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At the helm of  
**SCIENTOLOGY'S**  
explosive growth

**SPECIAL REPORT**  
The Story the S.P. Times  
Refused to Tell

# The Bigotry Behind the *Times'* Facade of Responsible Journalism



St. Petersburg Times building at 490 First Avenue South in St. Petersburg

In recent years, the *S.P. Times* has worked hard to present a more honest and credible image to the public, attempting to shed its reputation for biased reporting. The newspaper's recent "special" report exposed the facade: At its core, the *S.P. Times* has not changed. It is an organization that twists the news to incite hatred against Scientologists and stops at nothing to paint a false picture of the Scientology religion and the Church.

Recounting its long record of bigotry toward the Church of Scientology, its members, staff and leaders is unnecessary. That is something with which most Tampa Bay residents are all too familiar, including thousands of non-Scientologists appalled at the *Times'* attempts to unfairly stigmatize Scientologists who are their friends.

But if the *Times* has not changed, the articles in this magazine detailing Scientology's explosive expansion in both Clearwater and around the world show how Scientology has continued to grow. As the Church has gained greater local prominence,

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thousands of Scientologists have contributed to improving their community through charities and civic groups. Scientologists work alongside friends and neighbors on civic and cultural boards, in sports and arts societies and in numerous social partnerships. The newly restored Fort Harrison regularly hosts functions for other charitable organizations; public are welcomed for tours and Church staff work hard to invite questions and provide an open response. Juxtaposed with the day-to-day reality of friends, neighbors and workmates who are Scientologists, the hysteria of the *Times'* stereotypes has become self-evident.

A full and objective review of the recent allegations the *Times* presented to the Church from four ex-Scientologists evidences both the lack of credibility and sinister motives of these sources—people who will say anything to attack their former faith.

- The same false allegations have been posted on the "grassy knoll" of the Internet by avowed Scientologist-haters for years.
- Even though first-person accounts from dozens of eyewitnesses demolished the fabrications presented by the *Times'* sources, reporters Joe Childs and Tom Tobin *refused* to hear from those eyewitnesses.
- The Church provided an unprecedented amount of documented evidence and detailed accounts proving the sources had lied.
- The Church also provided detailed evidence regarding the motives of these four apostates to lie about the religion and its leader: delusory ideas of "taking over" the Church, resentment over their removal from posts and money.

In the most offensive gesture of all, the *S.P. Times* refused to accept an offer of an in-person interview with Mr. David Miscavige, the ecclesiastical leader of the Scientology religion.

The interview would have been his first in 11 years and only the third in his 25-year career as the Church's leader. Despite purporting to seek this interview, to which Mr. Miscavige had immediately agreed, the newspaper abandoned its facade of objectivity, cancelled the interview and rushed to print. The *Times* reporters and their bosses *knew* the scheduled interview with Mr. Miscavige was absolutely essential under fundamental journalistic standards and ethics. When they turned their backs on that interview, the reporters made a conscious decision to turn their backs on the truth. After all, they knew a response would further annihilate the credibility of their sources, rendering their false story fatal.

The Church offered the reporters full and unfettered access to the Church and all facilities. Tobin and Childs refused to accept the offer. The *Times* decided this information "wasn't relevant" to their story, that somehow an interview with the Church's ecclesiastical leader was unnecessary even for a three-part series on the man.

So, in response to the *Times* exhibition of unprovoked malice and shredding of the truth, *Freedom* presents the real story of both the Church ... and the so-called journalism practiced by the *S.P. Times*.

## The True Face of Scientology: Unparalleled Growth Since 2004

- 8,071 Scientology Churches, Missions and groups in 165 nations, doubled since 2004
- Total assets and property holdings of the Church of Scientology doubled since 2004
- Church premises increased from 5.6 million square feet to more than 11 million square feet since 2004
- 70 buildings acquired by the Church in the world's major population centers since 2004
- 401,003 square feet of construction of new premises completed in the first half of 2009
- 500,000 square feet of Church premises currently under construction in Brussels, Rome, Tel Aviv, Quebec, Mexico City, Las Vegas and Washington, DC
- Number of individuals completing Dianetics and Scientology counseling and courses doubled in the past two years
- Total number of counseling hours doubled in the past decade
- Total number of people newly introduced to Scientology and starting on training or counseling doubled in the past five years
- L. Ron Hubbard awarded three Guinness World Records in the past three years:
  - Most published works by a single author: 1,084
  - Most audiobook titles on earth: 185
  - Most translated author in the world: 71 languages
- 80 million L. Ron Hubbard books and lectures on Dianetics and Scientology distributed in the last decade, compared to 5.6 million in the prior decade
- 60 million books and lectures distributed in the past two years—more than the combined total in the first 50 years of Dianetics and Scientology
- The Church's Bridge Publications in Los Angeles and New Era Publications in Copenhagen combined production capabilities increased 660 percent since 2007
- Bridge Publications and New Era Publications established as the world's largest all-digital, on-demand publishers, with combined capacity of 500,000 books per week (26 million per year) and 925,000 CDs per week (48 million per year)
- 2.4 million L. Ron Hubbard Dianetics and Scientology books placed in 97,997 libraries in 155 countries since July 2007
- 12.4 million online visitors from 234 countries viewed more than 23 million videos on the Scientology website in the past year



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# THE STORY THEY REFUSED TO TELL

DAVID MISCAVIGE AND THE SCIENTOLOGY RENAISSANCE

Conspicuously missing from the 16 pages of the *S.P. Times* “Special Report” on Scientology is the true face of the Church’s ecclesiastical leader, Mr. David Miscavige, the driving force behind Scientology’s explosive expansion.

Moreover, utterly missing is the true face of the Scientology religion, expanding far greater than ever in its history with Mr. Miscavige at the helm. [See *The True Face of Scientology: Unparalleled Growth Since 2004*, p. 3.]

Upon request, the *Times* was immediately informed that Mr. Miscavige would be available to be interviewed and the date was set for the 6th of July. This would be directly following the fulfillment of Mr. Miscavige’s obligations in preparing, producing, presiding over and presenting the Church’s annual OT Summit—a religious convocation involving nine hours of live broadcast events by Mr. Miscavige personally, as well as the presentation and release of over six hours of new Church dissemination and training films on DVD.

In total, the *Times* was from the outset offered the following:

- 1) Unlimited access to Church facilities in Los Angeles, Clearwater, Dallas and Nashville, to see first-hand the most recently opened Churches of Scientology and talk directly to staff and parishioners;
- 2) Interviews with international management executives at the earliest available date; and
- 3) An interview with Mr. Miscavige.

Yet the reporters refused this offer, one which any other media organization in the world would have considered a jewel of a coup.



**Mr. David Miscavige**  
Chairman of the Board, Religious Technology Center

This refusal was especially egregious considering the *S.P. Times*’ sources had claimed to the reporters that the Church “was collapsing” and that “statistics were crashing.” If *anything* should have alerted the reporters that their sources were feeding them a string of lies and that *nothing* they said was true, it was this easily disprovable claim. And had they bothered to look, this is what they would have seen.

Date-coincident with the summary removal of the *Times*’ sources by Mr. Miscavige, Scientology has experienced a spectacular renaissance and is growing more rapidly than ever.

In just the last five years, the Church has literally doubled in size, from 4,000

Churches, Missions and groups in 2004 to over 8,000 in 2009. And in terms of physical scope and global presence, the Church’s property holdings have doubled during the same time period from 5.6 million square feet to over 11 million square feet. More than 70 new church buildings have been acquired and are now in various stages of design and construction. And Scientology-supported social betterment and humanitarian programs are now touching the lives of billions. But most telling in terms of global demand for Scientology are the more than 80 million L. Ron Hubbard books and lectures distributed in the last five years—more than the cumulative of the prior 50 years of the Church’s existence.

The *Times*’ refusal to investigate this phenomenon and tell the true story of Scientology represents a grave omission that would have exposed all of the sources’ claims as blatant and bitter lies. For underlying this phenomenon they would not only have encountered the true face of Scientology but also the true face of its religious leader, Mr. David Miscavige.

Mr. Miscavige has been the driving force behind the worldwide program to expand all of the Churches of Scientology to better serve their communities—to not only become islands of sanity and succor where all are welcome, but to also serve as central points of emanation for the Church’s many social betterment programs aimed at eradicating the crippling plagues of illiteracy, immorality, drug abuse and intolerance.

Mr. Miscavige redefines the term “religious leader” to fit the tasks necessary

to direct a truly unique contemporary religion—the only major religion to emerge in the 20th century. And now the religion's growth has continued at a phenomenal rate in this century, with the number of individuals completing Scientology counseling and course services doubling in just the last two years, as but one example.

This is being accomplished through his extraordinary vision in every major aspect, including:

- Personally driving the international dissemination of Scientology;
- Ensuring that the Scriptures of the Scientology religion are pure and true to the Founder's original writings;
- Establishing units to see to the translation of millions of pages of the Scientology Scriptures into 71 languages;
- Restoring Mr. Hubbard's written works, recorded lectures and films of his lectures;
- Providing the guidance for the acquisition, construction and creation of ideal Scientology organizations;
- Supplying the direction for the creation of two state-of-the-art digital publishing houses capable of producing 500,000 books and 925,000 CDs *per week*;
- Providing the vision for crafting, refining and broadening core Scientology social betterment programs in drug education and rehabilitation, education, criminal rehabilitation and human rights;
- Providing support and guidance to the Volunteer Minister Program, the largest independent relief force in the free world, with more than 195,000 Volunteer Ministers who traveled more than 174,000 miles this past year to help an estimated 1.5 million people;
- Personally seeing to the successful outcome of critical external affairs issues, including official recognitions of the religion; and
- Planning, creating, producing and presiding over nine annual globally broadcast events that serve as briefings for Scientologists on strategic programs, campaigns, expansion, dissemination and major breakthroughs.

David Miscavige works for—and answers to—Scientology's millions of parishioners. He is unrelenting in serving their interests and the interests of the religion by implementing Mr. Hubbard's plans and strategies precisely, while devoting every spare moment to the restoration of Mr. Hubbard's technology and its dissemination to the public.

Case in point: Mr. Miscavige's extensive work leading to the publication and release of "The Basics." The term refers to the Scriptural materials that form the very foundation of the religion of Scientology, later writings and lectures building upon the principles contained in The Basics. The release of these materials was the culmination of a research project to locate Mr. Hubbard's original manuscripts and dictation tapes of these books, followed by verification and correction of existing manuscripts to return them to their original unadulterated form.

Then there were Mr. Hubbard's lectures from the same time period that corresponded to and expanded upon the content of the books. These lectures were originally delivered to Scientologists in training at the time and, although recorded, had never been made broadly available due to a lack of adequate reproduction facilities in the Church's formative years (1950-1956).

While these lectures had been previously gathered up from around the world and stored in archives, their mass reproduction was hindered due to the poor quality of the original recordings or, worse, the deterioration of the master tapes over the intervening years.

The project to restore these lectures was extensive and only finally became possible with advances in computer and digital technology. Nevertheless, lecture restoration required the Church to establish the most elaborate sound restoration studios on Earth.

Mr. Miscavige was intimately involved with every aspect of this massive five-year restoration project. He personally verified all books and lectures, their content and their sequence so Scientologists can now study their religion in pure form and chronologically. This project alone represented thousands of hours of Mr. Miscavige's time in ensuring that every word conformed precisely with Mr. Hubbard's original works by reading and re-reading each manuscript and final book as well as listening to all 2,500 of Mr. Hubbard's lectures.

In total, the replication and publication of The Basics encompassed 18 books and corresponding lecture series for each book, totaling 280 lectures (reproduced on compact disc). All materials—books and lectures—were also made available in translated editions for the 15 major languages of Earth. Additionally, in 2009, the Beginning Books of Dianetics and Scientology (nine books in

total) were translated into 50 languages and released to the public.

The significance of this accomplishment to Scientologists cannot be overstated. Indeed, it represents not only the purity of Mr. Hubbard's teachings being available for the first time, but also signals the fact that the religion of Scientology will remain true to its Founder's *actual* words for all the years to come. The distribution of these books and lectures totals 60 million since July 2007. This alone has caused a renaissance in the religion.

In addition to making these basic Scriptural works available to Scientologists through Churches and Missions, Mr. Miscavige also launched a campaign to make them freely available to anyone who might want them—specifically, by making copies available in all public, university and governmental lending libraries of Earth.

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## **The religion's growth has continued at a phenomenal rate in this century under Mr. Miscavige's direction.**

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The overriding point: As Scientology's religious leader, Mr. Miscavige has devoted himself to fulfilling the vision of Scientology Founder L. Ron Hubbard—ensuring its Scripture remains pure and accessible to all. It is a unique task inasmuch as Scientology is the only religion with all original writings of its Founder intact. It is also a uniquely universal religion inasmuch as all faiths are free to share the works of L. Ron Hubbard. Then too, and above all else, it was Mr. Hubbard's vision that spiritual freedom goes hand-in-hand with a belief in the brotherhood of Man. Hence, Mr. Miscavige's undying work to ensure Scientology is extended to all Mankind.

It is David Miscavige's far-reaching vision and unrelenting dedication that have brought the Church so far and so fast.

What you are about to read is the story of Scientology the *St. Petersburg Times* refused to tell. They could have accepted the Church's offer and investigated first-hand the phenomenon that is Scientology and seen the stark contrast between the story their "sources" told and reality. But they turned their backs on the facts and refused to tell the true story of Scientology.

That story is told in the pages that follow.

SCIENTOLOGY | THE FASTEST-GROWING

# CREATING A NEW

DAVID MISCAVIGE: AT THE HELM OF



# ERA OF EXPANSION

SCIENTOLOGY'S EXPLOSIVE GROWTH



**“This Fort Harrison is and will always remain a landmark and home for *all* of Clearwater.”** —Mr. David Miscavige, Chairman of the Board, Religious Technology Center

## MARCH 14, 2009

**M**ore than 6,000 Scientologists from over 50 nations filled the streets and sidewalks at the 200 block of Fort Harrison Avenue to witness Chairman of the Board Religious Technology Center, Mr. David Miscavige, officiate at the ribbon cutting of the Clearwater landmark—the new Fort Harrison.

“Her bones were good, her breeding impeccable and her choice of residence couldn’t have been more fitting: Clearwater, Florida,” began Mr. Miscavige as he addressed the crowd. “When she originally opened in 1926, they called her ‘the aristocrat of southern Florida hotels’ and described her as a ‘picturesque edifice’ known all up and down the coast, as the toast of this city and an

# PLANNED TO PERFECTION

## SCIENTOLOGY MECCA ENTERS FINAL CONSTRUCTION PHASE



### NOWHERE IS THE GROWTH OF THE SCIENTOLOGY RELIGION MORE IN EVIDENCE THAN ITS HEADQUARTERS IN CLEARWATER, FLORIDA.

What began with a single property now spans a complex of some 40 buildings totaling upward of 2 million square feet, all of it put in place to service the rapidly growing numbers of Scientologists traveling to Flag for advanced religious services.

That expansion has taken on whole new dimensions in the last 18 months. First there was the opening of the 172,000-square-foot Oak Cove on January 1, 2008. Its renovation provided both accommodations for visiting

Scientologists as well as space devoted to the delivery of Flag religious services.

The subsequent grand opening of the new Fort Harrison on March 14, 2009, marked the end of phase two with the renovation and restoration of all 267,000 square feet.

And so began the final phase of construction on the Flag Mecca building. Attached by an elevated footbridge to the Fort Harrison, work is already well underway.

ever-bustling hub of wedding receptions, fashion shows, bridge teas and Rotary Club functions.

“She additionally saw no inconsiderable parade of luminaries. In the '60s and '70s the Phillies used to stay here during spring training and Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Buddy Rich all performed in our ballroom.”

Mr. Miscavige’s concluding remarks

expressed both the spirit and significance of the occasion:

“The bottom line is the same bottom line for the last 80-plus years: this Fort Harrison is and will always remain a landmark and home for *all* of Clearwater.”

And with that, he cut the 2,000-foot-long red ribbon and so ushered in a new beginning for the “Grand Dame of the West Gulf Coast.”

### A Monumental Restoration Project

The grand opening of the new Fort Harrison was the culmination of an 11-month, million-man-hour restoration overseen every step of the way by Mr. Miscavige. All 267,000 square feet of the 83-year-old structure were stripped down to bare beams and rebuilt from the inside out.



# BY THE NUMBERS

## SCIENTOLOGISTS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

9523

SINCE THE CHURCH MOVED ITS SPIRITUAL HEADQUARTERS TO CLEARWATER IN 1976, Scientologists have become an integral part of the community. Not only do they travel from all over the world for extended stays while participating in religious services, many Church members and families have made Clearwater their home. The presence of the Church generates thousands of jobs, boosting the economy and revitalizing the area. Independent studies on the overall economic impact of the Church found its presence had a decisively positive effect. At the end of the 1990s, the Church and its members accounted for 5.4 percent of the area's sales, 10.7 percent of its employment and 3.4 percent of area income. While direct spending by Scientologists totaled almost \$100 million, the Church's greater impact on the Clearwater economy was estimated at almost half a billion dollars which, in turn, generated more than 5,000 jobs. The studies reported that without the Church's stabilizing presence, the entire city would be far less viable economically. Today, 10 years later, the economic influence of Scientologists in the community is commensurately higher.

- **9,523 Scientologists live in the Tampa Bay area.**
- **There are 22 Church of Scientology facilities in downtown Clearwater.**
- **The Church is the largest property taxpayer in downtown Clearwater, paying nearly \$1 million in property taxes last year.**
- **1,500 Church staff provide religious services at the Scientology facilities in downtown Clearwater.**
- **8.2 percent of Clearwater's population are Scientologists.**

**Final interior construction of the Flag Mecca is now underway.** When completed, the doors will open on 377,000 square feet specifically dedicated to the full Bridge of Scientology religious services—including 22 separate course rooms seating 1,800 parishioners at any one time, in addition to over 300 Church counseling rooms servicing another 1,200 each day. The top floors of the new building are reserved for "Super Power," a series of Scientology counseling services offered at no other Church in the world.

### Visitors Welcome

While the Scientology Mecca will minister to Scientologists on a large scale, its doors will also be open wide to anyone who wishes to find out about Scientology. Visitors will be welcomed at any time in the Mecca's grand lobby where will reside a comprehensive Public Information Center with multimedia presentations laying out the fundamentals of the Scientology religion, the Church's worldwide humanitarian and social betterment programs, and the life and legacy of the Founder of the Scientology religion, Mr. L. Ron Hubbard.

The 21st century infrastructure eased into her 1920s framework, with every one of the 200 guest rooms rebuilt from floor to ceiling—not to mention energy-efficient, low-emission electrical and mechanical systems throughout.

More than 350 local tradespeople worked on the project, ultimately laying 100,000 square feet of carpet, installing 300,000 feet of plumbing and stringing a full 100 miles of electrical wire.

Restoration of the building's hallmark features began in the elegant Grand Lobby, from the original wrought-iron and brass balustrades to the signature checkerboard marble



The Fort Harrison **Grand Lobby**, long the crossroads for the Clearwater community, is now fully restored with an elegance that far exceeds her opening day in 1926. The **Crystal Ballroom** that in earlier decades hosted the likes of Duke Ellington and Count Basie now stands fully restored to its original gold-leaf splendor. **The Flag Auditorium** is the site for international Scientology events and seminars, as well as benefits hosted by nonprofit community groups.

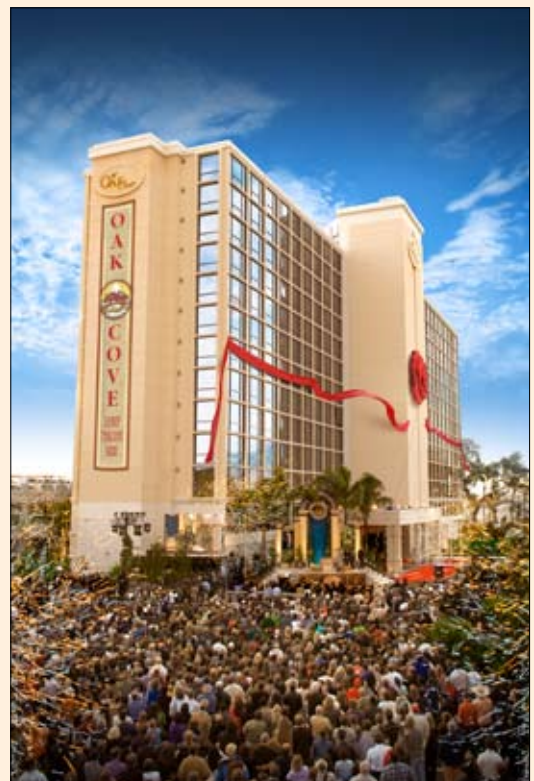
floor and gold-leafed Corinthian columns. And high atop the Fort Harrison, the legendary Crystal Ballroom also underwent complete restoration—taking it, too, well beyond its original beauty.

**Community Hub**

The Fort Harrison has served as a hub for this community since the 1920s and continues to serve so today. In addition to the Scientologists who avail themselves of the accommodations, restaurants and amenities while staying in Clearwater for religious services, the community at large enjoys the Fort Harrison as well. Since grand opening, hundreds from across Tampa Bay have gathered for Open House brunches and community events, such as the Sunscreen Film Festival Broadway and Beyond Concert, benefiting local artists. Couple that with the dozen or more who simply walk in every day for a tour—and it is clear the Fort Harrison is, as it has always been, a home for Clearwater.

**OAK COVE GRAND OPENING**

The Oak Cove, rising 13 stories above Clearwater Bay, stands one block from the Fort Harrison. It was dedicated January 1, 2008, at a grand opening attended by 3,500 Scientologists and friends from the community. Fully renovated from top to bottom, the 172,000-square-foot facility provides religious services in 14 languages to Scientologists from dozens of nations. The Oak Cove opening represented completion of the first of three major building projects in the ongoing expansion program of the Church in Clearwater. Restoration of the Fort Harrison was followed by the beginning of final construction of the Flag Mecca.



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# THE OT SUMMIT

## JUNE 20-28, 2009

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## Charting the Course for Scientology Expansion

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**E**ach year in June, top Scientologists from around the world assemble aboard the Sea Org Motor Vessel *Freewinds* religious retreat for the “OT Summit.” It comprises a week of briefings, seminars and strategic planning sessions presided over by Chairman of the Board Religious Technology Center, Mr. David Miscavige.

In this way, Mr. Miscavige keeps parishioners fully abreast of Church accomplishments, current planning and goals for the coming year and beyond. He provides them with the “big picture” of Scientology expansion and the future of the religion, including their part in the acquisition, renovation and staffing of new Churches, the utilization of new training courses and restored L. Ron Hubbard scriptural materials. He further provides updates on Church humanitarian and social betterment initiatives, including drug education, human rights, volunteer disaster relief, literacy and education.

To make the proceedings widely available, each event is recorded and subsequently broadcast to

Scientologists from more than 8,000 Churches, Missions and groups world over.

This year’s Summit marked the announcement and release of historic advances for the Scientology religion.

### Lectures from the Dawn of Scientology

Mr. Miscavige released a recovered and restored body of Scripture, the 1954-55 *Golden Dawn: Phoenix Evening Lectures*, L. Ron Hubbard’s first broad public lectures on Scientology. Lost from sight for 55 years, it was only through Mr. Miscavige’s research as part of the “Golden Age of Knowledge” that all of *The Golden Dawn* lectures and materials are now available as a full program including 26 CDs in 15 languages.

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### “The Single Most Momentous Advance”

In his second presentation of the week, Mr. Miscavige announced “the single most momentous advance in Book One technology since May 9, 1950.” It was a project he personally drove for the better part of four years, and it



**The 2009 OT Summit will always be remembered for Mr. David Miscavige's** release of a new Dianetics "on-ramp" to the Bridge. The culmination of a four-year project to make Dianetics universally accessible, these materials include 32 new instructional films in 15 languages.

culminated in the release of materials that will now make Dianetics universally accessible.

Central to the advance, and also under Mr. Miscavige's direction, were 32 new films in 15 languages—four and a half hours of visual instruction in the procedures of Dianetics.

**Global Salvage Campaigns**

Mr. Miscavige additionally presented an extensive briefing on the International Association of Scientologists and its support of the Church's global campaigns. These campaigns provide assistance to millions and now include a host of new audiovisual education aids to reach many millions more.

[See *The Church of Scientology's Planetary Social Betterment Campaigns*, p. 39.]

**Continental Advanced Organizations**

Capping the week, Mr. Miscavige presented the future homes of new Scientology Advanced Organizations in Canada and Latin America. These will join existing Advanced Organizations in the US, United Kingdom, Europe, Australia, and recently acquired facilities in South Africa. When the new facilities are completed, on every continent will stand an Advanced Organization to serve their churches and parishioners. [See *Advanced Organizations: The Global Stepping Stones to the Mecca*, p. 28.]

**"The single most momentous advance in Book One technology since May 9, 1950."**

**The Sea Org Motor Vessel  
FREEWINDS  
Scientology's Advanced Religious Retreat**

**T**HE *FREEWINDS* SERVES AS THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY'S ADVANCED RELIGIOUS RETREAT.

The 440-foot motor vessel provides a distraction-free environment for parishioners to study and experience the highest level of spiritual counseling available in the Scientology religion.

In 2008, to celebrate her 20th anniversary, the *Freewinds* underwent the largest refit in her history. Far more than a cosmetic upgrade, the ship was stripped from stem to stern, below the water line to the top of her stacks, covering all six decks. She is a brand-new, fully redesigned, technologically advanced, cutting-edge vessel serving as a religious retreat for ministering religious services at the highest levels of Scientology.



**It is aboard the Freewinds** Scientologists from six continents avail themselves of Scientology's most advanced religious services.



# MEETING THE GLOBAL DEMAND FOR THE SCIENTOLOGY RELIGION

OPENING A NEW BREED OF CHURCH IN MAJOR CITIES,  
SCIENTOLOGY HAS DOUBLED ITS SIZE IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

“You are creating an island of friendliness, decency and succor in the sea of a violent world...  
Sometime in the future the islands will become the sea.” —L. Ron Hubbard

To meet the skyrocketing demand for Dianetics and Scientology throughout the world, and utilizing the technological advances of the 21st century, in 2004 Chairman of the Board Religious Technology Center, Mr. David Miscavige, launched the Ideal Org strategy to transform all Scientology churches into *Ideal Churches* of Scientology.

It was the goal L. Ron Hubbard had set for Scientologists—to one day create Churches that were a physical embodiment of the policy and technology he had provided to help all beings attain spiritual freedom.

An Ideal Org (for “organization”) is a Church configured to provide the full services of the Scientology religion to its parishioners and to the community.

“Ideal” status encompasses both the physical facilities and the quantity and quality of the service to its parishioners and community. Such Churches house extensive public information multimedia

displays describing all aspects of Dianetics and Scientology and its Founder, L. Ron Hubbard, as well as the Church’s social betterment and community outreach programs.

Religious services are provided in efficient and aesthetic course rooms and spiritual counseling rooms. There are also libraries, bookstores, film and seminar rooms as well as an expansive Chapel for Sunday Services, weddings, naming ceremonies and other congregational gatherings.

Since 2004, more than a dozen Ideal Churches have arisen, including those in such cultural centers as Madrid, New York, London and Berlin.

Just since April 2009, three more opened—first in Malmö, Sweden; then Dallas, Texas, and Nashville, Tennessee. As of this writing, 70 more buildings have been acquired and stand in various stages of design and construction. And so it is, Ideal Churches of Scientology will soon literally encompass the world.



# MALMÖ

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## THE KNOWLEDGE CENTER OF NORTHERN EUROPE

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2009  
MALMÖ, SWEDEN

**J**ust two weeks after presiding over the opening of the fully restored Fort Harrison retreat in Clearwater, Florida, Mr. Miscavige traveled more than 5,000 miles to formally open the new European Church of Scientology in the Swedish seacoast city of Malmö. Those in attendance hailed from 32 nations, including Britain, Belgium, France, Germany, Russia, Israel, Iraq and Uganda. They gathered to celebrate a historic day: dedication of the 72,000-square-foot landmark Church of Scientology, acquired, designed, renovated and opened in less than six months.

Among those present to honor the occasion were European dignitaries including Dr. Iva Parizkova Ryggestahl, Human Rights Activist and Vice-Deputy in the Swedish Parliament; Dr. Adly Abu Hajar, Director General of the European Islamic Conference, a group of Muslim leaders of 33 nations; Dr. Gunnar Bramstäng, Distinguished Professor of Law, Dean of the Lund Law faculty and author of groundbreaking human rights legislation; and Dr. Bertil Persson, renowned educator, Professor of Religion, and Permanent Representative at the UNESCO University for Peace.

The day was further distinguished by Mr. Miscavige dedicating this new Church in the name of a better tomorrow:



Mr. David Miscavige, joined by the Executive Director of the Malmö Church and honored guest speakers, pulls the ribbon to officially open the doors on the new Church.

## RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WELCOME NEW CHURCH IN SWEDEN



■ *Dr. Iva Ryggeståhl, Human Rights attorney and Parliament Vice-Deputy: “What you bring to this region is important and needed. There is nothing we cannot accomplish together. Let this Church be a reminder to us always of a new beginning and of the inspiration it brings.”*



■ *Dr. Adly Abu Hajar, President Scandinavia Muslim Academic Council, Director General European Islamic Conference: “God decided I had to meet you and I am grateful for that. I see a hope in the future, for Sweden to take a big step toward understanding and trust, and in the name of God, peace for all.”*



■ *Dr. Gunnar Bramstång, Distinguished Professor of Law: “In the course of 30 years, I have watched with my own eyes how you save one life after another through the methods of L. Ron Hubbard. Your contributions to Swedish society cannot be measured.”*



■ *Dr. Bertil Persson, Professor of Religion and Scandinavia's Permanent Representative at the UNESCO University for Peace: “With the opening of this Church, we are really at a turning point. The future activities based on Scientology are, in fact, predestined for great success for humanity.”*

Guests from 32 nations attended the grand opening of the new Church of Scientology in Malmö. They subsequently toured the building, including the **Public Information Center** with its 15 interactive exhibits on Scientology beliefs and practices, the life of Founder L. Ron Hubbard, and social betterment programs of the Church. **The Chapel** is used for Sunday Services, weddings and all other Scientology ceremonies, as well as seminars and local community events.

“Our ability to uplift generations with Study Technology, our ability to eradicate drug abuse and awaken populations to the inherent moral decency within them—all this is now possible on a previously unimaginable scale.

“So, yes, today is truly just a beginning and, forever after, let us mark this day for freedom, for Sweden, and for all eternity.”

Mr. Miscavige, joined by the other honored guests, then cut the ribbon, officially marking a new era for Scientology in Sweden.



# DALLAS

## NEW CHURCH IN THE LONE STAR STATE

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2009  
IRVING, TEXAS

**T**he Church of Scientology Dallas, located in Irving at the heart of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, opened its doors just one week after the ribbon fell in Malmö. Again, Mr. Miscavige's presence underscored the import of the day.

The Church was formally welcomed to the city of Irving by Mayor Herbert Gears. Next up to the podium was Ms. Teddie Story, Executive Director of a nonprofit social services agency, Irving Cares. She was followed by the Rev. James McLaughlin, chairman of the National Congress of the Interfaith Alliance on Addiction. And finally, Ms. Shirley Dobson presented an official welcoming proclamation to the Church on behalf of the Texas State House of Representatives.

Whereupon Mr. Miscavige took the stage to place the day in a still greater historical context:

"The fact is that all we have accomplished in our formative years was the dream that we could one day expand to such a degree that our organizations would rise to the level of the technology itself, that they would embody what appears in L. Ron Hubbard's technology and policy. Well, that goal is now within our reach. The momentum is building for a future more glorious than ever imagined.



**Mr. David Miscavige, Chairman of the Board Religious Technology Center**, officiates the grand opening of the Church of Scientology Dallas.

"And while Texas is known for expansive dreams and a spirit of independence, let her now fulfill those dreams with total spiritual freedom. And so it is today we give her the gift of our new Church, which we offer as her home and by which we extend the gift of immortality."

And as the ribbon came down, Scientologists and friends, old and new, entered the new home of Scientology in Texas.







# TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMEMORATES NEW DALLAS CHURCH



A resolution from the Texas House of Representatives, presented on behalf of State Rep. Linda Harper-Brown by her personal ambassador Ms. Shirley Dobson, welcomed the Church: "Be it resolved that the House of Representatives of the

81st Texas Legislature hereby commemorates the grand opening of the new home of the Church of Scientology Dallas, congratulates its staff and parishioners on the outstanding achievement in building this new church, and extends sincere best wishes for the future."



The Public Information Center is open seven days a week to welcome visitors who wish to learn more about Dianetics and Scientology. A self-guided tour through the interactive multimedia displays provides the answers to commonly asked questions about Scientology beliefs, the life of Founder L. Ron Hubbard, and Church activities in the community. At right, young people watch the Church's *The Truth About Drugs* films.



Scientists fill the new course rooms in the Dallas Church, studying L. Ron Hubbard's books and lectures.





# NASHVILLE

# NEW CHURCH IN MUSIC CITY, USA

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

**H**aving traveled 20,000 miles since the opening of the Fort Harrison in mid March, Mr. Miscavige once again officiated the ribbon cutting of yet another new Church, this one in Nashville, Tennessee—  
Music City, USA.

The opening of the new Church of Scientology and Celebrity Centre Nashville, just one mile from “Music Row,” drew Scientologists from across the region. Also on hand were scores of local dignitaries, residents and Hollywood celebrities. Among those who addressed the gathering were Grammy-winning composer and musician Mark Isham and actresses Anne Archer and Jenna Elfman.

Then again, speaking to the broader significance of a Church of Scientology in the heart of Music City, Mr. Miscavige dedicated the new Church:

“The new Ideal Org and Celebrity Centre signals great things for tomorrow. And when you couple that with our ability to recover to individuals their inherent creativity, our ability to reawaken dreams and restore the power to achieve those dreams, yes, we can now make good on what L. Ron Hubbard tells us regarding the artist as creating the beauty and glory on which cultures depend.

“And that’s both what this new Church represents and why we have come to Nashville. For while Nashville is known as the heart and soul of American music, let her now fulfill her destiny and write a song that will uplift every man.”

With that, the ribbon was cut and the new Church in Music City, USA, opened to all to begin writing that new song.





On opening day in Nashville, more than 3,000 Scientologists and guests toured the new Church of Scientology and Celebrity Centre, just a mile from "Music Row." The following weekend, hundreds gathered in the Nashville Chapel for Sunday Services.



Church executives and special guests join Mr. David Miscavige in pulling the ribbon to officially open the doors of the Nashville Church of Scientology and Celebrity Centre.

# CELEBRITIES AND LEADERS FROM THE MUSIC INDUSTRY WELCOME NEW CHURCH IN NASHVILLE



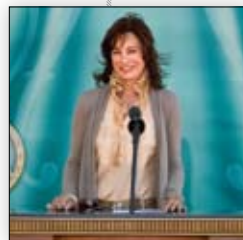
■ *Mr. Dan Maddox, Nashville native son.* "We're in a city already rich in monuments. We now have an ideal location to Scientology as part of the Nashville legacy and it will forever contribute to making this great city what it is—and what it can be."



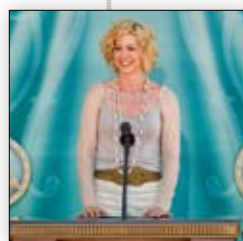
■ *Mr. Kurt Listug, Co-founder and CEO Taylor Guitars.* "Walk on over to Chestnut and 8th (Nashville Church) and there you'll discover the endless source of all the new songs you've ever dreamed of."



■ *Mr. Mark Isham, Grammy-winning musician.* "Scientology has helped me in every aspect of my life, in everything I do, and I know it can help you."



■ *Ms. Anne Archer, Actress.* "It is possible for the artist within each one of us to find his own true expression and flourish and prosper. And that is what this Church is all about."



■ *Ms. Jenna Elfman, Actress.* "Songs are a communication from the heart and with the aid of Scientology, the pleasure and the joy one can experience in the creative process is immeasurable. Nashville is a very inspiring city. Scientology is very inspiring. They go great together."



Among those joining Mr. Miscavige on the stage to welcome the new Church in London and cut the ribbon were a London Police Chief Superintendent, City of London Alderman and a United Nations representative.

# LONDON

# NEW CHURCH IN THE CENTER OF THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING WORLD

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2006  
LONDON, ENGLAND

The United Kingdom's Church of Scientology stands on Queen Victoria Street in the cultural epicenter of London. Its October 2006 opening drew better than 3,000 Scientologists, London citizens and dignitaries from all over Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Those on hand to expressly welcome the Church included human rights and civic leaders, a Police Chief Superintendent and a London City Alderman—all of whom had partnered with Scientologists in one capacity or another. But what amounts to the definitive statement of what this London Church of Scientology represented were these words from Chairman of the Board, Mr. David Miscavige:

“No one goes free until everyone goes free. Because anyone’s suffering can pin you down—especially as one draws ever closer to realizing the basic goodness,

greatness and caring inherent in every immortal spiritual being.

“So you ask what you can do with a Central Church of Scientology such as this one? Well, I invite you to wait till that ribbon comes down, then step inside and take a good, hard look for yourselves.

“And as you do so, I want you to remember what LRH himself wrote in the wake of forming the first Scientology Organization in this city—and I quote:

“Our goal, with what we have, cannot be less than our knowledge demands.”

Thus now stands an Ideal Church of Scientology at the heart of the English-speaking world.



The grand lobby of the new Church of Scientology London and the Public Information Center where visitors are always welcome.



# BERLIN

## NEW CHURCH IN GERMANY'S CAPITAL CITY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2007  
BERLIN, GERMANY

**S**cientologists and guests from 31 nations gathered to unveil the new Church of Scientology of Berlin. A recognized architectural landmark at the corner of Otto Suhr Allee and Cauer Street in the famed Charlottenburg District, this six-story Bauhaus building is now a cornerstone for religious freedom. For here stands a Church of Scientology to underscore the fact that Scientologists will forever flourish and prosper over religious oppression. In testament to exactly that, a foremost religious scholar and a renowned proponent of religious rights addressed the crowd of 5,000 to proclaim a new day for freedom in this former seat of intolerance.



**Thousands of Scientologists and guests** from the United Nations, United States Embassy and European news organizations attended the historic opening of the Berlin Church's new six-story home near the Federal Parliament and Brandenburg Gate.



**The Chapel** is the setting for Sunday Services, weddings, naming ceremonies, ordinations and graduations. **The Public Information Center** offers visitors a self-guided tour to find out about Scientology for themselves.



# NEW YORK

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## NEW CHURCH IN THE BIG APPLE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2004  
NEW YORK, USA

**T**he Ideal Church of Scientology in New York City was a gift from the International Association of Scientologists to the people of New York in recognition of their courage and spirit in the face of the 2001 World Trade Center disaster.

Mr. David Miscavige, whose vision and personal dedication had set in motion this new Church, now opened its doors



Representatives from the United Nations and the Times Square Alliance, as well as a US Congressman, joined 10,000 Scientologists and their guests to commemorate the opening of New York's Church of Scientology, just off Times Square.

to the 10,000 Scientologists and guests in attendance just off Times Square:

"This is more than just a home for you, the Scientologists of New York. It is also a home for the broader community where all men and women of goodwill are welcome, and who we dedicate ourselves to helping, each and every one. And by demonstrating, in action, the conviction of our beliefs, the future knows no bounds. For this is New York, and to help her is to help the world. We know there is hope. And because we can help, working together we will make a difference."



The reception of the Church of Scientology New York.

# MADRID

## THE NATIONAL CHURCH OF SPAIN



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2004  
MADRID, SPAIN

In September 2004, the National Church of Scientology opened in the heart of Madrid, with 6,000 assembling to celebrate the new Church. Once the seat of religious suppression, Spain now welcomed Scientology to the nation, with dignitaries from religion, law and human rights all proclaiming Scientology as the hope for their country.

The paramount moment came when Mr. David Miscavige welcomed the thousands in attendance to *their* new Church—a Church that he had conceived and brought into existence, and that would ultimately directly result in full religious recognition for Scientology in Spain:

“Spain, and its people, held a very dear place in the heart of L. Ron Hubbard.

“Yet beyond all of that there is, of course, all else this day means to not only our Spanish members, but to Scientologists the world over.

“For if Spain was a land where our Founder lit a torch for freedom, it is also a land where you kept that torch alive.

“Through the darkest days, overcoming insurmountable obstacles against overwhelming odds, you demonstrated in action the essence of these words of our Founder:

‘The old must give way to the new, falsehood must become exposed by truth, and truth, though fought, always in the end prevails.’

[www.freedommag.org](http://www.freedommag.org)



More than 6,000 gathered in Madrid's Neighborhood of Letters as Mr. David Miscavige dedicated Spain's National Church of Scientology and welcomed Spanish Scientologists to their new Church.

“So with deepest gratitude, on behalf of Scientologists from every corner of the globe, this day we celebrate what your dedication, integrity and persistence of ideals will now mean to citizens of Spain.”

And with that, the ribbon was cut and thousands entered the new National Church of Scientology of Spain.

After a battle lasting decades, in a landmark decision on October 31, 2007, the Spanish National Court ruled in the Church's favor, granting the National Church of Scientology of Spain full religious recognition and affirming the right to religious freedom. Additionally, the court mandated the National Church be entered in the Registry of Religious Organizations.



A restored historic building, Spain's National Church reflects the architectural traditions of Spanish culture.

# ISLANDS OF FRIENDLINESS

## IDEAL ORGS AROUND THE WORLD

**NO MATTER THE CITY OR THE COUNTRY**, Ideal Org openings draw thousands of Scientologists and a broad spectrum of guests from civic, religious and governmental circles.

All Ideal Orgs, including those on these pages, reflect the diversity of Scientology: Johannesburg, South Africa; Tampa, Florida; Los Gatos, San Francisco and Stevens Creek, California; and Buffalo, New York.

Moreover, all Churches appearing on this page were opened in just the last five years.



JOHANNESBURG



TAMPA



BUFFALO





LOS GATOS



SAN FRANCISCO



STEVENS CREEK

# BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE OF THE SCIENTOLOGY RELIGION

MR. MISCAVIGE IS THE DRIVING FORCE OF A MOVEMENT NOW SPANNING THIS WORLD WITH IDEAL CHURCHES OF SCIENTOLOGY.

To exactly that end, he sets the direction for the acquisition, design and planning of new Churches—quite literally from inception to ribbon cutting. In consequence, the horizons of Scientology are filled with scores of new Churches in the making for 2009 and beyond.

Just since the launch of the Ideal Churches program five years ago, 70 new buildings have been acquired in major population centers around the world. Church premises have

increased from 5.6 million square feet in 2004 to over 11 million in 2009, with half a million square feet of renovations completed in 2009.

Meanwhile, another half-million square feet are under construction in Brussels, Rome, Tel Aviv, Quebec, Mexico City, Las Vegas and Washington, DC. These are the Ideal Churches of Scientology and they are designed to present the wisdom of Scientology to many millions planet wide.



**MANCHESTER**



**ROME**



**SUNDERLAND**



**BRUSSELS**



**AUCKLAND**



**ATLANTA**



**TEL AVIV**

## NEW IDEAL ORG BUILDINGS

Shown here is just a sampling of newly acquired Church buildings, while the listing below includes all new properties now in planning or construction stage to open within the next 12 months.

### UNITED STATES

- Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Atlanta, Georgia
- Battle Creek, Michigan
- Boston, Massachusetts
- Chicago, Illinois
- Cincinnati, Ohio
- Columbus, Ohio
- Detroit, Michigan
- Harlem, New York
- Inglewood, California
- Kansas City, Missouri
- Las Vegas, Nevada
- New Haven, Connecticut
- Orange County, California
- Pasadena, California
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Portland, Oregon
- Sacramento, California
- San Diego, California
- San Fernando Valley, California
- St. Louis, Missouri
- Seattle, Washington
- Twin Cities, Minnesota
- Washington, DC

### AFRICA

- Cape Town, South Africa
- Durban, South Africa
- Port Elizabeth, South Africa
- Pretoria, South Africa
- Bulawayo, Zimbabwe
- Harare, Zimbabwe

### CANADA

- Kitchener, Ontario
- Montreal, Quebec
- Quebec City, Quebec
- Winnipeg, Manitoba

### LATIN AMERICA

- Bogotá, Colombia
- Caracas, Venezuela
- Valencia, Venezuela
- Las Lomas, Mexico
- Mexico City, DF

### EUROPE

- Brussels, Belgium
- Budapest, Hungary
- Copenhagen, Denmark
- Milan, Italy
- Padova, Italy
- Pordenone, Italy
- Rome, Italy
- Tel Aviv, Israel
- Torino, Italy
- Verona, Italy

### UNITED KINGDOM

- Birmingham
- Manchester
- Sunderland

### AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND/ASIA

- Auckland, New Zealand
- Kaohsiung, Taiwan
- Melbourne, Australia



**WINNIPEG**



**PRETORIA**



**ST. LOUIS**



**MELBOURNE**



**BOSTON**



**WASHINGTON, DC**

# ADVANCED ORGANIZATIONS THE GLOBAL STEPPING STONES TO THE MECCA

TO DRAMATICALLY SPEED PROGRESS OF PARISHIONERS UP THE SCIENTOLOGY BRIDGE TO THE MECCA IN CLEARWATER, Mr. Miscavige has inaugurated a program to establish Advanced Organizations in every continent. As the title implies, these organizations open wide the gateway to the highest Scientology levels. As Advanced Organizations already stand in the United States, Europe, United Kingdom and Australia, Mr. Miscavige directed the acquisition and construction of new advanced facilities for all other continental zones.

As but another indication of the Church’s meteoric growth: In the previous five decades there had been four Advanced Organizations; while in just the last eighteen months, there now stand three more Advanced Organizations in the making. Thus, here is what will soon complete Scientology’s global staircase to eternity.



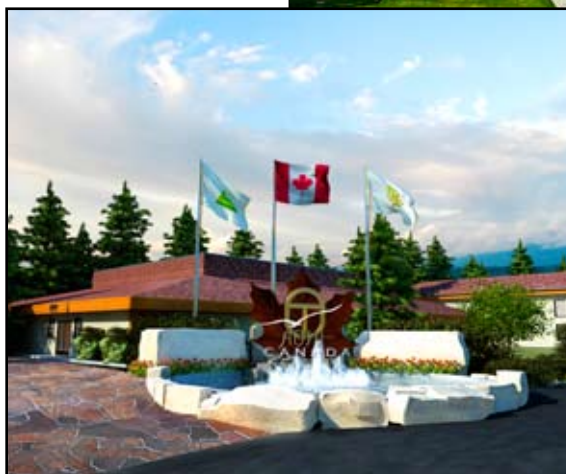
## ADVANCED ORGANIZATION AFRICA

ACQUIRED IN 2008, THE MANY-TURRETED KYALAMI CASTLE is the future home of the Advanced Organization in Africa. It is set on 22 acres between Johannesburg and Pretoria and locally known as the “Place in Heaven.” The facility is ideally suited to provide advanced Scientology religious services, with perfectly appointed rooms for study and spiritual counseling and a great hall to accommodate more than 1,000 at Scientology events and seminars. It also features guest rooms and restaurants which will ultimately provide the ideal setting for African Scientologists to ascend the Scientology Bridge to spiritual freedom.



## ADVANCED ORGANIZATION CANADA

ANNOUNCED IN JUNE 2009, the Church acquired an idyllic property less than 30 minutes from the Toronto airport. Here will stand the Advanced Organization for Canadian parishioners and Canada’s Continental Liaison Office to coordinate Scientology expansion and social betterment programs. Formerly an inn and conference center, the facility consists of five separate buildings totalling 159,400 square feet on 190 acres.



The new Advanced Organization for Canada will provide religious services to Canadian Scientologists in a rustic setting just outside Toronto.

[www.freedommag.org](http://www.freedommag.org)



**Kyalami Castle**, sitting between Johannesburg and Pretoria on old Zulu lands known as the “Place in Heaven,” will be home to the new Advanced Organization in Africa.



## ADVANCED ORGANIZATION LATIN AMERICA

ALSO ANNOUNCED IN JUNE 2009 is the newly acquired Palmas Plaza in Las Lomas, an area of Mexico City. The property comprises 254,000 square feet and will house not only the Advanced Org but also the Continental Liaison Office for Latin America. With seven Churches in Mexico, as well as Churches and Missions throughout South and Central America, this Advanced Org will serve the growing needs of 21 countries. The facility will additionally provide accommodations for parishioners—a necessity for out-of-town Scientologists participating in Advanced Organization services.



**The new Advanced Organization of Latin America** will serve 21 nations from its new home on a summit overlooking Las Lomas in Mexico City.



# A RENAISSANCE F

DAVID MISCAVIGE RECOVERS ORIGINAL L. RON HUBBARD SCRIPTURES AND



## SCIENTOLOGY'S GOLDEN AGE OF KNOWLEDGE

What is now known throughout the world of Scientology as the “Golden Age of Knowledge” was inaugurated by Chairman of the Board Religious Technology Center (RTC), Mr. David Miscavige, in March 2005. It is the single most embraceive RTC program in history and reflects literally hundreds of thousands of hours of scriptural verification and restoration.

It follows from the fact that the knowledge of Dianetics and Scientology forms a chronological path of L. Ron Hubbard’s research into the mind, spirit and life culminating in the development of the Scientology Bridge. But as only a *portion* of those materials were previously available, there remained no way for Scientologists to gain a complete understanding of the full wisdom that comprised Mr. Hubbard’s religious legacy. To provide just that, Mr. Hubbard had long envisioned the day when his written and spoken materials could be made broadly available to all Scientologists.

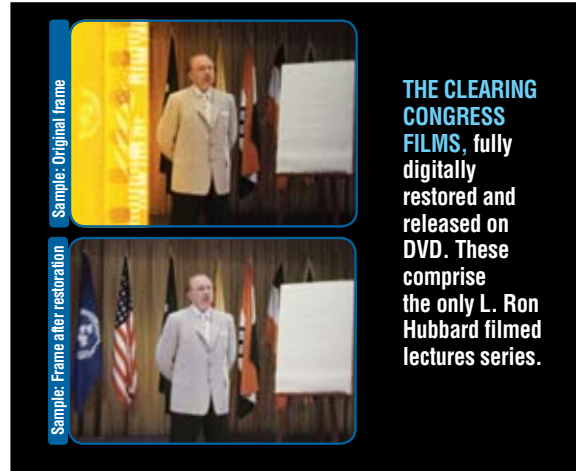


**2005** ▶ 196 L. Ron Hubbard lectures released in 15 languages (2,940) simultaneously across the world—largest single audio release in history.

**2006** ▶ Two Guinness World Records awarded to L. Ron Hubbard: Most Published Author (1,084 titles) and Most Translated Author (71 languages).

**The L. Ron Hubbard Congress Lectures**  
*The Milestones of Scientology*

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| <i>International Congress of Dianeticists and Scientologists</i> | <i>London Congress on Nuclear Radiation, Control &amp; Health</i> | <i>State of Man Congress</i>                       |
| <i>Universe Processes Congress</i>                               | <i>Freedom Congress</i>   | <i>London Congress on Dissemination &amp; Help</i> |
| <i>Anatomy of the Spirit of Man Congress</i>                     | <i>Ability Congress</i>   | <i>Anatomy of the Human Mind Congress</i>          |
| <i>Games Congress</i>  | <i>Clearing Congress (on DVD)</i>                                 | <i>South African Anatomy Congress</i>              |
| <i>London Congress on Human Problems</i>                         | <i>London Clearing Congress</i>                                   | <i>Clean Hands Congress</i>                        |
| <i>Washington Congress on Anti-Radiation &amp; Confront</i>      | <i>Success Congress</i>   | <i>Clearing Success Congress</i>                   |
|  | <i>Theta Clear Congress</i>                                       |  |
|  | <i>Melbourne Congress</i>   |  |



**THE CLEARING CONGRESS FILMS**, fully digitally restored and released on DVD. These comprise the only L. Ron Hubbard filmed lectures series.



**THE RELEASE OF L. RON HUBBARD'S CONGRESS LECTURES**, the first phase of Scientology's Golden Age of Knowledge, contained 155 original lectures. The Materials Guide Chart of Dianetics and Scientology directs Scientologists on their personal route to knowledge.



been broadly accessible since their original recording 50 years earlier. All of that changed in June 2007 when Mr. Miscavige announced their full digital restoration and release on compact disc—again, in 15 languages.

In the last two years alone, more than 60 million copies of The Basics have been placed into the hands of people world over.

**BASIC BOOKS AND LECTURES**  
"The world of Scientology has changed forever."

**C**learwater, Florida. June 30, 2007—Mr. David Miscavige stood before Scientologists gathered from around the world for the much-heralded occasion. He announced that what he was about to describe was nothing less than "the recovery of Dianetics and Scientology" that would "change the world of Scientology forever." Over the next several hours, he unfolded the complete story to an audience of thousands gathered in Clearwater's Ruth Eckerd Hall.

Mr. Miscavige first described the five-year, 2-million-man-hour research project to ensure the purity of all Scientology Scriptures, found in the writings and recorded lectures of L. Ron Hubbard. The task had been to locate the original manuscripts and dictation tapes of Mr. Hubbard's books, verify existing texts against those originals, correct any errors or deviations and return them to their original unadulterated form.

Deviations from the original manuscripts were immediately discovered to be far more extensive than imagined: transcription and punctuation errors of every variety, chapters bound in wrong sequence or even in the middle of another chapter, and the handiwork of a publisher who removed paragraph breaks to reduce page count. "Now let's add the 'editor,'" Mr. Miscavige explained, "who, instead of now correcting it, decides to add his own 'clarifying' footnotes to explain what LRH really meant."

Mr. Miscavige recounted a notable instance of the project to recover the technology. When the page count of a book did not match up to the number of dictation recordings to hand, researchers again searched



**2007** ▶ 1.8 million pages of L. Ron Hubbard's writings translated since 2004. Total for prior 50 years 359,459 pages translated.

**2008** ▶ 14,211 hours of translated L. Ron Hubbard lectures recorded since 2005.

## Basic Books and Lectures: The Recovery of Dianetics and Scientology

*Dianetics: The Original Thesis*

*Dianetics: The Evolution of a Science*

*Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health and Dianetics Lectures and Demonstrations*

*Science of Survival and Science of Survival Lectures*

*Self Analysis*

*Advanced Procedure and Axioms and Thought, Emotion and Effort Lectures*

*Handbook for Preclears and Life Continuum Lectures*

*Scientology: A History of Man and Technique 88 Lectures*

*Scientology 8-80*

*and Source of Life Energy Lectures*

*Scientology 8-8008*

*and Philadelphia Doctorate Course Lectures and The Factors Lectures*

*The Creation of Human Ability and Phoenix Lectures*

*Dianetics 55!*

*and Unification Congress Lectures*

*Scientology: The Fundamentals of Thought and Hubbard Professional Course Lectures*

*The Problems of Work: Scientology Applied to the Workaday World*



## The Beginning Books and Audiobooks of Dianetics and Scientology

*Dianetics: The Original Thesis*

*Dianetics: The Evolution of a Science*

*Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health*

*Self Analysis*

*Handbook for Preclears*

*Scientology: The Fundamentals of Thought*

*The Problems of Work: Scientology Applied to the Workaday World*

*Scientology: A New Slant on Life*

*The Way to Happiness*

**THE BASIC BOOKS AND LECTURES of Dianetics and Scientology, the foundation of the Scientology religion, were released after a five-year project to restore them to L. Ron Hubbard's original written and spoken words. Released in 15 languages.**

**THE CHURCH'S TWO ALL-DIGITAL PRINT-ON-DEMAND PUBLISHING HOUSES established to meet the global demand for L. Ron Hubbard's books and lectures. Capable of producing 500,000 books and 925,000 CDs per week.**

through the archives and found three long-ignored wax dictation disks marked "UNK" for "Unknown." Locating equally long-obsolete replay equipment, they found the recordings were nothing less than two additional chapters of Mr. Hubbard's 1948 manuscript for *Dianetics: The Original Thesis*. The dictation also showed that other chapters had been printed in the wrong sequence since first published. The entire manuscript was then corrected and completed, and today the first and most basic statement on the actual nature and function of the mind is accessible and available for all to read.

In the ensuing years, every word and line in every L. Ron Hubbard book was researched, verified, removed or corrected to ensure absolute purity. The standard set by Mr. Miscavige was *perfection*, the only standard suitable for the works of Mr. Hubbard.

Following that prodigious editorial undertaking, each book was meticulously designed, typeset, printed and bound to achieve the highest level of readability, comprehension, quality and durability—not to mention sheer aesthetic beauty. Thus came into existence only the pure and perfect Scientology Scriptures as authored by Mr. Hubbard.

## Restoring L. Ron Hubbard Lectures

Restoring Mr. Hubbard's lectures from the period was the other phase of the project. In the 1950s, he delivered hundreds of lectures to Dianeticists and Scientologists, each expanding on some aspect of the corresponding book. Although recorded, many of these lectures had never been broadly available due to lack of reproduction facilities in the Church's formative years. An earlier project had scoured the cities where the lectures were delivered—Los Angeles, Phoenix, Philadelphia, Wichita, London, Melbourne, Johannesburg—and rounded up all known original recordings. But mass reproduction was still hindered by the poor quality of many of the originals or by their deterioration over the years. Factually, despite various restoration attempts through the years, many of the lectures had never been heard since the day they were delivered.

By the turn of the 21st century, however, computer and digital technology had advanced dramatically, and the painstaking work was begun anew—this time with result. But even then, to achieve

2009

▶ March 13, 2009: Biggest single publishing event in history—nine L. Ron Hubbard Beginning Books of Dianetics and Scientology published in 50 languages (450 titles).

▶ 60 million L. Ron Hubbard books and lectures sold since 2007, more than in the first 50 years of Dianetics and Scientology combined.

A PUBLISHING PHENOMENON  
L. Ron Hubbard's Beginning Books of Dianetics and Scientology published in 50 languages.

- Afrikaans
- Albanian
- Arabic
- Bengali
- Brazilian
- Bulgarian
- Chinese
- Croatian
- Czech
- Danish
- Dutch
- Farsi
- Finnish
- French
- Georgian
- German
- Greek
- Hebrew
- Hindi
- Hungarian
- Indonesian
- Italian
- Japanese
- Kazakh
- Korean
- Kyrgyz
- Latvian
- Lithuanian
- Macedonian
- Nepali
- Norwegian
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Romanian
- Serbian
- Sinhalese
- Slovak
- Slovenian
- Swahili
- Tagalog
- Thai
- Taiwanese
- Turkish
- Russian
- Spanish
- (Latam)
- Spanish
- (Castilian)
- Swedish
- Ukrainian
- Urdu
- Vietnamese



the quality befitting the content, the Church continually pushed boundaries of existing audio technology and thereby established the world's most sophisticated sound restoration studios. Tens of thousands of hours later, the project had successfully restored hundreds of hours of previously missing, distorted or inaudible recordings. The net result was the recovery of an enormous body of Scientology Scripture for today and forever.

This monumental undertaking in research, verification, editorial and audio was directed at every step by Mr. Miscavige. From this came the most dramatic achievement in the Church's history: recovery of the very foundations of the Scientology religion. Eighteen books by L. Ron Hubbard, perfect in every detail; the corresponding lecture series for each book, 280 lectures in all,

produced inhouse on CD; each lecture series including verified transcripts and supplemental references; and each book and lecture series containing a massive glossary, defining words as Mr. Hubbard used them to ensure understanding by any listener. And to cap it all, every book and lecture was reproduced and released in the world's 15 major languages.

And that is why this is truly a Golden Age of Knowledge for every Scientologist.

As Mr. Miscavige summed it up: "And just in case you missed it—we are not speaking of 'corrected' manuscripts. Not 'newly verified' manuscripts. And definitely not just 'repackaged.' What we are speaking of is 100 percent unadulterated SOURCE."

To know that they are receiving the actual material from the

▶ Total number of Dianetics and Scientology course graduates is 10 times that of five years ago.

▶ More than 2.5 million L. Ron Hubbard books on Dianetics and Scientology, in 15 languages, placed in 97,997 libraries.

▶ Third Guinness World Record to L. Ron Hubbard for Most Audiobook Titles on Earth (185).



**THREE GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS** in 3 years awarded to L. Ron Hubbard:

- *Most Translated Author*
- *Most Published Author*
- *Author with the most Audiobooks*



**L. RON HUBBARD BOOKS** have been placed in over 97,000 libraries around the globe in the last two years.

source of the Scientology religion, L. Ron Hubbard, is the primary goal of every Scientologist. And Mr. Miscavige made it possible.

### The Basics Create Demand for Dianetics and Scientology

The release of the basic books and lectures means that every Scientologist can now study the foundation of the Scientology religion easily, rapidly and in chronological sequence, thereby gaining an unprecedented understanding of the religion and its application to life. Tens of thousands of Scientologists have done just that.

As but one measure of its impact, in the 50 years prior to the release of The Basics, a total of 39 million copies of

L. Ron Hubbard's written and spoken works on Dianetics and Scientology were in circulation. Since release—that is, in the last two years alone—more than 60 million L. Ron Hubbard books and lectures are in the hands of readers.

With all of those materials available in 15 languages, and the most basic of them in 50 languages, the total number of Dianetics and Scientology translations over the last decade is 10 times the previous five decades. In recognition of just that, the Guinness Book of Records has acknowledged L. Ron Hubbard as the world's most translated author.

But, of course, the real significance of the basic Dianetics and Scientology materials can only be measured in terms of people's lives. Whether to better one's ability to get along with others, mend a broken marriage, acquire artistic skill or improve job performance through increased competence—not to mention the attainment of total spiritual freedom—the books and lectures of Scientology contain principles that millions have applied to achieve their goals.

# MEETING THE DEMAND FOR SCIENTOLOGY MATERIALS

NEW FACILITIES CAN PRINT 500,000 BOOKS  
AND 925,000 COMPACT DISCS A WEEK



Bridge Publications is the world's largest all-digital, print-on-demand publishing house.

Since release of the Dianetics and Scientology Basic Books and Lectures in 2007, Scientologists have flooded into their churches in greater numbers than ever. Demand for the materials has grown exponentially and, as parishioners have progressed through those books and lectures, the numbers of new people coming in to find out about Scientology have likewise grown. Indeed, the Scientology religion

is now enjoying its greatest expansion era in history, with public demand for L. Ron Hubbard books and lectures escalating across more than 200 nations, 150 cultures and in some 50 languages.

Meeting that demand required facilities to provide books and lectures in any language, any quantity, with adequate speed and economy—no matter if 500 copies of a title in Swahili for Uganda or 1 million in English.

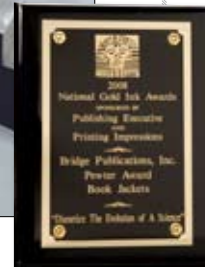
No conventional printing house would serve—not with a 2,500-lecture library times 50 languages. Time frames could never be met and printing costs for a relatively small number of books for new pioneer areas would prove entirely prohibitive.

A new publishing strategy was needed and, under the direction of Mr. Miscavige, that strategy was developed and put in place in early 2007—even prior to release of The Basics.



Bridge's automated packaging and shipping delivery system.

## L. RON HUBBARD'S BOOKS WIN 18 DESIGN AWARDS



In the past year alone, Bridge Publications Inc. was recognized with 18 awards for excellence in design, printing and production. Awards for Mr. Hubbard's books included the Gold Ink Award 2008, American Inhouse Design Award 2008, National Best Books 2008 and Next Generation Indie Book Award 2009.



Bridge's CD replication plant can produce 925,000 compact discs of L. Ron Hubbard lectures per week.



Reception of Bridge Publication's new 274,000-square-foot facility in Los Angeles.

Mr. Miscavige directed that all books and lecture CDs be produced inhouse, the entire line from inception to distribution: printing, foiling, embossing, laminating, CD replication, packaging and shipping. Housed in massive new headquarters, the Church's publishing arms are now the world's largest all-digital, print-on-demand facilities. Their precision operation is visited regularly by industry leaders as a model of innovation and efficiency.

Bridge Publications manufactures all Dianetics and Scientology books,

lectures and course packs for the Americas, Asia and the rest of the world, except Europe and the United Kingdom which are under the purview of New Era Publications in Copenhagen, Denmark. In combination, Bridge and New Era can print 500,000 books and 925,000 compact discs a week. Annually, that amounts to 26 million books and 48 million CDs.

Add in paperbacks and course packs, and the printed pages placed end to end would extend to the moon and back.

With digital printing and print-on-demand, production has soared and keeps pace with the demand. *Eighty million* L. Ron Hubbard books and lectures have been distributed in the past five years alone, more than in the previous 50 years—and *60 million* in just the past two years.

Moreover, with all Mr. Hubbard's religious works now available to *anyone* the world over, what has ensued is no less than a renaissance for the Scientology religion.

# BRINGING SCIENTOLOGY TO THE WORLD GOLDEN ERA PRODUCTIONS

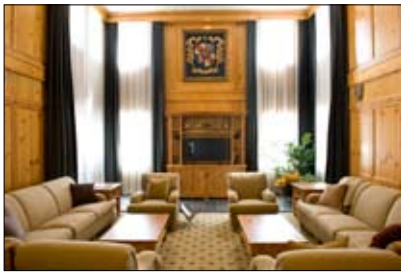
## A STATISTICAL OVERVIEW

### SCIENTOLOGY IS A RELIGION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY.

To make its religious technology broadly known, Mr. David Miscavige has directed the utilization of resources to disseminate Scientology effectively in a multimedia age. To that end, he established state-of-the-art recording and film studios at Golden Era Productions, the Church's central dissemination organization, set on 500 acres in Southern California. As the international dissemination center for the entire Scientology religion, it has reached unprecedented achievements.

Since 2005:

- Over **7.8 million DVDs** have been sold and/or distributed, comprising 1,920 DVD titles.
- Over **5,200 videos and films** have been produced (English and translated), an average of 90 per month.
- **1,571 hours of video** have been produced since 2004, an average of 27 hours per month.
- **746 films** (English and translated) have been produced.
- **82 international broadcast events** were produced (English and translated) totaling over 1,700 hours, an average of 28 hours per month.
- Over **61 million compact discs** containing the lectures of L. Ron Hubbard have been replicated.
- Over **14,000 translated lectures** have been recorded.
- The beginning Dianetics and Scientology **audiobooks were recorded in 15 languages.**
- **23,000 individual lecture titles** were produced on compact disc.
- Over **1.8 million pages** of L. Ron Hubbard's written works have been translated in the past five years alone, compared to a total of 359,459 pages for the prior 50 years.
- **12.4 million online visitors from 234 countries viewed more than 23 million videos** on the Scientology website in the past year alone.



**Golden Era Productions' new residence buildings** are designed to provide living accommodations for some 900 staff members.



# THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY'S PLANETARY SOCIAL BETTERMENT CAMPAIGNS

## REVOLUTIONIZING HUMANITARIAN OUTREACH IN THE AUDIOVISUAL AGE

The global devastation and human misery wrought by drug abuse, human rights violations, moral decay and natural and manmade disasters is unmistakable. They threaten to rip the social fabric to shreds and in many parts of the world these societal ills have already caused seemingly irreparable damage.

What is conspicuously lacking in combating these virtually apocalyptic scenarios are readily available, easily assimilated and rapidly distributable tools—tools to raise awareness, tools to educate and tools to activate.

In recognition of the fact that mass communication in the modern world would hinge largely on audiovisual delivery capability, Mr. David Miscavige moved the Scientology religion into the multimedia age with the establishment of state-of-the-art studio facilities at Golden Era Productions.

Under Mr. Miscavige's direction, that multimedia capacity has now been brought to bear on the global problems attendant to drug abuse, human rights violations and moral decay.

The Church of Scientology's revolutionary social betterment programs in the fields of drug education, human rights awareness, moral resurgence and disaster relief now stand in testament of that focus. They are utterly unique, indisputably cutting edge and most importantly—effective.

The pattern is wholly consistent:

- Create aesthetically powerful public service announcements that communicate the core issues in direct terms that anyone can understand so as to raise public awareness.
- Freely distribute these announcements both for broadcast on the Internet and television as well as to like-minded organizations.
- Follow up with longer-form video properties that can be used to educate.
- Create educational material and curriculums that can be used to further enlighten and empower those in need.
- Make all of it freely accessible on the World Wide Web.
- Allow all interested individuals, groups and governments to make the campaign their own.
- And in this way create a global force for common good, uniting all in overcoming societal ills that plague this planet.

This is the fundamental pattern, and it was both conceived and inspired by Mr. Miscavige himself—right down to the finest details of scripting, production, post production, sound mixing and manufacture on DVD for mass distribution. What follows here are the statistics and accomplishments of the global social betterment campaigns of the Scientology religion.

This is what can be done when one man, driven to achieve the vision the religious Founder entrusted to him, with the full support of the religious movement he leads, extends the hand of indiscriminate help to others.



# THE TRUTH ABOUT DRUGS



The world's largest non-governmental drug education and prevention campaign, *The Truth About Drugs*, reduces drug use through broad distribution of fact-based booklets, award-winning Public Service Announcements, documentary films and interactive website. All program materials are available free of charge to individuals, educators and community organizations.

Global drug abuse has led to what can inarguably be described as a world awash in blood and human misery.

In reply, the Church of Scientology sponsors the largest non-governmental anti-drug information and prevention campaign on Earth. It has been conclusively proven that when young people are provided with the truth about drugs—factual information on what drugs are and what they do—usage rates commensurately drop. By statistical survey, it has thus far prevented some 500,000 young people from recreational drug use... or worse.

There is still, however, much more to be done. Thus, the Church of Scientology offers its publications (which neither contain nor advocate any Scientology beliefs) to like-minded anti-drug coalitions, government institutions, civic groups and schools. This includes:

*The Truth About Drugs* series of 13 educational booklets—covering the major “drugs of choice” and presented in a way to educate on the serious ramifications of their abuse.

A study guide, activities manual and educator’s classroom kit give teachers, law enforcement and community groups effective tools to educate youth and enable them to make correct decisions on this subject.



And a new series of documentary videos, totaling one and a half hours in length, to accompany and complement *The Truth About Drugs* series of booklets, with an individual chapter for every “drug of choice.”

### Overview of results:

- More than 700 million people have been reached with *The Truth About Drugs* message, 491 million people in the last 12 months alone, through print, TV, radio, billboards, hand distribution of *The Truth About Drugs* booklets and the Foundation for a Drug-Free World Internet site ([www.drugfreeworld.org](http://www.drugfreeworld.org)).
- Over 206 million people have viewed the *Truth About Drugs* Public Service Announcements in the last 12 months.
- Just over 23 million *The Truth About Drugs* booklets have been distributed in 20 languages to at-risk youth and in drug



hot spots throughout the world—3.6 million in the last 12 months.

- Drug-Free Marshals have promoted to nearly 3.4 million children to live drug-free

View the They Said/They Lied Public Service Announcements and Truth About Drugs documentary at [www.drugfreeworld.org](http://www.drugfreeworld.org)





# HUMAN RIGHTS



lives through their events and Drug-Free Pledge signings internationally.

- Over 450,000 information mailings have been sent to groups and organizations concerned with the global drug problem, inviting them to order publications and implement the *Truth About Drugs* Education Program.
- Over 350,000 people have visited the Drug-Free World Internet site in the last year and ordered more than 718,000 booklets.
- The international *Truth About Drugs* campaign is active in 79 countries from Argentina to Zimbabwe, with 166 drug prevention groups in 130 cities worldwide.
- Foundation for a Drug-Free World has partnered with 78 governmental, law enforcement and educational agencies and institutions internationally.

Central to Scientology beliefs is a conviction that all humankind is entitled to inalienable rights. So it is that for more than 50 years Scientologists have championed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Today, the Church of Scientology sponsors the largest non-governmental information campaign to make the Universal Declaration of Human Rights known the world over.

The Church's human rights initiative sponsors groups and activities and provides its materials to individuals, groups and government agencies in 82 nations. This includes:

- *What are Human Rights?* booklets educate youth and adults on the 30 articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in terms anyone can understand.
- A study guide, activities manual and educator's classroom kit give teachers, human rights groups and governments effective tools to educate youth and adults on their human rights.
- An accompanying documentary video, *What are Human Rights?* complements the PSAs, booklets and educator materials as a further tool to bring about a universal awareness and respect for human rights.

## Overview of results:

- Since 2006, more than 1.6 billion people have viewed the Human Rights PSAs on 3,553 stations in 16 languages across 73 nations.
- The Human Rights World Tour has traveled 174,000 miles throughout 45 nations, reaching over 11 million people.
- Over 1.5 million human rights publications containing the Universal Declaration of Human Rights have been distributed to human rights groups, educators and individuals.
- Over 500,000 people have visited the United for Human Rights ([www.humanrights.com](http://www.humanrights.com)) and Youth for Human Rights ([www.youthforhumanrights.org](http://www.youthforhumanrights.org)) Internet sites in the last three years.
- More than 380,000 human rights information mailings have been sent to human rights groups and government agencies.
- More than 200,000 people have signed the Human Rights Petition urging governments to adopt reforms in human rights and to give the Universal Declaration of Human Rights the force of law.

## The Church's human rights initiative

is aimed at bringing about global awareness through 30 PSAs, one for each article of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the film *The Story of Human Rights*.



# THE WAY TO HAPPINESS



Over 80 million copies of the non-religious, common-sense moral code, *The Way to Happiness*, have been distributed in 94 languages in 135 countries.

- Over 80 million copies of *The Way to Happiness* have been sold and distributed since it was first published in 1981.
- More than 430,000 *The Way to Happiness* information mailings have been sent out over the last two years to groups and organizations inviting them to order *The Way to Happiness* for distribution and to implement the education program based on the book.
- Over 360,000 people have visited *The Way to Happiness* Internet site ([www.thewaytohappiness.org](http://www.thewaytohappiness.org)) in the last two years—270,000 in the last year alone.
- With the 2008 launch of *The Way to Happiness* Education Program more than 1,600 schools have ordered the booklets and materials, with 150,000 children learning the non-religious moral precepts from *The Way to Happiness*.
- *The Way to Happiness* is used in 2,097 prisons worldwide as part of the Criminon rehabilitation program.

**T**he *Way to Happiness* is comprised of 21 precepts, each one predicated on the fact that one's survival depends on the survival of all others—and that without the survival of others, no joy and no happiness are attainable.

In illustration of those precepts, the Church of Scientology sponsored the production and airing of a corresponding series of informational videos. They are presented in the spirit of the booklet itself, which is a roadmap to a happier life through values of compassion and caring that every member of a civilized society holds dear. Additionally distributed internationally and made available by request are the teacher's guide and educator materials to supplement the use of the informational videos in a classroom environment.

An international network of volunteers and supporters of The Way to Happiness Foundation now spans 135 nations. Moreover, other groups dedicated to improving moral standards continue to adopt this booklet for their own use—groups as diverse as the National Honduras

Police, Secretary General of the Philippine Red Cross, the California State Chairman of the Congress on Racial Equality have taken up and now distribute personalized copies of the booklet. As a further example of the far-reaching use of this booklet, the National Police of Colombia now utilize *The Way to Happiness* booklet in both training their entire force and broadly distributing it to Colombian citizens.

Further, the 21 *The Way to Happiness* PSAs air daily on a variety of media ranging from city buses in Chicago, Samoan rugby matches, Central American food courts and television stations on all seven continents.

### Overview of results:

- The 21 Public Service Announcements illustrating each of the precepts from *The Way to Happiness* have been viewed by 725 million people in the last 12 months on 386 stations in 52 countries as well as at sporting events, concerts and in shopping malls.
- *The Way to Happiness* has been translated into 94 languages.



View The Way to Happiness Public Service Announcements at [www.thewaytohappiness.org](http://www.thewaytohappiness.org)

# THE SCIENTOLOGY VOLUNTEER MINISTERS



**The Church's 153 regional Volunteer Ministers traveling centers**—known for their signature yellow tents—have given aid to 10.8 million people in 116 countries.



**T**hrough the last 20 years, Scientology Volunteer Ministers have provided emergency service at 126 worst-case disaster sites. Today, they are among the world's most recognized independent relief organizations.

A Scientology Volunteer Minister does not shut his eyes to the pain, evil and injustice of existence. A Scientology Volunteer Minister is a person who helps his fellow man on a volunteer basis by helping restore purpose, truth and spiritual values to the lives of others.

Volunteer Ministers live by the motto that "Something *can* be done about it."

## Overview of results:

- Today there are 196,000 Scientology Volunteer Ministers worldwide, compared to 45,000 in 2005 and 6,000 in 2001.
- Volunteer Ministers have helped over 1.4 million people in the last year, a 300 percent increase over the 2004 figure of 550,000 people. Volunteer Ministers have helped 10.8 million people since 9/11.
- More than 470,000 Volunteer Ministers information mailings have been sent out over the past two years.
- Over 750,000 people have visited the Volunteer Ministers Internet site ([www.volunteerministers.org](http://www.volunteerministers.org)) in the last year alone, with 149,000 people starting

[www.freedommag.org](http://www.freedommag.org)



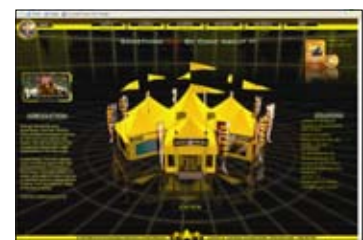
**Volunteer Ministers** have been first responders at 126 worst-case disaster sites.

free online Volunteer Minister Courses in the last seven months alone.

- 18 Continental Volunteer Ministers traveling centers have toured through 116 countries covering over 300,000 miles (more than 140,000 miles within the past year).
- The 135 regional Volunteer Ministers traveling centers—the signature yellow tents attached to Churches of Scientology in major cultural centers—have toured

throughout their cities or towns helping hundreds of thousands yearly.

- Volunteer Ministers have been involved in disaster relief efforts in 126 major disaster sites, 42 locations in the last year alone.
- Volunteer Ministers have trained and partnered with more than 500 different organizations and agencies including the Red Cross, FEMA, National Guard, and local police and fire departments.



Visit the virtual Volunteer Ministers Center online at [www.volunteerministers.org](http://www.volunteerministers.org)

# MERCHANT

JOURNALISTIC DOUBLE-DEALING



*What is described as the Scientology religion's Global Bridge to Freedom is now manifest in some 8,000 Scientology Churches, Missions and groups across 165 nations. Moreover, and even as of this writing, some 70 new Churches are on the rise across Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia and the Middle East.*

*The point: That phrase "Global Bridge" has never held greater meaning inasmuch as Scientology is presently growing at historically unprecedented rates—expanding more in the last 12 months than in the previous five years combined, and more again in the last five years than in all five previous decades.*

*The Scientology religion is also enjoying unprecedented worldwide popularity. In but the last four years, readers have picked up better than 80 million Dianetics and Scientology books and lectures—60 million in just the last two years alone.*

*Accordingly, Scientology Founder L. Ron Hubbard is now recognized in the Guinness Book of Records as the most published and translated author in history, with titles in 71 languages.*

*But nowhere is the size and scope of Scientology more evident than at its religious Mecca in Clearwater, Florida. Indeed, Church premises in Clearwater now comprise over 1.7 million square feet with still another 385,000 under construction.*

*The point here: While one may rightly cite new Church building projects in Brussels, Rome, Tel Aviv and Washington, DC, for an immediate sense of 21st century Scientology expansion, all one need do is gaze from the door of the S.P. Times Clearwater Bureau.*

*In that sense, then, this is a story of the S.P. Times looking through the wrong end of a telescope and reporting it as news.*

# S OF CHAOS

AT THE ST. PETERSBURG TIMES



**May 13, 2009:**

Mr. Tommy Davis from the International Church of Scientology receives a telephone call from *S.P. Times* reporter/editor Joe Childs.

In fact, Childs is the senior editor who, in tandem with staff writer Tom Tobin, had profiled Scientology leader Mr. David Miscavige in 1998. [See *David Miscavige: The Peacemaker*, p. 63.]

Just eight weeks earlier, Childs had additionally toured the recently renovated and opened Fort Harrison Religious Retreat at the Scientology Mecca in Clearwater. Indeed, it was none other than Mr. Miscavige who suggested Childs be among the first to see the elegantly rebuilt landmark. Accordingly, Davis and colleague Jessica Feshbach toured Childs through the facility on the 19th of March.

Given Childs claimed he was intending to author a piece on the Fort Harrison's grand reopening, he was further afforded an inside look at Church expansion plans, in both Clearwater and abroad.

Primary point: As of May 13, 2009, Joe Childs knew exactly what Mr. Miscavige had brought to the Church of Scientology and, by extension, to many millions world over.

Secondary point: Within 24 hours of his Fort Harrison tour, Childs informed Davis that another reporter would take over the story and cover the grand reopening...for reasons not explained until now.

The call begins with cordial formalities, after which Childs gets to the point: "We're calling to make a formal request to interview David Miscavige."

He then goes on to explain that he and Tom Tobin had recently interviewed

some former Church staff who were now ex-Scientologists and they had given "first-hand accounts" of their alleged experiences with Mr. Miscavige. Childs further explained that he and Tobin had reached the point where they felt it was "appropriate" to give Mr. Miscavige an "opportunity" to respond to the allegations of "these folks."

That Childs refers to his sources as "folks" is significant. He would also later describe them as "our people." He names four in all.

Source #1: Mark "Marty" Rathbun is the "Kingpin" of the Tobin-Childs story. Formerly an external legal affairs officer, he was removed from post in December 2001 for repeated catastrophes he admits were of his own creation, resulting in tens of millions of dollars of wasted parishioner funds. He was dismissed entirely from

the organization he served in December 2003. Shortly thereafter he deserted.

Source #2: Tom DeVocht is the incorrigible “Con Man.” He formerly served as a Church construction manager, a position from which he was removed in March 2005 for gross overspends and mismanagement. Two months later he, too, deserted.

Source #3: Amy Scobee, the “Adulteress,” likewise proved herself a hopelessly incompetent manager and failed at five positions through the course of her checkered career. In her repeat adultery, she violated fundamental rules of the Scientology religious order. She was finally removed from any position of authority in 2002. When she failed to curb her wanton sexual behavior, she was expelled from the Scientology religion.

Source #4: Mike Rinder is what Childs describes as the “Fact-Checker” inasmuch as he initially refused to go on record, and merely “fact-checks” tales from the others. He was also an external legal affairs officer and, in fact, worked with Marty Rathbun for the better part of three decades. He was demoted from executive authority in 2002 and latterly banned from posting in Management in Los Angeles. While serving in England, given numerous options to choose from for re-posting, Rinder likewise deserted.

That Childs and Tobin deliberately sought out and cultivated these people casts an even murkier light on the makings of this story. For the fact is, Mr. Miscavige had *personally* removed three of the four from power. (Only Scobee was removed by

is that the *Times* had “located each one of these folks independently” and “interviewed them independently.” Without prompting, he then defensively adds that he didn’t believe they conversed among themselves.

But Davis knew those *folks* did, in fact, do a lot of conversing with the lunatic fringe on the Internet’s conspiratorial “grassy knoll.” What Davis was soon to discover is that they also did a lot of conversing with Childs and Tobin—particularly when the reporters proved receptive to any tale, no matter how far-fetched, that would disparage Mr. Miscavige and the Church. But the long and short of such embittered ramblings were five paramount lies:

Lie #1: That the Church was collapsing.

Lie #2: That the Scriptures of Dianetics and Scientology were being misinterpreted.

Lie #3: That all four sources had left Scientology in protest to “injustices” and “abuses.”

Lie #4: That Rathbun wanted peace while Mr. Miscavige wanted war.

Lie #5: That Mr. Miscavige had abused them and others.

## ➤ The True Facts

**F**act #1: Now, of course, given what Childs himself had seen through his tour of the Fort Harrison, the first allegation—that the Church was collapsing—was plainly untrue.

Indeed, as even Childs remarked through that first telephone call on May 13, “We know the growth the Church has achieved under Mr. Miscavige’s era.” He then went

misinterpreted) was just as patently untrue—and particularly inasmuch as the policies supposedly misinterpreted were the very same policies applied to remove the Tobin-Childs sources. These are the ecclesiastical ethics and justice policies that mandate removal of individuals for precisely the kinds of crimes the *S.P. Times* sources committed.

Fact #3: The third allegation (that the sources left in protest) is actually an indictment of the *S.P. Times* journalistic process. For if Childs and Tobin had only asked their people to describe the circumstances of their departure from the Church, the reporters would have learned that none had left in protest. Rather, they were removed for ecclesiastical crimes, then walked away when they found themselves stripped of authority.

Fact #4: The fourth allegation (that Rathbun wanted peace and Mr. Miscavige wanted war) is, in fact, an indictment of Rathbun’s own sanity. For here was a self-avowed “warrior” who loved nothing more than a legal fracas. By contrast, after famously declaring the “War is Over” in 1993, Mr. Miscavige diligently worked to extricate the Church from all conflicts. While even more to the point, most if not all such conflicts were actually created by Rathbun himself. [See *The Chronicles of Betrayal*, p. 58.] The case in point is that Rathbun originally deserted in 1993 *because* the war was over, an untold secret that he would capitalize on to cause even more catastrophes beginning in 1995.

Fact #5: All of which left Childs and Tobin with only those allegations of abuse. But this is where the plot really thickens, because there were indeed isolated instances of abuse—but *all of them were perpetrated by the very same people making those allegations, specifically, a deeply frustrated Rathbun who had lost his power, and his criminal cohort, Tom DeVocht.*

By way of clue as to how Childs planned to morph those allegations into his story, he further now asks for interviews with various key Church executives. In particular: Guillaume Lesevre, Marc Yager, Mark Ingber, Ray Mithoff and Norman Starkey.

The point here: These are members of the Scientology management team who were also allegedly “victims” of abuse, and Childs is hoping to snare them into some sort of corroboration of his sources’ claims.



**Davis bluntly asks if Childs was already working on this story when they had met at the Fort Harrison eight weeks earlier in March.**

**To which Childs responds: “Yes and no.”**

her peers.) Hence, resentment and revenge were clearly in play.

Now couple that with the fact both Childs and Tobin had been working on their story in utter secrecy for 13 weeks before contacting the Church, and here were all the elements of a hatchet job.

Although all Childs says at this juncture

on to explain how he knew the Church had been “repurposed,” “redefined,” had become “more open,” “more engaged” and “more accepted.” To which he concluded: “It’s not peeping into the mainstream. *It is in mainstream America.*”

Fact #2: The second allegation (that Church Scriptures were being

Rathbun and Rinder thought they could make up anything they wanted about these individuals being “victims,” assuming they would never speak to media to deny the false allegations, simply because these executives, with ecclesiastical duties far removed from external affairs, had never spoken to media in the past. Rathbun and Rinder were sorely mistaken.

But at the center of all Childs hints at through that first May 13 conversation was, of course, Mr. Miscavige himself. Hence the shadowboxing exchange wherein Davis attempts to at least define a few parameters: “What’s this piece about? Is it about Mr. Miscavige or about the Church?”

As Davis explains, if it is about Mr. Miscavige, it is about the Church by extension, because one can’t do a piece about the man *without* it being about the Church. And from that standpoint, he tells Childs that his sources have no idea what is happening in the Church, considering how long they have been gone: “There’s a lot that has happened since they left.”

But all Childs says in reply is that the Church deserves a “succinct account” of the allegations.

Still, Davis presses. Because what’s foremost on his mind and what will continue to shadow every conversation from here on out is the Childs suggestion that his sources have a legitimate view of Mr. Miscavige and the Church of Scientology, even though they’ve seen neither in years: “You sought those people out and now you’re listening to them griping to the exclusion of all else that is Scientology today.”

Childs remains noncommittal and evasive. Davis then bluntly asks if Childs was already working on this story when they had met at the Fort Harrison eight weeks earlier in March.

To which Childs responds: “*Yes and no.*”

And therein lay another facet of this story—what Davis termed the “whipsaw effect” for the fact Childs continually vacillated from one contradictory statement to another.

By way of another example: When Davis emphasizes the need for a face-to-face meeting preliminary to a David Miscavige interview, Childs responds: “*I don’t know if we need to sit down.*”

In doublespeak, Childs next explains how the article is “not about the Church,

per se,” while in the same breath telling how it’s about “the direction Mr. Miscavige has taken the Church.”

As Davis keeps probing about the inherent contradiction, Childs promises to explain: “*But not on the telephone.*”

Nevertheless, the conversation concludes with a first crucial date in a Tobin-Childs timetable. It is a timetable that would repeatedly whipsaw back and forth for no apparent reason. Yet as of this opening gambit, Childs states he cannot *possibly* meet sooner than the 26th of May “due to personal obligations.” It’s a date which is a full *two weeks* away. Hence he closes the conversation of May 13 with a formal request for an interview, significantly adding: “We are available any time *after* the 26th.”

The implicit point here: There is no great urgency for the Church to respond, as Joe Childs is in no rush to publish a story on the Church of Scientology... *and certainly not without first interviewing Mr. David Miscavige.*

### May 18, 2009:

The second telltale conversation dates from the 18th of May and brings Tom Tobin into the game. Three business days have now passed since the initial overture from Childs, and Davis is calling back to confirm a meeting date. Given Childs is unavailable, Tobin takes the call and Davis gets right to it. He was looking at the 27th or the 28th in Clearwater, and specifically at the Fort Harrison. He then explicitly adds, “Joe Childs said we could sit down and he’d give us an executive summary of what had gone down.”

There is still no sense of urgency and Tobin responds with a casual, “Sounds fine to me.”

He then promises to call Davis back.

Yet that easygoing attitude would soon prove short-lived.

## >>The Switch-Up

### May 19, 2009:

Only 24 hours have passed since Davis was told to expect a call in confirmation of a meeting on or shortly after May 26. Said meeting would be the first sit-down with the *S.P. Times* and a first opportunity to examine their promised “summary” of allegations.

Then without warning, without

explanation, Tom Tobin telephones with the “switch-up.”

He begins by reiterating how they spoke the previous day about the *Times* giving Davis their summary at the proposed meeting. But suddenly Tobin changes course, telling Davis he will send the summary *immediately* by email. While by way of an explanation, he ominously explains: “When we meet, it will be the *last time* we could accept a response before publication.”

The none-too-subtle insinuation: All Tobin and Childs want are quick denials to allegations so they might present a veneer of “balance” vis-à-vis sanctioned codes of journalistic ethics. [See *Journalism 101*, p. 66.]

Davis is now openly irate and tells Tobin, “There’s no way it is going to go down like this.”

He then goes on to explain how Childs and Tobin have spent more than *two months* listening to allegations about Mr. Miscavige by disgruntled ex-Scientologists, who he himself removed *years ago*, and that if the *Times* wants to know about Mr. Miscavige, the leader of the Scientology religion, they need to find out what’s happening in the Church *today*. And that’s not going to happen in one day: “There’s just no way.”

To underscore the statement, Davis then provides Tobin with some sense of Mr. Miscavige’s schedule—that he’s preparing for one of the most significant religious events of the year: the *OT Summit*. It is annually attended by leading Scientologists from around the world and relayed to parishioners from over 8,000 Scientology Churches, Missions and groups planet wide. In that regard it serves as a crucial venue for briefing Scientologists on Church expansion strategies.

Davis further explains that Mr. Miscavige’s commitments include his personal presentation of *nine* hours of events. Moreover, included in those events would be the most monumental advance in the history of Dianetics. While if only to punch it home: “It’s something he’s been *personally* working on for four years.”

If Tobin’s reply is measured, it’s as close to the heart of this story as it gets. Because what Tobin next tells Davis is that the leaders in “my shop” are adamant about proceeding on an imminent timetable. To which he concludes: “We want it to be on *our* timetable.”

Davis is dismayed and asks why Childs had said he wanted to give the Church “plenty of time to respond.”

Tobin is immovable, responding: “We think it is plenty of time.”

Davis is incredulous, once more reiterating that Tobin and Childs “have been working on this for *months* and there’s a lot of information you don’t have.”

But Tobin refuses to waver, telling Davis: “Just because we took some time to develop the information doesn’t mean it is going to take an equal amount of time to answer.”

At which point he adds with some emphasis that he’s not interested in the Church’s information. He only wants responses to allegations: “*Did this happen or not?*”

In fact, however, it wasn’t at all a matter of: “Did this happen or not?”

It was a matter of: *Something else happened.*

## >>The Clincher

The telltale email cited by Tobin through the course of conversation landed with Davis six minutes later. The decisive passage read:

**“As we discussed a few minutes ago, the S.P. Times is seeking an interview with David Miscavige and the other Scientology staff members.... Your**

## >>The Back-Pedal May 20, 2009:

Davis is now joined in his West Coast office by Church counsel Monique Yingling. She has represented Scientology interests for nearly three decades. Moreover, she is intimately familiar with the failings of Rathbun and Rinder—their consistent incompetence, their repeated bungling in the legal sphere and their trail of botched cases she was forever called upon to clean up.

On the desk is that Tobin-Childs “executive summary” of allegations emailed 24 hours earlier. That such allegations held no relevance to Clearwater residents and were actually just recycled from stale Internet postings is another wrinkle in this story. For here were two supposedly mainstream reporters presenting tales from a lunatic fringe and fobbing it off as explosive and timely news for their readers—strictly *National Enquirer* standards.

Accordingly, and expressly in reply to the Childs-Tobin ultimatum, Davis and Yingling telephone Clearwater. They catch Childs at 5 p.m.

Davis launches the opening salvo, recapping how Childs had approached the Church with a request for a meeting where

access to the Church. You can’t disagree with me that he deserves more than this.”

Yingling speaks next, telling Childs in no uncertain terms that there is a willingness to respond and to cooperate, but that it’s outrageous the *Times* would ask for it to happen in one day. After all, she reminds Childs, he had been working on his story since February. “It doesn’t add up at all—unless you have your story and you’re just looking for a denial.”

To which she adds on a personal note, “I was there, I know these guys. I know what happened.” She further tells them, “You have been sold a bill of goods.” In emphasis, she then explains that what the *Times* has heard from their folks is not “their version” of a story, “it’s just a story that never happened.” She concludes by telling them that there is a story and the Church is more than willing to tell it, but it cannot possibly be done in one day.

Childs, however, remains steadfast and insists the Church may only have *one day*, either the 27th or 28th of May, as first dictated by the *Times* in their email of the previous day.

Yingling insists that a single day is not possibly sufficient for the Church to respond. She suggests they start next week and go from there.

But Childs stonewalls with another ultimatum: “I’m not willing to *give* more days unless there’s a justification for it.”

Yingling stays to a steady course, once again affirming a willingness to sit down and talk. In fact, she tells Childs that in *addition* to speaking to Mr. Miscavige, there are also a number of other people he should speak to as well.

Yingling’s implicit point: Childs and Tobin should avail themselves of first-hand reports from *inside* the Church.

Whereupon she adds: “We’re not just *saying* these allegations are false, we can *prove* it to you.”

There’s another Tobin-Childs switch-up at this juncture, and it tracks out as follows: The reporters have previously requested interviews with Church management personnel; they have confirmed that request in their email. But now Childs announces, “I don’t know that we are going to be wanting to interview those people.”

Davis responds with a mixture of shock and outrage. To which Childs answers, “I don’t want to wait.”

**It wasn’t a matter of “it happened or it didn’t,” it was a matter of “or something else happened.” And *that* is what Davis intends on revealing, promising Childs, “I will *light your hair on fire.*”**

**proposed meeting on May 27 or 28 at the Fort Harrison Hotel would be the very last time we could accept a response before publication.”**

Additionally included is a mishmash of details concerning all other allegations—a scant fragment here, another there. The email then perfunctorily closes with:

**“We are providing this information today so you will have ample time to review it.”**

Although by “ample time,” the *S.P. Times* meant giving the Church only five business days to respond.

the Church would hear out an executive summary and how, all of a sudden, everything changed: “Here’s the email, and next week’s your only chance before we go to publication.” Davis further reiterates that definitely wasn’t the agreed-upon plan and bluntly tells Childs, “All of a sudden it’s bait and switch.”

He further reminds Childs that he is talking about the leader of a religion, and somebody beloved by millions. “You know what he’s like. You’ve spent days with him. He’s the one who gave you full, unfettered





Davis, utterly furious, returns to the central issue—specifically, Tobin’s statement that “It either happened or it didn’t.” To which Davis now repeats that it wasn’t a matter of “it happened or it didn’t,” it was a matter of “or something else happened.” And *that*, Davis states, is what he intends on revealing, promising Childs, “I will *light your hair on fire*.”

Childs repeats the phrase, “Light our hair on fire?” At which point he tells Davis that he’d better come through. Otherwise, Childs and Tobin would “just keep to the timetable we’re looking at.”

But that’s when Davis pops the whole premise of the Tobin-Childs timetable: “Joe, don’t come to me about the leader of our religion, especially with allegations that are this disgusting, then top it off by putting me under that kind of pressure with that kind of window—not when you’ve already been on this for *13 weeks*.”

Childs dances: “I haven’t been on it for 13 weeks.”

Lie—and Davis nails it: “You have been talking to your sources since late February.”

Childs knows he’s been caught out and giggles: “We’ll need to see something that lights our hair on fire.”

## >>The First Meeting

May 28, 2009:

It is estimated Childs and Tobin have devoted some 500 hours to their sources since first contact. They have interviewed Rathbun in Texas, Rinder in Colorado and crisscrossed Florida to catch DeVocht and Scobee.

But now they sit at a rosewood and mahogany conference table in the Colonial Boardroom of Scientology’s Fort Harrison Hotel in Clearwater. Facing them are Yingling, Davis and Feshbach. Also present is Bill Walsh—the longest-serving Church counsel and internationally renowned human rights attorney. As with Yingling, Walsh previously tidied up messes left by Rathbun and Rinder. He was further tasked with mopping up in the wake of their removals and eventual departures.

In the eight days since Yingling and Davis set this meeting, the four Church representatives had compiled a minutely documented brief on *S.P. Times* sources. It is ten o’clock in the morning EST.

# The Grassy Knoll

**“Then we found Amy Scobee and she, like these others, is not on that grassy knoll that fires stuff onto the Internet.”**

—Joe Childs

**“Nasty, nasty, nasty. It’s so nasty!”**

—Church counsel Monique Yingling on reviewing the more than 300 Scobee postings on outlaw websites.



Dismissed from Scientology management for gross incompetence and sexual misconduct, Amy Scobee last called herself a Scientologist in 2005. She is now the self-proclaimed “Peacock” of an Internet fringe that posts salacious messages to incite hate crimes against Scientology and Scientologists. Although she has thus far escaped hate-crime scrutiny, she is now on record as among the most vitriolic Internet snipers.

Hence, the highly suspect claim from *S.P. Times* reporter Joe Childs that “Peacock” was “Internet clean” when he and Tom Tobin originally searched her out in early 2009.

Also pertinent to the “Peacock” story: She was originally removed from Church management ranks in 2002, in no small part for repeated extramarital affairs—even including the later seduction of and sexual affair with a staff member she pretended to counsel, which is among the most egregious violations of Scientology ethics. Moreover, she did this in a counseling room while already on the Rehabilitation Project Force.

But the real indiscretions of the “Peacock” story are her semi-pornographic postings on the Internet.

Such postings tend to “take on a life of their own,” Tobin admitted in discussions with Church representatives, and he was right. For the fact is, virtually every Tobin-Childs allegation appearing in the *S.P. Times* originally appeared as a “Peacock” Internet posting between May 2006 and early June 2009.

Not surprisingly, the Monday after the Tobin-Childs series saw the light of day (June 29 to be precise), the Church received a phone call from a local Scientologist at approximately 10:15 in the morning. The caller informed the Church he had just seen Scobee, joined by both reporters from the *S.P. Times*, enjoying what can only be surmised to be a celebratory brunch at Clearwater’s International House of Pancakes—after which she spent the day sunbathing on Clearwater Beach.

All commences with what amounts to a Joe Childs statement of record. In particular, he’s attempting to justify violations of a fundamental journalistic tenet, i.e., Article VI, American Society of Newspaper Editors’ Principles, which holds that “persons publicly accused” be afforded “the earliest opportunity to respond.” He’s also trying to whitewash obvious *S.P. Times* bias, which is another journalistic code violation:

**“It probably was two weeks ago that I called Tommy and requested a formal interview with Mr. Miscavige, whom Tom and I know.... We came to recognize in the late 90’s that he [has] a remarkable personal and professional story. And we**

**sought to tell that story in 1998, and that remains our belief today.**

**“And so this year, we sought to see if we could find Rathbun. He talked to us and he said some things that were deeply interesting.**

**“Rathbun told us about some people who had left the Church. So we found Tom DeVocht and after some consideration, he also spoke with us. Then we found Mike Rinder who we met with and spoke with, but he declined to be interviewed. And then we found Amy Scobee and she, like these others, is not on that grassy knoll that fires stuff onto the Internet—in our view.”**

Davis, Yingling and Walsh have thus far listened tolerantly. But Childs' claim that Scobee is Internet-clean is more than they can bear. In fact, Scobee has fired more than 300 virulent postings across Internet fringe sites since early 2006. Rathbun also posts online—generally long and rambling diatribes on messianic plans to stage a coup and usurp Church leadership.

With all this in mind, Yingling tells Childs:

**"You have not looked very closely at the Internet, I have to say. She is all over the Internet."**

Childs tries to parry it:

**"Well, a lot of us are on the Internet, Monique, whether you're on the grassy knoll part of it or not is, you know.... But anyway, we talked to her and she seemed transparent to us, and so that's where we are today."**

**interested in cooperating very much along the lines of what you experienced 11 years ago."**

Tobin now enters the fray, and he is disturbingly condescending:

**"The way we went about this is the way I think that any journalist would... I don't think we've done anything untoward. I mean, this is Journalism 101. You talk to the person, and then you get the response."**

But Yingling knows the game and unleashes another salvo—albeit in typically measured terms:

**"Well, I think this may not be Journalism 101...."**

To which Davis adds in equally measured terms:

**"These are embittered guys. They used to run with the big dogs in the tall grass and now they're out there and**

**"And all of this is juxtaposed against a guy who likes to go fishing in South Texas, a guy who sells Toyotas in Denver, a guy who does who-knows-what in Florida and a woman who refurbishes furniture in Seattle."**

All of which then effectively clears the ground for this—Davis again:

**"All these people you are asking about, including your source Mike Rinder, by report and with witnesses on every single occasion, all of them were either slapped, punched, kicked, choked, grabbed by the neck, thrown to the floor or tackled into furniture by none other than Marty Rathbun. Every single one of them."**

Davis:

**"So you just have to change the names."**

Davis then cites a first document—two pages, by DeVocht. It reads in part:

**"Marty Rathbun and I were beating people up. I broke someone's ribs and beat him up. The guy got freaked out and then Marty piled on. There were others who got jumped on. Mike got beaten up by Marty and me."**

There was more. Because whether some twisted form of "battered wife syndrome" or another sort of anomaly all together, Rathbun and Rinder forged a bond. Hence this from Rinder himself:

**"I emulated Marty in many instances. I thought he was the person I should act like and I did. I became a clone of him, but totally subservient to him in all respects. I never disagreed with him on anything and was in tacit agreement with him that anything he did or said was okay."**

There's another ominous silence. Davis lets it settle, then explains that Rinder was, in fact, Rathbun's primary punching bag—which makes their present relationship all the more kinky. Be that as it may, he then adds:

**"The most famous incident came in January 2004 when inexplicably, out of nowhere, no forewarning, Marty Rathbun leapt onto Mike Rinder, tackled him to the ground, straddled him at the chest, grabbed him at the throat, choked him while banging his head into the floor, screaming at him, asking him a question repeatedly to the point that he was turning purple and**



**"They're bitter. They've got an ax to grind and I would hope that you could at least acknowledge that..."**

Joe Childs: **"We do."**

Yet Yingling is back to the heart of the matter—and relentlessly so:

**"That you would talk to these people without asking the Church why they left and the circumstances surrounding that, and listen to their accusations and their vitriol, then come to us three months later asking for a response ... I can convey my own personal outrage, particularly given the access that you were given to Mr. Miscavige [in 1998]. Your interview with him is the only one he's given in the time period since then till now."**

Childs after composing himself, then says:

**"Let me ask you what seems to be the primary question. Are we going to see David Miscavige today?"**

To which Yingling immediately replies:

**"Today, no. But you will see him—yes. As I told you on the phone, he is willing to talk to you and he will be interviewed, yes."**

Davis reinforces it:

**"Despite anything, we are very**

**they're doing whatever they are doing. They're bitter. They've got an ax to grind and I would hope that you could at least acknowledge that there is an ax to grind."**

Childs exchanges a glance with Tobin, then nods:

**"We do."**

But Yingling isn't finished:

**"They left because they were removed from post, demoted and they couldn't handle it. And now they're attacking the one individual who's responsible for what's really happening to the Church."**

Whereupon she pauses for emphasis, then locks onto Childs and delivers:

**"I have never seen such expansion and growth in the Church. And guess what? It's date-coincident with when those guys left. So that's the story: *The Church has grown more in the last five years since Rathbun left than it has in its entire history.*"**

At which point Davis drives it home:

# Life Decisions

**“Tom DeVocht liked and wanted to be connected to power and wanted to position himself as if he were powerful, when he really wasn’t in much of a position of power at all.”**

**—Jenny Linson, ex-wife and former administrative senior to S.P. Times source Tom DeVocht**



Tom DeVocht tells Joe Childs and Tom Tobin he had witnessed “75 to 100 instances of violence.” Of those instances, he would only elaborate on five, one of which was physically impossible given the alleged perpetrator was out of state at the time he said it occurred. Only two were corroborated by others—who conveniently happened to be Childs’ and Tobin’s other sources.

Meanwhile, DeVocht’s 20-plus aggravated assaults on staff members were independently documented by more than 25 witnesses.

Also now documented: In his capacity as Church construction manager, DeVocht wasted millions in parishioner donations. To wit:

**“Specifically and in short... I committed financial crimes by signing work orders and committing expenses without any authority. It was thought—very incorrectly—that I must be informing Chairman of the Board of what I was doing and how much I was spending on the project. *This was not the case.*”**

In a retrospective examination of his modus operandi, after he was removed from his staff position for his financial overspends, he further admitted:

**“I would never even consider I was doing wrong unless I was caught out and then my only sorrow was for being caught.... Lying was not wrong unless I was caught out and couldn’t lie my way out of it—the actual wrongdoing wasn’t wrong if I could get away with it.”**

Add to that a rap sheet citing counts of:

- Enlisting a convicted felon to broker a Church property acquisition, losing the building and \$1 million in the process.
- Serving as a co-conspirator in suborning perjury and obstructing justice.
- Squandering his wife’s inheritance behind her back to the tune of \$100,000.
- Selling his wife’s vehicle in her absence and despite her dismay, proceeding to sell her next car several years later, again in

her absence, both times absconding with the profits.

- And pilfering from his wife’s grandmother on his wedding day.

DeVocht formerly sold used furniture on eBay that he collected as a “repo man” from delinquent self-storage units. He then moved on to selling used furniture in a garage storefront, partnered with a woman who explains that she and DeVocht “just hit it off when they met at a swap meet.”

The point: One need only contrast his home, which is best described as a matchbox with a latrine, with where he once lived. As Ms. Linson states:

**“I can only imagine the bitterness of having lost such an incredible game and exciting life, including me and my family. He left in 2005. We were right on the precipice of a level of expansion that we had only previously dreamed would happen.**

**“He’s never going to have a life like that again. I’m sure he’s not very happy; I can imagine he’s miserable. He liked that life...[he] wanted to be connected to power and wanted to position himself as if he was powerful, when he really wasn’t in much of a position of power at all. I can only imagine his emotions, driving through Clearwater, seeing our stunning buildings and what he could have been a part of.”**

It is in light of all this and more that DeVocht was enlisted as the second “source” for the *S.P. Times* story for reasons Joe Childs describes as both professional and personal:

Childs:

**“I knew him from our work and so did Tom Tobin.**

**“So we thought, ‘Well gosh, who else has made some similar life decisions?’”**

requiring him to be peeled off by five grown men, none of whom is shorter than 6 feet tall, some of whom are as much as 6 foot 4.”

And were that not enough, Davis continues:

**“Shortly thereafter another gentleman saw Marty Rathbun walking by muttering something about Mike. He thought it was kind of strange. He followed Marty. At which point Marty found Mike again, threw him to the ground, punched him repeatedly. This individual pulled Marty off Mike**

and Mike stood up again. But if that weren’t enough, Marty was winding up to punch Mike again—in the kidneys this time. So this individual threw his arms around Mike, because he thought Marty was going to punch him in the kidneys.

Marty’s blow connected with his titanium watch, because his arms were wrapped around Mike and the blow snapped the watch-strap in half. At which point, he pulled Mike away, who was bleeding from his ear and had contusions around his head and took

him off to get medical attention.

**“That was the last time Marty Rathbun saw Mike Rinder in the Sea Org (the Church religious order).”**

When Tobin is either unsettled or shocked, he ceases taking notes and casts a questioning glance at Childs. He was doing that now, but Childs had no answer to the question of the moment—namely:

*If Mike Rinder had left the Church in protest of abuse, then why the hell was he running with the very same man who abused him?*

But Yingling adds—and this is eye to eye with Childs:

**“Did he [Marty] tell you about beating up Mike?”**

Tobin goes on the defense:

**“Yes [he said] they had their moments.”**

Where just earlier Childs had stated:

**“They were friends for 20 years. They remained friends.”**

To which Davis laughs, so do Yingling and Walsh. But Feshbach is unsmiling when she asks:

**“How do you define friends?”**

Childs well knows the joke’s on him but he can’t think of anything else to say except:

**“How do I define friends? Supportive.”**

Tobin making a lame attempt at any defense:

**“Well, I mean Marty said to us all through this, ‘I have my transgressions, I’ve attacked people as well.’”**

And that’s when Walsh cuts in with his closer:

**“That’s an understatement.”**

**allegations and we can assure you Mike has been all over the media worldwide denying those allegations.... They must have been lying once. Were they lying then or are they lying now? But they couldn’t have been telling the truth both times when they have said exactly the opposite.”**

Childs knows where this is going, but he has no choice but to agree:

**“That’s right, they couldn’t have been telling the truth.”**

Walsh, because he wants it on the record:

**“So they’re either lying then or they’re lying now.”**

Yingling, because she wants it hammered on the wall that Rinder vehemently denied allegations of abuse when interviewed by the BBC in April 2007:

**“Rinder denied these allegations on camera. There’s statement after statement. There are also statements [of denial] in your article.”**

Childs is momentarily dazed:

documented her improprieties and lapse of fiduciary duty—to which Childs and Tobin nodded sanctimoniously.

But now Davis presses the point further, inquiring:

**“Did she share with you her reason why [she left]?”**

Childs nods again, this time perfunctorily:

**“Yes.”**

But Davis won’t let loose:

**“For having an affair?”**

Childs:

**“She said there were allegations that she had an affair, [which] she said [were] not true. She said she never had any contact outside of her husband.”**

Davis—bluntly, factually:

**“That’s a lie.”**

Childs—with a hint of exasperation as if to suggest Davis is splitting hairs:

**“She did bring up with us a pre-marital affair she had as a teenager here at Flag.”**

There’s another meaningful pause, then Davis explains the Church would prefer not to air dirty laundry. But inasmuch as Scobee is now flatly lying—Feshbach tells all:

**“She has a written admission [of] each one of her instances of extramarital indiscretions... I believe there were five.”**

After which the reporters have a difficult time disguising their dismay—not about the sexual indiscretions, but the fact their own source was lying to them.

## >>First-hand Accounts

There’s another critical turn at this point in the conversation, and it follows from the fact Childs and Tobin still maintain that, regardless of previous statements to the contrary, their sources are now presenting “first-hand accounts” of what they personally observed.

Very well, Yingling and company reply, then let all concerned hear from those with another set of first-hand accounts—very much including the former wives of Rathbun, DeVocht and Rinder.

For if this is “Journalism 101,” then surely the *S.P. Times* must at least entertain the first-hand accounts of more than four now highly questionable sources.



**“You can’t do a piece on Mr. Miscavige without understanding where the Church is at.”**

## >>Two Lies Don’t Make the Truth

There’s a somewhat tangential conversation at this juncture, but it’s crucial. It concerns a now observable phenomenon that Childs and Tobin increasingly cling to their story as contrary evidence continues to mount. In this case, that Rathbun and Rinder, when previously serving as “PR flacks” for the Church, had denied the very allegations they were now alleging. Thus, Childs’ subtle defense and justification—it’s all the more evident now that his people were obviously lying through their teeth.

Yingling:

**“Marty and Mike were leading the pack in denying those allegations [of abuse] when they were interviewed by you [for the 1998 *S.P. Times* David Miscavige profile] and you actually quoted Marty denying those**

**“By Marty? You know, Marty told us, he said, ‘You know, I lied to you about that.’ Because we hit him with it right off the bat.”**

But Yingling is immediately on it:

**“Of course, he has to say that. Otherwise he’s lying now. That’s clear.”**

And Yingling has another cogent point to make—perhaps the most damning of all:

**“Mike has actually made declarations in court under penalty of perjury, saying that these allegations of many kinds of physical violence are absurd and rubbish as well.”**

Whereupon Childs can only manage a mumbled:

**“OK.”**

There’s more, because it’s also at this conversational turn that Scobee comes to the fore. At issue were the circumstances of her removal from executive echelons of Church management. Davis has already

## Justice

### Marty Rathbun

[See *Public Announcement*, p.56]

#### Ecclesiastical Crimes:

- While in the Church, conducting Scientology spiritual counseling for levels he is not trained to deliver and without ecclesiastical authorization, resulting in cancellation of his certificates
- Squirreling Scientology by inventing auditing processes in direct contravention to Church Scriptures
- Unauthorized use of the materials of Dianetics and Scientology
- Inhibiting the progress of Scientologists onto the upper levels

#### Violations of State and Federal Laws:

- Suborning Perjury\*
- Obstruction of Justice (destruction of evidence)\*
- Conspiracy to Obstruct Justice\*
- Driving While Intoxicated\*

### Mike Rinder

#### Ecclesiastical Crimes:

- Failure to complete a single required course in the New Era of Management training line-up or the Golden Age of Tech line-up
- Squirreling Scientology by intentionally altering the technology of Scientology and attempting to then issue perverted Scriptures to parishioners

#### Violations of State and Federal Laws:

- Conspiracy to Obstruct Justice\*

\* Disclosed for the first time to and ignored by the S.P. Times.

To which Childs incredibly replies:  
“Well, it’s our interest to talk to those individuals. It is not essential that we talk to them *prior* to publication.”

Yingling remains outwardly calm:

“That is very worrisome. You say you want first-hand accounts?”

When Childs doesn’t answer, Davis reiterates it:

“You just said that you don’t consider it necessary in finalizing the story to talk to the people that your [sources are] claiming were attacked.”

In a rare moment of insight, Tobin now sees where this discussion is headed:

“So, what’s your theory of the case? That [our] three people have overactive imaginations or just invented all these things out of whole cloth?”

Yingling has been waiting for this one:

“They know there is nothing else out there that can be used to try to attack David Miscavige. There is no other lie that they can use to attack him. So they picked up the age-old lie, and all of these allegations you can find on the Internet.... But guess what? You know, some of them were beat up.... You know by who? Marty Rathbun.”

## >>Hear No Scientologist, See No Scientology

As Childs and Tobin cannot possibly report on Mr. David Miscavige without some sense of where he has led Scientology, the discussion takes another turn yet again.

Davis has remarked that since he and Childs last met in March, Mr. Miscavige had been establishing—right down to adjusting designs, layout and functionality—three new Churches of Scientology. The feat was all the more remarkable inasmuch as construction had only begun in January; while by the end of April Mr. Miscavige not only completed the combined 133,000 square feet of renovations, he had also crisscrossed the globe to open those Churches. They now stand in Malmö, Sweden; Dallas, Texas; and Nashville, Tennessee.

And that was just the beginning, Davis emphasized, because Mr. Miscavige had additionally overseen the purchase of 70 new Church premises—nearly 500,000

square feet of which were presently under construction. Add to that a doubling in size of Church inhouse digital publishing facilities for global dissemination of L. Ron Hubbard’s books and lectures—and there is a snapshot of how the Chairman of the Board spends his days.

So it is that Davis now invites Childs and Tobin to tour the world of Mr. Miscavige and thereby gain their own “first-hand accounts” of what he has brought to fruition with L. Ron Hubbard’s technology. In particular, Davis asks them to take advantage of Mr. Miscavige’s “full access” invitation and examine for themselves those new Ideal Churches of Scientology in Nashville and Dallas. He further invites them to spend a day aboard the newly refit *Freewinds* and otherwise consider the face of Scientology. For how else can they presume to intelligently interview the man?

Or as Davis actually phrases it:

“You don’t have any clue as to what’s happening within the Church right now. And you can’t do a piece on Mr. Miscavige without understanding where the Church is at.”

Childs shakes his head:

“We’re not going to go.”

Davis—genuinely:

“Well, I’d like to take you to the *Freewinds*. I’d like you to see places like Nashville or Dallas.”

Childs—with an angry edge:

“No.”

Davis—still persisting if only because he cannot believe what he’s hearing:

“I definitely want to see you out in LA at Bridge Publications. And it isn’t just the physical locations, it’s the people in those locations—people who work with Mr. Miscavige.”

But Childs again shakes his head:

“You can educate us on this without us traveling around.”

Davis cuts him off:

“Well, you went to Denver, Seattle and Texas, didn’t you?”

Tobin begins to mouth a reply, which is what he does when searching for words. But all he finally says is:

“No.”

Davis is on him in an instant:

“No? Where did you meet with Amy Scobee?”

Childs tries to cover:  
**“Here, when she came to visit some relatives.”**

Davis—knowing the reporters are still lying in substance:

**“And you went to Texas to see Marty?”**

Childs is cornered:

**“Yes.”**

So Davis presses it home:

**“And you went to Denver to see Mike?”**

Childs with a note of resignation:

**“Yes.”**

Davis—satisfied he’s made his point:

**“Good.”**

But Childs still remains unyielding:

**“We’ll come to LA.”** (Meaning he would interview Mr. Miscavige in Los Angeles, but nothing else.)

## >> The Critical Date

Notwithstanding the previous exchange, there’s now a subtle

**critical one, and you have said he will talk to us.”**

Childs again, now outright buoyantly:

**“I did not come into this building and expect to leave with that sentence in my pocket.”**

To which he adds in direct contradiction to all earlier statements of urgency:

**“We’ll carry the date back to our camp and talk about it. We’d be thrilled to interview him.”**

There’s more, because only moments thereafter Childs is further conceding:

**“We need to go back to these people, with statements that we have heard today. We need to say to Marty, ‘There is this allegation. What about these instances?’ You know that account you read, can you just give it to us? With the five guys pulling him off Rinder. We need to ask him about that.**

**“That’s the kind of thing we need to go back to our people about.”**

He likewise vows to question Scobee regarding the extramarital relationships.

- Rathbun being busted and demoted.
- Rathbun engaging in a reign of terror.
- Documents in Rathbun’s own handwriting.
- DeVocht’s admissions of gross negligence.
- The declaration by Scobee.

Childs additionally inquires after Scobee’s sexual misconduct and extramarital affairs. He specifically wants to know, “how many?” The point being: Scobee had not told Childs about her sexual relations with an individual she was reportedly counseling—a breach which had led to her dismissal from Church staff. “We only knew of one when she was a teenager at 17.”

When Davis assures Childs the documents are forthcoming, Childs lodges another request to speak to the ex-wives of Rathbun, DeVocht and Rinder.

To which Davis again replies without hesitation: “They definitely *want* to talk to you.”

All of which returns Childs to what’s obviously foremost on his mind—the July 6 interview with Mr. David Miscavige. As he tells Davis, “We know you guys have a date on the calendar and we *appreciate* that.”

Childs further inquires whether July 6 is the only date available. Davis reiterates, “No earlier than that. That’s right.”


And so it was “the switch-up” became a “switch-down.” Because while Childs had previously earmarked the week of May 25 as a *last* chance to respond, he is now telling Davis the timetable is in flux.

## June 4, 2009:

Yingling and Davis contact Childs to confirm the requested material will be hand-couriered in a matter of hours. In much the same breath, however, Yingling explains there is another sheaf of documents best presented in person. Accordingly, she doesn’t want to send them along without having an opportunity to discuss their implications.

A cordial Childs amicably replies that he and Tobin are available the “next week.”

A meeting is then set for the following Wednesday, June 10 in Clearwater, and Yingling again reconfirms the David



Joe Childs: **“As I said, ‘there is critical and there is critical’ and Mr. Miscavige is the critical one, and you have said he will talk to us.”**

but interesting shift in the Tobin-Childs demeanor. Childs in particular concedes that Church revelations concerning his sources have left him uneasy, and suggests that perhaps his timetable might not be as rigid as previously represented.

As a matter of fact, all he now wants to know is when could he sit down with Mr. Miscavige?

Walsh fields the question without hesitation:

**“Mr. Miscavige has agreed to meet with you and go over everything, total access. And that would be a significant, newsworthy event.”**

Childs—also with no hesitation:

**“What’s the date?”**

Davis—as if to put it in stone:

**“July 6.”**

Childs—and he’s now visibly excited:

**“As I said, ‘there is critical and there is critical’ and Mr. Miscavige is the**

While in summation:

**“We got a lot of work done today from this side of the table. We are going to need to talk. We will review our notes. We will review our thinking and I will have to call back.”**

## >> Switch-Up, Switch-Down

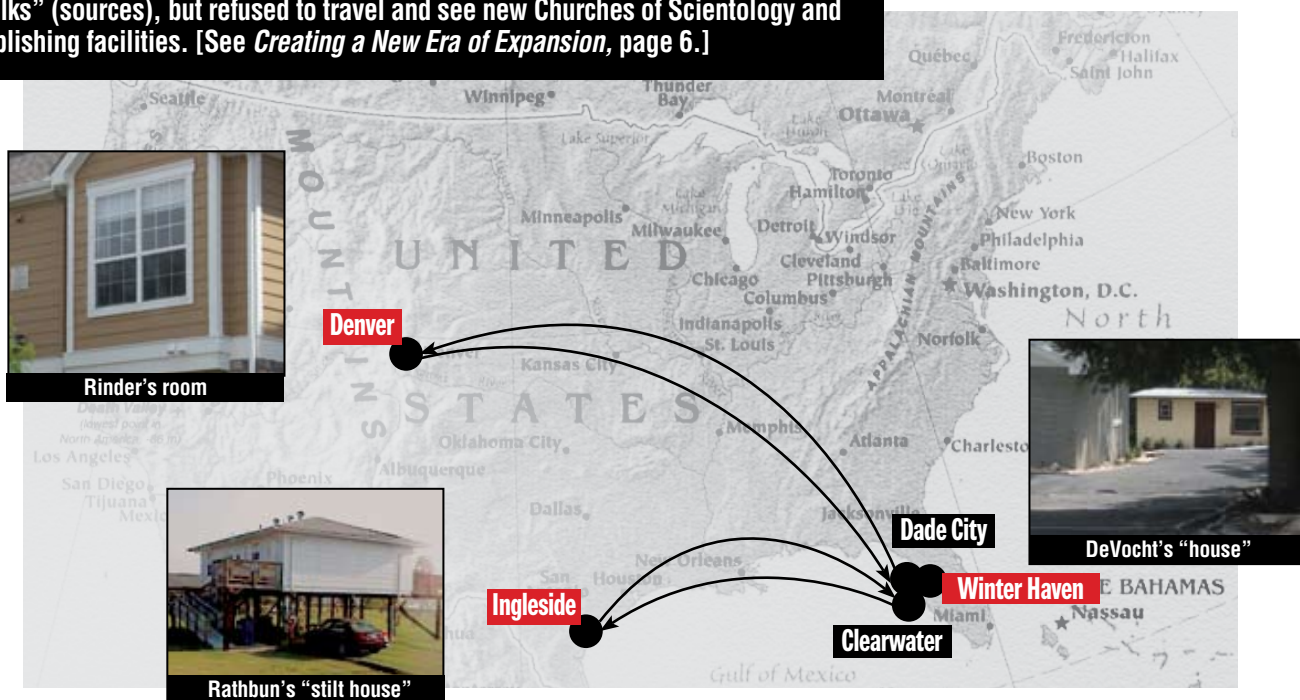
### June 2, 2009:

Three business days have passed since the meeting on May 28, and Childs now telephones with a cordial follow-up to a Davis and Yingling offer to supply documents cited in the meeting of May 28.

Childs proceeds to list what he refers to as the “primary documents of interest.” Most particularly:

- Internet posts attributed to Rathbun that speak of planning an overthrow.

**S.P. Times reporters Tobin and Childs spent 13 weeks traveling to see their “folks” (sources), but refused to travel and see new Churches of Scientology and publishing facilities. [See *Creating a New Era of Expansion*, page 6.]**



Miscavige interview as set for the 6th of July: “Mr. Miscavige’s schedule is clear. And if you would like to speak to him, he *will* be available.” She then emphasizes that Mr. Miscavige “doesn’t mess around on these kinds of things. You should know that.”

Childs—as straight as he ever is: “We’ve got the date on the calendar.”

### June 10, 2009:

The Church has now compiled an additional thousand column-inches of documentation—all of it exposing *S.P. Times* sources. Simultaneously, Davis and Feshbach have also now arranged interviews with key Church executives who will provide firsthand accounts of Rathbun and company abuses. These interviews are scheduled to commence immediately on completion of the OT Summit week. Finally, and also as a prelude to the much-anticipated David Miscavige interview, an incisive tour of representative Church facilities is scheduled for both reporters.

Meanwhile, back in the *S.P. Times* camp, Childs and Tobin have studied the 2,000 column inches. They posed no follow-up questions and arrive at the Fort Harrison’s Colonial Conference Room in all apparent eagerness to receive the next thousand inches.

All key players are present: Childs and Tobin on one side of the table; Davis,

Feshbach, Yingling and Walsh on the other.

The binders are also conspicuously present, and Church counsel and representatives now walk the reporters through the contents.

Included is a Rathbun admission citing more than 50 counts of physical and verbal abuse on fellow staff members, e.g.:

**“I threw him up against a wall, then grabbed him and forcibly led him outside into private for a tongue-lashing.”**

And,

**“I chased him and tackled him down the stairs and shoved his head into the corner, holding his jaw for several seconds while giving him a severe reality adjustment.”**

In all, this portion of the documentation evidences incidents of violence on 22 individuals—all of them in Mr. Miscavige’s absence.

There is another set of documents concerning Scobee. It catalogs gross executive incompetence coupled with sexual misconduct.

There’s another again on Tom DeVocht, who freely confesses to wasting millions in Church funds through botched construction projects.

Initially Childs and Tobin are silent. Childs says only:

**“Right.”**

There’s another telling moment when

Feshbach asks if Rathbun had ever mentioned the beatings to either reporter.

To which Tobin replies:  
**“No, nothing like this.”**

The now obvious point: Never once, in 13 weeks of their “Journalism 101” investigation, did Childs or Tobin ask a single probing question of their sources. They merely provided them a forum to vent. And as even a cub reporter would have surmised, it was all motivated by their sources’ desire to “get” Mr. Miscavige.

It concludes with a phrase originally uttered on the 28th. It’s a phrase that even appears in the Tobin-Childs article. But it’s watered down and buried amidst a mass of unrelated statements, which is a classic tabloid trick. Nevertheless, by the 10th of June, Childs indeed had a story about physical abuse:

**“You just have the names wrong.... Literally, the names are wrong.”**

All again ends on a seemingly congenial note. Davis begins by saying:

**“I think the best thing to do is for us to just stay in communication. We are continuing to provide you with things.”**

But Childs is still pondering the sheer weight of the documentation:

**“This obviously took some time. We’re glad to have it. It was *real* helpful. Don’t you agree?”** (Turning to Tobin.)

Tobin nods.

Davis then concludes with a summary statement that reads:

**“Can you now understand why we said, ‘If we just send them this, how’s that going to...’”**

But it’s Tobin who now cuts in to assure Davis the meeting was vital:

**“No, it needed you here to explain it all.”**

Davis then assures Childs of continued cooperation:

**“Stay in touch and if you think of anything else.... In reading through it [the materials provided], if there is something you don’t understand, just call me and we can figure it out.”**

## **>>The Final Whipsaw**

**June 11 - 16, 2009:**

Davis, Yingling and company have now departed Clearwater, while Childs and Tobin allegedly “circle back” to present “their people” with a new round of questions.

Concurrently, Mr. Miscavige is now finalizing presentations and materials relative to major strategic strides he will announce starting June 21 at the “OT Summit.”

Although the ball is officially in the Tobin-Childs court, Davis, Feshbach, Yingling and Walsh continue scheduling for the tours they hope the reporters will entertain.

**June 17, 2009:**

**11**:15 a.m. PST: Childs telephones Davis.

Childs confirms he indeed circled back to his sources—in particular with questions for Rathbun. Rathbun copped to it and confirmed a final and especially brutal assault on Rinder:

“Marty mentioned to me people he hit. *You were right*. He verified the list you gave us and added some names we didn’t have.”

To which Childs adds: “It is a long list. That too will be in the article.”

Childs also tells of questioning Rinder—and yes: “Mike said Marty hit him, pretty much the way you described it.”

In other words, everything the Church had told the *Times* was true. And in 13 weeks of so-called objective journalistic “investigation,” the *Times* had discovered none of it.

*This document was self originated and self authored by Marty Rathbun. It is a description of his misconduct, failings and ecclesiastic crimes—in his own words.*

*This document was provided to the S.P. Times.*

28 September 2003

## **Public Announcement**

I am writing this public announcement to inform executives and staff that I have come to my senses and I am no longer committing present time overts and have ceased all attacks and suppressions on Scientology. I am applying Steps A-E of HCO PL *Suppressive Acts Suppression of Scientology and Scientologists* because my continuous actions over the past two decades have suppressed Scientology dissemination and the purposes of this base. It has been carefully masked by a facade of being important or working on important things. It is all the more insidious because that “importance” has been by association with COB.

...

I instigated a pattern of operation that is 180 degrees opposite to the purpose of orgs, this base, and ethics and justice. By enforcing parts of this pattern on others by order or example, I have driven in the following pattern.

Hear of a bugged production area. Bypass all seniors and base HCOs, and find a target.... Interrogate the individual for personal out ethics and bad intentions.

Write up a report...that contains lurid details, making the target out to be an incorrigible threat.

Write it in such a way that some senior or [personnel officer] feels compelled to take the target off post or tell the person myself he is busted. Write the report in such a way to justify my existence by proving the base is dangerous and requires my “services.”

Do nothing to get the target replaced. Do nothing to get out the product that the target was not getting produced.

...

The end result is unmocked org form, overworked and enturbulated executives and staff, bad news about the intentions and activities of staff members, lowering production and morale and the creation of “threats” to justify my own existence and suppressive operating basis.

This suppressive operating basis was employed to try to maintain the false impression that I have some other production record externally that warrants me maintaining a high position. In fact, this is a fraud I have perpetrated. On external lines my operation is the same—it consists of the [suppressive] characteristic of only restimulating and never



destimulating. That is, when there is a threatening situation or suit, I get the [external affairs] staff and attorneys wound up toward "destroying the threat." This has resulted in some very expensive situations becoming much bigger than they were (specifically the Wollersheim case ...) and winding up on COB's plate to terminatedly handle. Each and every time on major situations, COB has had to intervene to clean up wars I had exacerbated. For example, left to my own devices in handling IRS litigation, the end result would undoubtedly have been no exemption, a billion-dollar tax bill, and possible shutting down of the Church. I have developed a slick false PR technique of positioning myself as having been integral in handling threats during and after the fact, when they are actually terminatedly handled by COB. By calculation I have lost the Church 43 million dollars on losses and expenses that could have been avoided.

By perpetuating these operations internally and externally, the worst suppression has been visited upon COB RTC. It is the worst suppression because COB RTC is the person who has single-handedly salvaged Scientology from potential external ruin, and single-handedly salvaged Scientology itself by holding the line technically, administratively, and on dissemination. Had he not been here and done what he has, Scientology would have been lost. There is no slightest doubt about that. The cumulative amount of COB's time I have cost in terms of dropping balls, creating situations internally and externally, is on the order of eight years. If that time were recouped, there is no doubt we would have at least double to triple the amount of orgs, ...we'd have thousands of missions...and we would be very well on the way to a clear planet.

The motivations for these acts are a psychotic computation for self-preservation: keep enough chaos and threat stirred up in the environment, make myself appear to be a solution to it instead of the instigator of it, and lots of people go down and remain in turmoil while I go unrecognized as the source of it and survive.

I recognize my actions have been unfounded and ignorant and destructive in the extreme. There is no conspiracy connected with this pattern of suppression, except a portion of it. That is Mike Rinder who has gone into tacit agreement with me on making nothing of situations, false reporting on them, and allowing them to expand until they explode on COB's plate to handle. The rest of the operation described in this announcement is an individuated and psychotic activity. I know of no one who agrees with it or condones it, or who participated in some part of it except by having been sufficiently electrified or intimidated by me to act reactively or to think it was somehow pro-survival for the group.

(signed by Marty Rathbun)

Immediately thereafter, however, the conversation shifts, and Davis is suddenly cognizant that *something* has dramatically changed.

Childs' voice is now flat, cold. He informs Davis that Rinder is no longer merely fact-checking, the man has also now "agreed to answer questions on the record" and is corroborating a number of Rathbun's allegations. Childs then lists out a litany of new allegations from Rinder. He then bluntly says: "It's Wednesday. And if you wish to respond, you should do it sooner rather than later."

At which point the exchanges continue in kind with Davis asking, "Does that mean you're going to press this weekend?"

But this time Childs is evasive, saying only that he "can't be definite about when we will publish."

Davis is astonished, "My God! So you've actually made the decision to not wait and talk to Mr. Miscavige? Is that the decision that's actually been made?"

Childs replies, "I *didn't* say that."

But, in fact, he's now merely paying lip service to a fundamental code of journalistic ethics which absolutely mandates that persons attacked in print be afforded every opportunity to set the record straight. So what's really driving events now is that rather than circling back to their sources with probing questions drawn from Church documentation, Childs and Tobin spent the last seven days covering their bases.

Which is to say: knowing their sources were annihilated, and knowing Rathbun testimony was tainted with repeated lies, Childs and Tobin brought in Rinder to corroborate. In consequence, and likewise now knowing he must prepare to deal with Rinder's allegations, Davis concludes the conversation by telling Childs he would review the new allegations and get back to him. However, not without confirming, "You've laid out everything you need to fill me in on?"

Childs responds succinctly: "Yes. You know how to reach me."

**June 18, 2009:**

The last pieces fall into place through a second telephone call 28 hours later.

In light of the Childs turnabout, Davis and Yingling call the reporter at approximately three o'clock in the afternoon to explain they have rearranged their schedules and

## S.P. Times Source #1

# The Chronicles of Betrayal

**“So Marty tells us that he hit a wall, he couldn’t take it anymore and so that when the rest of the group went back to the room, he snuck away and left on his motorcycle.”**

—Tom Tobin

But what he did not tell *S.P. Times* reporters Tom Tobin and Joe Childs was, in his own words, **“a web of lies so complex it would take pages to recount.”**

Included in the chronicle:

- How Marty Rathbun successfully torpedoed a 1986 settlement on a harassment suit, thereby extending the case 20 years and racking up legal expenditures to upwards of \$20 million.
- How his actions would have prevented Church recognition by the Internal Revenue Service. And how he then deserted (blew), sneaking away in a rented car in 1993, even as parishioners were celebrating their historic IRS victory.
- How he suborned perjury, destroyed evidence and otherwise obstructed justice in a case, hiding his involvement and costing the Church tens of millions.
- How he admitted to his **“proven proclivity for creating some of the greatest catastrophes in Church history when allowed to have some leash.”**
- And how after concluding, **“I have not confronted the magnitude of the harm visited upon Scientology and thus mankind through my losing ways,”** he again snuck away—this time on the Yamaha motorcycle cited in his story to the *S.P. Times*.

**12 noon, Tuesday, February 3, 2004:**

In what he himself describes as a “surrealistic scene,” Rathbun tells of deserting and heading for the desert,

where he cruises to a stop and approaches the father of a nine-year-old boy.

“I know this doesn’t make any sense,” he tells the father, “but this is my bike and I don’t need it no more. And your kid loves it, so take the bike.”

As it certainly did not make sense, police were soon contacting the Church address where the bike was registered to find out if the bike had been stolen. For, after all, what right-minded individual would give a 550 cc motorcycle to a kid who could hardly see over the handlebars much less mount the thing.

Regardless, Rathbun then rents a nondescript vehicle and heads north along the California coast with a bottle of Jose Cuervo tequila on the passenger seat. The next morning, he awakens amidst the wreckage, telephones his wife in tears, and makes his way to the Scientology retreat in Clearwater, Florida.

There, he is provided a three-bedroom, two-bath apartment shared with a pet chihuahua. He is additionally provided with upwards of \$85,000 in medical care to treat a shopping list of outstanding complaints, including:

- All varicose veins and small calcium deposits are removed, as are gallstones.
- A colonoscopy is prescribed with secondary laser surgery to remove polyps.
- While an MRI reveals he suffered no serious structural damage when he demolished his rented vehicle, a chiropractor is nonetheless enlisted for evening spinal adjustments.
- He is further provided access to a private exercise facility, placed on a medically supervised nutritional regime, and given part-time vocational training in a Church carpentry mill (a job he expressly requested).

Following his 10-month sabbatical, on Sunday, December 12, 2004, he ended his career in the Sea Organization, which he described to the *S.P. Times*:

**“It was the last day of the football season and all I wanted to do was watch a football game. So on a Sunday, I put an extra change of underwear in my carry bag [and] just kept walking. Found a hole in the wall bar, got drunk with some guy off the street, hung out till four o’clock in the morning, ate a pizza in**

will board a *third* flight to Clearwater—this time to provide reporters with documentation concerning Rinder. They are also now prepared to bring on those Church executives Childs and Tobin have previously requested to interview. Davis concludes that the Church is available on Wednesday, and would like confirmation Childs and Tobin are available.

Childs disregards the effort and announces for the first time: “Our position is that the Church can respond today or tomorrow.”

Davis is nonplussed, telling Childs it was made clear from the outset that the people they requested to interview—the alleged victims of violence—*wanted* to speak to the *Times*: “We still maintain those people are available to you.”

Childs responds, and he obviously couldn’t care less: “We are not *willing* to wait till next Wednesday.”

It’s at this point that Yingling raises the most critical issue of all—the original Tobin-Childs request for a David Miscavige interview. It’s a request Mr. Miscavige has

honored from day one and it’s still on calendar for the 6th of July: “So are you now saying that you *don’t* want to interview Mr. Miscavige after he agreed to be interviewed?”

The Childs position is almost inconceivable: “We are not waiting until July 6 to talk to Mr. Miscavige.”

Davis, searching for some shred of logic: “How can you do a full story without talking to the person who is the focus of the story?”

Yet by now Childs is simply repeating stock answers:

## Rathbun's "Posse"



1. Rathbun's "friend" Jason Beghe.  
2. Jason Beghe as Anonymous poster-child with religious hatemonger Larry Wollersheim. 3. Beghe with German anti-religionist Ursula Caberta and friends. 4. Matt Argall, who gives financial handouts to Rathbun in exchange for promised Kha-Khan ethics status. 5. Steve Hall, the "webmaster," who claims to have had a major role in the creation of the universe.

### Out of the Park and Into the Pit

Rathbun now lives, by his own description, in a stilt house in Texas with his girlfriend and dog. He claims to be a writer but according to one of those he's been soliciting for employment, he in fact pushes a broom to make ends meet.

Appearing on Rathbun's web page is a photograph of himself arm in arm with one Jason Beghe. He is a more often than not unemployed actor who is best known for casting himself in the role of a vocal and disturbed ex-Scientologist. He is known across the Internet fringe as a poster-child for Anonymous cyber-terrorists who have repeatedly targeted Churches of Scientology.

Beghe is further known to have orchestrated hate marches, most notably at Churches of Scientology in New York and San Francisco. He is joined at the latter by long-time anti-religious litigant and hatemonger Larry Wollersheim. Ironically enough, it was none other than Rathbun who was responsible for defending the Church from Wollersheim. This was one of his first major legal subversions when he torpedoed an early settlement so he could fight instead. Beghe is additionally known as a paid mouthpiece for Germany's foremost anti-religionist, Ursula Caberta, and his portrait now hangs in the Los Angeles County Criminal Justice Division for aggravated assault of a process server—an assault committed while the *Times* was preparing this story.

Hence, the retort to Tom Tobin when attempting to characterize Rathbun as a practicing Scientologist:

**"So that's who Rathbun is associating with. He's the very antithesis of a Scientologist and a self-appointed enemy."**

Meanwhile, his "client" and "webmaster" Steve Hall claims he created the universe in league with Jesus Christ and Siddhartha Gautama (Buddha).

**"So what's your theory of the case? That these people have overactive imaginations and just invented all these things out of whole cloth?" —Tom Tobin**

**the park with the guy, then got on a bus for Orlando.... And that was the end of it."**

So much for his story that he left in protest of "abuses" endured...

While as for what other tales Rathbun would tell after munching pizza in a park, he was soon to inform Church officials of a "five-year plan" to inaugurate a grassroots campaign for L. Ron Hubbard's Study Technology. It was by no means an impossible dream and such programs are already extant in disadvantaged neighborhoods all over Tampa Bay. But by the end of those five years, Rathbun was hardly rolling out a literacy program. On the contrary, he was sinking into oblivion.

"We have talked to you folks for 17 hours.  
"We're a news organization.

"We've listened carefully and now it's time to go."

And when bluntly asked why he was willing to publish a story about the Church with allegations about its leader without even interviewing the subject of that story, all he can finally admit to is: "I didn't expect that you guys would say, 'Ok, you can interview him.' So I thought, 'Well, gosh. This is probably a story that he is not gonna sit and talk to us.'"

The admission was stunning. The *Times* had banked on the target of their attack *not* responding to their allegations. Now the *Times* would *cancel* it so he *couldn't* respond.

Finally, when asked why he was willing to forego all other previously scheduled interviews (interviews *requested* by the *Times*) and why he likewise refused to tour Church facilities, he simply shrugs it off with another stock tagline: "Not for *this* story."

But there was something else Childs said, which evidenced either his irresponsibility or that someone else

was pulling the strings: "This isn't a Joe Childs decision." To which he later added in emphasis: "This is an organizational decision."

### >> The Eleventh-Hour Shuffle

What the *S.P. Times* would later characterize as the Church of Scientology's "Eleventh-Hour Appeal" commenced on June 19, 2009. It was so named for what the

*S.P. Times* would seem to have regarded as an inside joke—that they were granting the Church clemency from a death sentence. After all, everybody in the Tampa/St. Pete area knew the *Times* saw itself as judge, jury and executioner, not to mention *emperor* of the Gulf Coast. But, in fact, all that died on the 19th of June were the last remaining vestiges of journalistic integrity.

All began when Church executives *insist* on traveling to Clearwater to personally present their own first-hand accounts. To effect exactly that, Davis arranges a convergence of nearly two dozen people into Clearwater, including a dozen International Management executives who have known and worked with Mr. Miscavige for decades and whom the *Times* supposedly requested to interview just weeks earlier. Also arriving from New York and Washington, DC, are Church counsel Yingling and Walsh. All are determined to speak to Childs and Tobin.

Tobin and Childs are wary, but with Davis, Yingling, Walsh and Feshbach pressing, the reporters resentfully begin to hear from those who best knew Rathbun, DeVocht, Rinder and Scobee.

Included therein are ex-wives, two of whom were their former husbands' superiors, and they describe exactly how the men had lied.

There are also victims of Rathbun abuse who detail every blow. There are still more again from those who worked with Mr. Miscavige for decades.

It is in reply to all this, then, that Childs keeps asking:

**“Are we ready to just go? Let’s go.”**

Tobin:

**“You’re dumping. This is a dumping thing, you’re dumping them on us.”**

Childs:

**“We’re on our way. We’re on our way.”**

And so it went until Childs and Tobin indeed pull the plug. Those left standing

**“No. We are not waiting till July the 6th.”**

Of course, the *Times* knows Mr. Miscavige is out of the country and not available until the 6th of July, immediately following his return to the States.

Davis:

**“So what happens now, Joe?”**

Childs with still no recognizable emotion:

**“We publish our story when we get it ready.”**

In fact, the Tobin-Childs story was all but written and all that remained was the pretense of objectivity in the face of facts such as these:

- That the reporters had spent more than 500 hours and *13 weeks* in three states developing their story, and had even flown in one source to convince another to formally “go on record.”
- That in contrast to those 13 weeks and 500 hours the Church was afforded barely 30 hours over three weeks. Moreover, even while meeting with the Church, the reporters continued “massaging” their sources for stories... Which, all told, means Tobin and Childs devoted more than 16 weeks to “their folks.”

• And that in the end, had they only waited another two weeks as previously agreed, they could have *at least* fulfilled their first and foremost obligation to meet with the man whom they were ultimately writing about. (While despite the urgency with which they supposedly “rushed to press,” they spend the morning after publication breakfasting Scobee at an International House of Pancakes in Clearwater.)

It was also now incumbent on reporters to cloud the fact that through those 16 weeks they never once revealed the focus of their story was Mr. Miscavige—*exclusively*. In that regard, it was a liar’s game from the start: first requesting an interview, then summarily cancelling it—and all the while knowing the jig wouldn’t be up until their story hit the stands.

Then again, of course, they had to justify the fact they published a three-part series on a man they never interviewed—indeed, even cancelled the scheduled interview.

And finally, they had to justify the fact they had graced the front page of their paper with his photograph, because who would buy an *S.P. Times* with the faces of their sources on the cover—*people nobody ever heard of, much less cared about?*



**These interviewees would have provided unequivocal, first-hand evidence that the Times sources were lying...**

When all flights are arranged, Davis telephones Childs and leaves the message: He is coming to Clearwater and will meet the reporters at the Fort Harrison—10 a.m. sharp.

**June 19, 2009:**

In fact, however, Tobin and Childs are late—10:21 a.m. to be precise.

Davis opens the meeting with pertinent information on Rinder, including: how he lied under penalty of perjury, how he lied to Mr. Miscavige on *43 separate occasions* regarding critical legal issues and how he deliberately sabotaged the restoration of the most fundamental Scientology Scriptures.

Also on the table are the details of Rinder’s departure from the Church—not in protest, not under pressure, but out of frustration for the fact he’d been demoted.

With nothing more to say about their “Fact-Checker,” it’s now that Davis informs Childs and Tobin a number of people have flown through the night and are waiting to see them.

in their wake include Marc Yager, Guillaume Lesevre, Ray Mithoff and Mark Ingber—representing a combined Church experience of more than 450 years. Moreover, had they been given opportunity to fully respond, these interviewees would have provided unequivocal, firsthand evidence that the *Times* sources were lying and that Rathbun committed the physical abuse. [See *The Brush-Off*, p. 69.]

**>>What Happens Now, Joe?**

Not only has Joe Childs now formally turned his back on a level of access to Church executives unprecedented in Church history, he finishes the day with an outright refusal to interview Mr. David Miscavige. It is an interview he never intended to conduct.

Feshbach:

**“I take it this means that you don’t want to interview Mr. Miscavige?”**

Childs responds with an unreadable expression:

# THE CRITICAL OMISSION

"WE HAVE A DEEP INTEREST IN TALKING TO MR. MISCAVIGE... LIKE I SAID, THERE IS CRITICAL AND THERE IS CRITICAL." —Joe Childs, *S.P. Times*

## Wednesday, May 13, 2009:

More or less out of the blue, Joe Childs telephones Mr. Tommy Davis at 5:12 p.m. EST from the *S.P. Times* general offices.

In essence, Childs is now requesting an interview with Mr. David Miscavige, who was described in a Tobin-Childs profile for the *S.P. Times* as "The man behind Scientology." [See *David Miscavige: The Peacemaker*, p. 63.] Mr. Miscavige was also described therein as "the founder's protégé and trusted aide." While to millions of Scientologists world over—and this too, from Childs and Tobin—he is "the leader who sets the goals and ensures that Hubbard's policies and teachings are followed with precision."

Moreover, and this in light of manifest Scientology expansion, Childs states: "We know the growth that the Church has achieved in Mr. Miscavige's era." He further adds, "It's not peeping into the mainstream. It is in mainstream America." Childs assures Davis, "That's all part of the story."

## Thursday, May 28, 2009:

Responding to an *S.P. Times* request for in-person discussions, Davis is joined by Church representative Ms. Monique Yingling in Clearwater, Florida. There, they meet with *Times* reporters Joe Childs and Tom Tobin.

On the table is the formal Tobin-Childs proposal for a David Miscavige interview. Accordingly, Childs brackets the discussion with an admission that:

**"We know what our responsibility is journalistically here. And we know what it is to be fair. Let me ask you what seems to be the primary question: Are we going to see David Miscavige today?"**

In reply, Yingling explains that Mr. Miscavige is inordinately busy. On March 14, he officiated at the opening of Scientology's newest facility in Clearwater, the landmark Fort Harrison. In the subsequent four weeks, he additionally opened three entirely new Churches of Scientology—one in the Swedish port of Malmö on April 4, another in Dallas on April 11 and still another in Nashville on April 25. He is further preparing for the OT Summit aboard the Sea Org Motor Vessel *Free winds*—an annual convocation of leading Scientologists from better than a hundred nations. All



Mr. David Miscavige

told, the Summit sees over nine hours of broadcast presentations by Mr. Miscavige through six consecutive nights. It further sees the release of more than six hours of new Church dissemination and training films on DVD.

The point being: Mr. Miscavige cannot possibly consent to an interview before the first week of July—immediately following the fulfillment of his commitments at the annual Church events. Then, too—and this with some emphasis—Yingling further explains that Mr. Miscavige does not generally speak to reporters. Indeed, his last such interview was with none other than Tobin and Childs themselves. But assuming all is on the up and up:

**"I can assure you that Mr. Miscavige has agreed to talk to you and he will do that."**

Moreover—and this from Mr. Miscavige himself—until such time as his schedule

allows that he can meet with Childs and Tobin, they are to be provided *any* information requested and to be afforded *full* access to all Church facilities world over.

It's at this juncture the interview date is set for July 6 and Tobin again declares that Mr. Miscavige is "the critical one."

Whereupon Childs exuberantly admits:

**"I did not come into this building and expect to leave with that sentence [promise of an interview] in my pocket."**

To which Tobin adds:

**"We can assure you we are proceeding in good faith."**

## Tuesday, June 2, 2009:

In a telephone conversation with Davis, Childs confirms:

**"We know you have a date on the calendar and we appreciate that."**

## Thursday, June 4, 2009:

Childs again confirms the July 6 interview, specifically noting:

**"We've got the date on the calendar."**

## Wednesday, June 10, 2009:

In yet another conference call, Childs inquires as to whether Mr. Miscavige's schedule has changed since they last spoke. To which both Davis and Yingling once more emphasize that Mr. Miscavige cannot change the July 6th date.

20 June 2009

Dear Mr. Childs and Mr. Tobin,

I have been advised that you have decided to move forward with your story without my interview. This, despite the fact confirmed more than three weeks ago that I would make myself available on a date certain (6 July), after you spoke to other relevant Church personnel and toured Church facilities, and that I would provide information annihilating the credibility of your sources including the fundamental crimes against the Scientology religion that were the reasons for their removal from post. You were advised that information would include addressing the extraordinary "admissions" of one of your sources regarding a long-settled legal matter.

I was advised Thursday that you would only interview me on Friday, although you well knew it would be impossible for me to meet with you this week because of a long-standing commitment to be aboard the SMV *Freewinds* for a week of religious events at the Church's annual OT Summit. I am at a loss to comprehend how the *St. Petersburg Times* can publish a story about me and the religion I lead without accepting the offer to speak with me, on the pretense that you cannot wait until after I have fulfilled my religious commitments.

While you have already received unequivocal statements from more than a score of witnesses, along with documentary evidence, providing incontrovertible proof that your sources are lying, I remain ready to sit down for the requested interview on the date previously confirmed. If you decide not to avail yourself of this opportunity, I insist you do not misrepresent the fact that the decision was yours, not mine.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,

David Miscavige

Whereupon Childs coyly remarks:

**"You can't blame me for asking that, can you?"**

### Wednesday, June 17, 2009:

Joe Childs telephones Davis and announces that the timetable has shifted and that publication of their article is imminent. Davis is understandably nonplussed and exclaims:

**"My God! So you've actually made the decision to not wait and talk to Mr. Miscavige? Is that the decision that's actually been made?"**

Whereupon Childs hastily backpedals:

**"I didn't say that."**

### Thursday, June 18, 2009:

In the wake of the previous turnabout, Davis and Yingling conference into a phone call with Childs who immediately concedes he understands that they are "flabbergasted." He then significantly adds:

**"This isn't a Joe Childs decision."**

**"This is an organizational decision."**

Childs is then reminded that Mr. Miscavige is now out of the country, bound for the OT Summit and the seven-day convention. Mr. Miscavige is scheduled to speak for *six* consecutive evenings, and has invested months in preparation.

In a perfunctory reply, Childs admits the *S.P. Times* maneuver may seem startling, but in their view:

**"Mr. Miscavige made a decision that this isn't as important as his other commitments."**

To clarify the statement, Yingling asks:

**"Do you mean he's supposed to choose between a major event for his religion and an article for the *St. Pete Times*? That's hardly fair."**

Then, following a back and forth with Yingling, who repeatedly reminds Childs that Mr. Miscavige had agreed to the July 6 interview, that they had never said they weren't going to wait and that their sudden turnabout simply wasn't fair, Childs counters:

**"How is it not fair?"**

Davis also reminds Childs who he is dealing with, reiterating that Mr. Miscavige gave his agreement and:

**"He always keeps his word. He always has."**

Childs' response:

**"I don't doubt that, Tommy."**

Whereupon it's like talking to a wall, and Childs adamantly declares:

**"We are not waiting until July 6 to talk to Mr. Miscavige."**

### Friday, June 19, 2009:

But the die is now cast. Childs and Tobin know it is *impossible* for Mr. Miscavige to meet earlier than the 6th as he is now en route to the *Freewinds* and the OT Summit events are about to begin. Moreover, Childs and Tobin request to interview more than a dozen Church executives *before* meeting Mr. Miscavige and those executives have now presented themselves in Clearwater. Thus, Childs and Tobin "run out of time" prior to speaking to these executives. Hence, even if Mr. Miscavige were present, they simply *had no time*. [See *The Brush-Off*, p. 69.]

### Saturday, June 20, 2009:

With publication imminent, Mr. Miscavige concludes preparations for the first in his series of *Freewinds* presentations

and authors the above letter to Childs and Tobin. It is electronically transmitted to the *S.P. Times* at 5:50 p.m. EST.

The ensuing article comprises a three-part series and is arguably the first such article in *S.P. Times* history to profile a world-renowned figure without interviewing that figure. It incites harsh criticism, which is best summed up by the reader who wrote:

*"This is how the National Enquirer got its start."*

### Postscript:

In a clear admission of the fact Childs and Tobin arbitrarily shifted their previously agreed timetable to exclude a David Miscavige interview, nine days *after* publication of the final *S.P. Times* installment, Tommy Davis received the following voice-mail:

**"Tommy, Joe Childs, it's now Thursday afternoon, Eastern time, 1:15 or so.**

**"If we are still scheduled to speak with Mr. Miscavige on July the 6th, then we need to know the time and place.**

**"If it's going to be in Los Angeles, we'd need to know fairly soon to make arrangements. And since we haven't heard, I assume that that's not going to be the case.**

**"And if July the 6th isn't any longer on the calendar, then we will make requests for an interview when he's available.**

**"You know how to reach both of us, Tom and I. So, we'll wait to hear from you. Thank you."**

In other words, they were requesting to keep the appointment for the interview they had *cancelled* and for the story they had *already* published. To which one must ask, who would believe the sheer *audacity*?

DAVID MISCAVIGE

# THE PEACEMAKER

“IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT AN ULTIMATE GOAL WOULD BE, IT WOULD OF COURSE BE UTTER PEACE.”

—David Miscavige, St. Petersburg Times, 1998



**I**T IS HUBBARD, AFTER ALL, WHOSE WORDS MISCAVIGE will heed as he tries to improve Scientology’s standing in Clearwater and around the world. Ten of them are inscribed on his boardroom wall: ‘Ideas and not battles mark the forward progress of mankind.’”

With these words, *S.P. Times* reporter Tom Tobin closed his October 25, 1998, profile of David Miscavige, Chairman of the Board of Religious Technology

Center, the Church body responsible for safeguarding the purity of the Scientology religion. The article, written by Tobin and edited by Joe Childs, dominated the

front page and three interior pages of the *Times*. It described Mr. Miscavige as a peacemaker and chronicled his strides in resolving long-standing battles for the Church of Scientology, including those with the *Times*.

The fact that Mr. Miscavige chose the *S.P. Times* for his first-ever print interview was significant. A man who had been the subject of an Emmy-winning interview on ABC’s *Nightline* and who

heads a worldwide religious movement literally had the pick of any news organization in the world. But an issue was at stake of far greater importance to the leader of the Scientology religion than the selection of a media outlet:

“If you want to know what an ultimate goal would be, it would of course be utter peace. That’s misconception one, that we like the war. That’s misconception one.”

Granting an interview to the *Times* was an important step toward bringing that peace to the entire community. Since 1975, the paper had written hundreds of derogatory articles about the Scientology religion, consistently pounding the Church, its members and leaders with vituperative rumor, innuendo and allegation, all of which resulted in a hostile environment for the Church with some residents and officials in Clearwater. Thus, Mr. Miscavige sought to dispel these false rumors by giving the *Times* broad and unfettered access to the Church, its facilities, its staff—and to himself. The reporters understood this and their story got it right:

“You have now hit upon why I’m willing to talk to you,” he told a *Times* news team during a three-day visit to Scientology’s Los Angeles-area headquarters. “If I make an effort to resolve something I have every intention of doing so.... I have every intention of keeping my word.”



**Mr. David Miscavige** was the subject of an Emmy-winning interview on ABC’s *Nightline*.

arrival in Clearwater in 1975. And he told them he hoped the interview would open doors with the city of Clearwater. Tobin quoted him as saying:

“I do think we have to put the past behind us, and that’s why I felt a dialogue should be opened. To take a bigger step.”

In the decade since that article, Mr. Miscavige’s promises for improved relations with the Clearwater community have come true. The Church resolved

to provide information and answer questions. And when the Church held its grand opening for the newly restored Fort Harrison in March 2009, Mr. Miscavige ensured that Joe Childs received a personal invitation and tour. And when the Church was contacted concerning the current series and the *Times* requested to interview Mr. Miscavige, he once again agreed. He not only agreed to be interviewed, he also insisted the Church provide Tobin and Childs *full* access to all Church facilities across the globe and that they be able to speak to anyone requested. By this, there was no question that Mr. Miscavige was going to work with Childs and Tobin to give them all information on the Church and a full view of what he has been engaged in.

This time, however, although he was again the central focus of their story, the reporters chose to rush into print without speaking to him, cancelling the interview because the story had already gone to print. They walked away from an interview with the very person who, they both knew, would have set the facts straight.

The door to the Church was wide open, but despite more than a decade of effort, the *S.P. Times* slammed it shut.

**“I do think we have to put the past behind us, and that’s why I felt a dialogue should be opened. To take a bigger step.”**

—David Miscavige,

St. Petersburg *Times* feature article, 1998

Mr. Miscavige did keep his word. The reporters were invited for tours, interviews and photo sessions in Clearwater and at the Church’s international dissemination center, Golden Era Productions, in Southern California. Mr. Miscavige answered extensive questions about his life, his work and the Church’s activities. He tackled head-on the rumors that had dogged Scientology since the Church’s

all outstanding conflicts with the city. Scientologists are active in many local charities and civic groups. They sit on development boards and arts councils. They are in every way contributing citizens of Clearwater, working to improve their community. [See *By the Numbers*, p. 9.]

Throughout those years, the Church’s doors continued to be open for *Times* staff. Church staff were always available



# Scientology—a World Religion

## International Religious Recognitions of the Church of Scientology

**T**HERE IS NO QUESTION OF SCIENTOLOGY'S LEGITIMATE STATUS AS ONE OF THE WORLD RELIGIONS. Scientology is fully developed, by definition of religion, in its theology, religious practice and organization. The breadth and scope of the religion include nearly 8,000 Churches of Scientology, Missions and related organizations with over 20,000 full-time staff in 164 countries, all unified by a common religious goal.

Millions of Scientologists around the world sincerely believe in freedom of religion and the religious tenets and practices of Scientology. For every one of these individuals, Scientology is their religion. This is the most important test of any true religion of the world—indeed, it is the test used by the United States Supreme Court and high courts in many other countries.

In further emphasis of Scientology's progress since the removal of the *S.P. Times*' sources, here is but a partial list of religious recognitions bestowed upon the Church since those individuals were dismissed from any position of influence in Church external affairs.

### Global Recognition 2005 - 2009

**May 2005**—Church granted full religious recognition in Kenya.

**August 2005**—Church granted full religious recognition in Sri Lanka.

**November 2005**—Bavarian State Administrative Court of Appeal ruled that the Church of Scientology Munich pursues idealistic purposes.

**December 2005**—The Federal Supreme Administrative Court in Germany upheld a ruling of the Hamburg State Administrative Court of Appeal that actions taken by the Hamburg government to discriminate against a Scientologist interfered with her right to religious freedom protected by the German Constitution.

**May 2006**—Kazakhstan Ministry of Justice registered the Church of Scientology Mission as a religious association.

**June 2006**—Church of Scientology in Auckland, New Zealand, was granted tax exemption.

**August 2006**—The Church was granted full religious recognition in Nicaragua.

**November 2006**—The Value Added Tax Office in the Netherlands granted tax exemption to the Church of Scientology of Amsterdam.

**April 2007**—The European Court of Human Rights, the highest court in the European Union, recognized the right of the Church of Scientology of Moscow to be registered as a religious organization under the Russian Religion Law. This decision was reaffirmed by the Court in September 2007.

**September 2007**—Church of Scientology of Portugal officially recognized as a religious organization under that nation's new religious registration law.

**September 2007**—The European Court of Human Rights upheld their April 2007 decision, fully recognizing Scientology as a religion.

**October 2007**—The National Court in Madrid issued a landmark decision affirming the right to religious freedom by recognizing that the National Church of Scientology of Spain should be entered in the Registry of Religious Entities. The Ministry of Justice complied with the court's order on December 13, 2007.

**December 2007**—South African Revenue Service granted the Church of Scientology the status of a Public Benefit Organization as a religious entity with full tax exemption.

**December 2007**—United Kingdom Customs and Excise Office agreed to refund 20 years of improperly collected Value Added Taxes with interest. This refund totaled more than \$32 million.

**December 2008**—Church of Scientology of Argentina received full religious recognition.

**February 2009**—Berlin Administrative Court ordered the immediate removal of anti-Scientology propaganda placed by the Berlin City Administration in front of the Church of Scientology of Berlin. The Court found that the City's actions violated the Church's right to religious freedom under Article 4 of the Constitution. The City appealed and the Court of Appeal affirmed the decision in July 2009, establishing a landmark ruling protecting the religious freedom rights of the Church of Scientology throughout Germany.

# "JOURNALISM 101"

TRAMPLING ON MEDIA ETHICS

*Media Code of Ethics*

*"Every effort must be made to assure that the news content is accurate, free from bias and in context."*

*"Persons publicly accused should be given the earliest opportunity to respond."*

*—American Society of Newspaper Editors*

**"I guess I lost you after you said 'outrageous.'"**

*—Joe Childs in reply to a description of the S.P. Times journalistic process*

It was a process that hinged on unsubstantiated allegations from four apostate Scientologists Childs and Tobin had dredged up from what they themselves termed as the Internet's "grassy knoll"—meaning domains of fringe conspiracy theorists.

In all, the Tobin-Childs investigation comprises 13 weeks of interviews exclusively devoted to those four sources. It's headlined with a Tom Tobin statement that reads:

**"It's our job to press for a full examination of the facts with a clear**

**mind. Be open minded and clear minded. ... This is Journalism 101."**

Also chapter and verse from Joe Childs' so-called journalistic procedure: All these sources were interviewed independently; there is no information exchange between said sources; and all testimony was relentlessly fact-checked.

In actuality, however, the Childs statement is hollow, and this is what his 13 weeks of investigation failed to reveal:

The first Tobin-Childs source is Marty Rathbun, former Scientology legal affairs officer, removed from post in 2001. By his own admission:

**"Each and every time on major [legal] situations, COB (Chairman of the Board, Mr. David Miscavige) has had to intervene to clean up wars I had exacerbated. For example, left to my own devices in handling IRS litigation, the end result would undoubtedly have**

**been no exemption, a billion-dollar tax bill, and possible shutting down of the Church."**

The next Tobin-Childs source is Mike Rinder, likewise an external legal affairs officer until removed from post in 2002:

**"I've wanted COB to be involved in external flaps. I thought it wouldn't be such a big deal if I mishandled them....What I have done has cut across Scientology expansion and by my treasonous acts I also created personal hardship and distraction for COB, which further prevented him from expanding Scientology due to being embroiled in legal matters he never should have had to handle."**

Third on the Tobin-Childs source list is Tom DeVocht. He served as Church construction manager until removed from post in 2005:

**"Specifically and in short ... I**

committed financial crimes by signing work orders and committing expenses without any authority. I worked out that I am responsible for close to \$10,000,000 (in lost parishioner funds).”

Finally, there is Amy Scobee, former Scientology executive removed from any position of authority in 2002:

**“I have created too much harm for the Church and people who work in it for me to be able to make amends for these violations.”**

The above-cited statements are provided by Tommy Davis to Childs and Tobin on May 28 in Clearwater, Florida. Also provided are details regarding the dismissals of “their people” for these and other wrongdoings—all in direct contradiction to claims that said individuals resigned from the Church in protest of Mr. David Miscavige.

By way of a first gut reply, Joe Childs focuses on a document wherein DeVocht proposes he somehow make good on the \$10 million—to which Childs remarks:

**“Isn’t that sweet,” [and laughs].**

By way of a secondary reply, Davis asks:

**“In all of this railing against Mr. Miscavige and the Church by, whether it’s Amy Scobee or Marty Rathbun or Tom DeVocht, maybe I missed it and if I did, I would be more than happy to be proven wrong, but I don’t hear them saying anything good is happening. You don’t hear anything good is happening. You don’t hear about the good and it really, in my opinion, calls into question their credibility.”**

To which Childs replies:

**“That makes a point.”**

But it is also at this juncture that Childs and Tobin are presented with what amounts to the follow-up story of their sources.

That is, while the *Times*’ “people” have uniformly alleged an abusive “culture” within Scientology management, the facts were again diametrically opposite.

To wit:

**“I myself began the practice of browbeating people.”—Marty Rathbun**

**“Marty Rathbun and I were working together as close friends and beating up people. I drove the fear into people with my physical handling of people by shouting and demanding that they confess. I might have given the**

impression to others that Mr. Miscavige knew about it or condoned it, but when Mr. Miscavige would come in asking what was happening, I withheld what was going on.”—Tom DeVocht

**“I didn’t have the courage to counter [Marty].”—Mike Rinder**

**“I abused my power and violated policy by L. Ron Hubbard when I enforced harsh discipline on certain staff...”**  
—Amy Scobee

There is a meaningful silence when these statements are read, and this time Childs admits:

**“You have said a lot of things that he [Marty Rathbun] needs to respond to. You have raised some concerns.”**

—Joe Childs & Tom Tobin

**“We definitely have to go back. We definitely need to talk to Marty again. You have said a lot of things that he needs to respond to.”**

Tobin chimes in:

**“We can assure you we are proceeding in good faith. You have raised some concerns.”**

At which point Mr. Davis concludes the discussion by stating:

**“I would hope you could at least acknowledge that these people have an ax to grind.”**

To which both Childs and Tobin reply in unison:

**“We do.”**

There’s a subsequent telephone call on June 2, wherein Childs requests copies of all previously presented documents. Through the course of that call, he confesses:

**“We’ve got some work to do. I expect when we see the material tomorrow, we will have even more work to do.”**

Those documents indeed arrive the following morning, and comprise more than 2,000 column inches. A second meeting is scheduled for June 10 wherein another 1,000 column inches of material is presented.

Included therein:

- **That Marty Rathbun admits to more than 25 physical assaults on fellow staff members.**
- **That through dereliction of duties,**

Rathbun further cost the Church millions of dollars in legal expenses.

- **That Rathbun and Rinder acted in collusion to willfully sabotage legal cases to the net effect of tens of millions of dollars more.**

- **That Tom DeVocht hired a convicted felon to broker property transactions for the Church, thereby losing yet another million dollars in parishioner donations.**

- **That Amy Scobee admitted to five extramarital affairs and/or instances of sexual misconduct during her tenure**



as a Church staff member, in direct contravention of codes of conduct for Church staff.

- **And when the involvement of these individuals was discovered they were immediately and summarily removed.**

In reply to these facts and more, Childs and Tobin “circle back” to re-interview all concerned sources. There are no denials, and within seven days Childs telephones Tommy Davis to report that Rathbun had confirmed the catalog of his physical violence:

**“You were right. He verified the list you gave us and added some names we didn’t have.”**

To which Childs adds:

**“It is a long list. That too will be in the article.”**

In fact, however, the final article makes no mention whatsoever of Rathbun’s admissions to Childs. Nor were readers presented with anything close to the truth about DeVocht’s malfeasance or the extent of Scobee’s sexual misconduct.

Then, too, the *S.P. Times* has never acknowledged that their sources withheld information or lied to them over the course of a three-month investigation.

Instead, the article closes with an entirely fabricated image of Rathbun motorcycling off into the sunset. After which—and this too goes unmentioned—he wound up dead drunk in a ditch.

## Liar Liar Pants On Fire!

Reporter Tom Tobin takes credit for the *Times*' gimmick known as the "Truth-O-Meter." Reporters from the *Times* fact-check statements made by politicians and lobbyists and rate them on the "Truth-O-Meter." The statements are rated from "True" if the statement is accurate and complete to "Pants on Fire" if the statement is laughingly false.

Fact-checking Tobin and Childs' own statements to Church representatives, *Freedom* has identified a number of statements that we say are "Pants on Fire." A few follow:

### What We Say Are Pants on Fire



Tom Tobin

"I don't think we've done anything untoward, I mean this is Journalism 101. You talk to the person and then you get the response."



**Tobin and Childs refused to interview David Miscavige and key witnesses but instead rushed to press.**



Joe Childs

"I have not been on [the story] for 13 weeks."



**Childs and Tobin had been working on their story in utter secrecy for 13 weeks before contacting the Church.**



Joe Childs

"Then we found Amy Scobee and she, like these others, is not on that grassy knoll that fires stuff onto the Internet."



**In fact, Amy Scobee has fired more than 300 virulent postings across Internet sites since 2006.**



Joe Childs

"Tommy, you need to listen to this. Marty Rathbun and Mike Rinder were friends for 20 years. They remained friends."



**Mike Rinder told his wife he hated Marty Rathbun. Rathbun once attacked him in a psychotic rage and would have killed him if five men had not stopped him from trying to choke Rinder to death.**

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# THE BRUSH-OFF

RUSH TO JUDGMENT, RUSH TO PRESS



## >>The Opening Gambit

In the initial May 13 phone call to Tommy Davis, Joe Childs requests interviews with members of the Scientology management team.

Childs lists them off—Guillaume Lesevre, Marc Yager, Mark Ingber, Ray Mithoff and Norman Starkey.

Davis asks, “That’s it?”

To which Childs responds, “Uh-huh.”

That’s by no means, however, the end of the exchange.

In fact, Childs and Tobin repeat the request on 23 occasions. While, in turn, Davis and fellow representatives from the Church offer to facilitate the interviews no less than 48 times.

By the 28th of May, Childs reiterates the request inasmuch as “first-hand” accounts are always invaluable. He is

assured by Davis that Lesevre, Yager, Ingber, Starkey and *many others* with personal knowledge, including the people that supposedly were the subject of the allegations, “*definitely* want to talk to you and set the record straight.”

## >>Tricks of the Trade

Childs is told—and this in no uncertain terms—that Scientology’s

# Church Management Executives the *S.P. Times* Didn't Want to Hear from

INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY EXECUTIVES, with more than 470 years of combined service in the Church's religious order—the Sea Organization.



MARC YAGER



SUE WILHERE



ANGIE BLANKENSHIP



MARK INGBER



NORMAN STARKEY



RAY MITHOFF



GREG WILHERE



**GUILLAUME LESEVIRE**



**LYMAN SPURLOCK**



**DAVE BLOOMBERG**



**RUSS BELLIN**

management team is actually quite eager to meet. Indeed, they are “outraged” that Childs even entertained the likes of Marty Rathbun and Mike Rinder, whom they have long regarded as “beneath contempt.”

To which Childs replies (without acknowledging the outrage) that he and Tobin just as eagerly wish to meet the team.

He then punches home the statement saying: “Our strong preference is to talk to them in person.”

Davis closes with a reassurance that the face-to-face interviews will take place.

There’s a slight change in emphasis through a telephone conversation on June 2 when Childs explains he is willing to take “second-hand” accounts. That is: he will take statements from Norman Starkey or Marc Yager as relayed through Tommy Davis and supply the “he said” and the “commas,” i.e., “It would be reported in the story: ‘comma Norman Starkey said’ or ‘Marc Yager said.’”

Childs assures Davis that this is a commonly employed “trick of the trade.” Hence the Childs capper: “I’m not being flippant.”

On more than one occasion, Childs and Tobin boasted their story was backed by “first-hand accounts,” i.e., that all interviews are face-to-face with “their folks.” In just those terms, then, the individuals Childs and Tobin had requested to interview now *insisted* on setting the record straight with their own first-hand accounts presented face-to-face.

### >>The Turnabout

There is a subsequent phone call on June 17 in which Childs cryptically tells Davis that if he wishes to respond, he “should do it sooner than later.”

When Davis presses for clarification, Childs simply replies: “We are getting close here.”

Davis makes an appeal that Childs stick to the agreed-upon time frame: “I’m asking really as a matter of good faith on your part and your paper that we be given that opportunity.”

The call concludes, with a Joe Childs statement in emphasis that

Childs indeed wishes to interview Mr. Miscavige—a date that is set for July 6. However, Davis arranges schedules to continue providing other interviews and information to Tobin and Childs.

Twenty-four hours later, Childs tells Davis the article is ready to roll and interviews with Scientology’s management team are suddenly superfluous.

Davis is naturally taken aback. Childs remains unmoved and restates that he and Tobin are moving forward, without the interviews they had *requested*.

But Childs and Tobin well knew those same individuals were *insistent* upon having the opportunity to speak to the *Times*. Moreover, Davis emphasizes, “Our documentation has proven your sources to be liars. They change their story when you go back to them with the truth. I think that is more than enough cause to give us the opportunity to now start giving you ‘first-hand reports.’”

The Childs response: “We’re not going to wait.”

In a somewhat shocked reply, Davis cites codes of responsible journalism, then both implores and demands they hear the team’s first-hand accounts. However, Childs has already determined that they are not needed. And what’s more, he says it’s not just his decision, it’s an “organizational decision.”

When informed of the Childs about-face, these executives are nonetheless still insistent on their own “face-to-face” with the reporters. Consequently, and though already scheduled for a Church convention, they immediately redirect flight bookings to Clearwater.

The result is a convergence of Scientology executives who remained sleepless through the night on red-eye flights to speak to Childs and Tobin.

### >>The Final Meeting

All comes to a climactic head on the 19th of June.

Assembled in a conference room at the Fort Harrison are Joe Childs, Tom Tobin, Tommy Davis and teammate Jessica Feshbach, along with Church counsel Monique Yingling and William Walsh.

Waiting in the wings to speak to the

# Those Who Knew Them Best

*“There are, of course, the women they walked out on—Rathbun after 15 years of marriage, Rinder after 35 years of marriage and DeVocht after 20 years of marriage. And their former spouses have a bit to say.”*

— Tommy Davis, May 28, 2009

*“Our strong preference is to talk to them in person.”*

— Joe Childs, June 2, 2009

**A**mong the Scientology executives who flew to Clearwater to speak to *Times* reporters Childs and Tobin were the former wives of their “sources.” Two of these women had also served as their husbands’ bosses within the organization. Thereby, they were uniquely qualified to speak about them both professionally and personally and accurately portray the chasm between the truth they lived and what their ex-husbands now claim.

The following excerpts are drawn from the statements made to Childs and Tobin on June 19, 2009.

The total number of words in those statements: 17,109.

The total number quoted in the *Times* three-part series: 14.



**Anne Joasem**  
(former wife of Marty Rathbun)

**“I** was married to him for 15 years.

“I know what makes him tick and this guy lives for war and fighting. He told me so himself, many times. That’s what he likes doing, that’s what he does. He doesn’t know how to do

anything else, to be honest.

“You want to know why he first left in 1993 after the IRS tax-exemption decision? He left because the war was over. He had no more war, and that’s what he does.

“His ‘toughness’ was actually a very destructive part of his

character and very destructive to the organization. Anybody that threatened him, or opposed him in some way, he would, in his words, ‘take out.’

“I heard the allegations he made as to why he left again at that point, that’s early 2004, and I heard he said he had witnessed Tom DeVocht getting beaten up or something like that. Look, he called me within hours of taking off. I was the first person he called. He never said anything about this. Never brought it up. He would have said something if that’s why he left. What he did tell me, and that I am quoting, he said ‘I am a warrior, I am a mercenary, I am a fighter, that’s what I have always been, that’s what I am always going to be.’ He said the Church is entering a phase of massive expansion and because of this expansion, the Church is going to become a threat, and there is going to be attacks and at that point, we will need him and he will come back to take care of these things.

“These statements are a little bit over the edge and we were like, OK, there is something wrong with this guy. Also, he has got a family history of these kinds of problems. So we were a little bit worried. It runs in the family.

“So, Mr. Miscavige was concerned and for the second time arranged a full program for him. He had me set up this whole program of medical, we had the best specialist we could find on handling his varicose veins. We did a gall bladder handling. We did chiropractic handlings, dental handlings. Everything you can think of. We checked a colonoscopy, the whole nine yards. Nutritional program. I said, do you want to work at the Mill or do you want to work at Flag? He said, ‘I will work at the Mill.’ I said, ‘Good, work at the Mill.’ Five hours a day, that’s it. He could do whatever he wanted the rest of the time, sleep as long as he needed, vitamins; I mean, I took care of everything.

“No pressures for nine months. He could do whatever he wanted the rest of the time. At the end of those nine months or after his medical was under control, he was doing

*Times* reporters are 19 others who have either just arrived or are still en route via red-eye flights from Los Angeles, New York and Dallas.

The meeting gets underway at 10:20 a.m.

Childs:

**“We’re here today to listen, as we’ve done on parts of three other days. We**

**have an appointment in St. Petersburg at 2:30 that we didn’t want to be presumptive about. We decided, well let’s keep it on the board, keep it in place, come here at 10:00, and begin, rather than just cancel it.”**

Feshbach:

**“We intend to spend the whole day**

**with you, so if that could be rearranged, that would definitely be helpful.”**

Childs:

**“What’s the whole day mean to you?”**

Feshbach:

**“The whole day means, we’re on LA time and the whole day ends at midnight LA time.”**



quite well. ‘What are you going to do?’ I asked him many times, because he wouldn’t come up with anything. And that’s when he threatened me physically, in my face.

“I got scared. And I had good reasons to be scared because I had seen him right after a phone call with Tom DeVocht where he got mad at him for some reason or another, put his fist through a computer screen and shattered it, completely. He just flipped. So, I was actually concerned for my safety and I moved apartments at that point and locked my door.

“He left shortly thereafter.”



**Cathy Bernardini**  
(former wife of Mike Rinder)

“I was married to him for almost 35 years.

“Over the years, he has told me so many times about various actions Mr. Miscavige has extended to him and that he was just blown away with because he

knew that David Miscavige really cared about him and really did. And he did.

“In January 2004 when Marty Rathbun beat him up, I thought he was going to kill Mike and I was hysterical. Mike had cuts on his ears and face, his lips were swollen, his face was bruised, he had bruises on his chest. He was a mess. Those injuries lasted for days. It was a nightmare.

“In January 2004, when Marty Rathbun beat him...now I was there, I worked in the building, I was at that meeting.

“Marty literally lunged at Mike and just started beating the hell out of him, got him to the ground, put his entire body on top of Mike’s chest and then started strangling him. Mike turned purple. I was hysterical. He’s turning purple. This guy’s nuts, he’s insane. I literally thought he was going to kill my husband and I was upset. One other thing is, that wasn’t the first time.

“So it is a bit uncanny that I heard something like Mike saying he and Marty had been best friends for years. He told me that he hated Marty.

“After Mike walked out, which was in June 2007—10th of June, I didn’t hear from him for weeks. And in July, I think it was July 1 or 2, an email arrived from Mike giving

[his] location, which is the first time I even knew where he was. He was in the UK at the time he left. In that email, he summonsed me to join him. Now we have two kids, he didn’t mention the children and just summonsed me, as you would, or however, that I was to join him—and frankly, maybe he just deserted his religion, his church, his position of trust, but me, no never. I said no, and I don’t think he liked that.

“He just walked out. It’s not something people do, it was very emotional to deal with.”



**Jenny Linson**  
(former wife of Tom DeVocht)

“I was married to him for almost 20 years, from 1986 until he left the Church in 2005.

“I have also been his indirect boss most of the time since 1996, so I am talking about him as a member of the

organization as well as a husband.

“He was taken off post three or four times because of his negligence and, frankly, his incompetence. When Tom was construction manager on large projects, he started signing contracts with no authority financially and way beyond budget. He was extremely out of control and bills started coming in and it was a real mess. He told me that a project was out of control and he was worried about it. ‘I’m not telling anybody about it and I certainly don’t want Chairman of the Board to know anything about it.’

“He created so many expensive disasters, he had to be taken off the projects entirely. In 2005 he was told, ‘You’re out of control. You cannot be in these positions anymore,’ and at that point he decided to take off. And then he left without a word to me. Where I come from, you don’t just walk out on your wife without saying anything.

“On a personal level, he spent my money, too—he spent my inheritance. While I was away on projects, he sold my BMW and my Honda del Sol and spent the money.

“Now, after he left, I found out that on our wedding day he stole the money my grandmother had given us as a wedding gift for our honeymoon.”

## 12:29 p.m.:

After a short break for lunch, Feshbach makes a prefatory comment:

**“Just so you know, everyone you’re going to see today hasn’t slept—they’ve been up all night traveling.”**

With that, the first from the Tobin-

Childs roster of requested interviews begins.

Her name is Jenny Linson. She is a Church management executive, the former wife of Tom DeVocht, and indeed was her ex-husband’s boss.

Among other details provided, she addresses specific allegations, including:

**“This violence he says happened in 2004, that he says made him leave—I was there and I never witnessed such a thing. Why would he be saying this? It boils down to bitterness at losing such an exciting life with important projects, a group continually on the cutting edge. He always liked the excitement, he always**

wanted power and he always wanted more.”

**1:26 p.m.:**

Next up, another of the wives, Ms. Cathy Bernardini. She, too, sets the record straight on claims her ex has made to the *Times*:

**“He says something about his lying to the BBC [regarding allegations against the Church]. In 2007, it was March and he found out he needed to go to the UK to meet with the BBC at the time. And he told me, as he’s getting ready to pack, saying he was sick of dealing with these people. He said, ‘Their allegations**

**2:40 p.m.:**

The “2:30 appointment” passes without comment. At which point, Childs lays the groundwork for his next “deadline.”

Childs:

**“We appreciate that you have gone through a huge logistical calculation here and the reality is that we wouldn’t get through even another five by now and 7:00!”**

Feshbach:

**“We have all night.”**

Childs:

**“Well, but we don’t have all night and we have time to read statements that we can’t hear in person.”**

that says: ‘The overt doth speak loudly in accusation.’ And you understand what that basically means—you transgress, you are the first person to blame it on somebody else. And that is very much the case of where [these allegations are] coming from.”

So it continued throughout the afternoon, with a stream of “first-hand” accounts laying bare the false accusations. Further, each interviewee has worked personally and extensively with Mr. Miscavige. They include: long-time Church counsel, Mr. Eric Lieberman; film director, Mr. Mitch Brisker; professional writer, Mr. Christopher Smith; and L. Ron Hubbard Biographer, Mr. Dan Sherman.

**5:27 p.m.:**

With another nine veteran Church executives on deck, Childs stands and announces:

**“I have other things that I need to do tonight and this doesn’t twin with it.”**

Feshbach:

**“But how could you...”**

Childs:

**“We had a productive series of sessions—the women who are the ex-wives, and so 5:30. It seems to me, let’s go.”**

To which he adds: **“Put the fax number down here.”**

Davis:

**“You wanted first-hand accounts, we have first-hand accounts in this building. Do you want to see them or not?”**



**“He is literally rewriting history in his head as to what happened and inverting everything. What he’s saying COB was doing, Marty was doing. He wanted a war and there hasn’t been a war since he left.”**

are outrageous. They are lies.’ The reason it’s so vividly in my mind is that was the last time I saw him.”

**2:09 p.m.:**

Still another former wife of a *Times* “source,” Ms. Anne Joasem, follows. If she’s the highest-ranking Church executive to speak thus far, she’s also most damning to the Tobin-Childs premise:

**“When I hear Marty is saying he was high up in the structure, I am outraged. He was walking in the shadow of greatness.**

**“He is literally rewriting history in his head as to what happened and inverting everything. What he’s saying COB was doing, Marty was doing. He wanted a war and there hasn’t been a war since he left.**

**“He thought that with Church expansion there would be attacks and we would need him and he would come back to take care of these things. We didn’t beg for him to come back and it’s booming without him and he can’t stand it.”**

Feshbach:

**“We have gone more than ‘out of our way.’ That is what you requested. You wanted these people.”**

Yingling:

**“You’re the ones who set the limit on the time and so we brought as many people as we could so that they could try to address the allegations.”**

Childs (albeit reluctantly) agrees to continue.

**“He [Marty Rathbun] was walking in the shadow of greatness.”**



**3:01 p.m.:**

Next to enter is a pivotal character in the apostate allegations: Mr. Norman Starkey, 41-year Sea Organization veteran. He speaks to the reporters for a full 40 minutes:

**“There is a statement in Scientology**

Tobin:

**“You wait until we tell you there is a short time, and you just dump them on us.”**

Feshbach:

**“Hey, hold on a second. We’re dumping the people you asked to talk to?”**

Childs:  
"It was your decision to bring them in here today, and to bring them at the end of the day."

**5:29 p.m.:**

Childs:  
"I said two hours earlier that we're leaving at 5:30....Now it's 5:30 and you walk in and say, 'We've got the trombone section outside.'"

Feshbach:  
"I had people driving from Orlando off red-eye flights to get here. I had other people having to go via Atlanta, I mean really...."

**5:30 p.m.:**

Tobin:  
"So now you want me to stay here till midnight to talk to this group? You know it's not practical."

Church representative Monique Yingling:  
"Well, I certainly think we could go a little longer. We could meet tomorrow."

**5:31 p.m.:**

The balance of the originally requested interviewees has now assembled outside the conference room door.

Childs:  
"We're on our way. We're on our way."

Feshbach:  
"If you guys could just hold on a second, I would really appreciate it."

**5:35 p.m.:**

Scientology's management team now actually enters the conference room. Davis makes the introductions:

Davis:  
"Marc Yager, Guillaume Lesevre, Ray Mithoff, Mark Ingber, Greg Wilhere, Angie Blankenship, David Bloomberg, Lyman Spurlock, and Russ Bellin—Joe Childs, Tom Tobin."

He then turns back to Childs and Tobin:

"So you're insistent on leaving. I diverted them from the *Freewinds*, all over the place. Angie had to come in from Dallas. I told them that you were

leaving, didn't want to hear from them and were saying that they should fax their statements to you and they didn't like that very much. So they said, 'We want to come down and talk to them right now, that means all of us, before they leave.' I think each of them has a few things they'd like to say."

Tobin:  
"You all should know that we didn't create this situation."

Childs:  
"Did you all get told...that you could phone us any time and give us your account, your statement?"

Bloomberg:  
"Yes, but we said we wanted to see you in person because we were not going to do some brush-off on the phone."

Feshbach:  
"Joe, do you want to hear what they have to say or not?"

As he and Tobin make their exit, Childs scowls:

"Goodbye everybody. Goodbye."

**Postscript:**

Having shot their wad on the 21st of June 2009, Joe Childs and Tom Tobin attempt to salvage some shred of journalistic credibility by dredging up another motley crew of suddenly "on-the-record" witnesses. Among them are three defrocked Scientologists who now picket Churches with Internet terrorists, a bankrupt taxi driver and the webmaster for the site where Marty Rathbun posts his delusory diatribes about taking over the Church and his fundamental disagreements with Mr. Hubbard's writings. Moreover, virtually all of the allegations come from the "grassy knoll" of the Internet, notorious anti-Scientology websites and "witnesses" who post under pseudonyms.

**"Our documentation has proven your sources to be liars. They change their story when you go back to them with the truth."**



Childs:  
"It would take all night."  
Forty-one-year Sea Org executive, Mark Ingber:

"We'll stay all night."  
Thirty-five-year Sea Org veteran and Scientology's International Executive Director Guillaume Lesevre in unison with fellow executives: "We're here!"

**5:58 p.m.:**

Childs:  
"Monique, Tommy, can I talk to you in the hallway here?"

Blankenship:  
"You're not going to hear us? Unreal! It's outrageous."

Davis:  
"What happens now, Joe?"

Childs:  
"Well, we publish our story when we get it ready."

But for the real revelation of just how low the *S.P. Times* will stoop to resurrect a dead-beat story, one need only consider the latest Childs-Tobin letter to Tommy Davis. It is dated July 22, 2009, or better than a month after Childs and Tobin cancelled interviews with Mr. David Miscavige and senior Church executives. It regurgitates the same old allegations of abuse with alleged victims including: Guillaume Lesevre, Marc Yager, Ray Mithoff and Greg Wilhere.

Once again, Childs and Tobin are asking for testimony from the *very same* senior Church executives they had previously *refused to hear*.

To which one can only conclude: Childs, Tobin and the *S.P. Times* truly have *no scruples*.

# What Really Happened



Imagine this: Individuals formerly in charge of external legal affairs of the Church are removed from their positions of authority by the ecclesiastical leader of Scientology, Mr. David Miscavige. These people are guilty of gross malfeasance in the performance of their duties and they are in disgrace. They are demoted and stripped of any authority. They are given new positions, albeit in a substantially reduced capacity. Unhappy with their fall from power and unwilling to reform, they choose to turn their backs on friends and family and leave their religion.

Years later, broke, busted and bitter, they conspire to feed a stream of lies to a newspaper infamous for printing *any allegation*—no matter how unbelievable and unreliable—attacking the Church of Scientology, its leaders and members. They attempt to represent themselves as concerned “reformers” protesting abuse in the Church. Of course, their chosen forum—the *S.P. Times*—is a newspaper detested by Scientologists for having viciously attacked the religion for more than 25 years. The *Times*’ sources knew this as they themselves often dealt with the lies printed by the *Times*. Hence, anyone else but the *Times* would have well known the motivation of these sources wasn’t so-called “reform,” but a calculated move to spew their venom and “get back” at the person responsible for their removal. But then again, the *Times* is a publication that has never missed an opportunity to attack the Church, no matter the bias and prejudice of their sources, since none were more biased than the *Times* itself.

But that is not the complete story—far from it.

The full story of what motivated the *Times*’ three main sources, Marty Rathbun,

Mike Rinder and Tom DeVocht, is sinister and shocking. It involves their own sordid criminal conspiracy, never fully known by the Church and revealing the true character of the *Times*’ sources and their penchant for lying.

By way of background, numerous legal matters supposedly supervised by Rathbun and Rinder, who had operated as external legal affairs officers, were grossly mishandled, resulting in cases that should never have existed and extensive legal fees and costs to the Church that should never have been incurred. These matters were subsequently brought to peace by Mr. Miscavige. This led to extensive internal investigations initiated by Mr. Miscavige himself to clean house and get to the bottom of what could have brought about such disasters.

Whereupon, those responsible staff were summarily removed from their positions of authority—including Rathbun and Rinder—both for repeated catastrophes of their own creation, and sabotaging the successful handling of the legal cases they supervised.

Although these individuals were removed from their posts in 2002, the internal investigation to uncover legal malfeasance and clean house continued as lingering questions remained through 2003 and 2004. In particular: who was the

real source and cause of past legal disputes? This investigation then led to additional revelations of their wrongdoing.

In his own words, Rathbun admitted personal responsibility for “the magnitude of the harm visited upon Scientology, and thus mankind, through my losing ways,” causing the Church to spend—by his own calculation—over \$43 million in parishioner funds to defend matters he had

instigated improperly or had sabotaged through his own legal malfeasance without anyone’s knowledge.

His further admissions mirrored the findings of the internal investigation which led to his removal from post:

“I have a proven proclivity for creating some of the greatest catastrophes in Church history when allowed to have some leash.”

Separately, the internal investigation also revealed that Rinder was equally responsible for complicity in every instance of this legal malfeasance. This was revealed by Rathbun when he admitted in a public announcement to fellow staff:

“I recognize my actions have been unfounded and ignorant and destructive in the extreme. There is no conspiracy connected with this pattern of suppression, except a portion of it. That is Mike Rinder who has gone into tacit agreement with me on making nothing of situations, false reporting on them, and allowing them to expand until they explode on Chairman of the Board’s plate to handle.”

Given the extent of their destructive acts, there was no question as to why both of these individuals were removed from their positions of authority by Mr. Miscavige. They, along with their peers, knew full well that they would never hold such elevated positions again.

As the investigation continued to uncover further malfeasance, Rathbun's permanent post removal was confirmed by his termination and demotion to a lower Church organization in December 2003. Once stripped of even a thin veneer of authority he had maintained by virtue of lower level Churches finally aware of his ecclesiastical crimes, he rapidly deteriorated into a psychotic state. It was most manifest in physical attacks on other staff and what otherwise was described as a "reign of terror." In this, he was joined by Tom DeVocht, who subsequently confessed that: "Marty Rathbun and I were working together as close friends and beating up people" and, more revealing, that "Mike Rinder got beaten by Marty and I."

Rathbun's decision to join forces with DeVocht constituted a mystery that would only be cleared up years later. But for now, nobody could understand their relationship, since during their entire staff tenure they performed entirely different functions—Rathbun handling legal affairs, DeVocht supervising building renovations.

Nevertheless, when Mr. Miscavige returned to the Church location where they had instituted their self-proclaimed "reign of terror," he uncovered their abuses and summarily put them to an end. Shortly thereafter, in February 2004, Rathbun deserted in disgrace for the second time. As for DeVocht, he never disclosed his dark secret—his unknown conspiracy with Rathbun. Indeed, as the investigation continued, he too suddenly deserted—leaving both the Church and his wife... albeit not without a "good luck" handshake from Rinder, soon discovered, but which Rinder refused to explain. Again, it was another mystery not to be cleared up for years.

Meanwhile, Rinder worked in various low-level positions and the investigation into legal botch-ups faded away as the Church moved forward in peace, embarking on new expansion plans.

Then suddenly, three years after Rathbun's final desertion, it came to light that he had in fact slinked away with a dark, sinister secret.

The date was January 2007, when a staff member came forward with a lingering suspicion that Rathbun and Rinder had conspired to withhold vital information in a legal case. In particular, it was reported

that every time Mr. Miscavige had ordered Rathbun and Rinder to investigate a particularly egregious act and why it had even occurred, they would wink at each other as soon as Mr. Miscavige left the room.

Although Rathbun was long gone, confronted with the facts, Rinder admitted he had indeed conspired with Rathbun. In essence, then, the very investigation Mr. Miscavige had repeatedly, and for years, ordered Rathbun and Rinder to conduct had always "dead ended" as they were *themselves* the culprits.

In consequence, Rinder was further demoted and informed he would be barred from ever holding any position of authority in the international ecclesiastical management structure. Shortly thereafter, now working in England where he had been transferred, and denied the power he so cherished, he too walked away in the dead of night.

However, certain mysteries still remained: The Marty Rathbun–Tom DeVocht relationship that motivated them to team up to beat up fellow staff who dared ask them about their unexplainable partnership. And another: The mysterious handshake from Rinder when DeVocht deserted—desertion being an act uniformly despised by Church members and grounds for automatic expulsion from the religion as mandated by ecclesiastic Justice Codes. Finally, why did DeVocht aid and abet Rathbun and Rinder as part of the *S.P. Times* attack?

The answer to these questions came in Rathbun's shocking revelation to the *S.P. Times*. Rathbun revealed for the first time that he had destroyed evidence and that DeVocht was also directly involved in his criminal scheme to suborn perjury. Moreover, and for all intents and purposes, they formed an agreement in blood to *never* tell their superiors, in particular, Mr. Miscavige.

So, not only did this trio place the Church in jeopardy through obstruction of justice, but in so doing they incurred untold millions in legal expenses to defend their acts—thought to be instigated by others.

While to make matters worse, it once again required the efforts of Mr. Miscavige to clean up their mess—distracting him from his ecclesiastic duties for six years.

Moreover, he had to do it all while wholly in the dark as to what had really occurred and who the responsible parties were.

In that regard, these so-called legal affairs guys were, in actuality, the *enemy within*.

Coming clean to the *Times*, Rathbun admitted that he committed crimes on his own initiative without any direction to do so and that he specifically withheld these destructive actions from his seniors.

The *S.P. Times* well knew its three major sources were each involved in a conspiracy to lie. The *S.P. Times* also now knew that neither the Church nor its current leadership had any knowledge of their actions. Rathbun's own damning utterances to the reporters provided clear evidence of the sources' complete lack of character and credibility.

And what did the *S.P. Times* do when presented with allegations of wrongdoing by admitted liars and co-conspirators?

Rather than write a story focusing on the felonies committed by *their* sources and *their* wrongdoing, it made short shrift of these serious transgressions while eagerly listening as the sources spoon-fed them a new web of lies designed to attack the man who had removed them, Mr. David Miscavige, the man who they had lied to for nearly a decade to cover up their crimes.

Worse yet, when Church representatives confronted the *Times* reporters with unequivocal evidence that their sources were further lying about their concocted fairy tales of so-called "abuse"—that their sources were actually the ones committing the abuses they complained of, that they were removed from their positions of authority for committing those very abuses, and that the *Times* was being used as a vehicle to get back at the person who ended their reign of terror—the *Times* instead rushed to print their sources' lies. Needless to say, it was nothing less than "damage control" to keep the Church from utterly discrediting their sources—not to mention exposing the *Times'* utter lack of journalistic skill in failing to uncover their lies in 13 weeks of "investigation."

After all, joining together to lie was the one thing Rathbun, Rinder and DeVocht had proven they were good at—and the *Times*, though conned, has never been known for *humility*.

## How to be an Investigative Reporter at the *St. Petersburg Times* (*it's easy*)



**Step 1 >>** That word “investigative” is *highly* overrated, especially inasmuch as 80 percent of all information necessary for your story is readily available on the Internet. It’s just a matter of trolling lunatic fringe sites for any and all allegations, no matter how hair-brained, then attributing said allegations to any of the following: repossessed furniture dealers, night janitors and self-proclaimed creators of the universe. Also of note: Car salesmen make excellent corroborators.

**Step 2 >>** There’s nothing wrong with regurgitating old stories and passing them off as “new investigative breakthroughs.” By way of example, if you previously managed to slip half-baked allegations past your readers, publish them again and they’ll be fully baked. Publish them 50 times and they’ll become as hard and durable as volcanic rock!

**Step 3 >>** Whenever discussing your work, continually drop such phrases as “Journalism 101” and “investigative process.” It may not get you a Pulitzer Prize, but it will make you feel like you’re in the running.

**Step 4 >> (and most important)** Never interview the primary subject of an “investigative profile.” He or she might well have something to say.

Besides, you can always do the interview *after* your article goes to press. Why let the public figure whose name you want to profit from get in the way of that Pulitzer you have your eye on!



## A Closing Word

**Y**ou have now glimpsed both the face of Scientology and the underbelly of the *S.P. Times*. The first is a genuinely glorious look at a better world for all Mankind. The second is like looking down a drainpipe. Not everything is clear, but one can certainly discern enough to know it's unwholesome and unsavory.

That the *S.P. Times* would elect to cancel a scheduled interview with Mr. Miscavige and yet interview a repo-man, a flogger of used furniture and a suborner of perjury, then fob it all off as the basis of a David Miscavige profile, is not journalism; it's media manipulation and naked character assassination.

That the *S.P. Times* sources would accuse Mr. Miscavige of the very misdeeds they themselves committed is not only an injustice, it's also a crime. For to slander a man of greatness and goodwill is to slander what is great and good within all of us.

**Why,  
with David Miscavige  
at the helm, is Scientology  
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Fortunately, however, the truth prevails. It prevails in the many millions who now live better lives because Mr. Miscavige presented unadulterated truths of Dianetics and Scientology in ways anyone can appreciate and utilize. It prevails in the many millions more who are now literate, drug-free, crime-free and happy because Mr. Miscavige presented other technologies of L. Ron Hubbard—pretty much just for the asking.

So if you want to know about David Miscavige and the Church of Scientology, don't ask the *S.P. Times*, don't ask a Kingpin, a Fact-Checker, a Con Man or an Adulteress. Ask a Scientologist; ask those who partner with Scientologists to help their fellow man; ask those who've seen what Scientology can do.

Then ask yourself: If the tabloid headlines presented by the *S.P. Times* are in any way balanced, accurate or fair—then why, with David Miscavige at the helm, is Scientology now the fastest-growing religious movement of the 21st century?

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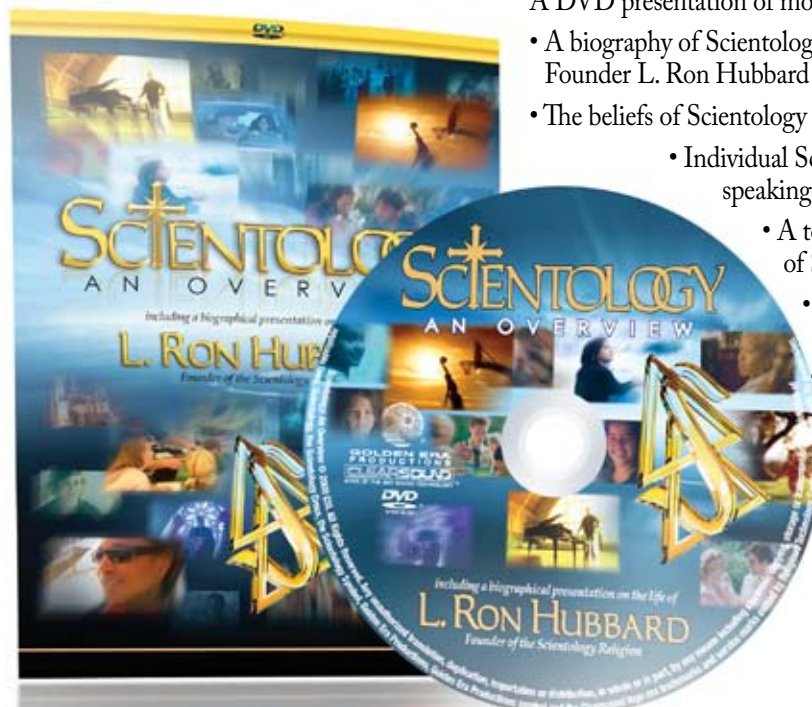
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