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Meet a Scientologist—Optometrist Todd Staniszewski Finds a New Way of Looking at Life

Scientology confirmed optometrist Todd Staniszewski's belief in the importance of honor and integrity. His profile is one of 200 "Meet a Scientologist" videos available on the Scientology website at www.Scientology.org.

Todd Staniszewski had achieved his goal in life. So why, then, was he so dissatisfied?

In his "Meet a Scientologist" video on Scientology.org, the 41-year-old optometrist explains:

"When I first started working, all I knew is I wanted a successful practice. I didn't know what to do with it though," Staniszewski says. "We got really busy. Everything was disorganized. I had gotten what I wanted—I was

making good money and seeing patients and the practice was growing—but at the same time I was probably the least happy I'd been in my life.”

That was why he sought assistance with his Clarkston, Michigan, practice in 2002.

On display on the wall of his consultant's office was a framed quote that Staniszewski found fascinating. It was [The Code of Honor](#) by L. Ron Hubbard.

“Here were precepts that were really significant to me—the importance of personal integrity, loyalty to friends and being trustworthy—I was completely blown away,” he says.

He wanted to know more about the man who had written this and about the religion he had founded—Scientology.

“I'd always been looking for something as a kid,” he says. “And I'd always felt a bit out of place. I was discouraged by the unworthy motives and injustices I saw in life. Sometimes I would even think, ‘How did I end up here?’”

The first Scientology book Staniszewski wanted to read was *An Introduction to Scientology Ethics*.

“That book explained so many of the unanswered questions I had when I was growing up. It really aligned with how I thought and the way I looked at life. I don’t quite know how I managed without it,” he says.

In a marriage that was off the rails from the beginning, before becoming a Scientologist he had come to the conclusion that divorce was the healthiest alternative. But he didn’t know how to carry through with his decision without trapping his two boys, ages eight and 10, in divided loyalties and conflict. By applying what he learned in Scientology, the marriage was ended amicably and the children are both doing great.

“I get up each day happy. I enjoy coming to work, which I didn’t before. And I feel that anything that comes up—I can handle it,” he says.

View the Todd Staniszewski video at Scientology.org.

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The popular “Meet a Scientologist” profiles on the Church of Scientology International Video Channel at Scientology.org now total 200 broadcast-quality documentary videos featuring Scientologists from diverse locations and walks of life. The personal stories are told by Scientologists who are educators, teenagers, skydivers, a golf instructor, a hip-hop dancer, IT manager, stunt pilot, mothers, fathers, dentists, photographers, actors, musicians, fashion designers, engineers, students, business owners and more.

A digital pioneer and leader in the online religious community, in April 2008 the Church of Scientology became the first major religion to launch its own official YouTube Video Channel, which has now been viewed by millions of visitors.



Scientologist and optometrist Todd Staniszewski