

## Letter to CNN

It is my understanding that CNN is doing a show on the Church of Scientology and actions that occurred at the International Base. Since I have first hand knowledge of this I would like to state some points regarding this.

I was a Sea Org member for 16 years. I held executive posts at the Int Base from 1989 to August 2000, including positions in Religious Technology Center.

When I came to the Int Base I was impressed with the size of the group or community there and the efficiency everybody had in their production. The way things were being run there at the Int Base was for me an exact duplication of what L. Ron Hubbard had written in numerous policies on how to organize and run a group. It was an ideal scene for me. The workspaces were nice, the living spaces were nice, everybody was aligned and working towards just these aims of Scientology. I felt “at home” there and was the happiest I had ever been.

Though it was not always easy and everyone worked a tough schedule, I felt I was making a difference in what I was doing, actually really working on making this world a better place which is what always moved me. I was never interested in a 9 to 5 job or lots of personal belongings or whatever, but I wanted to move things and do something in my life which I could look back on later and say, I really made a difference. That is what I felt I did in those 16 years of my staff member career and in looking back, I still feel this was the best time of my life.

I was trained on various post activities directly by Chairman of the Board RTC and became a very efficient and productive staff member. I looked up to Mr. Miscavige and found him to emanate similar characteristics I had admired in L. Ron Hubbard – being very compassionate and caring with a strong purpose to change conditions in the world by making it a better one through getting people trained and audited with Scientology Technology.

I was impressed by Mr. Miscavige’s constant drive to move things forward and his relentless work to improve conditions in and for Scientology. I have never seen anyone who had such a mastery of how to communicate to people in simple terms what needed to be done and how to do it. I have also never experienced that much compassion and help for others from one person as I have seen with him. To give an example of this:

Mr. Miscavige once had me find out why a specific person had not handled a specific post matter and to correct this. I found out that this person was very distracted because her father had just died. When I told Mr. Miscavige about this, he instantly made sure that she received the needed care and spiritual counselling to help her deal with her loss. At the same time, he arranged help so she could deal with everything concerning the funeral and other logistics matters. As busy as he was, he found the time to help this person instantly. This stuck with me forever, as it shows the enormous compassion he feels for people and his desire to help.

I have heard that ex-Scientists, or ex-Sea Org members, are attacking Mr. Miscavige and are generating lies about how he treats people. I know these people and know that they have an axe to grind as they want to cover up their own failings in really doing something they can be proud of or they have their own crimes.

Case in point is Marty Rathbun, who has been attacking COB and has opened up his own squirrel "counselling center."... He is the only person I ever experienced in my 27 years in Scientology to physically abuse anyone.

As a matter of fact, he is the person and reason why I left the Sea Org and am no longer a staff member. He made conditions intolerable for me. Before, I had always loved my job and my dealings with people.

I have now been out of the Sea Org for 10 years and I have never seen this much forward progress and Scientology growing as fast as I have seen in the last 5 or 8 years. I have never seen things being as standard and Ideal as they are now and even though I am no longer in the Sea Org, I can see these things being pushed forward by the Chairman of the Board in a tireless effort, with him moving around the whole planet.

Though I left the Sea Org, I always remained a contributing and active Scientist. When I left the Sea Org, I moved back to Germany, got married again and have been working since in my husband's company which is successful, while participating in Scientology as a public Scientist.

I know for a fact that there are others just like me that have left the Sea Org and feel the same way. There are however a handful of people like Marty Rathbun or Mike Rinder who cannot come to grips with actions they have done or failings they had in starting up a new existence and new life and who now try to make money with attacks on the very subject they stood for for several decades!

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