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Scientology responds

By **Linda Hight**

Your article "Church Members File Suit Against Professor," May 17, quotes psychiatrist, Louis Jolyon West, at length but is less generous with the quotations from reporter Nancy Hsu's interview with me.

West seems to think that free speech means that he is free to break laws and misuse state funds to conduct his personal vendettas. He is wrong.

West is a victim of his own prejudices and misconceptions. Substitute "Jews" or "blacks" for "Scientologists" in West's remarks and the outrage would be thundering. He would be denounced as a racist or anti-Semite and probably toppled from his post at UCLA.

The suit has been brought because West's diatribes against Scientology are being supported financially by UCLA and the Board of Regents (who do so with the monies of California taxpayers and tuition payers) in violation of the constitution and education codes.

West's track record on human

rights indicates that he has pushed for measures which discriminate against minority, ethnic, racial and religious groups. In the 1970s, he ran into controversy with a proposed "experimental violence center." Chemical castration and implanting electrodes into people's brains were among the plans he put forward. Young black males and Latinos were to be most of the guinea pigs. There was public outcry, and the proposal was abandoned.

In the 1950s he took part in "mind control" experiments funded by the CIA, he advocates mind-altering drug use to "cure" violence, and he has stated that "morphine, heroin and synthetic narcotics" may become "prescription drugs in psychiatry."

He also has the dubious distinction of being the first psychiatrist to kill an elephant with LSD. The animal died in agony after he injected it with a dose of the drug large enough to send 1,400 humans on full-blown trips.

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Scientologist response remains true to form

Your July 26 "Counterpoint" gave space to L.S. Hight, international media coordinator for the "Church" of Scientology, who criticized an excellent Bruin article by Nancy Hsu ("Church Members File Suit Against Professor," May 17) in characteristic Scientology fashion: with a vicious personal attack upon me. Hight's diatribe was filled with lies and misrepresentations from beginning to end.

My track record on human rights is far superior to that of Hight, L. Ron Hubbard or any other Scientology official past or present, and has been so for nearly half a century.

I have put my job, my reputation and even my life on the line for human rights causes ranging from fascism in Europe to racism in America to apartheid in South Africa: from punitive policies against gays in the military (published in 1958), to victims of terrorism and torture, to neglect and mistreatment of the poor, the

mentally ill and children everywhere.

In fact, it is precisely because of my outspoken criticism of Scientology's deceptive, manipulative, exploitive, dangerous, and even brutal practices, which have diminished the freedom and individuality of untold thousands of people, that they have long since identified me as "fair game" for their perennial harassment, vilification and character assassination.

The Center for Study of Life-Threatening Behavior which was proposed in the early 1970s by me and two dozen faculty colleagues at UCLA was extensively reviewed and approved by objective committees both within and outside the University. No such "experiments" as "chemical castration" or "implanting electrodes into people's brains" were proposed except perhaps in L. Ron Hubbard's science fiction stories. The only project (among 17) in which minorities would have

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been over-represented was one in which model programs to diminish violence among students

through peer-counseling techniques were to be tested at two Los Angeles inner-city schools — at their request.

As America's epidemic of interpersonal violence has continued to grow in the last 20 years, many knowledgeable people have expressed regret that the proposed center was never funded.

Contrary to Hight's allegations (which Scientology has repeated ad nauseam in Goebels' tradition of the Big Lie), I have never taken part in "mind-control" experiments funded by the CIA or anybody else. It is Scientology itself that has become wealthy and powerful by using mind-control techniques to exploit innocent seekers of self-improvement.

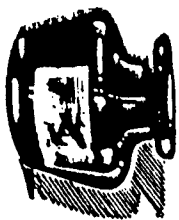
That I employ medications — and teach about their proper use — in the practice of psychiatry is no secret, but Hight's implications about any impropriety in this are totally false.

Finally, the "elephant story" is always thrown in by Scientologists in their attacks upon me as

though it were some sort of shameful secret which they have exposed. You can read all about it and judge for yourself. (Lysergic Acid Diethylamide: Its Effects on a Male Asiatic Elephant, *Science*, December 7, 1962, 138: 345-45, 1100-1103.) My co-authors were the distinguished African-American psychiatrist, Dr. Chester Pierce, now a professor at Harvard, and Dr. Warren Thomas, longtime director of the Los Angeles Zoo.

Beware of Scientology. It is basically a science-fiction psychotherapy cult concocted by one of our century's most extravagant liars (a cross between the Baron Munchausen and Rev. Jim Jones) and practiced by amateurs unrestricted by any code of professional ethics, any peer review or any respect for the content of modern behavioral science, clinical psychology or scientific medicine.

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Letters to the Editor

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The Scientology debate

Pinning our hopes on Old Doll Body

I READ with interest Denise Harrison's statement of incredulity that a new religion could be the work of a science fiction writer.

According to the saying, truth is stranger than fiction, so what about this one?

In his early lectures, Ron Hubbard mentioned "Old Doll Body", a mythical figure from the past, who travelled freely in the universe in his flying saucer.

In 1964, I was driving up the Turners Hill Road one night and, to and behold, there was Old Doll Body making heavy weather of the grass verge, which was much wider in those days. According to Ron, Doll Body could control six bodies at once, but I saw only three.

I hasten to add that he was seen by others, even driving a car, and the incidents were duly recorded by the Church of Scientology HCO Depr. Saint Hill.

I mention all this because it is an important date in the annals of Scientology and I hope Saint Hill will write and confirm my statement and add any further data.

After all, if Doll Body is still roaming the universe freely then there is hope for us all.

J. REVILL

Bricklands
Crawley Down

Signs of persecution complex

I HAVE read with increasing amazement and concern the continuing correspondence and articles about the "church" of Scientology.

The Christian clergy have regularly expressed their concern at the activities of the cult, but their warnings earlier this year seem to have induced a persecution complex amongst some of the cult's followers.

A simple letter warning of the links between the new Dianetics bookshop, the so-called personality tests and Scientology, has provided a knee-jerk reaction. The letter and the attack by vandals on the Dianetics Centre seem to have been construed by the "church" of Scientology as an attack on its members' religious freedoms.

When the Rev Stephen Bowen went to Saint Hill to give moral support to a man who wanted to leave the cult's elite Sea Organisation, he was harassed, vilified and branded a Nazi. Is that the reaction expected from a group claiming to be a religion?

The opening of the Dianetics bookshop has, I am told, brought complaints to the police from shoppers fed up with being persecuted by the Scientology "body routers" trying to bring in new recruits, and from Scientologists who object to the presence of the occasional lone Christian standing outside the London Road shop. Whilst on the one hand accusing anyone who dares oppose it of taking part in a hate campaign, the cult has engaged in an increasingly hostile letter writing and leaflet campaign aimed at denigrating opponents, whether they be clergymen or former members. Now we can even have the cult publicly accusing opponents of drug-takers.

Former editor, East Grinstead Courier
MICHAEL RICKS

One local author who has done much to publicise the truth about the cult has been the subject of a leaflet campaign. In the past few weeks the "church" has declared at least five people to be "suppressive persons", and accused them of psychotic or criminal activity. In my opinion, the actions are nothing short of harassment aimed at silencing opposition.

I was surprised by the lack of public for Mr Bowen and Canon Roger Brown. Has the town become apathetic or are people over-awed, overwhelmed, or simply too afraid to speak out?

Once, whilst editing this newspaper, I was severely criticised by the cult for pointing out the lack of love in its philosophy. When the "church" of Scientology publicly attacks the Christian clergy for doing their duty, and engages in a campaign which, in my opinion, constitutes harassment, it only serves to strengthen my view that there is no love in Scientology.

THE SCIENTOLOGY debate has droned on and on now for several months. We have become used to reading the same letters in the same strange and robotic style which seem to be either written or inspired by the Church of Scientology's "Office of Special Affairs".

Unless there are any new developments, a debate on a specific issue is normally brought to an end after a decent period. However, on this issue, you letters editor himself seems to be encouraging the debate to sink to new and degrading depths.

Not only have we heard that the leaders of our local Christian community are to be compared to Nazis, but a named local resident was actually accused of criminal activity in a letter from a Scientologist published on July 30.

Like others who are critical of the Church of Scientology, this individual has been labelled an anti-Scientologist, an anti-social personality and a suppressive person. In fact, he is a valuable and caring member of the community who has helped families whose lives have been ravaged by cults.

In their letters the Scientologists have tried to appear very reasonable, compared themselves to the persecuted early Christians and appealed for religious tolerance.

However, their concept of persecution is very different from that experienced by the early Christians. The Church of Scientology regards as persecution the slightest questioning of its ethics or conduct.

The Christian Church has long since learned to bear criticism. The Church of Scientology has not. They have their own ways of dealing with critics or ex-members. According to their Fair Game law, people considered to be suppressive persons may be deprived of property or injured by any means by any Scientologist. They may be tracked, sued, lied to or destroyed.

Currently, there is a pamphletting campaign throughout the East Grinstead area against this particular individual with the intention of destroying him. The resources of a multi-national organisation are ranged unfairly against a lone individual. The Courier's action supports this unjust campaign.

JOHN ABLETT
Aeon Close, East Grinstead

When Christianity was very young all manner of lies and gossip were spread about it, and hearsay and innuendo were the order of the day. The trouble was that certain members of the Church made themselves so unpopular that not only practising Jews, but also many other people, were put on their guard against it.

Perhaps the violence that was done to the body of the founder of Christianity resulted from the populace listening to hearsay. And there are probably those who will say that this was a good thing because otherwise the world would not now have the wonderful legacy of those events of 2000 years ago.

But let's be practical in 1993. The world doesn't really need any more crucifixions. And it certainly doesn't need hearsay as a primary source of information upon which to build a case against anyone.

RUFUS FRASER
Setfield Road, West Heathly

MRS MARY HUNT writes to you to speak from hearsay (her words) about how some members of the Church of Scientology allegedly made themselves unpopular.

When I and my wife (members of the Church of Scientology) were neighbours of Mrs Hunt between 1984 and 1986 I am sure we were good neighbours, and I can say that Mrs Hunt was a very Christian and good neighbour to us.

THE Church of Scientology leaflet about Conflicts and the Third Party Law reminds me of a leaflet put out by the same people about 10 years ago about Mr David Mayo. Both David Mayo and Jon Atack obviously know too much, and therefore have to be personally blackened and back-mouthed in a concerted and determined campaign.

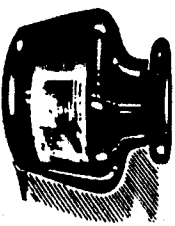
Perhaps there is in East Grinstead a Third Party; my vote says it is the Church of Scientology at Saint Hill, driving a wedge between ordinary Scientologists and townsfolk alike.

Jon Atack's very truthful accounts of Scientology and Ron Hubbard can be found in his book A Piece of Blue Sky. It must be true or the church would have sued him for libel.

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The Scientology debate

Misdirected energy

AS SPOKESMAN for the Church of Scientology I have only one thing to say to Mike Ricks (Letters, August 13), and that is that if he had spent as much time on improving conditions in town as he did in persecuting a religion, East Grinstead would be an even

what any anti-religion person thinks.

Mr Ricks, I hereby extend an invitation for you to visit me at Saint Hill to discuss how we may get out of the past and get on with the future. Meanwhile, I agree with another writer, John Ablett — let's end this debate and get on with more constructive issues that will benefit the town as a whole.

The Courier has received a number of letters this week which are not being published because they are considered to be defamatory.

PETER MANSSELL

Saint Hill Manor
East Grinstead

HAVING been a Scientologist for some 30 years and a Christian for even longer, and a born-again Christian for 14 years, I believe I am in a unique position to speak about both Christianity and Scientology.

There is about as much 'love' in Scientology, as there is 'understanding' in Christianity, but then that is how it should be. Christians will never understand until they become Scientologists and Scientologists will never really 'love' until they become Christians.

These are problems we in Scientology are working to help with and frankly we are more interested in these activities than in worrying

Life can be likened to a very large jigsaw puzzle where the edge pieces are love and understanding. The whole of life is contained in these two words. "He who loves understanding is a wise man, he who understands love is a fool".

L. Ron Hubbard has stated that he developed Dianetics and Scientology because of his love of understanding. Very early on in the subject he decided love was unscientific, and wrote it out of the computation and replaced it with the word "affinity".

Hubbard is a builder in the accepted sense of the word and it is indeed the stone that the builder rejected that has become the capstone.

We need both the builder and the capstone, but we also need the cornerstone if we are ever to even get started.

For me Scientology was dealing with my grubby past so that I might claim my true inheritance in Christ Jesus.

GRAHAM THREEFALL
Western Road
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Enter Prince Xenu

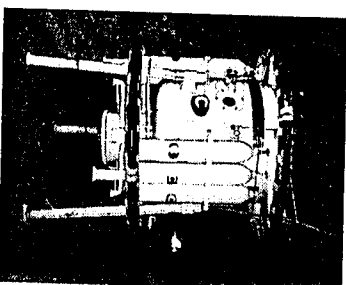
HOW refreshing it was to read in last week's Courier about Mr Revill's encounter with Old Doll Body. I believe that his letter has put the whole Scientology debate into perspective.

In a similar vein, I wonder how many local people will remember old Prince Xenu. He used to be a familiar figure in the Dorset Arms in the High Street where he worked as a barman in order to raise the money to pay for his life repair. Of course, that was in the days when it was possible to pay for a basic service out of a year's wages and still have change for a copy of All About Radiation.

I well remember the Old Man and Xenu having a drink and laughing about old times while they wrote the OT III materials.

The Old Man was into nuclear fission and Xenu fancied himself as a bit of a vulcanologist. That was before he was discovered to be a pyromaniac and had his visa withdrawn. The incident was duly recorded by the Church of Scientology HCO Department.

He often took his space pod up to the Hill where he and the Old Man used to take the advance levels students for very long



intergalactic rides. This photograph was given to me by Old Doll Body himself and shows Xenu's pod when it was parked outside the pub one night.

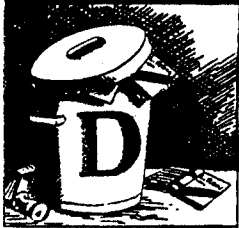
These days it is impossible to park a spacecraft anywhere in East Grinstead. The only place that has clearance for flying saucer landings is Saint Hill itself. I hope Saint Hill will write and confirm this and add any further data.

JOHN ABLETT
Acorn Close
East Grinstead

William Waldegrave 47 'feline and elegant'

Researched by Robi Dutta

Dianetics



WHAT is it? A self-help programme founded by Lafayette Ron Hubbard (not to be confused with the pseudo-religion Scientology, also founded by L. Ron). Defined by its founder as 'spiritual healing technology'.

From the Greek *dia*, through, and *nous*, soul, a debatable etymology at best. Or: The immensely long and mad book of the same name.

How does it go? Difficult to say, even if you have read the book, as it is composed in a private language to which only L. Ron held the key. The aim is to turn 'preclears' (you and me) into 'Clears', i.e. people who have 'no engrams which can be restimulated to throw out the correctness of computation by entering hidden and false data'. An engram is 'a mental image picture which is a recording of an experience containing pain, unconsciousness, and a real or fancied threat to survival'. We hope that makes everything clear, or, indeed, Clear. If not, the book is careful to explain terms that may be unfamiliar to the reader. It has more footnotes than the *Dunciad Variorum*.

A-Z OF BELIEFS

Words and phrases which get explanatory footnotes: Dopey, moored, fuse, Macbeth, migraine, telepathy, chain, mange, wits, slips of the tongue, acute, jog, hal-lowed, Hindu, surgical, yardstick, pagan, atom bomb (and, funnily enough), charlatan.

How do I join? You wander along Tottenham Court Road in an aimless manner until you pass the Church of Scientology shop near Goodge Street tube. A disciple of Hubbard will spot that you have nothing better to do and invite you in to take a personality test in which you will be asked questions like 'Do you smile much?' and 'Are you a slow eater?' After two hours of this your results will be analysed and you will be told you are in deep psychic doo-doo and you had better sign up for a long and expensive course in the teachings of L. Ron. Complete the course and everything from your mental well-being and that snifle you have had since Easter will be cleared up. In fact, Dianetics has the answer to everything. Such as:

Dianetics and safe driving: 'Drivers with several accidents on their records are generally accident-prone. They have engrams which command them to have accidents.'

Dianetics and obstetrics: 'Maintain silence in the presence of birth to save both the sanity of the mother and the child.'

Dianetics and First Aid: 'Say nothing and

make no sound around an "unconscious" or injured person. To speak, no matter what is said, is to threaten his sanity.'

Dianetics and the meaning of life and death: 'Any restimulator or associated restimulator for the prosurvival engram means life: and any restimulator or associated restimulator for a contrasurvival engram means death.'

L. Ron on when the trouble comes: 'The trouble comes when the analytical mind is shut down by restimulation and the auditor is seeking the ally computation. Then the preclear's reactive mind dodges and avoids.'

The case for: You get to learn the definitions of words like dopey, fuse, and charlatan, along with many others which might be even more unfamiliar to you. You get the chance to read a book by 'an international bestselling author' 676 pages long. You realise that you may be screwed up, but you are not nearly screwed up enough to believe this garbage.

The case against: If you weren't screwed up before reading *Dianetics*, you probably will be afterwards. If you think you have understood *Dianetics*, psychiatric help may be indicated. You may have to go to the church of Scientology in East Grinstead and your friends will drift away like the snows of yesteryear.

Keith Boot

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Scientists conceal cameras while counseling

By ARDON M. PALLASCH
Tallahassee Staff Writer

CLEARWATER — Church of Scientology officials are installing concealed cameras and microphones in at least 39 counseling rooms where church members reveal their innermost thoughts, a church spokesman confirms.

What transpires behind the closed doors of an auditing session — one-on-one counseling — is as confidential as a confession from a parishioner to a priest in the Roman Catholic Church, said Scientology spokesman Richard Haworth.

It's subject to what's called the priest-penitent privilege," Haworth said.

Occasionally, he said, sessions are videotaped to be reviewed by a senior auditor. That review helps the auditor perfect his techniques. The person being audited must consent to being taped, he said.

"It's quality control — it's not an unusual thing," Haworth said.

Clearwater's downtown Fort Harrison Hotel is home to the international spiritual headquarters of the Church of Scientology, a religion founded by the

late science-fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard.

None of the current auditing rooms on the first floor of the hotel is equipped for video or audio taping. A video recorder must be wheeled in, Haworth said, and that can be an obtrusive presence.

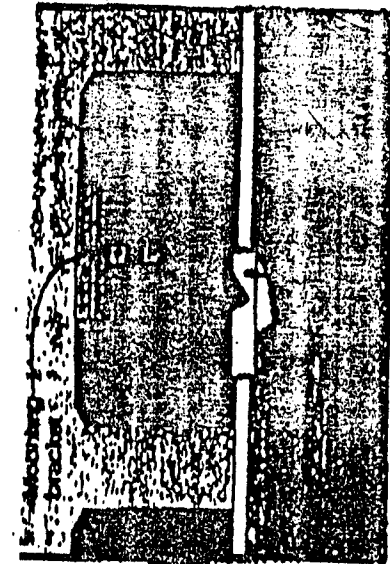
That's why the video cameras — two in each room — will be hidden above the ceiling and the microphones will be placed in the molding along the walls of auditing rooms being fashioned from former hotel rooms on the fourth and fifth floors, Haworth said.

"Somebody sticks a microphone in front of you and you're inhibited," Haworth said. "The reason the rooms are being re-done is so they're a better physical environment for the counseling to take place."

Blueprints on file with the city's building code division show detailed plans for an extensive electronic audio-visual system at the hotel and at the downtown Clearwater Building, also owned by the church.

To people in the auditing room, the cameras con-

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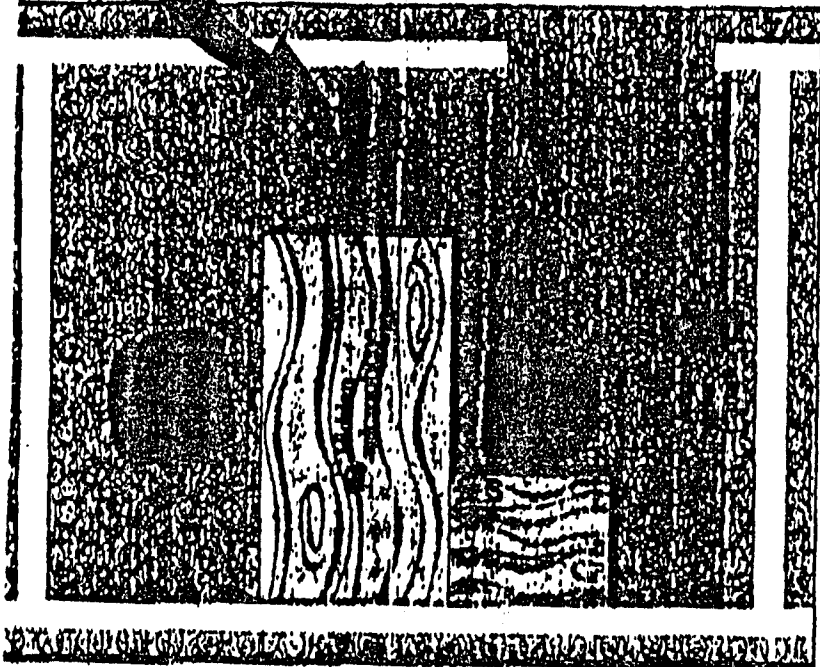


"Look/Listen in rooms"

Blueprints of remodeling plans for the Church of Scientology's Fort Harrison Hotel and the Clearwater Building show that color and black-and-white cameras will be installed above the ceilings in what the church calls "Look/Listen in rooms" used for counseling with members. Microphones also will be installed 36 inches above the floor in a chair rail or wall molding or under a desk.

Source: City of Clearwater

Video Illustration



The Tampa Tribune, Saturday, September 18, 1993

Cameras help audit church's auditors

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cealed above the ceiling would appear to be a light fixture, city Building Code Analyst Kevin Garrlott said as he examined the blueprints.

In the Clearwater Building, one camera would be aimed at a chair; the other at both the auditor and person being audited from a profile position, blueprints show.

The Fort Harrison blueprints show how the cables from all the auditing rooms on the fourth and fifth floors hook up to VCRs and television monitors on the third floor.

Officials at the city's building department approved the plans because they violate no city codes.

"I have never heard of this before, other than in a bank or in a grocery store," said Clearwater Planning and Zoning Director Jim Polatty.

Plans for the Clearwater Building, which the church also is remodeling, call for at least four "Look/Listen in System" auditing rooms on the second floor with hidden cameras and microphones mounted under desk tops.

Videotaping people without their consent is legal in Florida, experts say. Banks and supermarkets use hidden cameras.

Audiotaping someone without consent would violate state law, said David Audlin, chief assistant statewide prosecutor in Tallahassee.

Haworth said he didn't know if written consent forms are used, but people give at least verbal consent before being taped.