any true spirituality. People who do not believe in God at all know that attempting to destroy the reputation and/or career of another is wrong.

Always look at the actions Scientology takes before taking their words at face value.

Most importantly, every time one hears Scientology insist that Fair Game is not a policy of the Church of Scientology remember what Mike Rinder, Leah Remini and the others that have chosen to leave and speak the truth have had to endure.

If Fair Game is not a policy, why does Miscavige spend thousands, if not millions, on private investigators?

Scientology alleges that Mike Rinder was expelled from the church for unethical behaviors. If this is true and if Fair Game is not a policy of COS then why are those, like Edward Parkin, Cathy Bernardini and others who are blatantly engaging in these immoral actions not likewise expelled?

Surely the attempted character assassination of another human being is of seriously greater concern than someone who takes a nap on the job?

Fair Game is just something that outsiders use to take jabs at Scientology, it isn't a real thing, cries COS.

Having video recording devices shoved into one's face while "WHAT ARE YOUR CRIMES?" is yelled at you is a real experience.

Watching private investigators make off with your trash is not something one imagines.

Mike Rinder being attacked by his own daughter on multiple public forums is most definitely a real experience.

One does not simply imagine that kind of pain.

*“Fair game. May be deprived of property or injured by any means by any Scientologist without any discipline of the Scientologist. May be tricked, sued or lied to or destroyed.”*

This dangerous directive needs to be stopped before it's too late.

## The Citizens's Commission on Human Rights and A Cleared Planet

The Citizens Commission on Human Rights, CCHR, is a sub group belonging to Scientology dedicated to wiping out Psychiatry and all of it's services.

It is included in this Primer for Never Ins because it is intricately bound up within the parameters of Scientology's much vaunted ultimate achievement; that of "Clearing the Planet".

For COS, a Cleared Planet is one where there is no more *"Insanity, Crime or War and in its place (they will) create a civilization in which sanity and peace exist. In order to do this, they must help individuals become free of their own individual aberrations and insanities and, hence, regain their inherent goodness."*

Insanity is a word that encompasses mental illness as a whole for Scientology.

While this may sound noble on the face of it, a closer look reveals something much more sinister.

Insanity is grouped in with crime and war. It is seen as something uncivilized, something that is a barrier to one's inherent goodness. If one suffers from depression or bi polar one is no longer able to be a good person unless they overcome that struggle.

In fact L. Ron Hubbard takes this thought straight through, naming one who suffers from mental an enemy.

*"About 15 percent to 20 percent of the human race apparently is insane or certainly a much higher percent than was estimated.*

*The truly insane do not necessarily act insane visibly. They are not the psychiatric obvious cases who go rigid for years or scream for days. This is observed only in the last stages or during temporary stress.*

*Under apparent social behavior the continual crimes knowingly committed by the insane are much more vicious than ever has been cataloged in psychiatric texts.*

*The actions of the insane are not “unconscious”. They are completely aware of what they are doing.*

*All insane actions are entirely justified and seem wholly rational to them. As they have no reality on the harmful and irrational nature of their conduct it does not often register on an E-Meter.*

*All characteristics classified as those of the ‘suppressive person’ are in fact those of an insane person.”<sup>[18]</sup>*

“As they have no reality on the harmful and irrational nature of their conduct...” one might then reasonably conclude that Scientology as a whole is insane.

COS’ Commission claims it is a watchdog organization fighting to end psychiatric abuses. This would indeed be a helpful organization. It if we’re true.

The CCHR is an especially insidious part of Scientology, perhaps the worst of all. Though none of their sub groups are any good and many, like Narconon, are seriously dangerous. The CCHR’s end goal is to eradicate psychiatry completely. This includes all psychiatric medicines as well which they claim are the root of all evil happenings in the world. (When they are not blaming Leah Remini and Mike Rinder, that is.)

According to Scientology’s website; *“As part of their religious Code, Scientologists pledge “to expose and help abolish any and all physically damaging practices in the field of mental health,” and thereby bring about an atmosphere of safety and security to mental healing.”*

One of their more fanatical adherents, John Alex Wood, avowed on Twitter: *“You claim CCHR has some sort of religious purpose.*

*Wrong. CCHR’s overarching purpose is the total ANNIHILATION of psychiatry worldwide”.* (Emphasis is his)

Jan Eastgate, President of the CCHR states *“There are alternatives to psychiatric treatment. Seek out and support them for they can repair and build. They also work. Avoid psychiatry because it only tears apart and destroys. And it never works.”*

Tell that to the millions of people who have found relief and stability in their lives through therapy and the proper medications. As with the Fair Game Policy, this directive encouraging people to avoid therapy and seek relief in alternative practices is exceedingly irresponsible

and potentially life threatening. Anyone who is inspired to follow such advice while suffering from a psychological issue could find themselves spiraling downward into dangerous behaviors. While the CCHR uses copious quotes from various members of the psychiatric community whose ideology aligns with theirs, this website is not to be trusted and should not be used when making any decisions concerning one's mental health.

If Scientology is good at nothing else it seems to excel at fostering dangerous behaviors.

The issue of Mental Health and its diagnosis, treatment and long term care is a serious one. While many advances are being made, there is still a long way to go. Though the psychiatric community is handicapped by a lack of solid diagnostic tools, it has come a long way in understanding the vast complexities of the human mind and how to help those struggling with depression, anxiety, bipolar and other life altering conditions. As in any area of medicine, research happens but slowly and it takes time and study before theories become treatment.

Prior to the advent of vaccines the child mortality rate was horribly high. In Victorian England statistics show that only half of all babies survived until their 1st birthday, from there only 2 out of 10 babies actually managed to reach their 2nd.

Before the discovery of antibiotics people died of tuberculosis by the millions. This example is especially relevant in that before research developed effective medication some of the accepted treatments for tuberculosis at the time were, though well meaning, deadly.

Just in the last fifty years solid research and a growing understanding of the brain and what happens with chemical imbalance has led to better treatment along with a more positive quality of life for those who struggle with depression. As with any area of medicine, progress is slow and improper prescribing or the abuse of medications is a real concern. Sometimes it takes many trips to a doctor before the patient finally finds the drug and the dosage that works for him or her. In the meantime, these drugs carry serious potential side effects that must be taken into consideration. Still modern medicine has come a very long way since the 1900's when most Victorians were dosing themselves and their children with

large quantities of heroin, chloral, and laudanum which were easily available and widely prescribed.

However for so many who have suffered for example under the dark cloud of depression, the benefits of medication outweigh the risks. Having one's quality of life improved exponentially could be likened almost to a rebirth. Finding joy and the motivation to live fully again is a gift.

While it is true that the area of Mental Health is still desperately in need of evolution and growth, it is moving forward to the betterment of those who need its services.

The CCHR seeks to undo what progress has been made sending the field back to the days of Bedlam. Only in recent years has the stigma attached to living with mental illness begun to finally fade. Scientology would have people shamed, isolated and "Cleared" from the planet.

Their ultimate goal is to undermine psychiatry and its practices while proposing to replace it with their own backward, unproven and often dangerous pseudo therapy.

Scientology believes that *"Today, the marketing of antidepressants has likewise reached nightmarish proportions, and the scenario becomes even more disturbing when one considers the explosively violent episodes such drugs precipitate. Moreover, there is categorically no evidence that diseases such drugs claim to treat even exist—which is to say, it's all an elaborate and deadly hoax."*

They irresponsibly ignore the current, cutting edge research being done including a recent study by The University of Queensland and Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam which analyzed more than 400,000 individuals to determine the genes behind five psychiatric disorders.

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As well as some incredible breakthroughs achieved through a massive genetic analysis of the human brain which yielded new insights into the foundations of psychiatric diseases such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and autism. According to an article in a special edition of *Science* magazine in 2018, *"Scientists at 15 institutions analyzed nearly 2,000 brains, and their findings are detailed in 11 studies...This approach made it possible to evaluate the genetic risk of diseases such as schizophrenia and bipolar*

*disorder up to six times more accurately than with traditional analysis of known genetic risk variants, according to studies led by Mark Gerstein.”*

L. Ron Hubbard claims he spent years researching his “Science of the Mind” yet Scientology does not allow for that same approach by anyone else. That they expect any safe, effective treatments for mental illness to suddenly and immediately appear from nowhere is unreasonable as well as irresponsible.

Every single other aspect of the medical field has taken years to arrive at the diagnosis levels and treatments that are available today. That the CCHR ignores both the current effective treatments as well as the ongoing study and research medical science is engaged in to provide ever more safe, positive and effective results for people is untenable.

The CCHR emphatically teaches that mental illness is not real.

*“there is categorically no evidence that diseases such drugs claim to treat even exist—which is to say, it’s all an elaborate and deadly hoax.”*

This single statement alone should anger all who see it. It is offensive and condescending to the millions of people who struggle daily with the effects of a mental illness whether their own or that of someone close to them.

In his book *Dianetics*, Hubbard takes on the issue of mental illness and he writes of it as a real, though psychosomatic, condition. For Hubbard, all forms of mental illness were the result of the reactive mind. He wrote, *“...the reactive mind. This functional mechanism managed to bury itself from view so thoroughly that only inductive philosophy, traveling from effect back to cause, served to uncover it. The detective work which was invested in the location of this arch criminal of the human psyche occupied many years. Its identity can now be certified by any technician in any clinic or in any group of men. Two hundred and seventy-three individuals have been examined and treated, representing all the various types of inorganic mental illness and the many varieties of psychosomatic ills. In each one, this reactive mind was found operating...*

*Discharge the reactive engram bank and the schizophrenic faces reality at last, the manic-depressive sets forth to accomplish things,*



*the neurotic stops clinging to books which tell him how much he needs his neuroses and begins to live, the woman stops snapping at her children and the dipsomaniac can drink when he likes and stop. These are scientific facts. They compare invariably with observed experience.”*

Their own founder and Source claims mental illnesses are real issues and he asserts he can cure them through auditing, which is how one deals with the reactive mind.

This while at the same time The CCHR simply denies mental illnesses exist at all.

Once again the reality is there for any Never In to see if they but spend some time working through the doublespeak.

COS states that mental illness is a deadly hoax, while at the same time proposing to treat and cure it through one or more of their multiple Rundowns.

There is *“categorically no evidence that diseases such drugs claim to treat even exist”* yet they are clear and careful to exclude anyone suffering from these so called imaginary conditions from applying to be a member of their Organization.

*“I know that I should not participate in any Scientology Religious Service if I have a physical or mental condition which might be aggravated or which might make my participation in the service uncomfortable or distressful to me, and I agree to accept and assume any and all known or unknown risks of injury, Loss, or damage resulting from my choices and decisions in that regard.”*

Ironic given that L. Ron Hubbard, himself, wrote to the Veterans Administration begging for therapeutic help for depression and suicidal thoughts.

*“After trying and failing for two years to regain my equilibrium in civil life, I am utterly unable to approach anything like my own competence. My last physician informed me that it might be very helpful if I were to be examined and perhaps treated psychiatrically or even by a psychoanalyst. Toward the end of my service I avoided out of pride any mental examinations, hoping that time would balance a mind which I had every reason to suppose was seriously affected. I cannot account for nor rise above long periods of moroseness and suicidal inclinations, and have newly come to*

*realize that I must first triumph above this before I can hope to rehabilitate myself at all.”*

Further, at his death Hubbard had the anti anxiety medication Vistaril in his blood as proven by toxicology tests.

One cannot help but wonder how Scientology's CCHR can so ruthlessly dismiss mental illness when their own founder obviously suffered from it.

It would be a devastating blow to society and a huge step backwards for Science and Medicine if Scientology's twisted dream of a world without mental illness help were real. What would happen to those who have regained their equilibrium through counseling and medication? How much more violence and death due to suicide would exist?

Where would the suffering turn when faced with unending sadness and hopelessness? Should they, like Lisa McPherson or Jeremy Perkins endure Scientology's brand of treatment?

The Introspection Rundown, Scientology's answer to what they perceive as a psychotic break, is isolation, silence and massive doses of vitamins.

Sadly Lisa McPherson will now forever be known as the most famous victim of Scientology's form of "treatment" for a psychotic episode.

Removed from the hospital where she could have received the care she so desperately needed, Lisa was taken to the Ft. Harrison Hotel in Clearwater, FL and locked in a room. There, deprived of medical treatment she was placed in the nebulous care of untrained Scientologists. Left to suffer in silence except for when her keepers brought her banana protein shakes, large quantities of various sedating herbal pills and vitamins she grew progressively worse until finally she died.

In the ensuing months, rather than accept that they had utterly failed Lisa, Scientology destroyed or "misplaced" evidence, moved potential witnesses out of the reach of the law and somehow bullied the coroner who'd charged Negligent Homicide as McPherson's cause of death into changing her mind.

The treatment the McPherson family received at the hands of David Miscavige was anything but religious.

In Scientology, if one actually makes it through the Introspection Rundown to the other side, the person is then made to make amends in the RPF as though they've done something wrong. Thus they victimize the patient all over again, making the statement that mental illness is bad and somehow the sufferer's own fault. This is a disgraceful way to treat anyone struggling with a condition that is outside of their control but it is how Scientology views psychiatric conditions.

An excellent example of how little compassion or understanding this Most Ethical of religions has for those who live with a mental illness can be seen in the case of one young man named Brandon. He grew up in Scientology and was on staff at one of their Orgs. Brandon and his parents would eventually discover that he suffered from bi polar disorder but while he was in COS it went undiagnosed. His parents tried using Scientology methods which included auditing, touch assists and vitamins. When that proved ineffective Brandon was placed into the Introspection Rundown.

As he told it later to Leah Remini for *The Aftermath*, *“(He) claimed that he was at the home of two Scientologists trained in the process for approximately six weeks, and that he was watched ‘basically for 24-hours around the clock.’*

*‘I was locked in a room for 24 hours a day,’ Brandon shared, ‘experiencing craziness in my mind. It was just colors and pictures and hallucinations.’”*

In 2016 Brandon's parents were declared Suppressive Persons and he left the church with them. Unfortunately his beloved brother chose to stay and this loss triggered Brandon's condition; in a rage he threw a hammer through a Scientology building window.

In their most ethical compassion Scientology had Brandon arrested and charged with a hate crime which will now stay on his record.

Of course, never missing an opportunity, Scientology blamed Remini and Rinder for “inciting” Brandon's actions.

COS was not satisfied with simply having the struggling young man charged with a hate crime. They activated the “non existent” policy of Fair Game and created an ugly website directed at Brandon and his parents. Because of course attacking people while they are hurting is a most ethical and spiritual way for any church to behave.

Those that run the CCHR website have no credentials to back up their statements. Nor do they have any authority to be advising anyone concerning mental health issues. With that said, they believe that their auditors are better trained in the field and are perfectly capable of eradicating any mental deficiency one may have.

L. Ron Hubbard claimed: *“A Flag Ship Class XII could turn a severe mental case from raving lunacy to not only sane but bright and normal in about 8 or 9 hours and a normal person to a genius in 15 to 20 hours.”*

Scientology brags: *“A psychiatrist spends 16 years in school but we train an auditor in 30 days.”*

That the FDA continues to allow this without stepping in to protect people is truly mind boggling.

This is the Cleared Planet COS would offer society.

What about the rest? Exactly how does one go about producing a Cleared Planet?

Scientology considers “insanity, crime and war” to be the three aberrations that need eradicating.

How does one go about removing crime from a society?

Crime is the external result of a person’s internal conflicts and subsequent wrong choices. Leaving out those who are sociopaths and those who suffer from severe, untreated mental illnesses and focusing rather on the “everyday” criminal, crimes are committed for a myriad of reasons.

Shoplifters enjoy the adrenaline rush; will they be caught or not? Or they steal to feed their families.

Murders are crimes of passion, revenge, greed, hate, opportunity.

Gang members commit heinous acts of violence for peer acceptance, for that feeling of belonging that they do not have otherwise or just because that is the only life they know.

Domestic violence is about power and control over another.

So many crimes with so many variables. How can one address such fluid diversity? It is impossible to simply see “Crime” as one reality that can be handled.

How then does one go about clearing crime from society?

Can “crime” even be defined in order to classify it for removal? After all what is considered a crime in one society may not be one in

another. Speeding is a crime in the U.S. but not on the Autobahn in Germany. Adultery is a crime punishable by death in some countries but not in the U.S.

Then there are degrees of crime. Littering is a crime but not on the same level as murder.

What IS crime? How does one practically recognize it so it can then be cleared?

Humanity may be inherently good, which is what Scientology believes, but every human being is capable of making bad choices. That, for the record, does not necessarily make one bad either. We learn from our mistakes, big or small. It's one way we become more as a social human. That Scientology thinks it is appropriate to audit out the emotional responses we develop is neither healthy nor morally right. It is shutting down half of who we are, what makes us individual and capable of making connections with others. There are people incarcerated in prisons or mental facilities who have committed deeply heinous crimes without a second thought. People without the ability to feel empathy, compassion or even the faintest flicker of conscience.

They are called sociopaths.

One of the characteristics of a sociopath is the lack of any empathy for others. The sociopath simply sees others as a commodity to use. Part of reaching the state of Clear means one has audited one's reactive mind into a state of silence, where one no longer reacts to the negative events of one's life.

No longer having the ability to experience grief, pain or loss means one no longer is able to identify or empathize with others.

Scientology auditing is one step from creating a planet of sociopaths. Your family member had died? Oh well, next life. Now buck up and keep moving! We have a planet to clear!

Does someone who gets a speeding ticket qualify as a criminal and therefore need clearing? Do felonies qualify for clearing while misdemeanors get a pass?

It is impossible to qualify crime into one neat definition so that it can be erased. There are too many parameters involved. Too many degrees of seriousness. One might spend years just arguing what

entails littering. Does it include spitting on the street or sidewalk? Some states have "Clean it or Lien it" laws for private properties and some don't.

Just narrowing down what crime is will use up that billion years. Who will ultimately make the determination needed to define crime and criminal activity?

Will it be David Miscavige; leader of Scientology who according to reports, regularly assaults his underlings? What yardstick is used to measure societal behavior or ethics on a global, planetary scale? Once one determines *what* crime is, next is the question of how to clear crime from the Planet.

Criminal acts are committed by people.

People are motivated by their emotions, the stresses in their lives, their development, their childhoods.

Human beings commit crimes.

In order to clear crime from the planet one would have to somehow remove all of the possible motivators that leads one to commit a crime. How on earth does one go about doing that?

Who can predict exactly what those motivators are?

One person raised in a violent, negligent home may grow up stealing, setting fires, assaulting others while another who experienced the same sort of upbringing becomes a law enforcement officer.

A man comes home to find his wife in bed with another man simply packs his bags and files for divorce where another kills both in the bed.

What is the determining factor for who may or may not be a criminal?

Who knows which person may have the propensity for criminal behavior? The fact is, we all are capable of crime.

We can all litter or speed or not come to a complete stop at a stop sign.

So how do we Clear the planet of crime? The only thing left to address is Man.

Will Scientology set itself up as the Great Judge and jury?

Scientology is not immune to crime. David Miscavige himself has gotten speeding tickets before.

Hubbard's own wife went to prison and we know that he had a record himself.

The bottom line is that clearing the planet is Mission Impossible. It cannot be done unless humanity and its free will are removed from the equation.

It is not difficult to see just how unattainable and frankly ridiculous the idea of Clearing the Planet truly is.

It cannot be done.

This also brings up another question; that of religious freedom.

The United States was founded upon the various basic human rights, amongst which is the freedom to choose, or not choose, one's own religious beliefs. Part of this freedom is also that no one has the right to force their particular belief system upon another.

Isn't the attempt to recreate the world according to Scientology's ideology forcing themselves on everyone else?

Of course this is simply a philosophical question. COS cannot clear the Planet.

They believe they can and much of their actions towards the rest of society is in direct correlation to that belief.

Lying and attacking others is seen as acceptable as long as it is for the greater good, which is decided by Scientology.

Hubbard intended that his organization ultimately be positioned to run the world.

*"Somebody some day will say 'this is illegal.' By then be sure the orgs (Scientology organizations) say what is legal or not."*

Scientology has already appointed itself judge and jury of all. On the one hand it grasps its freedoms with a stranglehold while at the same time denying those freedoms to everyone else.

COS is free to slander and libel others but will not tolerate anyone speaking the truth about them.

Taking a stand against COS makes one an enemy, actively working to end COS. This means that he is interfering in their ability to ultimately achieve their end goal. Therefore the Suppressive Person must be brought down so the interference ceases and the planetary clearing can continue unabated.

This is their justification for everything they do. COS must "Keep Scientology Working" at any cost.

Disconnection stops loved ones from communicating in a healthy manner, by keeping people angry at one another it reduces the possibility that more people will blow.

Losing members slows down the efficacy of the organization.

Members are *THE* important commodity for COS because they produce revenue.

In reality all of the talk about "Clearing the Planet" is truly meaningless. Scientology cannot even produce one "Clear" let alone have the ability to clear the planet.

There are no Clears, no super powers, no Cleared Planet.

Repression, control and manipulation yes, but nothing else.

Scientology is just one more fantasy written by a disturbed science fiction author.

His Cleared Planet, impossible and unachievable, nothing more than a smoke screen to hide a much baser goal.

Clever Hubbard needed something for his worker bees to focus on, some rallying cry to fill them with a sense of brotherhood and camaraderie.

"Let's go troops! We have to clear the planet and make a better world!"

This is an unattainable goal set by LRH to keep Scientology working.

Keeping the money coming in as everyone busily focuses on their duty to the exclusion of everything and everyone else.

The idea of clearing the planet is simply another way to control the followers. Make them think they are the most important group doing the most important task in all of history.

Meanwhile there is simply no measurable, noticeable headway whatsoever. Crime is still committed, countries are poised on the edge of war and mental illness is suffered by millions.

Miscavige assures his followers that planetary Clearing is moving ahead while at the same time the STAND League posts statistics showing that hate crimes are on the rise.

L. Ron Hubbard famously said, *"The only way you can control people is to lie to them. You can write that down in your book in great big letters. The only way you can control anybody is to lie to them."*

Lying, controlling, setting unrealistic, unreachable goals are all key behaviors of an abusive person. A domestic abuser keeps changing



his/her expectations so that the victim is never quite able to reach the bar. This ensures that the abused always feels unsettled, like they are failing and must do more, must work harder.

Thus clearing the planet; Scientology is all about hurrying, keep moving! We must clear the planet before it's too late!

Meet and exceed your deadlines! Be up-stat!

David Miscavige stands before his audiences and lies like a Persian rug. "We are making a difference! We're growing by epically monumental proportions!"

He tells them that huge strides are being made towards the end goal and they believe him, sending in their "donations" no matter the cost, even to bankruptcy or foreclosure.

COS is the only "religion" where one's salvation is dependent upon one's sales.

Clearing the planet of insanity, war and crime, recreating it in the image and likeness of L. Ron Hubbard's science fictional dream would be a true nightmare for the rest of us. As it is, the only things being cleared are people's life savings.

Scientology wants the world to believe that they are no big deal. Just another well meaning religion amongst many others, doing helpful humanitarian deeds to better our world.

Even the idea of a clear planet; free of insanity, war and crime, which seems so positive on the surface is insidious at its core.

COS' clear planet would be one of subjugation to the disjointed, contradicting doctrines and ideologies created by L. Ron Hubbard; to the abusive practices it levels upon those who follow.

In order to attempt to make this dream a reality human beings are being trapped, repressed and abused. Children are kept from their parents, people isolated from one another through suspicion and lies. Families torn asunder burned on the pyre of anger and mistrust built by a sociopathic organization.

Scientology has their power because society gives it to them. They will never achieve their planetary clearing because they were never really meant to. But they are committing crimes and abuses against each other as well as their detractors that are not tolerated in any other walk of life in the name of their goal.

This is why Never Ins need to have a greater understanding as to the exquisite subtlety of their operation.

It protects rapists and child molesters, it infiltrates decision making sectors in order to sway laws and rules in their favor and attempts to influence justice.

COS will only be stopped when those in positions of power cease being cowed and cult whipped by the threats and bullying and revoke the tax exemption they have hidden behind for so long.

Scientology is not harmless.

*"The sudden and abrupt deletion of all individuals occupying the lower bands of the Tone Scale from the social order would result in an almost instant rise in the cultural tone and would interrupt the dwindling spiral into which any society may have entered."*

- L. Ron Hubbard, SCIENCE OF SURVIVAL, p. 170

## Potential Trouble Source and Suppressive Persons

In Scientology there is a clear division, an "us verses them" mindset. One is either a Scientologist or a "Wog" which is an ugly, derogatory term.

Those in COS believe that they are superior to everyone else. Mike Rinder, in his blog *What is a Wog in Scientology*, states *"They believe (because Hubbard told them so) they are the elite of planet earth and have superior knowledge, abilities and intelligence than the run-of-the-mill 'humanoid' that populates this planet because they have the 'tech' of Hubbard."*

Embracing this superiority, Scientologists look down on everyone else living out here in Wogdom and believe that they have the right to judge and sentence as has been seen with Fair Game.

For COS things are either black or white. There is no room for the various shades of grey that make up life. One is all in or all out.

In his Bulletin dated July 1965 and reissued in 1985 Hubbard stated *"When somebody enrolls, consider he or she has signed up for the duration of the universe. Never permit an open-minded approach."*

He spent a great deal of time focused on those who stepped outside the iron clad boundaries of Scientology tech. People who caused trouble for the group earned themselves one of two labels.

One is either a Potential Trouble Source or a Suppressive Person. Potential Trouble Sources, or PTS's, are according to LRH *"A Scientologist connected by familial or other ties to a person who is guilty of suppressive acts."*

Someone who is in Scientology becomes a PTS when they keep any sort of relationship with a person who bad mouths or works against COS. If a son joins and his parents become upset and try to convince him to leave the group, they are Suppressives and he becomes PTS. In this case he either has to convince them to change their minds about Scientology or, if they will not stop trying to get him to leave, he has to disconnect from them.

This applies to spouses as well with COS pressuring one to divorce the other if he or she will not also fully commit.

Anyone who is PTS is in imminent danger of becoming a Suppressive Person themselves if the situation is not dealt with.

COS teaches that people who are PTS are often ill. According to the *Scientology Handbook* *"...all illness in greater or lesser degree and all foul-ups stem directly and only from a PTS condition."*

And

*“That getting rid of the condition requires three basic actions: (A) Discover; (B) Handle or (C) Disconnect.”*

Labeling someone a PTS is Scientology’s way of firing a warning shot across the bow.

They do not want any member to discover information that is detrimental to the organization and begin to question, or even worse, decide to leave. Being seen as PTS is telling someone that they are involved with an enemy in some shape or form. That they’d better knock it off before they find themselves declared an SP; it forces the PTS to re-evaluate and cut the lines of communication.

In order to keep Scientology members isolated from everyone else, the policies that are used all have an underlying theme of fear and/or guilt to them.

The ridiculous idea that because someone chooses to continue a relationship with a non Scientologist who expresses their disagreement will become ill is an example of this tactic.

*According to Scientology “A PTS person is rarely psychotic. But all psychotics are PTS if only to themselves. A PTS person may be in a state of deficiency or pathology (an unhealthy condition caused by a disease) which prevents a ready recovery, but at the same time he will not fully recover unless the PTS condition is also handled. For he became prone to deficiency or pathological illness because he was PTS. And unless the condition is relieved, no matter what medication or nutrition he may be given, he might not recover and certainly will not recover permanently. This seems to indicate that there are “other illnesses or reasons for illness besides being PTS.” To be sure, there are deficiencies and illnesses just as there are accidents and injuries. But strangely enough, the person himself precipitates them (causes them to happen) because being PTS predisposes him (makes him susceptible) to them.”*

Logically, this brings to mind Cathy Bernardini who claims to have suffered a lifetime of crippling disability because of her former husband, Mike Rinder.

If the *Dianetics* technology is so superior and effective, why hasn’t it worked for her? Shouldn’t she have availed herself of this magical healing long before now?

To use Scientology speak, she definitely “pulled it in” on herself because had she simply stayed home rather than launching a verbal assault on him she never would have received the small cut in the first place. That her injuries have since grown, multiplied and spread defying the oh so beneficial auditing on offer surely point to her being in a PTS condition, if not an outright Suppressive one.

A Potential Trouble Source then is simply someone who is involved in some way with a person or group who are against Scientology. When a Scientologist is in this position they must either sway the other person to accept Scientology or they must disconnect. Until the matter is addressed, the Scientologist is not allowed to continue his progress within the group. Further, if one of the Scientology Case Supervisors discovers the person is not handling the issue but is still attempting to do their coursework the PTS is considered to be guilty of a crime.

Scientology excels at fostering guilt and shame in its members. Questioning the material leads to accusations, the person is made to believe he is guilty of some sort of aberration either in this lifetime or even from one of his past lives.

Anyone continuing a relationship with a loved one who may disagree with Scientology is at fault for not progressing or for catching a cold. A Suppressive Person or group is, as seen earlier, anyone who disagrees with, speaks out against or works to bring down Scientology.

Most of the media is considered Suppressive as is anyone associated with *The Aftermath*.

Suppressive Person, Potential Trouble Source, Wog, Enemy.

All Scientology words that are negative judgments on others, all labels designed to highlight the disconnection between COS and everyone else, all designed to vilify innocent people.

These are Scientology’s explanations.

In reality there are no Suppressive or PTS people.

There are thousands of right thinking people and groups who work to expose the enormous con that is Scientology.

Good people who reveal the abuses, who speak against human rights violations committed by this church are called enemies because in some respects Scientology’s leader appears to be

woefully immature. A child bully with power and money who demands his own way, who throws a violent temper tantrum when he is thwarted.

Scientology reflects this attitude. No one can tell a Scientologist anything they do not wish to hear. The lengths they go to justify the cult's actions are mind blowing to Never Ins.

One Scientologist engaged in a discussion about religion vehemently denied that Hubbard ever wrote that Jesus was a pedophile. When he was confronted with this he simply claimed that Never Ins now knew how to take existing Hubbard material, imitate the style and insert their own made up notes designed to make Scientology look bad.

This denial is an act of desperation.

To even entertain the idea that there might be truth to what others are saying would be to be confronted with the fact that one has been living a lie.

Much safer and much easier to accuse, deny and attack others, to stay in the dark and deception.

Members of COS live in auditing induced blindness. The everyday parishioner is seldom aware of what those in the SeaOrg are doing let alone the criminal abuses of their upper management.

Indoctrinated not to question, it never occurs to even consider something might be wrong.

This attitude is incredible in light of the fact that even a cursory examination of their collective life in Scientology would reveal that nothing is being accomplished.

COS cannot produce even one person whom they name "Clear" with any different abilities than any other. Their Operating Thetan level does not grant higher intelligence or the ability to communicate telepathically as Hubbard writes in *The History of Man* stating, "*Thetans communicate by telepathy.*"

This claim is also found in the book *What is Scientology? "Can OTs read minds? ...to answer the question bluntly - yes, with varying degrees of ability."*

So where are these beings? Where are the telekinetic powers? The ability to heal illnesses or as Tom Cruise claimed "if there was a car wreck, Scientologists are the only ones who can help!" This is so

wonderful and amazing! Humanity no longer needs EMT's or paramedics, ambulances should just be staffed with a couple of OT Scientologists.

No, rather than actually using these incredible powers to really cure illness, solve the world's problems or even stop global warming, we get tales like these; *"I was in a flurry of intense activity and then got home and sat at the computer. I wanted to chill out and turned on an internet music site on which I have about one hundred 'stations' I created which, in shuffle mode, constantly rotate from station to station. Each station can play, randomly, thousands of songs from that genre of music. I thought, 'What I want to hear is a nice, slow, Rachmaninoff piece.' I only have three classical music stations and only one of those hundred focuses on pieces by Rachmaninoff or other pieces similar to his music. So I intended to take the site out of shuffle mode and pick the Rachmaninoff station when the site booted up.*

*Suddenly, a nice, slow, Rachmaninoff piece started playing! The chances of that are probably one out of one hundred thousand, or maybe even less. Obviously the MEST universe cancelled the odds and complied with my command. — P.M."*

*"I was driving down the street on a pleasant afternoon. As the light turned green and I entered the intersection I saw a lady speeding to the right of me. At that moment I realized that I had nowhere to go (someone was following too close behind me and someone was to the left of me). I also saw that no one was behind the person heading right toward me. So I threw out a 'STOP' into her universe, she immediately hit the brakes and came into present time.*

*I merrily went on my way and no horrible accident occurred. This whole action took place in about 1 billionth of a second. — A.W."*

*"I was in a hurry on the motorway, going pretty fast in a small two-door car and trying to keep the amount of car lengths needed for the speed I was going. The traffic was getting kind of cramped though, and I was pretty close to a large van in front of me. All of the sudden somebody cut off the van. The van lost control trying not to hit the other car, turned sideways and flew up in the air. I had no time to*

*think, so I slowed down time above me and sped up time below the van and drove right under the van while it was in the air. Luckily I had a small car, so I passed under the van without a scratch. My friend in the passenger seat looked at me in amazement. He said, 'How did you do that? It was like magic.' —T.S.”*

All these mind powers, yet they do nothing to help the planet. These incredibly farcical stories are part of what makes normally thinking individuals shake their heads and call COS out. In turn, Scientology then labels the scoffer as an Enemy and Suppressive Person.

As has been seen, once one is so labeled it opens them to the revenge policy of Fair Game.

What kind of religion takes these actions?

Scientology's front group the STAND League's website has a section dedicated to the issue of apostates. They carefully quote from several PhD sources the opinion that those who have left their religions cannot be taken seriously because they are biased against their former faith.

This idea is the opinion of some, however it should be taken with a grain of salt.

Normally when one commits himself to a particular faith it is because he is drawn to it, having found something identifiable, something that satisfies. Those who are born into a religion find themselves at some point in their lives at a crossroad where the commitment either becomes their own or they leave. The determining factors for whether one stays and embraces the faith or abandons it are many and varied but they all come down to the parishioner's spiritual comfort level.

If one is being fulfilled and supported in a positive way by whatever religion then one stays contented. However if there are teachings and behaviors that cause the member to question or to feel uneasy, controlled or restricted then he will more than likely find no reason to continue.

For an apostate to be so upset that he finds himself feeling the need to speak out about his experiences within his former religion there is usual something egregious or at the very least disturbing.



People chose to leave their religions for many reasons. There are thousands who make that choice, simply feeling that organized religion is not for them. They cease attending and participating, moving on with their lives without issue or comment.

On the other hand there are situations that occur and that must be exposed. Those who fall victim to sexual predators in whatever faith for example, not only need to speak out for themselves but they also must speak out on behalf of others still within the religion who may be suffering silently.

Imagine if an apostate from the Catholic Church, having been molested by a priest as a child, were told by a judge that their account was suspect simply because they'd left the Faith.

In fact, apostates who have felt compelled to remove themselves need to be heard. Need to be given a fair hearing and treated with compassion and respect unless or until there is proof to contradict their charges.

Immediately dismissing an apostate's information as untrustworthy because they have abandoned the religion is to create an equally unbalanced environment, in this case biased towards the religion.

This gives an extremely unfair advantage and cover of protection for any group engaging in abusive, even criminal acts.

In 2017 Scientologist David Aden wrote a blog for STAND League discussing apostates.

*"I think we all instinctively know that Church ex-members—when they are loud, grating and sensational—have an ax to grind, much like a bitter ex-spouse. Turns out the scholarly literature backs up that intuition: it explains that apostates are distinctly unreliable when talking about their former faiths, tend to blame others for their circumstances and are often on a mission to justify or explain their own actions."*

While there may be some former members of a religion who leave over some perceived personal offense, the vast majority of those who abandon their faiths have legitimate concerns. Most people who embrace a religion are content to remain committed, they do not just become angry, frightened or dissatisfied without cause.

This is human nature rather than a religion issue. People leave marriages, relationships or groups

when things no longer seem tenable, not when they are happy, when something is broken beyond fixing.

Scientology began in the 1950's and since it's inception there have been those disgruntled followers who have left and spoken of their experiences in less than glowing terms.

It is unreasonable to ignore five decades of people telling similar stories as simply the rantings of disaffected apostates all with axes to grind. At some point one has to at least consider that so many unconnected people with one common denominator might indeed be speaking truth.

As for being "loud, grating and sensational", perhaps it is *because* of the idea of dismissing former members as being biased and untrustworthy that they feel the need to speak out in such a way.

In the case of Scientology, it seems that allegations of human rights violations, abuse, sexual predation, rape, fraud and more have been aired for years with no recourse.

Some of the devious, manipulative ways of COS have even been documented by the FBI yet not acted upon.

Stories of alleged kidnapping, wherein people are confined under heavy guard or even sent to sea aboard the *Freewinds* with their passports taken away are not new.

Nor have they been investigated.

Adults who grew up isolated within the confines of Scientology tell of forced and dangerous labor, physical, emotional and mental abuse and sexual assaults.

Multiple similar accounts exposed over many years indicate that there is enough history to warrant giving the so called apostates the benefit of the doubt.

In Florida there was a state run institution for boys called The Dozier School that, though now closed and gone, had long had a reputation for terrible abuses.

Just over the past ten years, literally hundreds of men have come forward to tell their tales of gruesome abuse, including terrible beatings they suffered at the hands of those in charge.

Former inmates who made it through this nightmare have spoken out about the abuse and even murders that took place during their time there. Thanks to their speaking out and the work of researchers and

archaeologists dozens of unmarked graves have been discovered at the site where this school once operated.

Had those who survived not told their stories those dead children would still be unclaimed. Treating the survivors as untrustworthy because they were biased against the strict discipline administered at this home for boys would have left those young lost lives perpetually hidden in their secret graves, unnamed.

While The Dozier School was not a religion, the premise is the same. Hundreds of former members all shared similar tales of terror and spoke out.

Had they belonged to Scientology they would all be named Suppressive Persons and subjected to the same abuse and harassment that people like Leah Remini, Mike Rinder and Robert Almlad have endured.

As the leader of the FLDS, Warren Jeffs created an environment where the rape of little girls was not only approved, but was considered holy. He now sits in prison for the rest of his life while dozens if not hundreds of girls' lives have been shattered.

The FLDS is not the only polygamist group out there and the escape of thousands who have left these organizations in the past 2 decades has given rise to both formal and informal networks of helping hand providers. Had stricken former members not spoken out, revealing the details of their lives, the need for such help would not have been realized.

Had those who left and spoken out been Scientologists, they would have been declared Suppressive and targeted for further harm.

The reality is that rather than dismissing the words of an apostate the opposite is true.

Who better to reveal the goings on hidden behind the closed doors of any group than the members themselves?

Scientology especially has perfected the art of presenting itself as a benign, benevolent entity with dozens of humanitarian front groups. Unless someone intimately familiar with the facts comes forward and reveals the truth how else can it be discovered?

There is yet another reason we as a society need to be informed and educated about COS and it's true actions; they believe they have the right to reshape the world into their ideology.

Freedom of Religion in this country is a shield that protects everyone whether in a religion or not. While all have the Constitutional right to be allowed their beliefs, there is also the right not to be forced into the beliefs of anyone else. However there is a third protection that is ingrained within this freedom; that of keeping the government out of religion while at the same time keeping any one religion out of government.

It seems incredible that through the use of Fair Game tactics Scientology was able to bully their way into a religious tax exemption. It is equally baffling that thousands of people all expose horrendous abuse and outright criminal acts with apparent immunity. The government is prohibited from acting in any way that shows favoritism towards any one religion.

Some of the freedoms Scientology seems to enjoy make one wonder.

Young women escape and tell their stories of abuse and sexual molestation as children, others tell of abuse, neglect and egregious violations of both their human rights as well as the law. COS makes ridiculous claims of mind powers that can heal illness, the CCHR makes patently false and dangerous claims on their website.

Through all of this the government remains silent. Where is the FDA when the CCHR is advising people to seek relief from alternative sources rather than from licensed and regulated mental health professionals? How are they permitted to continue treating drug addicts with their Narconon programs which are often staffed by former addicts with no training or licensing?

Somehow Scientology appears exempt from the laws that govern everyone else.

Those who do speak from experience, the Suppressive Persons who know first hand the dangers, are brushed off as being unbelievable because of bias.

Would these people be so threatening to Scientology if they were not telling truths that the cult wishes kept under cover?

No other church spends so much time, money and effort on the utter destruction of former members. Every religion has its detractors, the disaffected who look with scorn on the teachings or disciplines they do not agree with. Each faith has the right to it's own ecclesiastical

laws and doctrine and normally when a member disagrees they are free to leave. Equally they are free to speak about their experiences. Not for Scientology.

Disagreement is not permitted. No one challenges the leadership, or more directly no one challenges David Miscavige or his decisions. Just the idea that one may consider leaving COS is enough to land one in deep trouble.

The routing out process, as noted, is nothing more than one last attempt to break the soon to be apostate; either they will give up the thought of leaving or they'll be so browbeaten and tormented that they will think twice about revealing anything negative.

Suppressive Persons are not, as Scientology would have us believe, bad people. They are strong and courageous people who have faced abuse and risen above it to take back their own lives.

Society can not simply chose to brush off the claims made by former members as the angry accusations of a disgruntled person.

They are named "enemy" for a very good reason.

One is innocent until proven guilty, those who speak out, who step up and expose violence and abuse should be applauded, not dismissed. Taken seriously, proper legal protection should be provided to counteract the stalking and violation of Fair Game.

There are laws designed to protect people from cyber bullying, policies by various social media sites decrying harassment and intimidation yet when Fair Game is in play, none of these are implemented.

Twitter especially has a serious conflict of interests where Scientology and their daily attacks against Suppressive Persons who speak and work against them are concerned.

One reason for this could very well be because they feel safe to operate.

Safe because of a mysterious relationship with CEO Jack Dorsey. Scientology has set up their Little Shop of Persecution on Twitter where they daily push the boundaries of Twitter's posted Policy ever further and further with apparent impunity.

The @EPStandLeague and @TarynTeutsch accounts are two of the most vocal, ugly and intolerant of the accounts, although there are others. They both share two basic and indisputable facts; first, these

accounts would not exist if Leah Remini and Mike Rinder were still practicing Scientology and not speaking about their experiences within the “church”. Therefore there is certainly an aspect of religious persecution involved here.

Secondly, based upon the percentage of posts dedicated to personal attacks, name calling, accusations of criminal acts and taunting, there can be no doubt whatsoever as to the purpose of the existence of these accounts.

Fair Game.

The Taryn account is filled with nothing but accusations already and exhaustingly proven false but still it goes on in spite of report after report of Twitter Policy Violations.

These accounts are not created to engage in Social interactions. Neither do they exist to discuss all things Scientology or even for the purpose of luring in new members. They are directly targeting Remini and Rinder. These accounts are locked in a daily and constant barrage of vitriol and torment for no other reason than they left Scientology and are speaking out.

Because of these two things the accounts are engaging in harassment, hate, false accusations and religious persecution. Time and again outraged twitter users have reported these accounts.

Time and again the response is a blistering silence.

Leah Remini and Mike Rinder themselves have even reported these ugly tweets, frustrated and outraged over being accused of horrible crimes only to be ignored.

One can only speculate as to why no Scientology operated Twitter account is held to the same policies as the rest of those who use this social media site. However having Jack post even once about his evening with Scientology is enough to make one pause.

Labeling people you disagree with and then attacking them is not the action of a church. Hubbard knew exactly what he was doing when he created his various policies concerning those who dared question his organizations. The policies of Fair Game and Disconnection are direct windows into his soul.

They are reflections of how he thought.

Suppressive Persons are not people who bash or go after just any religion or organization. Apparently it is perfectly fine to speak

publicly against the Catholics or the Baptists, Suppressive people are specifically those who not only badmouth COS, but want to destroy it.

In his HCO Policy Letter dated 5 April 1965 LRH wrote, *“The suppressive person (whom we’ve called a Merchant of Fear or Chaos Merchant and which we can now technically call the suppressive person) can’t stand the idea of Scientology. If people became better, the suppressive person would have lost. The suppressive person answers this by attacking covertly or overtly Scientology. This thing is, he thinks, his mortal enemy since it undoes his (or her) “good work” in putting people down where they should be.”*

Even on the face of it this makes little sense. He is saying that Suppressive people are those who hate Scientology because of all the good it does for society.

In reality the Suppressive is calling out the abuses, lies and human rights violations where all can see them and anything that casts the church in a bad light cannot be tolerated.

The fear of being declared Suppressive and all of the consequences that follow is a serious stopgap for anyone who may find themselves thinking of leaving. Being faced with the loss of family and friends, thinking of the devastation of being forced into a divorce and leaving everything one knows behind is extraordinarily daunting.

This is why one should admire and heed those who Scientology targets for Fair Game.

The Suppressive Person has faced loss and threat, yet still chooses to speak up. People like those who now have websites dedicated to their personal destruction should be taken the most seriously, rather than dismissed as just another biased Apostate.

To merit such focus means a nerve has been struck, an uncomfortable truth exposed.

For Scientology to react with such savagery must mean that an arrow was truly shot home.

Within the smoke of an angry, reactive cult one finds the fire of a Suppressive Person seeking justice for themselves and for all those who cannot yet speak.

## Narconon

*"I have no one to turn to and that really sucks. I have never been so stripped of my identity. I'm in the middle of nowhere and with no one to turn to."*

—Gregory Wisner

Shortly after making this comment to a friend, Wisner's body was found washed up on a beach near Clearwater in Florida.

He had cocaine in his system.

Gregory Wisner had been a "student" of Narconon.

This young man's death is just one of many attributed to Scientology's so called drug rehabilitation program.

Not to be confused with Narcotics Anonymous, which is a legitimate drug treatment program, Narconon was dreamt up by a prison inmate and addict named William Benitez based on L. Ron Hubbard's book *Scientology: The Fundamentals of Thought* in 1966. Hubbard asserted that drugs and toxins are stored in the body's fatty tissue, stimulating an addict's cravings as they become released over time.

He wrote that these toxins can be flushed out through a regimen known as the Purification Rundown, which involves exercise, hours in an extremely hot sauna and massive doses of vitamins and niacin. As with any of Hubbard's "discoveries" he did not create either the Purification Rundown, known as the Purif, or the Narconon format through scientific research. There has never been anything to offer to the medical or scientific community for review.



No mention of how many subjects he studied or for how long, nor does he mention having a control group.

It has been revealed over the years that Hubbard lacked even a rudimentary understanding of biology or physiology. What else can one expect from a man who failed both high school and college?

He made it up as he went along making the most outrageous, erroneous claims; some laughable, others potentially deadly.

LRH asserted that radiation is stored in the body and that niacin can remove it through the bloodstream and through the release of fat.

Giving the example of exposure to medical x-rays, he claimed that the radiation from the procedure is stored and can be sweated out.

Electromagnetic rays do not accumulate, and are not sweated out.

Further, if niacin truly did release fat and the “toxins” stored therein allowing it to be sweat out, the health industry would no longer have a market for obesity issues.

The overweening pride that drove Hubbard to pretentiously create his own form of treatment continues to affect the lives of those honestly seeking a way back from addiction. His regimen is not only bogus but irresponsible. The massive doses of vitamins, niacin, lecithin, oils and Cal-Mag combined with dangerously high temperatures in a sauna can be a lethal recipe for disaster. Nor does Hubbard’s work counsel professional medical care in cases of adverse reactions. For example if one suffers from heat stroke from dangerously long hours in the sauna he wrote to first check “*a first-aid manual*” then to put “*the person in a gradually cooled shower and administering fluids, salt, potassium gluconate or bioplasma.*”

He never advises for the stricken person to be taken to hospital even though heat stroke is potentially life threatening.

According to Hubbard, drugs such as LSD and toxins such as pesticides and preservatives are stored in the fat tissue of the body as well. These toxins in turn keep one from making spiritual gains as well as continuing the addiction cravings in addicts.

With no medical training whatsoever, LRH made serious and sweeping assertions that are irresponsible at best and dangerous at worst.

He stated “*As it has been stated that it only takes one millionth of an ounce of LSD to produce a drugged condition and because it is*

*basically wheat rust which simply cuts off circulation, my original thinking on this over the years was that LSD sticks around in the body. That basically is the idea underlying the original Sweat Program. The remedy given was to sweat it out. From the most recent research developments, it now appears that not only LSD but other chemical poisons and toxins, preservatives, pesticides, etc., as well as medical drugs and the long list of heavy street drugs... can lodge in the tissues and remain in the body for years."*

In 1981 Toronto Doctor, David Hogg, M.D. wrote a commentary about the dangers of the Purif wherein he confronted some of the more spectacular claims made by the Scientology founder.

Concerning the above statement Dr. Hogg wrote *"Hubbard claims that LSD 'cuts off circulation'. In fact, it does nothing of the sort; neither the output of blood from the heart nor its passage through any of the blood vessels in the body is affected. LSD affects only the brain, not the circulation. Wheat rust is a virus which causes an infection of wheat; it has absolutely nothing in common with LSD either chemically or biologically. How Hubbard ever made the connection between the two is very puzzling; the fact that the two are linked together at all is evidence of his poor understanding of the subject.*

*There is no evidence at all that LSD or any of the other street drugs Hubbard mentions 'lodge in the tissues for years'. Indeed, these drugs, being water soluble, are excreted quickly. This is due to the fact that the body is mainly water. The drugs dissolve in the water and then are rapidly excreted from the body in the urine. (In view of this, Hubbard's claim that 'trips during the program'(p.15) should be treated with 'extra vitamin B complex and vitamin C' is seen to be false; you can't treat what isn't there.)"*

He also explained *"It (LSD) is not, as Hubbard claims, stored for years. LSD crystals do not exist at all in the body. Thus the 'drug residues' which Hubbard bases most of his program on, simply do not exist."*

What does exist however is serious, even fatal, health risks to anyone participating in this regimen. The enormous doses of niacin prescribed are dangerous for healthy individuals, for those addicted to drugs and have weakened immune systems even more so.

The recommended daily amount of niacin for an adult is 15 milligrams. The Purif recommends niacin dosages starting at 100 milligrams and rising to 5,000 milligrams.

At these levels there can be side effects such as dizziness, itching, tingling, or feelings of warmth along with skin irritation and flushing of the face. Scientology tells its members that the side effects are just proof that drugs or toxins are leaving their bodies and as such they are told to continue taking the overdoses of Niacin.

In addition to the niacin, other vitamins are also given to participants in mega doses. High doses of vitamins A and D which Scientology recommends on the Purif include giving vitamin A up to 50,000 IU a day. Michael Glade of the American College of Nutrition is quoted in an article about Narconon as pointing out that vitamin A is toxic starting at 20,000 IU. *"People who have been somewhat abusive of drugs or alcohol have enough liver function compromise that 20,000 IU a day for a couple of weeks could be fatal,"*<sup>[20]</sup>

Also important to note that while Scientology suggests anyone beginning the Purif consult with a doctor, usually the M.D. they see is affiliated with Scientology so a strong bias exists.

As for the assertion that one can "sweat out toxins" according to a 2018 article in National Geographic Magazine *"sweating out toxins is a myth"*.<sup>[21]</sup>

Also in a NY Times piece done in 2017 concerning this issue, *"The claims for the benefits of saunas and other sweat-inducing treatments are not backed by science,"* said Dr. Harriet Hall, a retired family physician and former Air Force flight surgeon, who edits the website *Science-Based Medicine* and is a co-author of *"Consumer Health: A Guide to Intelligent Decisions."*<sup>[22]</sup>

In addition to the massive doses of niacin and vitamins there is also the addition of a beverage called Cal-Mag. This delightful drink is a cocktail of vegetable oil, vinegar, calcium, and magnesium. L. Ron Hubbard claimed to have created Cal-Mag in 1973 and it supposedly overcomes and even prevents chemical deficiencies and rebuilds cell structure while also helping to ease the pain of overworked muscles.

Of course none of these statements are accurate.

As usual the truth is not what Scientology would have one believe. Cal-Mag was invented in 1954 by a hugely successful health guru of her day, Adelle Davis.

Davis, author of *Let's Eat Right To Keep Fit* which was filled with bogus and inaccurate information (much like Hubbard's own works of pseudoscience), claimed to be able to stave off cancer by drinking large amounts of calcium fortified milk.

Ironically she died of cancer in 1974.

Finally and most foully there are the oils one is required to ingest. Allegedly one needs to replace the fat tissue that is "infected" by all the toxins and drugs and sweated out of the body with "clean" new oils. To this end the patient is given a mixture of soy, peanut, walnut and safflower oils. Hubbard, for all his self proclaimed research, apparently never uncovered the fact that oil does not create fat. Along with the discussion of fatty tissue being the storage bin for drugs and toxins Hubbard, in his usual contradictory way, also stated that "*there is no such thing as a fat cell*".

Narconon is staffed with untrained, non medical persons, often graduates of the rehabilitation program themselves.

There is no continual on site medical professionals, instead a Scientologist doctor and/or nurse is on call.

Staff that teach the *Life Skills* and other study portions of the program do not explain to their charges why it is necessary to sit and silently stare into the eyes of another for extended periods of time, nor how commanding inanimate objects to move is essential to drug addiction recovery.

These counselors are taught to deflect any questioning concerning the study material. If a patient is persistent in his desire to question the drills, the staff member is instructed to respond by simply saying that the material is what works.

One excellent means of bypassing any questions as to the relevance of the study material for overcoming addiction is for the staff member to force the patient to "word clear" his reading material. This means he must look up every word to make sure he understands the meaning of each before moving on.

It is understandable that pretending to "get it" would be much preferable to spending hours flipping through a dictionary. In this way

any uncomfortable questions are effectively avoided.

Residents of the program do not have treatments tailored to their specific needs. Narconon is a “One Size Fits All” program no matter what one’s drug of choice may be. Therefore one addicted to Marijuana will experience the same regimen as someone addicted to Heroin.

It has been shown in court documents that not only is the patient immediately severed from the drug he is addicted to, some people have also been taken off their legitimately prescribed medications as well.

One case from California in 2015 concerned a man named John Cunningham who was admitted to Narconon Redwood Cliffs at the suggestion of his sister. Having done her online research, she had not been told that Narconon was part of Scientology, rather it was made out to be a well established conventional rehabilitation center. One week after he arrived at Bright Future Recovery, the name this Narconon facility was operating under, John Cunningham was found dead. He’d committed suicide by hanging himself in a closet. In the subsequent lawsuit it was found that not only had Cunningham been put through a drug free, cold turkey withdrawal from his addiction to Vicodin and benzodiazepines but he’d been taken off his anti depression medications as well.

*“Cunningham family’s lawyer H. Gavin Long concluded that, ‘Bright Future was a horribly-run detox facility. They had inexperienced staff and supervised their clients minimally. They lacked treatment planning and didn’t have a care policy. They didn’t properly assess patients for suicide risk,’ Long summarized. ‘John (Cunningham) was treated so poorly by Bright Future Recovery...He was kept in withdrawal, deprived of his depression medication and left on his own. What Narconon and Bright Future Recovery did to John was disgraceful and the jury agreed.’*

Court papers stated further that John “*exhibited withdrawal symptoms severe enough to warrant multiple hospital visits over the course of just a few days, and that, ‘There is no documentation verifying that any of these [Bright Future Recovery] employees knew how to supervise or care for anyone going through a Benzo detox.*

*The Cunningham's legal team argued that, 'Since L. Ron Hubbard's Narconon program is not based on evidence-based medicine, but holistic treatment, NRC staff did not have the knowledge, training, and experience to transfer John Cunningham to a detox that was appropriate for the level of care he needed—hospital level, not a brand new social model, residential non-medical detox owned by one of NRC's 25-year-old former addicts.'*"<sup>[23]</sup>

John Cunningham's is not the only tragic death resulting from a "horribly run" Narconon facility.

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 a young woman named Hillary Ann Holten was admitted to the Canadian, Oklahoma Narconon for treatment. Prior to her arrival, Hillary had been in the ICU at a local hospital for care and treatment of serious medical issues. Having a prior condition that needed specific care and the administration of medication, her parents spoke at length to the person in charge of the facility, advising the representative of their daughter's condition and needs. They were assured that Hillary would be well looked after, that there were RNs as well as a Medical Director who could manage her care. Two days later Hillary Ann Holten was dead.

Not only did the staff not provide her prescribed antibiotics and cortisone medication for her pre existing condition, an adrenal gland disorder, but instead they gave her massive doses of vitamins.

Ill and weakened from her recent stay in hospital and under tremendous physical stress due to the stoppage and withdrawal of both her legitimately prescribed meds as well as the drugs she was addicted to, she died in her sleep.

There was no medical supervision or care as promised to her family. The case settled out of court which is a tactic that Scientology uses to quickly make the unpleasantness go away.

Narconon claims to be an ultra successful drug abuse treatment facility with an 84% success rate. This incredible claim is, according to one counselor named Drew from Narconon Suncoast, arrived at by following former patients for two years, however this figure can be neither substantiated nor believed.

It is way above the statistics posted at drugabuse.gov which state a relapse rate of between 40 and 60%.

It is ridiculous to believe their assertion that the program has such a high success rate when nothing they do could be construed as legitimate therapy. Not only has it been pointed out in multiple lawsuits that the regime causes more harm than good, but from the beginning it appears to enable the patients in their denial rather than confront them with the truth.

To this end those enrolled in the Narconon program are considered not an addict but a “student” and this is the beginning of its Lie Based Therapy.

The very first step in an addicts journey to sobriety is admitting that he has a problem, that he is, in fact addicted to drugs.

By removing this most basic of truths, that one admits one is an addict, Narconon becomes a partner in the lie all addicts tell themselves “I’m not an addict”. It diminishes the seriousness of the situation.

There is no admitting that the addict caused those he loved pain, no healing process in place to repair the burned bridges and broken hearts. By not allowing an addict to face and accept his choices and actions it creates an atmosphere of enabling by Narconon. The very program that claims to be a rehabilitation facility actually protects and preserves the illusion that there is no personal responsibility.

One is not an addict but a student, one can study externally and somehow the severed relationships will heal on their own.

The biggest lie of all is the denial that Narconon uses Scientology in it’s so called therapy.

During the online conversation with Drew from Suncoast he was asked about the program’s affiliation with Scientology and so was specifically asked if Narconon used Scientology teachings in their program.

Drew responded “There is no Scientology related. We are a non secular program.”

So they are not related to Scientology, but they are religious (non secular)?

Just to be clear the question was repeated concerning any Scientology affiliation, “So you don’t use Scientology at all?” and he again replied in the negative, “I’m positive.”

He's positive that there is no Scientology relationship yet the entire regimen was created by Hubbard, the Training Routines are Scientology founded and the Purif is identical to what members of the so called religion go through in order to achieve spiritual growth. As in all other aspect of its existence, Scientology bypasses anything remotely resembling honest research and uses its own brand of "treatment". In addition to the Purif and cold turkey cessation, the addict is given the aforementioned Scientology Training Routine courses (TRs) which include sitting and staring into the eyes of a "coach" for extended periods of time without explanation and speaking loudly to an ashtray sitting on a chair with "command intention".

The unsuspecting "student" will be told to address the ashtray commanding it to get up. He will then lift the ashtray into the air, sit it back down and thank it for obeying his command.

This is part of the amazing treatment plan designed by LRH to free one from the ravages of addiction.

Drug addicts spend much of their time perfecting their lies. They will do or say anything both to get their next fix and keep family and friends off their backs. Lying for an addict comes as natural as breathing and a large part of recovery and healing is finally facing all the uncomfortable truths one has been hiding from with their addiction.

If a program cannot itself be honest how can it in anyway benefit an addict?

Narconon's Lie Based Therapy is nothing more than a placebo at best, enabling at worst. Former employees of Narconon have reported patients and staff doing drugs together.

Additionally, in furtherance of the lies, former staff have admitted that often the success stories purportedly written by happy former addicts are, in fact, fiction.

It has been said before that if nothing else Scientology is consistent in its inconsistency.

Narconon claims no affiliation with Scientology yet was created by LRH and uses his unfounded junk science as treatment.

Since 2005 there have been seven deaths associated with just one Narconon facility in Oklahoma alone.



That the form of treatment utilized by Narconon is ineffective and potentially dangerous is not a new concern. Years earlier in 1991 Scientology sought licensing for a new Narconon facility in Chilocco, Oklahoma. Between October and December of that year the Board of Mental Health for the State examined the application and held hearings to examine evidence and consider the safety and efficacy of the treatment program as a whole.

Expressing their concerns the Board stated *“In order for the Application to be granted by the Board it must be shown by a preponderance of the evidence that the program is safe and effective for the non-medical residential treatment of alcohol and drug abuse. The purpose of Mental health law in the State of Oklahoma is to provide humane care and treatment of persons who require treatment for drugs or alcohol abuse. Residents of the State of Oklahoma are entitled to medical care and treatment in accordance with the highest standards accepted in medical practice. 43A O.S. Supp. 1990, 1-102*

*The Narconon Chilocco program does not conform to the principles of traditional chemical dependency treatment. The Board's conclusion that the Narconon Chilocco program is non-traditional does not form the basis, in any respect, for the Board's decision on the Narconon application for certification.*

*No scientifically well-controlled studies were found that documented the safety of the Narconon program. There are potential dangers from the use of non-medical staff who may be unable to interpret the possibility of seizures, delirious, cardiac arrhythmia, or hallucinations that are phenomena associated with the cessation of drugs. There is also a potential risk of the reported re-experience of the abused drug effect during the sauna sweat out program may be the result of misinterpreted symptoms of hyperthermia or electrolyte imbalance. Moreover, the multiple findings of fact heretofore entered by the Board establish that Narconon's program is not safe.*

*Drug treatment program offered by Narconon-Chilocco is an experimental treatment and not proven safe or effective and is not in accord with the highest standards accepted in medical practice as required by statute. No scientifically well-controlled independent, long-term outcome studies were found that directly and clearly*

*establish the effectiveness of the Narconon program for the treatment of chemical dependency and the more credible evidence establishes Narconon's program is not effective. The Board determines that the Narconon Program is not effective in the treatment of chemical dependency.*

*The Board concludes that the program offered by Narconon-Chilocco is not medically safe.”<sup>[24]</sup>*

Their ultimate determination was a firm denial of certification. Narconon claims that it is a secular program. On the Narconon website it states *“The Narconon program is based on the discoveries and writings of L. Ron Hubbard, the Founder of the Scientology religion. However, Narconon is non-religious and a person does not become a Scientologist by doing the program.”*

It is worth repeating that as the Purification Rundown used by Scientologists is the same one used by Narconon this seems disingenuous. According to the Scientology.org site *“The Purification Rundown is a detoxification program which enables an individual to rid himself of the harmful effects of drugs, toxins and other chemicals that lodge in the body and create a biochemical barrier to spiritual well-being.”*

Since the Rundown is the same whether done at a Scientology Org or at a Narconon facility one questions how it can become a secular program simply by a change of venue.

Interestingly, the *New Life Detoxification Program* is almost identical to Scientology's spiritual version of *Purification: An Illustrated Answer To Drugs*, which in turn stems from Hubbard's *Clear Body, Clear Mind*

One notable similarity that links Scientology with Narconon is with the so called “success stories” which are virtually identical in both publications.

Upon comparing the success stories from *Clear Body* with those found in *New Life*, except for some careful editing, the stories are the same.

From *Clear Body, Clear Mind*;

*“This has been a truly fantastic program. I had many and various diseases, maladies, aches and pains and symptoms turn on and disappear, and I am grateful to feel physically sound and able to take*

*care of a body. But I think the most spectacular gains were not physical. I feel brighter, more enthusiastic about life. My memory has improved. I don't feel confused or jumbled up. I'm sure I will be able to study better, too. B.K"*

While from *New Life*;

*"This has been a truly fantastic program. I had many and various maladies, pains, aches and symptoms turn on and then disappear. But the most spectacular gains were not physical. My memory has improved. I feel brighter, more enthusiastic about life. - B.K."*

Given that Narconon uses questionable practices and poorly trained staff members the biggest question of all is why the government agencies who should be investigating aren't. The facilities use therapy that is not backed by any hard science or medical research, the Purif uses unregulated substances being ingested by patients that have been shown can cause serious if not fatal results yet no one is stepping in for the good of public health and safety.

Narconon's course materials includes a telling disclaimer that should put paid to anyone seeking a legitimate rehabilitation facility for any loved one.

*"The New Life Detoxification Program cannot be construed as a recommendation of medical treatment or medication and it is not professed as a physical handling for bodies nor is any claim made to that effect. There are no medical recommendations or claims for the New Life Detoxification Program or for any of the vitamin or mineral regimens described in this book."*

A bizarre statement for a drug treatment facility to make.

If *they* aren't sure their program works, how can anyone else be?

If one is seeking a legitimate treatment facility be aware that instead of dealing with the addiction in a medically responsible way, with Narconon one will be greeted with lies, exposed to unproven, dangerous therapies and find oneself conversing with ashtrays .

## The SeaOrg

Scientology's "Shore Story" (what they want the public to believe) concerning the SeaOrg is that they are a religious order. Just as with *Dianetics* which Hubbard clearly stated was not a religion neither was the Sea Organization a religious entity at its inception.

As mentioned in the first chapter, the SeaOrg was established by LRH in 1967 on board three ships, the *Diana*, *Athena*, and the *Apollo*, it was Hubbard's personal navy where he could reign supreme.

The *Apollo* was the flagship of the small fleet and it was here that he created his Commodore's Messengers, young teenage girls who acted as personal assistants and spoke with his authority. Most of the girls serving Hubbard were without any parental supervision. This was by design as Hubbard wanted to be able to train these young and impressionable children as he saw fit without parental input.

While there appears to be no accusations of a sexual nature, the girls were tasked amongst other things, with helping him dress, drawing his bath and giving him massages.

This is the man who wrote *"The seven-year-old girl who shudders because a man kisses her is not computing; she is reacting to an engram since at seven she should see nothing wrong in a kiss, not even a passionate one. There must have been an earlier experience, possibly prenatal, which made men or kissing very bad."*<sup>[25]</sup>

One cannot help but wonder what may have been going through Hubbard's mind as an innocent young girl was massaging him. Aboard his ships LRH was freed from the inconvenient restrictions of laws and he lorded it over those under his command. He was out of the reach of those investigating his actions and could say and do as he wished.

Promptly awarding himself the title of Commodore he ran his new pseudo navy with an iron fist. There was no excuse for failing at one's duty as it was believed that one had experienced the work at some point in a past life and therefore just needed to remember it. It is during this time that he created his writings, rules and punishments centered around Ethics.

For Hubbard, his SeaOrg was to be the elite group responsible for enforcing Ethics throughout all of Scientology. They were to be feared and obeyed, set apart, admired and fawned upon.

There is nothing of humility, spirituality or prayerfulness about it. Although Scientology refers to it as a "Fraternal Religious Order" the SeaOrg is not even a real Community, rather it is a group of people

who police and tattle on one another and who are worked in such a way that relationships are weakened. It is in the SeaOrg that the Office of Special Affairs originates which is the attack arm of Scientology that has replaced the Guardian's Office. Those who join this group sign a Billion Year Contract, dedicating themselves not only in this lifetime but those that follow as well. It is from the SeaOrg that the dark, fanatical, destructive policies are enforced. Mike Rinder was a member, part of the OSA, where Fair Game was carried out and perfected.

Operating as it does, the SeaOrg is the virtual antithesis of what a religious order is all about.

Hubbard himself described the SeaOrg as initially an upper management organization.

*"These are some of the factors which were not thought of particularly or designed. We kind of got into the Sea Org activity sort of gradually and accidentally, and we moved further ahead not actually on a planned idea. We just knew it was going all right in this direction and we kept going further in this direction. And the further we went in this direction, the more we developed in this direction why, the better things were getting, and as a result it sort of evolved into what we are now. It wasn't some idea that Ron likes the sea so we will all go out into some boats. As a matter of fact the basic history of the Sea Org is that we had a crew training program at St. Hill and then we got the Diana and it came south under vast duress. And then we got the Athena and it came south and got repaired under very vast duress. But meanwhile the-then called the Enchanter carried out quite a few very vital and quite successful missions and the Athena, carried out some very, very successful missions. These were ship missions. And then this ship came along to be used as an AO. And when it could no longer be used as an AO, we suddenly realized that it was a better operating ship, just as itself, than the others and so retained it and continued to operate with it...And what we've actually done is evolved into a very high level-you might say-management unit (be one of the best ways to describe it). But we really are sort of a management unit. We actually, probably, are Division Five, Earth-Equal Earth. That's probably what we are. And we feel our way forward and we make progress."*

—Welcome to the SeaOrg Pack, 1990, Why The SeaOrg is Successful; lecture given on 17 October 1969, pg 35.

As in all other areas of Scientology the main objective is income. With better organization and management comes better ways of routing money into the coffers.

In *An Open Letter to a SeaOrg Recruitment Officer* written by Nate Jessup for L. Ron Hubbard, Commodore, 31 October 1968, pg 2 Jessup states “*The SeaOrg is an organization of conquest. Not a ‘free offer’ for mamby-pambies who don’t like to pay money.*”

None of this sounds like anything even remotely resembling the spiritual or religious.

Secondary to the influx of tax free millions is the production of good PR for Scientology as a whole at any cost. There are written policies concerning the handling of and interacting with the press or any perceived critic which include “Dead Agenting”. This policy teaches to divert any negative statements then turn the subject and make counter-accusations against the critic so he looks bad.

Hubbard wrote; “*The technique of proving utterances false is called “DEAD AGENTING.” It’s in the first book of Chinese espionage. When the enemy agent gives false data, those who believed him but now find it false kill him—or at least cease to believe him. So the PR slang for it is ‘Dead Agenting.’*”<sup>[26]</sup>

Leah Remini addressed this policy at the beginning of her book *Troublemaker* by listing her own faults and flaws, anything she expected Scientology to say about her to try and make her look bad, first.

As Hubbard grew into his role of Commodore and Great Leader, his approach to ruling those under him became more and more vicious and unforgiving.

This can best be seen in how he inflicted punishments on the crew. Hubbard was constantly trying to come up with ever worsening consequences for the slightest infraction. He sought punishments “too gruesome” to contemplate.

He went so far as to declare children Suppressives, confining them to a chain locker.

LRH was so obsessed with what he called “Ethics”, that on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1968 he issued Flag Order 1426 which read: “*After tech is in*

*solid, the next step is admin, forming the system by which to handle the paperwork of the planet. So to meet with the great wins of the SeaOrg in just under two short years, The SeaOrg purpose is restated as- The purpose of the SeaOrg is MAINTAINING THE EXACT DEGREE OF ETHICS, SCIENTOLOGY TECHNOLOGY AND POLICY ON THE PLANET.”*

Nowhere does Hubbard indicate that the SeaOrg is a religious order, rather he places on them the responsibility to be the enforcers and judges of the world. This is so far the opposite of what religious life is all about that there simply is no comparison.

A common practice of Scientology when defending its actions is to compare itself to real and established religions, pointing to their practices, notably Catholicism, to defend their policies and procedures.

Where the Catholic Church has the Sacrament of Reconciliation, known as Confession, Scientology has likewise given themselves the ability to forgive sin. COS defends their immoral practice of Disconnection by pointing to Rome’s excommunication. So too with the Sea Organization or SeaOrg.

In the book *What is Scientology* by Steven Greene, the SeaOrg is described thus: *“The Sea Organization in Scientology is equivalent to an order in the Catholic Church. The Sea Organization is composed of dedicated members who undergo training so that they could dedicate their whole life in the service of Scientology. This is what they call the ‘vow of service’.”*

According to Scientology’s website *“The Sea Organization is a religious order for the Scientology religion and is composed of the singularly most dedicated Scientologists—individuals who have committed their lives to the volunteer service of their religion. The Sea Organization is a fraternal religious order and is not incorporated.”*

Also it says *“Positions in the Sea Organization are analogous to that of members of religious orders in other religions.”*

No. They aren’t.

Greene’s statement just shows his complete lack of understanding for what a Catholic Religious Order is, while Scientology once again misses the mark completely.



First and foremost, anyone considering entering one of the many religious communities within the Catholic Church believes that they are being called by God to a life of prayer and sacrifice. Though there are multiple Orders based upon different Charisms (the unique way a particular Order follows) fundamentally they share the same objective. A life dedicated to prayer and worship, the abnegation of self in humility for the glory of God and being a physical witness of faith to the world. (That some, as damaged and deranged humans fall far short of that goal is acknowledged.)

A vocation to the religious life is NEVER forced, NEVER irrevocable and NEVER operated as a group that polices or imposes their ideology on others.

When one feels they are called to the religious life the process often encompasses years of discernment.

In Scientology young people have been pressured to sign the Billion Year Contract, their parents made to believe that sending a child to the SeaOrg is the highest, most honorable thing one can do. Some individuals have been coerced into signing up, some even signed under duress, given no other options.

The discerning of a religious vocation is a private, personal, deeply spiritual endeavor. It is a time of seeking, of questioning and much prayer and soul searching.

First one must find the right community for them. Often this process entails the person visiting various Orders, spending time with them as a lay (non religious) person, observing the lifestyle and discipline. Discovering the right "fit" is a process of its own and never do the vocation directors pressure a seeker to commit. Their sole purpose is as a guide, introducing one to the community life while allowing their charge the freedom of his or her own opinion.

Once one decides upon a particular Order they are then welcomed into the Formation program as a postulant.

At this time they live with the community but are still considered lay people and can leave at any time. Months or even several years later, if it is mutually decided both by the postulant as well as the Community the person is received into as a first year Novice. This is usually a time of study, contemplation and for gaining a deeper understanding of what it is to live the vows.

During this time of formation both the young Sister as well as her Superiors continue to watch to discover whether this is the proper path for her to take. The door is always open for the person to decide to leave and if that decision is made there is no fuss, no threats, no papers to sign and no "Routing Out".

The Novitiate time can last several years before the Novice is permitted to make her first Vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience. Even here there are no shackles placed, the Vows that the Novice makes are temporary and are renewed over the next few years unless she comes to the decision to leave.

The process towards Final Vows is long and designed to ensure the individual is truly where they want to be.

A religious order is prayer-centric and God focused. Those living in Community strive for holiness while acknowledging their faults and failings.

Practically speaking, unlike with the SeaOrg, the Religious gets a full nights rest, three normal, healthy meals a day along with coffee break and at least an hour of recreation time every day.

While each Order is different and has different rules and disciplines there are even those Active Communities who have vacation breaks.

Medically Nuns and Monks have all health needs met and ALL elderly Religious are cared for and respected until the day they die.

There are Orders whose apostolates (duties like teaching, nursing, caring for unwed mothers, etc) include specifically caring for elderly priests or nuns.

No one is off loaded because they can no longer produce.

Where those in the SeaOrg are paid pittance and expected to provide for their own needs convents have an open cabinet which is stocked with anything a Sister might need such as toothpaste, shampoo, soap, deodorant, etc.

In active Communities where the Sisters or Brothers work outside of the Convent or Abbey their salaries go directly to the Order's general bank account and all the members needs as well as the utilities and other bills are paid from this account. It is not hoarded then spent on luxuries like expensive cars, real estate, lavish celebrity birthday parties or tailored suits and manicures.

Discipline within the community is hard to describe because while no one is perfect and everyone makes mistakes, this is seen as a chance to practice humility. Normally a Sister takes it upon herself to admit her fault and ask for forgiveness. There is never violence, shouting, humiliation or confinement. No one writes up tattle tale letters on another. Nothing is forced or coerced nor is anyone ostracized for any reason. Punishment is not meted out in any form other than through prayer or some other spiritual penance and nothing is recorded or noted in a blackmail file.

Just as an aside, Scientology claims their auditing sessions are equivalent to the Sacrament of Confession.

This is completely untrue. Theological doctrine aside, in Confession a penitent searches his own conscience and then reveals his sins to the priest, the priest never demands an explanation for nor details of any sin confessed. It is sufficient for the parishioner to simply state "I committed adultery" without the need to know with whom, when, how often and what positions were used.

There is no recording of the session, the priest takes no notes. In fact most confessional booths are built in such a way that the priest cannot see the person, there is a screen between penitent and priest. In more modern Churches the screened confessional may be provided along with a face to face design so one can choose. The priest may hear dozens of confessions in this manner in one afternoon, so the likelihood of him remembering any one individual's failings is non-existent, even if he knew the identity of the penitent. The monastic life is not about pride or numbers. It is not about policing others, forcing compliance or obedience or destroying the individual in favor of a communal mind.

In order for there to be a religious community there needs to be God. There needs to be Spirituality, prayer and the acknowledgment that you are following a call from the heart. The role of a religious community is to make God visible to the world in humility, joy and freedom. In addition, the religious leaves the trappings of the laity behind as a sacrifice choosing to spend their life in poverty and prayer on behalf of the rest of the world. The nun, monk or priest forsakes marriage and family so as to embrace the world as family out of love for God.

Scientology looks angrily out, fosters division both with the outside world as well as within their own walls and practices malicious policies of damage and destruction.

True spirituality and a vocation to the religious life is guided and informed by the call; *Veni Si Amas* or *Come if you Love*.

Scientology is a dark, angry, negative cult with no redeeming characteristics. Founded by a paranoid liar unable to discern the line between fantasy and reality, who abused and neglected his family and who had no concepts of love, loyalty or honesty it continues with this hate today.

This is the worst of all of L. Ron Hubbard's many negative legacies; the tearing apart of family.

The destruction of love and trust leaving broken, battered, betrayed, pain filled children struggling to make sense of the senseless.

Nowhere has this terrible struggle been more apparent to outsiders than on Social Media with Taryn Teutsch and her sad campaign against her father Mike Rinder. Taryn was mentioned earlier in connection with Fair Game.

Like both of her parents before her, Taryn is a member of the SeaOrg and her story is an excellent illustration of what family life in this "elite" group actually is.

For those in the SeaOrg there is nothing more important than their duty to Scientology and Clearing the Planet. To that end children are detrimental to focusing on the job at hand. In fact it was a practice at one time to order any woman who became pregnant to have an abortion so that her duty would not be interrupted by motherhood.

What good is a cleared planet if there is no one to benefit from it?

Scientology wants to free Mankind of insanity, war and crime, providing a world in L. Ron Hubbard's own demented image. Of all the members of this dark and violent cult, it's children are the most tragic victims.

Considered adult souls in small bodies, children are second to duty and are relegated to nurseries, schools and for many the CadetOrg. Delivered in the High Court (family Division), London, 23 July 1984 several witnesses gave evidence in a custody hearing under oath highlighting the SeaOrg's view of duty before family;

*“A catch phrase constantly recurring is “the greatest good for the greatest number of Dynamics”. The step-father and his first wife were ordered to leave their little daughter full time with a baby-minder so as to put in maximum hours to “clear the planet”, this being “for the greatest good for the greatest number of Dynamics”. For several months they saw their daughter only on weekends. When he insisted on leaving earlier to bring the child home during the weekdays he was threatened with “Ethics Condition”, that is to say, disciplinary action. On another occasion in 1976 his wife received special permission to visit a doctor because of a recurring abdominal complaint. She telephoned to say she had to go to hospital immediately. He asked if he could leave to see her. He was told “get your stats up and you can leave at 4.30 not before”. When he protested he was reminded of the policy “keep Scientology working”. [“Get your stats up” means “meet your performance or productivity quota”.]*

Scientology must come first before family or friends. There is an enormous amount of evidence online and in books such as Amy Scobee’s *Scientology: Abuse at the Top* showing how the SeaOrg leads to alienation between spouses, children and friends.

Another witness who had a three-year-old daughter was for a period of months required to work from 8:30 am to 1:00 in the afternoon. She was allowed only 15 minutes daily to put her daughter to bed. One incident mentioned by this witness in the same 1982 London Custody Hearing described how, when the little girl broke her arm and the mother took her to the doctor for treatment, she was directed to work all night as a penalty.

This same witness also described ending up consigned to the RPF just for speaking out against directives she disagreed with.

*In January 1982, Mrs. B was made Commanding Officer of the Organization, Saint Hill UK Foundation. At around this time the Commodore’s Messenger’s Org (Top Management) in the United States were originating an increasing number of international directives which seemed to her to be wrong and bad. She wrote a report addressing it to L. Ron Hubbard. Eight days later in November 1982, she was removed from her post and assigned to the “RPF” (Rehabilitation Project Force). She was refused counseling, required*

*to do at least 12 hours physical work a day (shifting bricks, emptying bins etc.) and to communicate with no-one, except to receive orders. The work aggravated a chronic back condition. When she protested she was threatened with being declared a "Suppressive Person". Her time with her children was limited to one half hour per day.*

This statement was also from the High Court (family Division), London, 23 July 1984 custody hearing.

Families in the SeaOrg are rarely together. Spouses are often kept separated as much as possible with varying schedules leaving them ships passing in the night, if one pardons the pun.

Children fare no better than their parents, being consigned to nurseries, schools run by Scientologists and then for many, into the Cadet Org. Their days are filled with a lack of stability, safety, nurturing and love.

Scientology claims that the Cadet Org is no longer in existence. One cannot help but wonder if the children of SeaOrg parents are simply left to fend for themselves now.

In Season 2 of The Aftermath, at one point Mike Rinder admitted; "I was a terrible parent! I was a SeaOrg father."

Which brings us to back to Taryn Teutsch.

Claiming he was an absent father, she has dedicated herself to trying to get her father fired from the show. Watching her videos one sees the face of the Scientology SeaOrg Child. Rage and pain radiate from her eyes as she attempts to convince her audience that her motivations are justice and doing the right thing.

Moving past her words, one sees the angry, pain filled cry of a little girl caught in an impossible situation. With a parent now in both worlds and a religion that does not tolerate compromise, she is trapped in a no win situation. No matter what she does she will lose a parent but no matter the circumstances, she still wants her father. Complicating this emotional morass is her dedication to her mother and the organization she grew up in. The disconnection between Mike and his ex has been discussed on The Aftermath. As in many contentious divorces there is the abusive practice of parental alienation. One parent demeans and bad mouths the other to the child caught in the middle. If the behaviors seen publicly on the show

are any indication it would not be much of a stretch to imagine how Mike was portrayed to Taryn by her mother after he blew.

Note that this is a reasonable conjecture, though only a conjecture. When a child is abandoned by a parent there settles in a fear of abandonment along with an unhealthy self analysis; “what is wrong with me that my father did not want to be with me?”

In a cult that prides itself on auditing out the “reactive mind” leaving the person with forced stoicism the fact that Taryn is so publicly reacting to her emotions, even though they are hidden behind the more acceptable guise of defending her mother and Scientology, these feelings must also be terribly confusing for her. Perhaps easier to coat them in the gilding of defense of COS during the auditing process than to face them directly and admit the process is not working.

In watching *The Aftermath* one immediately understands that Mike Rinder is filled with pain and guilt over the fact that he put his children in Scientology and that they are now estranged from him. He has publicly acknowledged his role in the cult, the things he did and how they affected his family. There is no doubt in the watcher’s mind that given the chance he would give anything for a reconciliation with his children. Watching his demeanor during the stories told by ex Scientology members one catches glimpses of his heart. He wants his lost children back as badly as Taryn wants and needs her father.

Sadly Taryn is caught up in exactly the same thing that she is angry at her father for.

The Scientology SeaOrg.

Where duty is placed before everything and everyone else.

She lashes out at Mike because he was an absent father.

He was absent from her formative years because he was a dedicated and loyal Scientologist SeaOrg member.

Taryn cannot acknowledge this truth because of her dedication and loyalty to Scientology and her Scientologist mother.

Because he is declared an S.P. Taryn is not permitted to sit down with him and attempt to reconnect and heal. If she does, she risks losing all she’s ever known including her other parent.

Trapped on this treadmill with no relief the anger grows and consumes as it is misdirected at her father when it more accurately should be directed towards Scientology.

Scientology created this entire mess and it continues to perpetuate it.

The SeaOrg has, for the most part, now moved into land bases such as Flag in Clearwater and Gold Base near Hemet, California. They do still operated the so called retreat ship *Freewinds* where Scientology members go to be trained in the higher OT or Operating Thetan levels.

According to sworn testimony by SeaOrg and OSA member Marty Rathbun, the *Freewinds* has been used to hide and secure people who attempted to escape Scientology.

In one deposition he describes being ordered to find and bring back a man who blew.

Rathbun explained *"In 1998 when Jason - then a senior executive of the Flag Service Organization, and a witness to Miscavige's personal involvement in the death of a parishioner - suddenly parted that organization, I was directly run by Miscavige to hunt him down and return him to Clearwater. When I did so, Miscavige ordered me to have Jason sent to the church's ship the Freewinds in the Caribbean for months of heavy labor and confessions. I was told that the purpose of that location was so that he could not possibly escape, since the Freewinds could control Jason's movements by locking up his passport."*<sup>[27]</sup>

SeaOrg controlled *Freewinds* has also been the location of suicides by desperate and hopeless members. One notable death was described on the final *Aftermath* show with Leah Remini in which someone killed themselves in a shower and the ship sailed back to her home berth in Curaçao with the body in order for the crew involved to cover up the details of the death.

L. Ron Hubbard created the SeaOrg to be the top watchdog for Scientology Ethics. He set for them the task of keeping Scientology working within the exact framework that he created. Hubbard tolerated no deviation from his directives, squirreling was and is taboo.



With this in mind it could be said that LRH's special, elite, cream of the crop organization is failing miserably in their duty.

Some would argue that those in the SeaOrg are waiting for their founder to return, however it could be posited that he would be beyond furious with every member if he did show back up. Having had little tolerance for the failures of others Hubbard very well might bestow the condition of treason on the lot of them for allowing David Miscavige to not only squirrel Ron's sacred scripture, but downright drive Scientology right off into the proverbial ditch.

The Commodore was inordinately proud of his SeaOrg yet like Judas, Captain Miscavige went so far as to deny it even existed when facing a lawsuit.

Speaking on behalf of Miscavige in a 2014 court case, Rathbun v Miscavige, attorney Wallace Jefferson attempted to prove to the court that his client was not the head of the Sea Organization.

Defying every bit of evidence to the contrary, not the least of which was L. Ron Hubbard himself, Jefferson stated; *"Plaintiff asserts that Mr. Miscavige exercised control because he leads the Sea Organization, a religious order within Scientology. But the 'Sea Org' is not a corporate entity; it has no physical or legal existence. It is not incorporated or established pursuant to legal formalities. It has no constitution, charter or bylaws, and no formal or informal ecclesiastical, corporate, or other management structure. It has no directors, officers, managing agents, or other executives; no employees, staff members, or volunteers; no income; no disbursements, no bank accounts or other assets; no liabilities; no stationery; no office, home, address, or telephone number."*<sup>[28]</sup>

Just as Scientology denies their policies of Fair Game and Disconnection in spite of their continual and obvious actions to the contrary, here David Miscavige simply waves his hands and an entire branch of Scientology is made null.

Miscavige as sole leader, and make no mistake he *is* the only one in control of COS, acts as though all he needs do is say something and the rest of the world takes it at face value. This is why it is so important for Never Ins to understand how Scientology operates.

Miscavige has his underlings deny every negative thing said, defying

even hard and irrefutable proof to the contrary as if that is all it takes to change the truth.

More, lying is a *Policy* of the SeaOrg OSA when it comes to dealing with their attacks, it is part of the training for one to become an "Intelligence Specialist".

*"INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST TRAINING ROUTINE - TR-L*

*Purpose: To train the student to give a false statement with good TR-1. To train the student to outflow false data effectively.*

*Position: Same as TR-1*

*Commands: Part 1 - "Tell me a lie". Command given by coach. Part 2 - interview type 2. WC by coach.*

*Training Stress: In Part 1 coach gives command, student originates a falsehood. Coach flunks for out TR 1 or TR 0. In Part 2 coach asks questions of the student on his background or a subject. "Student gives untrue data of a plausible sort that the student backs up with further explanatory data upon the coach further questions. The coach flunks for out TR 0 and TR 1, and for student fumbling on question answers. The student should be coached on a gradient until he/she can lie facilyly. (Easily)"*

The SeaOrg was created by Hubbard to be the enforcement arm of Scientology. It was from this group that the Guardian's Office, with Mary Sue Hubbard at the helm, stemmed. The GO was responsible for some of the most heinous actions against individuals and our government such as Operation Snow White for which Mary Sue ended up in prison. Author Paulette Cooper suffered the worst of Fair Game when they created Operation Freakout. Cooper wrote an in depth book exposing the truth about Scientology in the late 1960's. Scientology wanted this book stopped and so they engaged in framing, spying and even contemplated her assassination at one point.

During this campaign of terror against Cooper the Guardian's Office broke in to her office, stealing her private stationary containing her fingerprints on which they forged bomb threats against the government in her name.

Attempting to frame her so that she would end up in prison was the GO's goal, fortunately for Ms. Cooper, the FBI raided the Scientology building and in the course of examining the confiscated paperwork

discovered the plot against her laid out in detail. Thankfully Cooper was exonerated, but not before undergoing tremendous anxiety and fear.

This is the world of Scientology.

The world of the SeaOrg. The elite of the **Church** of Scientology.

No true religious community would even contemplate engaging in the actions that the SeaOrg engages in without batting an eye.

The most ethical religion on the planet policed by the SeaOrg whose function it is to enforce the deconstruction of families and malicious attacks on critics.

Just another branch of the cult tree sharing one root-

Make money. Make more money. Make people make more money.

## The Question

How could intelligent people ever get caught up in a cult like Scientology?

This is the question asked more than any other when the discussion of COS comes up.

It's a valid question with as many answers as people. We are all seeking different things from life. Some are looking for a place to belong, some want to serve Mankind and somehow make a difference. Where one person seeks to better himself another hopes to fill an unnamed empty place.

Many unfortunate souls are born into the organization and have never had a chance or a choice.

For them, Scientology is all they have ever known, the insular world so much safer than “out there with the wogs”.

What catches the attention of one person may not be the same thing that works in hooking another.

Those who ask “How?” often don’t understand just how practiced and subtle Scientology is in it’s pursuit of fresh recruits, and no one stops to consider those second generation members who didn’t choose their lifestyle.

It is very easy for someone on the outside, who has access to all the insanity that new members are not privy to until long after they’ve been conditioned to accept it. Just as someone watching domestic violence play out from a safe distance it is all too tempting to shake one’s head and think, “that could never happen to me”.

The fact is that it *can*.

When the heart and emotions are being manipulated it is all too easy to get completely caught up in a toxic relationship that ends up breaking one’s heart.

Scientology is no different. It is a chameleon predator that shows it’s prey exactly what he wants or needs to see. Like any new relationship there is the honeymoon stage where everything is new and it all works. COS doesn’t turn and show its dark side all at once, by the time one realizes he is trapped in a dangerous farce, he’s too deeply invested, too insecure and too shamed to easily let go.

Membership in Scientology is dropping in spite of what Captain Miscavige tells his followers. The Internet as well as ever increasing exposure in the media is finally putting enough information out about the abuses and ridiculous claims that more people are better informed.

Before the advent of global, social media Scientology operated in the shadows, holding their inane assertions and destructive practices close to the vest.

Like a thief in the night, COS snuck into new areas under fictitious names, by the time their neighbors realized Scientology was in their midst it was too late.

It has become harder for COS to continue to hide the truth of their actions and more people are paying attention.

Still, they continue to stand outside the doors of their buildings offering their free personality tests as an opening salvo.

For those who accept, perhaps lulled by the seemingly normal and friendly young person beckoning them or perhaps it is something else entirely. An unknown urge for change in this vicious and violent world. No matter the draw, those who succumb to the lure are presented with an emotional hard sell right from the beginning, but Scientology makes it all sound so reasonable.

Let's face it, if someone simply explained that they were part of a group who wanted to destroy all forms of psychiatry, believed that alien souls inhabited one's skull and 75 million years ago an intergalactic warlord named Xenu solved his overpopulation problem by nuking most of the people on various planets, one would swipe left fast.

It just is not how things are done.

First it is important to state that those who end up swallowed by Scientology are not stupid or in any way unintelligent. Some people have said this and it is patently untrue as well as utterly unfair. In fact one may consider that those who have ended up in the SeaOrg for example, are highly intelligent, motivated individuals.

Case in point Amy Scobee, who started out as a waitress but ended up in one of the highest positions she could have risen to, working right alongside the Miscaviges. Time and again she was thrown into situations she had no training or experience in, yet she still managed to create organization out of chaos. Where so many would falter, she continually picked herself up and forged forward no matter how many times she was nitpicked into the RPF by others.

Mike Rinder is another good example. Not only was he able to rise to the top in the SeaOrg and OSA but he also had the intelligence, determination and fortitude to start his life over from scratch with nothing.

There are many other great examples of the strong and intelligent people who are manipulated and subverted into a cult if one but looks. Never Ins who have become fans of Leah Remini and Mike Rinder, who have felt deep empathy, compassion for all the guests

that have bravely spoken out in *The Aftermath*, should realize that those whom we so admire are exactly those whom we would fight against. There are countless Mike Rinders, Leah Reminis and Amy Scobees, they just haven't found their rock bottom yet. Even if they have, the decision to leave is a heartrending one. Filled with self doubt; "how could I have been so blind?", "how could I have fallen for something so outrageous?"

For SeaOrg members, fear of being forced to endure the routing out process which can take months or even years of the mental torture of sec checking is a huge roadblock.

The intelligence of a person so trapped should not be in question. It is not about how smart someone is, rather it's about how emotionally invested and manipulated.

Scientology draws people in through promises of huge gains both personal and societal, they are excited and devoted because of the idea that one has finally found the answer to that something missing. Only the devious, relentless psychological violation that takes place by Scientology should ever be looked to as the reason one is drawn in.

Scientology is the ultimate violent partner, the abuse began with L. Ron Hubbard and is continued today with Captain David Miscavige. Miscavige *is* Scientology.

Nothing happens in that organization without his input and direction and unlike his programmed, sheltered followers there is a real question as whether he is motivated by devotion or power.

How can this violent, abusive, cruel man not know exactly what he is doing? The steps he took, the choices he made to create the successful coup after Hubbard's death are not the actions of someone unaware of what he was doing. If he had truly been as dedicated to Hubbard as he'd like all to believe then there is no way he would have so utterly destroyed those LRH had placed in the highest positions. Miscavige swept through and ousted even Hubbard's own family members including Mary Sue.

More importantly, the decisions Miscavige makes concerning Scientology today do not appear to be those of a man who's judgment is clouded by religious fervor. As the leader of COS David Miscavige would be the one person who knows exactly the state his

organization is in. He would know full well that membership is dropping, yet he twists the facts and exaggerates the figures, lying to his followers about how COS is growing by leaps and bounds.

Chairman of the Board Miscavige would be completely aware of the accusations made by those who have escaped and spoken out.

Certainly he knows there are pending lawsuits directed at Scientology as well as at him personally.

Miscavige knows the truth, he has the facts.

That he chooses to lie to his members speaks to state of mind.

He is making deliberate choices and those choices directly impact those under him. Miscavige's choices are purposeful and they play a key role in keeping his followers tightly under his control.

After all, why would one want to leave a ultra successful group that is making huge strides towards clearing the planet and to which people are flocking in droves?

LRH is quoted as saying *"The only way you can control people is to lie to them. You can write that down in your book in great big letters. The only way you can control anybody is to lie to them. When you find an individual is lying to you, you know that the individual is trying to control you. One way or another this individual is trying to control you. That is the mechanism of control. This individual is lying to you because he is trying to control you -- because if they give you enough misinformation they will pull you down the tone scale so that they can control you. Conversely, if you see an impulse on the part of a human being to control you, you know very well that that human being is lying to you."*

Captain David Miscavige has taken that exhortation as his personal motto.

There is evidence that careful and focused edits have been made to L. Ron Hubbard's supposedly sacred scripture. Changes that not only alter the meaning of the works, but in many cases do nothing but further confuse the student. In some places entire sentences, even whole chapters, are out of sequence, therefore now out of context.

Miscavige took several sections of text from two chapters originally in the beginning of *Fundamentals of Thought*, placing them near the ending of the book. Further, he carefully had the original meaning of

“Scientology” edited throughout *Fundamentals of Thought*, by removing almost all references to Scientology being a “science”, inserting the word “religion” in its place.

David is, as his father Ron Miscavige’s book says, ruthless. He took over the organization and now rules it by cruelty and force, reshaping it into his own damaged, narcissistic image.

This new leadership has helped create the environment that new members find themselves in. From the outside Scientology portrays itself as being devoted to humanitarian and social efforts all for the betterment of Mankind. Who wouldn’t want to be a part of such a globally dedicated organization? The long, slow descent into the madness and deceit that is the reality behind the façade takes years to slowly be revealed.

Further complicating matters is the fact that Miscavige is careful to fill the ears of his followers with tremendous misinformation concerning the activities of COS. Their dedication is strengthened through the belief that Scientology is growing exponentially in membership, that the good works are drawing more and more new recruits in order to continue clearing the planet. People who joined because they wanted to help themselves as well as society are constantly told that the cult is winning, but the need is urgent and immediate and no one can falter in their mission.

Clearing the planet is the battle cry designed to focus everyone on the task at hand; work harder, faster, get your stats up! Mankind must be saved and we are the only ones with the capability to do so! Miscavige rules by lies, misdirection and confusion as is reflected in the policies and procedures in place that keep the cult’s members obedient, compliant and especially in the case of the SeaOrg, productive.

Those who have joined Scientology under Miscavige’s rule have no idea that they are also in danger of becoming trapped financially. Amongst the stories told by former members are tales of serious fraud committed in the names of various members. Especially targeting the older participants of COS, there have been instances of Credit Cards with extended lines of credit or other loans taken out without the individual’s consent. For some, homeowners have been



pressured to either take on second mortgages or even sell their homes outright so that they can give the money to Scientology.

One heartrending story was told on *The Aftermath* of a woman who inherited some money in the form of an annuity. She was pressured to close the account and give it all to COS, which she did.

Again, this is not because she was in anyway unintelligent, rather those in positions of power over her manipulated her by a continuing barrage of guilt. She was told she did not need the money and it was doing no good just sitting in an account. Just think of all the good that money could do towards clearing the planet! How could anyone who truly cared about Mankind not donate everything she could to the one organization that can save the world?

After she left the cult it was discovered that there had been serious tax repercussions for the closing of the account which no one had explained to her. Nor had she been apprised of the numerous letters sent by the IRS in regards to her debt.

Subsequently this woman, of retirement age, must now continue to work in order to repay the back taxes, penalties and interest she owes all thanks to Scientology.

Consider how many people, after having dedicated their lives, time, health and finances to Scientology may feel trapped and bound to stay in the cult. How frightening and humiliating it would be to realize that one's entire life had been a lie. That everything one has done, every minute spent thinking he was making a difference was complete fiction.

How difficult would it be to comprehend starting life over with nothing.

When one thinks of abuse physical harm comes most often to mind, but anyone who has lived through an abusive relationship can agree that there are way worse things than being beaten.

From the very first moment a Scientologist who is "body routing", trying to get someone new through the front door, approaches a person the negative conditioning begins.

One is offered what is called the Oxford Capacity Analysis or "would you like to take a free personality test?"

Scientology's website says "*Your IQ, personality and aptitude determine your future success and happiness. The Oxford Capacity*

*Analysis has benefited millions of people since 1960. It is the only test of its kind that delivers measurable, accurate analysis, followed by one-on-one consultation with practical recommendations tailored to your needs, based on your results.”*

Right from the beginning this is a bunch of bunk. One’s personality does not necessarily determine future success. There are plenty of successful people in the world who are total assholes on a personal level. Conversely, one can have a genius IQ and still not find happiness or success.

Further, what is *success*?

This is a word with as many definitions as there are people.

Interestingly, at the end of his life L. Ron Hubbard himself felt that after all his work, his creation of *Dianetics* and Scientology with everything they entailed, he’d failed.

George M. Witek mentions this in his book *Lucifer’s Bridge: Scientology’s Lost Paradise*.

*“One of the last individuals to have a conversation in person with Hubbard before his death on January 16, 1986, was a man named Stephen Pfauth. His eyewitness report is recorded in the book by Lawrence Wright titled *Going Clear: Scientology, Hollywood and the Prison of Belief*. According to Mr. Pfauth, Hubbard said in the end ‘basically that he’d failed. All the work and everything, he’d failed.’ Hubbard died six weeks later.”<sup>[29]</sup>*

So much for success or happiness.

The personality test is comprised of 200 yes or no questions that a Scientologist will score inevitably discovering negative character traits that cannot help but hold the test taker back. No matter what one comes up with, the Scientologist will focus on it and that liability will become the bait.

If one feels insecure or anxious in a group, the Scientologist will have a course package that will help the individual deal with it.

Unhappy marriage? COS has the answer for you!

Failing grades?

Ditto.

The free and ultimately bogus personality test is just the lede in the overall scheme that is Scientology.

The test itself has absolutely nothing to do with Oxford, nor is it in anyway an actual psychological test of anything.

No matter what, something will be found proving the person is failing at life and only Scientology can rescue him from himself.

Reporter Susan Robinson writing for the *Evening Standard*, London in 2000 took the free personality test and her takeaway was *"The Scientologists clearly wanted me to think I needed help - and who better to cure me than the people who had diagnosed my "problems"? I was advised to buy an LRH book and think about joining the church. But, to their credit, I wasn't asked to part with any money at this point, or to sign up there and then, so I didn't.*

*Later, as I sat on the Tube thinking about this small taste of Scientology, I was able to brush it off. Maybe Nicole Kidman has done, or is doing, something vaguely similar. In truth, though, while I sat in that office and listened to a total stranger utterly trash my personality and character - on the basis of no evidence at all - I began to feel vaguely insecure. Paranoid even.*

*The Church of Scientology claims to help people attain a deeper, richer existence - but it clearly does so by erasing all sense of self-respect first.*"<sup>[30]</sup>

The first few courses are usually benign, the new student may even see some placebo effect gains in his life. As he progresses and begins spending more and more the courses begin to convey a secondary theme. That of urgency to learn Hubbard's tech so the planet can be saved. No one else can do this except for Scientologists and if one is not completely committed then there is some serious reason why.

In *Keeping Scientology Working* Hubbard wrote *"When somebody enrolls, consider he or she has joined up for the duration of the universe – never permit an "open-minded" approach. If they're going to quit let them quit fast. If they enrolled, they're aboard, and if they're aboard, they're here on the same terms as the rest of us – win or die in the attempt. Never let them be half-minded about being Scientologists. The finest organizations in history have been tough, dedicated organizations. Not one namby- pamby bunch of panty-waist dilettantes have ever made anything. It's a tough universe. The social veneer makes it seem mild. But only the tigers survive – and*

*even they have a hard time. We'll survive because we are tough and are dedicated. When we do instruct somebody properly he becomes more and more tiger. When we instruct half-mindedly and are afraid to offend, scared to enforce, we don't make students into good Scientologists and that lets everybody down. When Mrs. Pattycake comes to us to be taught, turn that wandering doubt in her eye into a fixed, dedicated glare and she'll win and we'll all win. Humour her and we all die a little. The proper instruction attitude is, "You're here so you're a Scientologist. Now we're going to make you into an expert auditor no matter what happens. We'd rather have you dead than incapable."<sup>[31]</sup>*

Win or die in the attempt.

The student is confronted with how urgent and serious the situation is, there's no time for lallygagging, nor is there time for anyone to question the material.

Is the person not making the advances he was led to believe?

The answer to that is simple; it's the student's own fault. There is something hidden that the person has not revealed holding him back. Hubbard's courses are certainly not at fault, it is the Individual who has hidden crimes.

Now he is forced to pay for a new course of auditing and study.

During the auditing time, he is quizzed for long hours on everything from his sex life to his innermost thoughts. Auditing is a subtle assault on one's mind. It is hours of repetition leading almost to a vague hypnotic state wherein one begins to believe that he *is* somehow guilty of *something*. Failure is the fault of the Student and is a sign of guilt.

The only possible explanation for not progressing, not understanding or harboring doubts is that one is guilty of something.

Guilt and fear are strong motivators, especially when one is continually being told he is the problem. The answer is not to reveal one's doubts, not to question but to move along, taking course after course hoping and praying that somehow, some way along the path everything will come together and it will all make sense.

No one wants to be considered a failure. After a Person has paid thousands, is on the verge of serious debt or even already deeply

indebted how can they accept that they've been conned and walk away?

Scientology's Bridge to Total Freedom is supposed to lead one along the path towards the highest levels, promising the attainment of super powers if one just dedicates himself. If one can make it to this coveted designation they will be considered a success and all the silent frustration as well as all the money spent thus far will have been worth it.

So the Scientologist takes years, slowly spending himself into oblivion while being conditioned to believe anything less than continuing on is a personal failure.

After finally attaining Clear, which means that one is no longer influenced by his "reactive mind", then the real work and expense begins.

The Scientologist begins The Bridge to Total Freedom and is now an Operating Thetan.

It is estimated that to work one's way through all the courses up the Bridge to Total Freedom to OT VIII costs roughly around \$400,000.00.

Often after one has achieved a level and thinks to move forward he finds that suddenly the materials he was studying have been reprinted due to some "error". This means he must now purchase the new books and do the level all over again. Reprinting the material ensures a constant flow of income for Scientology and turns what they call a "Bridge" into more of a treadmill to nowhere.

Operating Thetan level III contains the infamous space opera story of Xenu. The level is treated with the utmost seriousness and solemnity, with the PC being made to perform years of preparation work. The Xenu story will not be printed here. It can be found online in various places. Suffice it to say, the entire course is ridiculous science fiction.

Sadly by the time one gets to this "Wall of Fire" as it is referred to, one is already deeply invested both psychologically and financially. Scientology desperately wants their members to believe in Hubbard's malarkey. The customer about to proceed is made to sign a waiver stating that he will never reveal the Xenu story to anyone.

He is also warned that disclosing the tale to the unprepared will cause them to potentially get pneumonia and die.

Always in Scientology the student is kept on edge and controlled through intimidation, threats of failure, fear of being found guilty of some hidden crime, fear of being declared an enemy and thus facing retribution.

For those joining the SeaOrg, the conditioning is even more pronounced, the body is weakened through inadequate nutrition, lack of sleep while being worked to exhaustion and the constant exhortation to be “up-stat”, get the job done in spite of impossible demands being made.

Not only is the new member promised freedom from his own inner demons, but he is also made to believe that he is now part of something so much bigger: the saving of the world.

This is a key point as for why people get so caught up in COS. What could be more worthwhile than the saving of Mankind?

Most who end up sitting in a Scientology mission are good, honest people who are seeking. They know there is something more; they want it for themselves and they want it for their community.

Let's face it, society is rife with anger, hate and violence.

Wanting to help make the world a better place is a good and noble goal.

The problem is that as the person is drawn further and further down the tunnel there is a definite mind manipulation happening.

One is either all in or an enemy.

Along with all the LRH teachings being drilled into the member is also fear and self doubt.

By the time the really insane material starts to be uncovered it's too late. The person is conditioned and controlled to accept what is being fed them or believe that they are somehow defective or evil.

The fate of the entire planet rests on this material so disbelief cannot exist.

Scientology, like other cults, is a mind trap. One accepts and excuses the strangeness because the alternative is that something is wrong with you.

Even setting aside the science fiction, no one dealing with a new recruit tells them that they will be expected to devote thousands of

dollars and thousands of hours, forsaking relationships and actual life, in favor of Scientology.

These are all gradual revelations, coming at points where the indoctrination has already predisposed the member to compliance. The majority of members are people with good intentions and honest motivations but who have been manipulated and used.

Scientology is the ultimate form of domestic violence. Just like the victim in such a relationship stays because they believe that if they can just do the right thing, if they never challenge their abuser, then maybe, just maybe the relationship will work. He or she believes that they are the problem and if they could work harder, do more, do better it will somehow all make sense.

Meanwhile the abuser creates this environment where his victim walks on eggshells, willing to do anything to try and please, by constant nitpicking, keeping a tally of all the victim's perceived wrongdoing and constant guilt trips.

Even in spite of beatings and verbal abuse the victim stays and endures, believing that there is truly something worth saving and believing in.

From the outside it is easy to say, "why doesn't she/he just leave?" Because it isn't that easy. One invests oneself.

There is an attachment; emotions and lives are involved. Scientology fosters an "Us v Them" mentality within the cult while conditioning its members to believe that they are on a sacred mission to save the very people they are taught to despise. For Scientologists the rest of the world is heading to Hell in a hand basket and if one were to leave he will lose everything as well.

Does staying and believing one is fighting for something worthwhile make one a bad person?

Absolutely not. As can be seen, the process one goes through is a long, slow one with many facets all woven together to make a psychological straight jacket. One begins taking the courses, which then become necessary rather than optional. If one truly wants to save Mankind, then you must become proficient in the only technology that can possibly make that goal happen. No turning back, no doubts permitted or not only will the person be subjected to

self doubt and guilt, but if he doesn't step back in line properly there will be various repercussions.

One must stay, pay and continue to play or eventually one may find himself on the receiving end of Disconnection and Fair Game.

In an abusive relationship, the abuser is always on alert for any misstep. He keeps a running tally of every fault and just like the supposedly private auditing folders, these mistakes can be hauled out and used to verbally belittle and humiliate. After having been coerced to detail the most intimate sins, whether true or not, the Scientologist knows his deeds have been recorded.

Scientology's so called Ethics auditing, Sec Checking, is designed to produce the maximum emotional embarrassment.

Questions faced by someone being sec checked include

*"Do you collect sexual objects?"*

*Do you have a secret you are afraid I'll find out?*

*Are you upset by this security check?*

*Have you ever had unkind thoughts about L. Ron Hubbard?*

*How do you feel about sex?*

*Have you ever raped anyone?*

*Have you ever been raped?*

*Have you ever been involved in an abortion?*

*Have you ever assisted in an abortion?*

*Have you ever committed bigamy?*

*Have you ever practiced cannibalism?*

*Have you ever practiced homosexuality?*

*Have you ever practiced or assisted intercourse between women?*

*Have you ever had intercourse with a member of your family?"*

This intimate violation of one's innermost self can go on for hours, weeks, even months until the person has been broken, willing to admit to anything whether true or not just to make the process stop.

Everything said in auditing or sec checks is recorded and written down, kept in folders that Scientology carefully keeps.

Each secret, any embarrassing mistake is recorded and can be used against the hapless member as blackmail to keep him in line.

The important thing to remember is that those caught up and lost within the mental confines of a cult are normally good, decent people.



Leah Remini and Mike Rinder have thousands of fans and supporters. They have earned admiration and respect through their struggles and their fight. It's almost easy to forget that at one point they were both dedicated, fervent Scientologists.

Think about how many people just like Leah and Mike are still trapped.

Perhaps it is the more intelligent, more driven people who are actually drawn to the ideas of Scientology. These people want more from life and they want to be more for life.

The proof of this lies in the aftermath of realization. In spite of the complete disillusionment and loss, these intelligent, well meaning, driven people continue to want to help.

Scientology, right now, is still filled with people just like those who have become familiar to Never Ins.

They are still in, still walking the treadmill to nowhere. Some have not yet begun to acknowledge the doubt, others may be struggling with it. Some want desperately to escape but don't know how.

Sadly however there are many members who are so brainwashed by the auditing and isolation that no matter what facts one shows them they deny and then refuse to hear any more.

There are more stories waiting to be told. More people to reach out to with support and compassion.

Truth is the weapon.

Every challenge to Scientology's Shore Stories, rhetoric and misinformation is a chance to crack their wall of smug complacency. A chance to shine the light of truth where hopefully those who are struggling can see it.

This is where the focus needs to be; on the intelligent, well meaning, dedicated people who've been led astray and blinded.

It is a mistake to dismiss those trapped in this or any other cult as just "dumb people" who have let themselves be duped. Those not born in COS were drawn in through deceit and trickery and slowly led along the path of manipulation until the line between the truth and falsehood was blurred beyond recognition.

It is Scientology and David Miscavige who are to blame for all the abuse, human rights violations and more that continue unchecked. The fight is now to free those being victimized.

Until the religious tax exemption is removed this fight will continue to be immensely difficult. As long as Scientology can hide behind the Religious Rights shield their actions can stay hidden except for those who escape and speak out.

The hope is that through the current multiple lawsuits against the cult and the courage of all those who are stepping up and taking a stand against Scientology, the government will finally take notice and do the right thing.

## Final Thoughts

Although those who are trapped in Scientology should not be labeled “stupid” or “foolish” for the predicament they are currently in, at the same time feelings of anger, frustration and disbelief towards the cult can’t be helped.

One cannot but feel anger towards an organization that squeezes its members dry, then uses those tax free “donations” to purchase vast swaths of real estate that then sit empty.

Even worse is the lifestyle to which Captain Miscavige has seemingly become accustomed.

Tailored suits, Cartier watches, a staff to do his hair and see to all his needs. Miscavige uses the money supposed to be for religious and charitable purposes for elaborate birthday parties for Tom Cruise, extravagant gifts such as custom motorcycles or other luxury vehicles. Of course there are all the private investigators who are paid handsomely for their services as well.

Every religion needs those.

Hearing the stories told on *The Aftermath* or reading the books authored by those who lived behind the razor wire elicit feelings of fury and helplessness.

Where *is* Shelley Miscavige? How can a woman just disappear for over a decade without a trace all while local law enforcement

seemingly does nothing?

Why won't the FDA investigate the bogus promises of Scientology tech curing illnesses?

As parents put their young children through the Purification Rundown, something that is dangerous for adults let alone young growing bodies, how is it that child protective services do not step in?

The ridiculous claims made about thetans, super powers and how auditing can cure illnesses makes one want to scream in frustration "*put your money where your mouth is and prove it!!*"

Yet never once do we see a Scientologist using telekinetic powers. No one is ever cured of an illness or disease and the planet is nowhere near being cleared.

Forget the planet, they can't even seem to produce an actual individual who has attained Clear according to Hubbard's definition. The closest the wog world comes to witnessing anyone with OT Powers is reading ridiculous claims such as "I can actually sense the saline content of my cells!" or "my senses are so acute I can hear my shoelaces rubbing together!"

In spite of these amazing powers no one yet has come from COS and done a single worthwhile thing for anyone.

A Clear with such abilities should be visiting cancer wards and children's hospitals daily administering their healing and saving lives. What exactly are these people *doing* all day? What does all the busy work accomplish?

Tom Cruise once stated in a video "*Being a Scientologist, when you drive past an accident it's not like anyone else. As you drive past you know you have to do something about it because you know you're the only one who can help...*" yet no Scientologist has ever made the news by stopping and healing anyone.

If there were even a shred of truth to what Cruise said why not have a Scientologist on every ambulance?

A presiding Judge examining on appeal a case in the UK stated "*In their voluminous literature the plaintiffs (Scientology) have made extravagant claims to possess miraculous healing powers. If this is true, why do they consistently refuse ever to apply them? They are the only people who have evidence of the efficacy of these powers,*

*but they refuse to adduce any such evidence. It is a rule of evidence that a party who has in his possession all the evidence relating to one issue must produce it. The obvious inference is that the powers do not exist and the claims are not bona fide held. Is it really enough for the plaintiffs to say: 'I don't condescend to tell you how, or even why it is done, nor to provide any demonstration, but nevertheless you must believe me?'"<sup>[32]</sup>*

Talk is the only thing COS seems to do and it's the cheapest thing going around.

On social media Scientology mouthpieces post horrible untrue hate directed at innocent people, completely ignoring every effort one makes to show proof of their lies. Attempting to engage them in any sort of discussion results in immediate blocking, or childish name calling.

Taryn Teutsch's account posts that Mike Rinder attacked his ex wife, someone immediately posts a copy of the police report proving COS is lying. They simply block the person showing the truth and repost their false accusations.

There is nothing redeeming about Scientology.

Based upon the cult's own actions which belie their constant denials one cannot help but believe the stories told by former members.

Scientology denies they go after those they consider enemies, yet Mike Rinder caught a private investigator hired by his former church to steal his garbage.

Fair Game doesn't exist, yet there are multiple nasty websites created by Scientology for the sole purpose of defaming the characters of former members.

COS stand up for religious freedom for all then awards medals to racists and anti Semitic followers of Louis Farrakhan.

The ultimate infuriating thing is the complete apparent lack of attention by any office of law enforcement. *Why* will they not revoke the tax exemption? *Why* will they not go in search of those who are missing?

Scientology has policies that urge members be placed in local government and other pertinent offices in order to affect decision making.

That Jack Dorsey, CEO of Twitter, is in charge seems to explain the lack of T.O.S. Suspensions when Scientology accounts are reported. In the Danny Masterson rape case, stalled for years for some reason, his victims wait in limbo for justice while Scientology posts photos online of the LAPD accepting donations, holding events in Scientology buildings, or working side by side on community projects with COS.

Here too Scientology, lily white and pure, sees to it that Masterson's victims are stalked and harassed.

Taryn Teutsch has posted a photo of her standing chummily alongside LA District Attorney Jackie Lacey which makes the idea of impartiality a bit suspect.

Originally, according to News sources the D.A. in Los Angeles had a folder containing "overwhelming" evidence against Masterson, somehow that evidence has disappeared.

Not to mention the fact that the LAPD was found with a Scientology kiosk right in its front lobby.

Nothing sketchy to see here, folks.

Ironically, while the cult protects and defends alleged accused rapist Masterson, at the same time they harangue and demonize Hollywood Producer and Director Paul Haggis who has been accused of the exact same crime.

Hypocritical behavior is an ongoing theme of COS.

Scientology blasts and refutes the anti-Semitic hate attacks one sees in recent News, announcing that they stand with and support the Jewish community. Amazingly at the exact same time the church is hand in hand with Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam.

Farrakhan is loudly public in his racism, homophobia and anti-Semitic rants. Scientology has awarded members of the NOI their highest honors, bestowing medals and accolades upon those pushing Farrakhan's vicious teachings.

Watching the antics of this hate filled cult is enough to anger and frustrate any right thinking person.

It is also cause for serious concern.

Where exactly is the line drawn for this cult of revenge and paranoia?

Scientology may call itself a religion but considering the scope of its abuses, its history of infiltrating the government and its goal to reshape the world, one must consider that it is a potentially dangerous group.

The First Amendment, with its Separation of Church and State, absolutely protects the rights of a Church's religious *beliefs*.

The question surrounding Scientology's religious tax exemption however is not about its *beliefs*. Members of the COS are free to believe in whatever they wish, be it a despotic galactic overlord or alien spirits riding around in one's skull.

Hugh Laddie, Judge for the High Court of England and Wales stated in the case *Hubbard v Vosper* in 1972; *"If a religion merely consists of a system of beliefs or statements of doctrine, that would include anarchists and vegetarians. If a religion is merely a prescribed code of conduct then the Bar is a religion. If a religion is merely a 'form of ritual or religious observance' then the Boy Scouts, a Hunt, and the Household Cavalry are all religions."*

Rather, the question is about whether or not Scientology is abusing its government granted exemption by violating the legal strictures that form the boundaries of that exemption.

The answer to that question is an unequivocal "YES".

In order to keep their exemption, Scientology must follow and obey certain rules laid out by the IRS.

Amongst them is the qualification that *"they must not devote a substantial part of their activities to attempting to influence legislation"*.

Scientology's front group CCHR is dedicated to the complete eradication of psychiatry and all mental health support.

Part of how they are attempting this is their support of and lobbying for certain legislations that coincide with the Scientology agenda.

From their website it states: *"Citizens Commission on Human Rights (CCHR), a nonprofit charitable mental health watchdog organization established by the Church of Scientology in 1969, is dedicated to eradicating psychiatric abuses and ensuring patient protections.*

***CCHR has supported enactment of more than 160 laws protecting individuals from abusive or coercive psychiatric practices, requiring informed consent for psychiatric treatment,***

***ending enforced drugging and electroshocking of children and mandating severe penalties for sexual abuse of patients by psychiatrists and psychologists.”***

Further, as recently as Saturday, May 11, 2019 Scientology supporters applauded the work of the CCHR on Twitter, saying “*The Citizens Commission on Human Rights (CCHR) Sacramento worked with California officials to secure legislation against systemic drugging in the state’s foster child network.*”

Part of the Scientology belief system is that all psychiatry is evil and must be avoided at all costs. In fact, that one does not have any known, pre-existing psychiatric issues is a requirement for anyone thinking of joining their group.

One time spokesperson for this front group, Scientologist John Alex Wood was adamant about the actual goal of the CCHR.

It was not for the ending of abuse or coercive psychiatric practices as they’d like the world to believe. Rather, as Wood vehemently stated on Twitter; “*You claim CCHR has some sort of religious purpose. Wrong. CCHR’s overarching purpose is the total ANNIHILATION of psychiatry worldwide.*”

To this day Scientology and The CCHR attack legitimate psychiatric diagnoses and therapies, instead relying on unregulated, unlicensed practices that have not been approved by the FDA.

Thus, by working to secure legislation that reflects the Scientology belief system, they are attempting to force both the government and society to bow to their beliefs.

Given the current mental health crisis in this country, the eradication of psychiatry would be of utmost detriment to society.

In a 1986 case, *Bowen v Roy*, a family of Abenaki Indians contested the law that in order to receive Welfare Benefits for their children they were required to submit Social Security Numbers. The Abenaki Indians’ beliefs include that numbering a person is evil. The Court however “*asserted that the claim amounted to an effort ‘to dictate the conduct of the Government’s internal procedures’ and a ‘demand that the Government join in the (Indians’) chosen religious practices ....’ The claimant’s ability to ‘believe, express, and exercise his religion,’ the Court held, was simply not impaired by the government’s administrative use of a Social Security number.*”

The fact is that psychiatry, an absolute necessity for the good of society, does not impact or impair Scientology's actual claimed beliefs. They can choose not to participate but for them to attempt to impose this ban on the rest of the world is an attempt to violate the First Amendment rights of everyone else who has the right NOT to adhere to Scientology doctrine.

This statement by the Court was further expounded upon later in 1988 with *Lyng v. Northwest Indian Cemetery Protective Association*. In this case California had plans to put in a new road on land that the local Indian tribes used for some of their religious rituals. The tribes cited the Free Exercise Clause in an attempt to stop the road being built on their sacred land.

*"But the Court held that 'even if we assume that ... the ... road will virtually destroy the Indians' ability to practice their religion, the Constitution simply does not provide a principle that could justify upholding (their) legal claims.' The Court said the critical question was whether the government's action directly coerced individuals into violating their religious beliefs or imposed unique disabilities on religious activities, and it held that the road-building plan did not."*

Further *"Whatever may be the exact line between unconstitutional prohibitions on the free exercise of religion and the legitimate conduct by government of its own affairs,' the Court stated, 'the location of the line cannot depend on measuring the effects of a governmental action on a religious objector's spiritual development.'"*

In other words, there comes a point where, in the exercise of one's religious beliefs, a line cannot be crossed into the government's jurisdiction and interfere with the operating of laws or policies.

By actively campaigning for harsher and harsher legislation against psychiatry Scientology is, in effect, attempting to force their beliefs upon society. As well, it is attempting to create an environment where they are manipulating government into showing this religion favor.

It's not just the field of psychiatry that Scientology wants to control, either. Setting as a goal the entire restructuring of society to fit the COS framework is nothing less than aiming to force everyone to live by Hubbardian scripture.



Hubbard instructed his followers “*Somebody some day will say ‘this is illegal.’ By then be sure the orgs (Scientology organizations) say what is legal or not.*”

Setting aside COS’ beliefs is the key to opening the lock that is the religious tax exemption. If the IRS could separate the idea of what Scientology *believes* from their abusive, criminal *actions* and the violations of the requirements to hold the exemption, the revocation could be better achieved. Truly the question in this case should not be whether or not Scientology is a religion, but whether or not their actions adhere to the requirements for this particular exemption.

Thanks to the surprise FBI raid on Scientology in 1977, in addition to the collective witness testimony by former members our government is aware of how this cult operates.

That the IRS continues to allow the exemption to stand in spite of this first hand knowledge weakens the public trust where government is concerned.

Leaving Scientology to continue their abusive practices gives the appearance of preference if not favoritism.

Once the cult can no longer hide behind the shield of the First Amendment, law enforcement would perhaps have an easier time investigating and potentially shutting the cult down altogether.

Beyond the CCHR attempting to bring down psychiatry there are even worse examples of Scientology attempting to control others.

Paulette Cooper was mercilessly framed, faced spending the rest of her life in prison for terroristic threats all because she wrote a book Scientology didn’t like. So too Lawrence Wright, author of *Going Clear: Scientology, Hollywood and the Prison of Belief*, who received numerous threats by COS.

Clearwater, Florida Mayor Gabe Cazares was viciously attacked by the church when he spoke out against their attempt to take over the city.

Originally the group snuck their way into Clearwater, purchasing the Ft. Harrison under a fictitious name, the *United Churches of Florida*. Cazares became suspicious and investigated because representative for the group told Cazares that they were an ecumenical church that planned to improve ethics and morality in Clearwater. Further they explained to the Mayor they were renting

the historic Fort Harrison Hotel from a business named the Southern Land Development Leasing Corporation. Mayor Cazares' sleuthing uncovered that both groups were controlled by Scientologists. Cazares began questioning Scientology's actions and intent, speaking out against the idea they were attempting to take over. In response to the concerned Mayor's criticism COS not only attempted to frame him for a hit and run accident but they had plans to start false rumors of sexual misconduct against him as well. Scientology's propensity for creating these elaborate and horrifying vengeance schemes against those who confront them shows a dangerous track record.

Being willing to frame people for serious crimes, willing to infiltrate sensitive government offices to steal files, engaging in relentless bullying, stalking and public campaigns seeking the destruction of others are not the actions of a benign religion out to better the world. That they are ready and willing to engage in such behaviors leaves one wondering just how far they would go?

Are they a religion or a home grown terroristic group intent upon forcing those around them to bend to their will?

Scientology wages outright war against anyone who speaks out against their abuses. A dangerous and insidious war of espionage, intimidation, infiltration, threats, coercion and outright crimes.

There is a well known saying that the best predictor of future behavior is past behavior. After all, if something works why change it?

From 1966 until sometime in the 1980's The SeaOrg's Guardian's Office engaged in all types of covert operations against anyone perceived as an enemy. They decided who and what constituted a threat, even if it was simply someone exercising their right to free speech.

Scientology's Guardian's Office may no longer exist as it was but it seems ludicrous to believe that the activities it engaged in simply stopped. The Office of Special Affairs was created to take the G.O.'s place and Fair Game is still alive and well as can be seen especially in all the spurious and false accusations leveled at Leah Remini and Mike Rinder right now on social media. Announcing to the world that one is complicit to arson and murder is serious business.

Infiltrating government offices, stealing files and planting false information, attacking governmental officials and civilians alike just to ensure you get your own way are not the actions of a religion. They are however, the actions of blind fanatics and fanaticism is where the trouble begins.

What drives a fanatic to become a terrorist? It is their absolute and unmovable resolve that they, and only they, know the right way for everyone else. This is the motivating factor that enables suicide bomb vests and the hijacking of airplanes. It is what creates the mindset that allows the subjugation of others and the removal of free will.

Scientology teaches this exact way of thinking with their doctrine of "Ethics" which states anything that promotes Scientology or benefits Scientology is ethical, while anything which is detrimental to Scientology becomes, by definition, unethical.

Scientology makes no secret that it believes IT is the only organization that can "save the Planet". They assert that only their technology is right and true. Anyone who speaks out against their ways is automatically targeted, judged and named "enemy".

When their efforts to get their own way are stymied, they react with anger, hate and violence.

Violence does not always have to be physical.

This is the same organization that was willing to consider assassinating Paulette Cooper.

Hubbard revealed yet another glimpse of his dark and disturbed mind when he wrote in *The Creation of Human Ability* "R2-45: AN ENORMOUSLY EFFECTIVE PROCESS FOR EXTERIORIZATION BUT ITS USE IS FROWNED UPON BY THIS SOCIETY AT THIS TIME." (Emphasis Hubbard's)

R2-45 is a Scientology auditing order that means to shoot a person with a Colt .45 pistol, causing the thetan to leave the body (in COS this is called "exteriorization"). In 1952 in Arizona, Hubbard demonstrated the process of R2-45 by firing a shot at the floor during one of his conferences.

Six years later he stated that *"Death is not the same as clearing but there is, remember, R2-45. It's a very valid technique. A lot of people have used it before now."*

Of course Scientology denies that R2-45 is real, or at the least they brush it off as a joke, but in fact in 1968 Hubbard, whose word is inviolate, sent out a memo ordering the R2-45 process be used against 12 people. These people were accused of stealing some of Hubbard's private papers to give to a psychiatrist. For this perfidy he named them "Enemies of Mankind, the Planet and all life" and ordered that *"Any Sea Org member contacting any of them is to use Auditing Process R2-45"*.

The things done by the Guardian's Office were terrorist acts by the very definition on the law books. Why would a religion need to infiltrate government offices and steal documents? Why go to illegal lengths to destroy and control government agents? The only possible explanation is so that Scientology can dictate and control policy. To reform what they do not approve of into their own accepted ideals. After all, Scientology insists that it has a duty to "Clear the Planet" and it is willing to do anything to attempt to achieve that goal. Anything is acceptable for the "greater good" and that, according to COS, is Clearing the Planet.

Is this not the same driving ideology behind any other terrorist organization?

Food for thought and the reason why it is necessary to fully understand what Scientology really is.

Behind their façade of humanitarian concern lies a rotten core.

It is good for the Never In to always take COS's public persona with a healthy dose of skepticism.

Remember that while they smile brightly and list their good deeds there are hundreds, if not thousands, of people who have had their families broken by Disconnection. For every heartwarming photo of their Volunteer Ministers offering The Way To Happiness pamphlets to shooting survivors, there are people like Mike Rinder, Leah Remini, Marc and Claire Headley, Aaron Smith-Levin and so many more being Fair Gamed.

Scientology demands its rights to freely speak while denying those same rights to anyone who challenges them.

For every yin this cult has a dark and devious yang if one but looks. It is hoped that this small book has at least cracked the lid on Hubbard's glittering Pandora's box, releasing some of the realities

into the light.

So much of Scientology is contradictory and incredible and perhaps that is by design. The harder it is to understand the less chance one may actually realize that it isn't a church after all.

Perhaps someone will be inspired to look deeper into the facts that Scientology tries so hard to hide. There are so many excellent resources online; Tony Ortega's Underground Bunker at [tonyortega.org](http://tonyortega.org), (not to be confused with Scientology's copycat website [undergroundbunker.org](http://undergroundbunker.org)) Jeffrey Augustine's Scientology Money Project as well as his satire site [OTViiiisgreat](http://OTViiiisgreat), Mike Rinder has his blog [Something Can Be Done About It](http://SomethingCanBeDoneAboutIt). Rinder has a list of must read books for the curious on his site. Marc Headley's *Blown For Good* is an outstanding account of his time in COS as well as giving the reader a first hand glimpse of David Miscavige's tyranny. The best thing Never Ins can do is become educated about this group and speak out. Write letters to one's congressman asking for the tax exemption to be revoked.

Fight the lies with truth.

Especially on social media, if one sees a hateful comment by Scientology or one of their many front groups, say something. Challenge them with the facts. Make sure that OSA knows there are more and more people out in the real world who are on to their tricks. Do not ever take anything Scientology says at face value. They believe that the world must accept what they say simply because they say it. Thrusting facts back at them is the most efficient way of stopping them.

Most importantly please offer support and compassion to those who have escaped and been affected by Scientology.

Be a listening ear and a comforting word for their hurt, show them that WOG actually stands for World of Goodness.

Most of all Never Ins, be proud Suppressive Persons!

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