

What **Judges** Say About **\$cientology**

You've all heard Hollywood actors promoting the Scientology cult. John Travolta, Kelly Preston, Kirstie Alley (all adherents of the Scientology cult). Pretty powerful stuff, right? Well, not everyone is as thrilled about Scientology as these actors. In fact, judges who try cases involving Scientology often feel the opposite way about Scientology than the actors named above. Certainly, these aren't the kind of celebrity endorsements that Scientology likes. Read on, and find out what these judges have to say about the cult...

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Justice Latey, ruling in the London High Court, Family Division on July 23, 1984:

"Scientology is both immoral and socially obnoxious...It is corrupt sinister and dangerous. It is corrupt because it is based on lies and deceit and has its real objective money and power for Mr. Hubbard... It is sinister because it indulges in infamous practices both to its adherents who do not toe the line unquestionably and to those who criticize it or oppose it. It is dangerous because it is out to capture people and to indoctrinate and brainwash them so they become the unquestioning captives and tools of the cult, withdrawn from ordinary thought, living, and relationships with others."

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Paul Breckenridge, June 20, 1984, in the Gerry Armstrong case:

"[The court record is] replete with evidence [that Scientology] is nothing in reality but a vast enterprise to extract the maximum amount of money from its adepts by pseudo scientific theories... and to exercise a kind of blackmail against persons who do not wish to continue with their sect.

"In addition to violating and abusing its own members' civil rights, the organization over the years with its 'fair game' doctrine has harassed and abused those persons not in the church whom it perceives as enemies. The organization clearly is schizophrenic and paranoid, and this bizarre combination seems to be a reflection of its founder [L. Ron Hubbard]. The evidence portrays a man who has been virtually a pathological liar when it comes to his history, background and achievements. The writings and documents in evidence additionally reflect his egoism, greed, avarice, lust for power, and vindictiveness and aggressiveness against persons perceived by him to be disloyal or hostile."

California Supreme Court, United States v. Lee [455 U.S. 252,257,258 (1982)*:]

"When a person is subjected to coercive persuasion [as in Scientology] without his knowledge or consent ...[he may] develop serious and sometimes irreversible physical and psychiatric disorders, up to and including schizophrenia, self-mutilation, and suicide."

Judge Constandia Angelaki (A Greek case - December 1996, Attiki Prefecture vs KEPHE, a Scientology group):

"It is an organization with medical, social and ethical practices that are dangerous and harmful," ... "It claims to act freely so as to draw members who subsequently undergo ... brainwashing by dictated ways of thinking that limit reaction capabilities."

U.S. v Kuch 288 F Sup. 439 (1968):

"Those who seek constitutional protections for their participation in an establishment of religion and freedom to practice its beliefs must not be permitted the special freedoms this special sanctuary may provide merely by adopting religious nomenclature and cynically using it as a shield to protect them when participating in anti social conduct that otherwise stands condemned."

From the **Canadian Supreme Court** decision in *Hill v. Church of Scientology of Toronto*, Feb. 20 1995:

"Every aspect of this case demonstrates the very real and persistent malice of Scientology."

(Later on, same ruling:)

"Scientology's actions from the time of publication, throughout the trial, and after the trial decision was rendered constituted a continuing attempt at character assassination by means of a statement which it knew to be false."

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