



CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY INTERNATIONAL

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RE: Church of Scientology

Dear Mr. Dion:

This letter concerns the one-hour show about the Church of Scientology that aired on Journal d'Enquete on TVA, on Friday, February 25, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.. The program presented a completely distorted view of Scientology and all pre-publication efforts to achieve a balanced, factual portrayal were rejected by the program's personnel.

To begin with, I must clear up the fact that attempts to contact us prior to the show were simply pretense. One e-mail was sent to the Church in Los Angeles requesting a meeting at the Church in Florida – two entirely different corporations. No follow-up phone call was ever received. Instead, it was used from then on to just appear anywhere in our Churches, harass our members in the street or come in our Churches in Florida and in Quebec with cameras rolling, which is just rude. So the matter of "we tried to reach you and you said no" is just cheap and dishonest.

Further, the representative of the Church in Florida did not say no to the interview. She asked like she would of any other reporters that the reporter call to set up an appointment which the reporter refused to do. He was not going to

take advantage of this and never did. He did not want to have the interview, as it would have wrecked his already pre-conceived show.

I must add as well that the unprofessionalism and bias of your reporters have been shocking the whole way through. They have been working on their story for at least 4 or 5 months, arrive in our Churches unannounced, with hidden camera, never telling us even what the story is supposed to be about and again pretending they want to interview us while they still refuse to tell us what they are doing and what we are supposed to answer to which is really a cheap tactic to then say "they refused to be interviewed."

The Church was neither presented with nor given a meaningful opportunity to respond to allegations that were aired in the program. To attempt to mitigate the harm of the program and after communications from the Church had been rebuffed, the Church's lawyer, Alan M. Stein wrote to the Editor-in-Chief and Producer of Journal d'Enquete prior to the airing of the program. He requested that the program be delayed to give the Church a meaningful opportunity to respond, or if that was not possible, that Journal d'Enquete present a short statement from the Church responding in advance to the anticipated program. Those requests were ignored.

Having now seen the program, the concerns of the Church about the content of the program were well-founded. The program is rife with violations of accepted journalistic standards of conduct. Specifically,

1. Two individuals acting on behalf of Journal d'Enquete entered the Church of Scientology of Montreal under false pretences and for several weeks pretended to be interested in participating in Scientology for their own personal spiritual betterment, all the while secretly videotaping Church staff members and other parishioners without their consent in violation of their rights to privacy.
2. One of Journal d'Enquete's reporters and a cameraman entered Church premises in the United States under false pretenses, and started speaking with church members while surreptitiously recording the conversations;

3. The same reporter and cameraman tried to conduct ambush interviews with staff in Florida, improperly touched one of the church staff members and acted in a rude and unprofessional manner toward the Scientologists he encountered;
4. Reporters videotaped through the windows the service of the Church in Québec City without any permission;

Further, the program contains demonstrably false allegations that the Church would have been able to address had they been given an opportunity to do so. By way of example:

The program falsely represents that the Church of Scientology is a “cult” that is only interested in people’s money (“In Scientology it is always about money.”)

The Scientology religion is comprised of more than 9,000 churches, missions and affiliated groups in 165 countries. In 1993, the Government of Quebec granted the status of religious corporation to the Churches of Scientology of Montréal and Quebec City after a two-year study, and that many experts in the field have recognized that Scientology fully satisfies the three criteria that are generally considered to define the religious character, namely:

1. A belief in the supreme or supernatural reality, such as a supreme being or an eternal truth which transcends the here and now of the temporal world;
2. Religious practices which are devoted directly to understand, reach or communicate with this supernatural reality;
3. A community of believers.

Scientologists give effect to their beliefs through their support of humanitarian initiatives and social betterment programs in the fields of disaster relief, drug abuse and rehabilitation, illiteracy, human rights, and morals education. These programs have touched the lives of more than one-and-a-half billion people world over, including:

- The Scientology Volunteer Ministers program has been active in more than 175 disaster relief efforts around the world, partnering with more than 800 agencies and organizations. Our ministry has trained more than 400,000 to provide volunteer assistance, while helping nearly 11 million one-on-one since September 11, 2001. See www.volunteerministers.org.

The well-known relief our Volunteer Ministers brought to Haiti after the January, 2010 earthquake is only one demonstration of the commitment to assist. The Church of Scientology Volunteer Ministers engaged in a massive relief effort and was one of the first organizations to mobilize charter flights from New York and LA, filled with tens of tons of medical supplies as well as badly needed personnel—doctors, nurses, emergency medical technicians and Volunteer Ministers. Volunteer Ministers manned tent hospitals in and around Port-au-Prince, working with physicians tending to the pain, trauma and injuries of the survivors. Other Volunteer Ministers dispensed 80 tons of food and provisions in the outlying camps under the wing of the U.S. 82nd Airborne Division's Second Battalion, others manned the converted Coast Guard cutter Hornbeam to transport 100 tons of needed supplies for nine relief organizations, established a shelter for the displaced children of a demolished orphanage, and much more. In all, the Volunteer Ministers devoted more than 115-thousand hours of service directly helping 600,000 people rebuild their lives, as well as establishing 700 Volunteer Minister units throughout Haiti to continue to help.

- *The Way to Happiness*, a Church-sponsored education program that uses the non-religious moral code by Mr. Hubbard, *The Way to Happiness*, including 21 public service announcements and the new feature-length book-on-film combined with an educator's guide. This program has reached more than 700 million, with 85 million booklets distributed in 94 languages since 1981. The materials for this program are provided free of charge to institutions and groups implementing the program. See www.thewaytohappiness.org.

In Colombia, more than 3 million copies of *The Way to Happiness* have been distributed in coordination with that nation's Navy, Army and National Police in the last 18 months. This distribution was flanked by as many as 100 airings of *The Way to Happiness* precepts each day on Colombian television networks. There are numerous such examples.

- The Church sponsors 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 abused 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 the Church-sponsored Drug Free Marshals. See www.drugfreeworld.org.

- The Church sponsors an international human rights public information campaign, broadly publicizing the 30 articles of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights with public service announcements for every article, 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. The human rights education world tour has traveled 174,000 miles through 45 nations reaching 11 million. More than 250,000 people have signed our petitions calling for mandatory human rights education. The Church of Scientology sponsors this program and the materials are provided freely to groups implementing its effective solutions. See www.humanrights.com.

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. Founded in 1966, Narconon is one of the most successful drug rehabilitation programs in the world with an approximate 75%

success rate. Narconon drug educators have reached 15 million people with the truth about drugs, 500,000 of them in the past year. In recognition of Narconon's continued contributions to creating drug-free lives, the Governor of Oklahoma proclaimed January 21 Narconon Arrowhead Day throughout the state. Go to www.narconon.org.

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. In the past year, Applied Scholastics instructors have educated 2.7 million people on study technology. Go to www.appliedscholastics.org.

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 *The Way to Happiness*. Earlier this year, *The Way to Happiness* was entered in the Guinness Book of World Records as the most translated nonreligious work. Please go to www.thewaytohappiness.org

These are core contributions by Scientologists to society. Instead of acknowledging these far-reaching social endeavors, Journal d'Enquete further evidences its bias by attempting to dismiss these programs as so-called front groups.

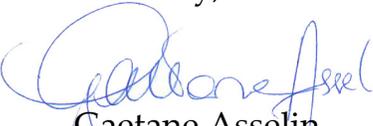
Journal d'Enquete falsely claims that the Church and its ecclesiastical leader are under FBI investigation for creating "a climate of violence," alleging that the Church utilizes "physical punishment, isolation for several days, inventions of scandal against critics and exploitation of workers, many of which are minors." These claims are false. The Church has never been informed that it is the subject of an investigation by the FBI. Moreover, these allegations were already raised in a lawsuit by the very same discredited sources and were resoundingly dismissed in August 2010 by a Federal District Court judge in Los Angeles.

Journal d'Enquete airs the views of avowed anti-Scientologists such as Steven Kent and Jean-Paul Dubreuil – a man who, from one day to the other, literally abandoned his wife and children in the '80's - and sources who did not divulge their identities. These "sources" which have been last in Scientology almost two decades ago, presented a biased, distorted view of Scientology based on their own prejudices. One of these individuals was a masked member of the cyber hate group "Anonymous." "Anonymous" is a loose collection of hagglers and internet activists, and since 2008 "Anonymous" has targeted the Church of Scientology and its executives based on their beliefs. Furthermore, a press release was issued by "Anonymous" declaring a war on Scientology, and this group' has threatened to detonate "nitroglycerin bombs" in Scientology churches throughout the United State and has engaged in fake anthrax attacks on Scientology churches. Anonymous "has been the subject of numerous federal investigations in the United States, including civil rights investigations for engaging in hate crimes targeting Scientology, its leaders, members and churches." In fact, several members of this group have been found guilty of crimes for the attempted destruction of websites owned by the Church and two are serving sentences in federal prison.

I am coming to you as the ultimate authority in TVA Group seeking redress of the harms created by this false portrayal of Scientology. To that end I am repeating the request of our lawyer that a statement from the Church be read during an upcoming broadcast of Journal d'Enquete along the lines of the enclosed, under reserve of our claim for damages against you arising from the airing of your documentary on our Church.

I look forward to a prompt response.

Sincerely,



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Church of Scientology of Scientology

Enclosure



CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY INTERNATIONAL

STATEMENT OF THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY

The Church of Scientology was denied an opportunity to respond to the allegations contained in the recent Journal d'Enquete program on Scientology before the show aired. Consequently, the show presented a distorted view of Scientology. Having now seen the show, the Church states the following:

Scientology is recognized as a religion by the government of Quebec, which registered the Churches of Scientology in Montréal and Quebec City as religious corporations in 1993. The religion recognized around the world and is active through more than 9,000 churches, missions and groups in 165 nations.

In January 2010, we opened a new, 47,000 square-foot church in Québec City in the heart of the Nouvo Saint-Roch district. This expansion is part of an international program that has seen the establishment of 24 new Scientology Churches in cities such as Rome, Madrid, New York, London, Berlin, Washington, D.C., Melbourne and Moscow. The Church has approximately 60 additional properties in various stages of design and construction, with many new Churches moving towards completion in the next 24 months, several before the end of the year. We plan a similar expansion for Montréal.

These new Churches have expanded their ministry many times over and are very active in their communities, playing an integral part in bettering conditions and provide a strong base for Scientology sponsored social and humanitarian programs.

The Church of Scientology's incredible growth is the result of people discovering for themselves the religion's practical, real-world applicable tools that actually do work to assist an individual in improving his or her life for the better. Moreover, we are known world over because our humanitarian programs are effective, selfless and are making the world a better place to live.

Anyone desiring more information about the Church of Scientology or any of these humanitarian programs should come and tour the Church in Quebec or visit our website at www.scientology.org.