



CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY INTERNATIONAL

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Dear Mr. Seymour:

In the interest of providing *Today Tonight* with the true story regarding the Church of Scientology, I have prepared a brief description of the Church of Scientology's tremendous growth in the years since your apostate sources ceased to be involved in Scientology. If it was not evident to you from Mike Rinder's inability to answer simple questions about the present state of Scientology Churches, it should become totally clear after reading this letter.

Today Tonight's coverage of Scientology to date completely ignores the unprecedented growth of the Church—both internationally and in Australia—growth that is a result of the solutions to life's travails offered by the religion Mr. Hubbard founded and the unswerving dedication to his tenets by the staff, executives and ecclesiastical leader of the religion, Chairman of the Board Religious Technology Center (RTC), Mr. David Miscavige.

One need only look at the world of Scientology today and the view has never been more magnificent, it is exactly what L. Ron Hubbard envisaged for the religion he founded and the Church he inspired. In terms of the Church's physical scope, we are expanding our ability to provide all of Mr. Hubbard's services to our parishioners. As a result, the number and size of our major Church facilities has grown throughout the world.

This letter is sent to you as the Church commemorates the opening of a new 53,000 sq. ft. Church of Scientology in Pasadena, California, the sixth new Church opened in 2010.

Each is configured to provide the full services of the Scientology religion to parishioners and to the community, housing extensive public information multimedia displays, and ministering religious services in efficient and aesthetic spaces including congregational services in an expansive Chapel. These new Churches have expanded their ministry of religious services many times over, giving more than a million new people an opportunity to find out about Scientology. Each of these new Churches is active in its community while also providing a strong base for Scientology sponsored social and humanitarian programs.

SOCIAL AND HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMS

These programs are aimed at curbing drug abuse, illiteracy, immorality and criminality as well as restoring human rights, assisting individuals with personal troubles, and helping in times of disaster, both natural and man-made.

Scientology-supported social betterment and humanitarian programs have touched the lives of more than one-and-a-half billion people, including:

- The Church-sponsored education program using the non-religious moral code by Mr. Hubbard, *The Way to Happiness*. It uses the 21 public service announcements and new feature-length book-on-film mentioned above combined with an educator's guide, all of which have reached more than 700 million, with 85 million booklets distributed in 94 languages since 1981.
- The largest non-governmental anti-drug campaign in the world. The Say No to Drugs Say Yes to Life program features public service announcements, a documentary about real people and the destructive influence of the most commonly used drugs, and an educator's guide. It also includes information booklets exposing the myths of each drug, all provided at no cost for mass distribution. The program has reached over 435 million through TV sponsorship, 24 million through booklet

distribution, and 3.4 million children have pledged to lead drug-free lives through Church-sponsored Drug Free Marshals.

- An international human rights public information campaign, broadly publicizing all 30 articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with public service announcements for every article of the Declaration, a film providing the history of human rights, and booklets serving to fill the gap in human rights education. The campaign has reached more than a billion people, while our human rights education world tour has traveled 174,000 miles through 45 nations reaching 11 million and more than 250,000 petitions have been signed calling for mandatory human rights education.
- The Scientology Volunteer Ministers program, which has been active in more than 175 disaster relief efforts around the world partnering with more than 800 agencies and organizations. Our ministry has also trained more than 200,000 to provide volunteer assistance, while helping nearly 11 million one-on-one since September 11, 2001. The Church sponsors 18 continental and 135 regional traveling centers through 116 countries to provide assistance to anyone regardless of religion, race, color or creed.

In addition to the above, the Church supports Narconon drug rehabilitation centers in more than 47 countries. Narconon opened its flagship facility in Oklahoma in 2001. Likewise, the Church sponsored an international Applied Scholastics training center in St. Louis, Missouri in 2003 to provide global literacy programs. To date Applied Scholastics has helped tens of millions of students in America, Europe, Asia and Africa. Lastly, the Church supports The Way to Happiness Foundation, located in Glendale, California, which sponsors and advances the global programs based on L. Ron Hubbard's *Way to Happiness*.

Each Church in Australia undertakes its own local community activities of social support which is as varied as the parishioners and what skills they have to offer their local community.

A key component of the Church's work in Australia is to promote religious understanding and tolerance. The Church is actively involved in hosting and participating in interfaith events that foster and promote freedom of

religion and multi-faith understanding. The Church works with many faiths, including Islam and Buddhism, with representatives of these religions participating in Church-sponsored events that enable our congregation and the broader community to share and encourage tolerance and understanding. Across Australia, our Churches and parishioners are actively involved in a range of community-based activities that are designed to improve the lives of countless Australians.

For example:

The Melbourne Church of Scientology has a long standing arrangement to provide a children's home with gifts and toys for Christmas. Our Church has supported other children in need of critical financial support. Likewise, these activities are replicated in Sydney and Adelaide.

The Church has also undertaken a range of community activities supporting:

- Blood drives for the Red Cross—urging Australians to give blood in times of need to ensure that our nation can meet the demand for these vital supplies.
- Clean-Up Australia Day—active participation and involvement that results in the promotion of a cleaner, greener Australia.
- Earth Day—intensive involvement in the initiative to promote the importance of the environment.
- Nursing Homes and Aged Care facilities—provision of musicians and other entertainment to a range of community facilities around Australia, providing joy and interactivity for those Australians residing in these facilities.
- Youth Numeracy and Literacy—supporting young Australians at risk improving their levels of comprehension and understanding of the three R's. This program assisted young Australians from re-offending and lowered the rates of repeat offences.

In addition to these community-based initiatives, the Church has placed enormous efforts and resources into the following global programs, which have delivered significant lasting benefits for Australians and people around the world. These initiatives include:

1. Drug Education and Prevention

The Church of Scientology in Australia and around the world also undertakes a range of drug education and prevention programs that have delivered significant and lasting benefits to communities.

The Church of Scientology has for many decades conducted drug education campaigns.

Scientists are drug-free and as such understand the vital importance of full education, in empowering youth to make fully informed choices to stay away from drugs.

The cost to the Australian community of drug and alcohol abuse is considerable—around AUD23.514 billion per year.

Rather than just saying no, our approach has been to educate on physical and mental effects of drugs.

From our experience with talking to literally several hundred thousand youth on the streets, it is clear that drug use does not equal knowledge about drugs and that education can make all the difference. This has been one of our most concerted campaigns of the last two decades.

These programs are run by our dedicated team of volunteers.

The Church of Scientology Australia raises donations and pays for all of the materials and also provides grants for other projects such as producing a 90 minute documentary featuring former drug users, telling their stories of using drugs called *The Truth About Drugs Real People Real* stories.

In Australia, we have also established a Drug Free Ambassadors program, which provides free materials about the dangers of drugs to individuals and

within communities. Working with the Foundation for a Drug-Free World in the United States, the Church has disseminated free anti-drug educational material to over 5,000 additional people in the community—teachers, police, government staff, principals, alcohol and other drug workers, psychologists, social workers and front line people helping youth with drug problems in Australian and the Asia-Pacific region. This includes the production and shipping of 1.9 million booklets; 4,917 anti-drug information kits which includes free booklets and DVDs and 502 educators packages which include 24 sets of 10 anti-drug booklets for a class room, DVD and Educator’s manual.

Other Australian-based anti-drug activities organized by the Church include:

- 2.5 million anti-drug education fliers and booklets distributed at markets, fairs and street drug education events covering marijuana, ecstasy, ice and painkillers.
- 300,000 Australian youths have taken a drug-free pledge to dedicate them to help themselves and others to remain or become drug free.
- Translation of anti-drug education materials in Japanese, Chinese and Indonesian to enable the drug education information to be distributed to Australians of non-English speaking backgrounds.
- 20 languages serviced by the Church in distribution of anti-drug materials, including new languages now being translated of Samoan, Thai, Tagalog and Malaysian. This assists in enhancing Australia’s bonds of friendship with its neighbors in Asia Pacific.

2. Volunteer Ministry

Scientologists volunteer their help, both in times of major disasters and in times of more personal disasters that befall all individuals, organizations and countries around the globe.

In 1976 the Scientology Volunteer Minister program commenced, with volunteer clergy trained in exact tools and techniques in order to apply them to help others in the community in need, including the fundamentals of

interpersonal relations, solving drug abuse, resolving educational and study difficulties through to resolving marital problems and conflicts.

The Church of Scientology Australia funds all Volunteer Minister projects for Australia, New Zealand and Oceania directly from within our organizations and from the generous support and involvement of our parishioners. The Church has not requested government funding for any of our social betterment and community programs.

As part of this program, the Church has developed a disaster response team which specializes helping in times of international upheaval and catastrophic events. These volunteers provide a willing and highly organized team to support existing services and do undertake any actions needed or requested by governments or other community organizations.

Australian Scientologists have organized and participated in disaster response actions at home, in Asia Pacific and the United States, including but not limited to:

- 1995 Kobe, Japan earthquake
- 1995 Jakarta, Indonesian earthquake
- 1998 Papua New Guinea tsunami
- 1999 Taiwan earthquake
- 2001 Indian earthquake
- 2001 World Trade Center terrorist attack
- 2002 NSW bushfires
- 2004 Niigata, Japan earthquake
- 2004 Southeast Asia tsunami in Indonesia, Thailand, India, Malaysia and Sri Lanka
- 2005 New Zealand floods
- 2005 Hurricane Katrina
- 2006 Cyclone Larry in Innisfail
- 2006 Yogyakarta, Indonesian earthquake
- 2006 Cilacap Indonesia earthquake
- 2007 Aceh Indonesia floods, Jakarta and Yogyakarta Indonesia floods and tornado
- 2007 Solomon Islands tsunami
- 2007 Philippines Typhoon Mina

- 2008 Cyclone Nargis Myanmar
- 2008 Philippines Typhoon Frank
- 2008 Northeastern Japan earthquake
- 2009 Victorian bushfires
- 2009 Typhoon Ketsana (Philippines)

In September 2009, Scientology Volunteer Ministers from Australia and New Zealand flew to Samoa after a tsunami impacted on the local communities. Our volunteer representatives worked in cooperation with the Samoan Fire and Emergency Services Authority to assist in the cleanup and recovery operation.

The Volunteer Ministers were on the ground in Samoa for over six weeks providing essential aid to survivors of the natural disaster. Over 7,000 victims of the tsunami received individualized care and support from the Church's representatives.

In Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific in the last year, a total of 17,258 people have been introduced to the Volunteer Minister's techniques.

3. Defending Human Rights

The Church of Scientology has a long and proud tradition of supporting and defending human rights around the world.

In 1969, the Citizens Commission on Human Rights (CCHR) was established by the Church of Scientology in partnership with Dr Thomas Szasz, a renowned professor of psychiatry concerned about coercive practices in his profession. The first CCHR activities started in Melbourne in 1969 and set about championing the rights of Australians with mental illness and those experiencing poor and inhumane treatment.

CCHR is sponsored by the Church of Scientology in Australia and internationally as well as by other organizations and individuals.

The organization brings together a dedicated team of professionals, including psychologists, psychiatrists, doctors, lawyers, educators and others who share a common concern about the human rights abuses and stigmatization inherent in the mental health system. Indeed, it was due to CCHR's efforts that

mental health laws enacted legal rights for patients and their informed consent for treatment rights that until then psychiatrists had denied them.

In 1977, CCHR obtained its first Australian inquiry into psychiatric abuses. The Inquiry into Psychosurgery, revealed how Australians had been subjected to damaging brain operations without their consent.

In the 1980s, Sydney Scientologists played a key role in exposing the fatal risks and other dangers of deep sleep treatment, with over 1,100 patients being exposed to this treatment in Australia. This resulted in the establishment of the NSW Royal Commission into Chelmsford Hospital.

CCHR was officially recognized for its work in the NSW Report of the Royal Commission into Deep Sleep Treatment and a prominent psychiatrist stated that the Church of Scientology was an important player into obtaining government inquiries into these abuses.

CCHR has been recognized in Australia and internationally for its fight against inequality, injustice and coercion in the mental health system, including by Erica-Irene Daes in her Special Rapporteur's Report to the UN Human Rights Commission in 1986. The report states:

"The main task of CCHR has been to achieve reform in the field of mental health and the preservation of the rights of individuals under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. CCHR has been responsible for many great reforms. At least 30 bills [now more than 120] throughout the world, which would otherwise have inhibited even more the rights of patients, or would have given psychiatry the power to commit minority groups and individuals against their will, have been defeated by CCHR actions."

Overall, lives of both adults and children have been saved by the dedicated work of Scientologists and many other concerned charities and individuals working together for mental health reform and access to proper medical treatment.

4. Promotion of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

The Church of Scientology's Human Rights Department has been working with Youth for Human Rights International.

In the last two years, the Church has distributed more than 15,000 human rights booklets and DVDs to teachers, students, lawyers and the general public through events and websites throughout Australia.

Youth for Human Rights groups have promoted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and have been running an event each month across four Australian States with free booklets and pamphlets given away promoting the articles of the Declaration. Public service announcements showing the 30 articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights have been aired on TV channels across Australia.

UNPARALLELED GROWTH OF THE CHURCH

To summarize, the Church has undergone unparalleled growth in the past five years that can be summarized by these simple facts:

- Over 8,500 Scientology Churches, Missions and affiliated groups in 165 nations, double since 2004.
- Church premises have increased from 5.6 million square feet to more than 12.1 million square feet since 2004.
- 70 buildings have been acquired by the Church since 2004.
- Over one million square feet of construction of new premises has been completed in 2009.
- More than 3.2 million square feet of Church premises currently under construction in Melbourne, Sydney, Auckland, Kaohsiung, Birmingham, Manchester, and elsewhere.
- The number of individuals completing Dianetics and Scientology auditing and training doubled in the past two and a half years.

- The total number of auditing hours doubled in the past decade.
- The number of hours of Dianetics (Book One) counseling increased by more than 20 times in 2009.
- L. Ron Hubbard was awarded four 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
 - Most translated non-religious work: *The Way to Happiness*, 70 languages.
- 81 million L. Ron Hubbard books and lectures on Dianetics and Scientology were distributed in the last decade, compared to 5.6 million in the prior decade.
- 68 million books and lectures were distributed in the past two and a half years—more than the combined total in the first 50 years of Dianetics and Scientology.
- The Church's Bridge Publications and New Era Publications were established as the world's largest all-digital, on-demand publishers, with combined capacity of 1.3 million books per week (67 million per year) and 1 million CDs per week (52 million per year).
- More than three million L. Ron Hubbard Dianetics and Scientology books were placed in more than 125,000 libraries in 183 countries since July 2007.
- 35.9 million online visitors to the websites of the Church of Scientology and related social betterment organizations in the 12 months from mid 2009 to mid 2010.

SUMMARY

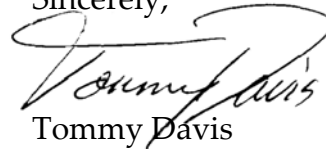
The Church of Scientology's explosive growth is because the religion is popular and because our humanitarian programs are making the world—and yes, Australia—a better place to live. This growth is due to the ecclesiastical leadership of Mr. Miscavige. The Church will be expanding its many social betterment programs aimed at eradicating the crippling plagues of illiteracy, immorality, drug abuse and intolerance.

A more complete picture of Scientology's current expansion is documented in the hundreds of separate videos on the Scientology Video Channel at www.scientology.org.

I am enclosing materials representing but a fraction of these accomplishments along with a DVD of the material for your review.

This is the real story of Scientology. *Today Tonight* should stop allowing itself to be used by apostates to put forward a false picture of the Church and the religion. You can discover the true story regarding Scientology in 2010 if you are simply willing to look.

Sincerely,



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