



## CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY INTERNATIONAL

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Dear Mr. Carter:

I bring to your attention correspondence I have had with your Executive Literary Editor, Wayne Lawson, and Special Correspondent, Maureen Orth. I understand you are aware of this pending story but perhaps not the inaccuracies due to Vanity Fair's use of unreliable sources.

Our attorney, Anthony M. Glassman, has written your counsel with respect to the fact that your reporter is apparently relying upon sources granted the privilege of anonymity. I find it ironic that she will speak in person and by phone with these sources, but won't so much as engage the Church by providing an email address so it may tell its side of the story, much less respond to reasonable inquiries. I would hope that this is not indicative of a lack of respect by Vanity Fair for a person's religious beliefs. We would hope that Vanity Fair and its editors will not pass judgment on any religious institution.

To consider these "sources" in need of the journalistic shield of anonymity and protection is laughable and disingenuous. They come from a small band of bitter, angry, former Scientologists who were removed for malfeasance, some as long as a decade ago. Three years ago they began an orchestrated campaign in the media that involves spreading countless lies about the Church. They thrive on attention and strive to promote themselves and make money from their anti-Scientology hate. They have shamelessly used a celebrity divorce to advance their agenda, knowing the media thirst for celebrity news is such that there is a willingness to cast aside fairness and standard

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vetting procedures, so that their falsehoods will end up in print. Based on your actions to date, we doubt your story will include any of these critical contexts.

So there is no possibility of Vanity Fair saying it was uninformed, I attach a summary of information about a few of the "anonymous" sources I expect are being used for this story. These apostates have shopped similar claims to the gossip media for three years, except that if you check closely you will see those claims evolve, change and shift because these "sources" are literally improvising by making it all up as they go along. They do so to support the sale of memoirs that are self-published over the Internet because no respectable publisher would go near them. They sell stories directly to tabloids for cash. One of these sources admitted in a deposition to a \$10,000 payday from the now-defunct News of the World. But no matter how many times their stories have been laundered by the shoddiness that passes for research in the Internet age, it is an ever-revised story tracing to the same individuals who lack credibility, are admitted liars and who have motives to lie. I have not been provided the identity of Ms. Orth's and Mr. Lawson's supposedly reliable sources, but rest assured they are members of the same small group of excommunicated former members who have banded together to justify their failings and lack of moral fortitude. Will Vanity Fair print any of those important contexts? We doubt it.

There is ample information about many of these individuals. Please check the Church's Freedom Magazine, which can be found at [www.freedommag.org](http://www.freedommag.org).

Is it legitimate to rehash stale, false rumors that are grounded in panned, unauthorized biographies, questionable web sites and which come from sources that have no qualms about lying to promote themselves and spread hate? Is Vanity Fair fulfilling any journalistic responsibility by referencing the Church of Scientology, its ecclesiastical leader and members of its religious order with outrageous claims that have been disproven and answered for three years?

If Vanity Fair truly wants a fresh angle, perhaps it should alternatively explore how this small band of anti-Scientologists shamefully exploited this private family matter to promote themselves by spreading some of the most outrageous smears and falsehoods imaginable.

Sincerely,

  
Karin Pouw

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cc: Wayne Lawson  
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INFORMATION FOR VANITY FAIR  
REGARDING POTENTIAL SOURCES  
FOR MS. ORTH'S PENDING STORY

**MARK "MARTY" RATHBUN**

Marty Rathbun is an excommunicated self-promoter with multiple agendas: selling his self-published book, selling his "services," pushing hatred toward his former Church and vindictive anger directed at the man who disciplined him for malfeasance. His story is constantly shifting like sands in a desert and he sprinkles celebrity names for attention. Even if he was not a former member of our Church and we knew nothing about him we would find his statements extraordinarily distasteful, notably for exploiting a private family matter, his lack of empathy for those whose names he drops and his false rumors which are hurtful toward children.

Rathbun has a long history of lying and exaggerating his role in the Church. What he is saying contradicts our records, the personal recollections of those who were there as well as his past statements. Rathbun was an External Affairs Officer, which is about as far from his "story" as one can get. His characterizations of his relationship to celebrities are a blatant lie and public records show he was intensively handling a legal case in Clearwater, Florida between 1998 and 2003. After that, he was removed and demoted, spending his final 11 months in 2004 as a handyman in our Clearwater carpentry shop (again, this is in the public record).

When he started attacking the Church in 2009 he didn't bring any of these types of allegations, nor did he include them in his self-published "book."

The real story is Rathbun was obsessed with creating and fighting legal cases for the Church. Due to his incompetence he was ultimately removed and demoted a decade ago. In 2003 he self-originated and self-authored a description of his misconduct and failings which show his ecclesiastic crimes were on external affairs matters and some internal affairs work and had nothing to do with the subject he now shamelessly self-promotes. Just as he now attempts to misrepresent his previous positions, he admitted then that he masqueraded as *"being important or working on important things. It is all the more insidious because that 'importance' has been by association with COB [Chairman of the Board Religious Technology Center]."* He further describes the "fraud" (his word) he perpetrated, *"Each and every time on major situations, COB has had to intervene to clean up wars I had exacerbated. For example, left to my own devices in handling IRS litigation, the end result would undoubtedly have been no exemption, a billion-dollar tax bill, and possible shutting*

*down of the Church. I have developed a slick false PR technique of positioning myself as having been integral in handling threats during and after the fact, when they are actually terminatedly handled by COB. By calculation I have lost the Church 43 million dollars on losses and expenses that could have been avoided.”* (If you wish to read it in its entirety, it can be found at: [www.freedommag.org/special-reports/sources/marty-rathbun-public-announcement.html](http://www.freedommag.org/special-reports/sources/marty-rathbun-public-announcement.html).)

Rathbun acknowledged that his messes were so extensive that our ecclesiastical leader had to clean them up. The truth is Rathbun is now attacking that same person who continues to lead our religion in our greatest era of expansion (and not uncoincidentally since Rathbun’s departure).

Marty Rathbun left the Church eight years ago and for the first five years he did and said nothing, living in obscurity and, apparently, unable to make a living.

Then, three years ago, he started his campaign to smear the Church with false stories, reportedly for profit.

Rathbun is now obsessed with Mr. Miscavige and writes inflammatory rhetoric against the Church and the ecclesiastical leader of the religion to incite hatred (an agenda which Vanity Fair is now planning to forward). Some examples of his lunacy:

- *“Ayatollah Miscavige and Radical Scientology,”* a demeaning comparison of Islamic radicals to Mr. Miscavige.
- *“David Miscavige’s SS,”* where he accuses Mr. Miscavige of being Hitler and Scientology staff of being Nazi SS. An excerpt: *“...replace ‘Nazi Germany’ with ‘Radical Scientology’, and replace ‘Adolf Hitler’ with ‘David Miscavige’...”*
- An effort to position Mr. Miscavige and the Church with the mafia: *“Miscavige operates on a personal and institutional level exactly per mafia tech[nology]...Ultimately, I believe Miscavige’s organized crime racket...”*
- *“I firmly conclude that Miscavige has degenerated into a full-time dramatization of his life-long goal of becoming an organized crime boss. He always wanted to become Michael Corleone. Problem is, he wound up no better than Tony Montana,”* referring to the violent and murderous character in the Scarface movie.

- *“Miscavigetown on the Anniversary of Jonestown.”* Rathbun claims he is speaking to *“prevent Miscavige from going the route of Jim Jones of People’s Temple.”*

Needless to say, these statements are entirely inflammatory and indicate Rathbun is unhinged, to put it mildly.

Rathbun’s treatment of Scientologists is equally appalling. Over the past three years, Rathbun engaged in a series of offensive acts against Scientologists:

- He spit at Scientologists as he rode by them on a bike;
- He screamed obscenities at Scientologists while acting in a threatening manner;
- He ripped the sunglasses off the face of a Scientologist, gouging the person in two places in the forehead and drawing blood.
- He hosed a Scientologist in the face.

Finally, Rathbun twice assaulted a reporter who was trying to interview him. On May 31, 2011, Rathbun slammed his car door on the reporter three times, requiring medical attention. On September 1, 2011 when approached by the same reporter for an interview, Rathbun swung a suitcase at the reporter causing him to fall down.

Part of his unstable behavior in these last three years also includes his arrest for public intoxication and disturbing the peace in New Orleans (the police report mentions he was harassing a tourist) and confessing in the media to, among other things, violence upon a co-conspirator. (Please note the Church refrained from publishing any information about Rathbun until he began his campaign.)

### **MIKE RINDER**

Mike Rinder’s only apparent employment is to contact media on behalf of Rathbun and other members of this cadre of anti-Scientologists seeking to generate hostile press directed to his former faith. He has a history of fabricating delusions of grandeur about his prior position while making up lies about his former religion.

Like Rathbun, Rinder worked in External Affairs of the Church. Also like Rathbun, he was removed from his position and demoted for malfeasance and incompetence years before he left the Church.

Rinder operated in the same dishonest and slipshod manner as Rathbun in handling legal and public affairs for the Church. Rinder is on record making many statements about his performance and lack of truthfulness including:

*“Bottom line is that I have had a totally criminal moral code and operated with a totally criminal mind attitude that I have not fully confronted (even down to lying about lying and doing illegal things).”*

*“With the justifications I have had in place, telling the truth under certain circumstances was in my universe no different than telling a lie or withholding.”*

He will tell you all manner of reasons why these statements are untrue, while telling you what he is now saying is “true.” Right. He will justify running away from his wife of more than 30 years and his two children and attacking the religion of his brother and mother and all manner of wild stories.

But the truth is that only after he had long since been removed from any position of authority and knew he would never hold an executive position again did Rinder abandon his family and leave his religion more than five years ago. He walked out the front door of the Church’s London offices.

Tragically, shortly after Rinder abandoned his family, his son was diagnosed with cancer. He underwent rigorous treatment to handle it, including multiple disfiguring surgeries, and then additional cosmetic surgeries. His life was saved, thanks to his mother, his Church and his doctors. Mike Rinder couldn’t care less about his son or his family and his bitter attacks on the man who removed him and the Church that helped his son are but examples of this.

His wife twice traveled to see him in the hopes he would come to his senses. The first time Rinder did not want to see her (he will tell you otherwise but that doesn’t change the facts). The second time, she traveled with his daughter and brother (who flew in from Australia) and Rinder’s “welcome” was a physical attack that left his brother injured and his wife, the mother of his children, in the care of paramedics. She sustained nerve damage to her arm, still healing almost two years later, with a dislocated shoulder that required surgery to repair. EMT and doctor reports and photographic evidence exist on all of this. Once again, Rinder will tell you another “story” which is his style, but what man would attack his own wife?

We have evidence Rinder went on a paid anti-Scientology media junket to Australia and tricked his way into his elderly mother's retirement home while she was away on vacation.

Mike Rinder has become something he spoke out against when he was in the Church: a bitter apostate with an axe to grind, specifically against the religion's leader who removed him for his malfeasance and history of dishonesties. This is also covered in the same *Freedom Magazine* Special Report as mentioned above.

<http://freedommag.org/special-reports/sources/mike-rinder-a-walking-hate-crime.html>.

### **TOM DEVOCHT**

He is a former Church of Scientology construction manager that Rathbun and Rinder have used for "corroboration" of some of their false claims. He was also the third member of the conspiracy with Rathbun and Rinder to coach witnesses to lie in the legal case discussed above. DeVocht had kept this from everyone while he was in the Church, even his wife. Yet again, keeping things from his wife wasn't new for DeVocht who admitted to having sold two of his wife's cars during different times she was out of town, then spending the money. He frittered away over \$100,000 of her inheritance, and shortly before he left the Church, admitted to having stolen cash from his now ex-wife's grandmother on their wedding day.

By his own admission, he is an unrepentant liar and is proud of it. Indeed, he boasts there is nothing wrong with lying for financial gain, so long as "you don't get caught." After having already been given multiple chances to redeem himself for past failings and work related mess-ups, he was caught making unauthorized expenditures of large sums of Church funds on failed construction projects. He was immediately removed from any position of authority. This pathological liar then left the Church in 2005, never to return. See also the *Freedom Magazine* Special Report, <http://freedommag.org/special-reports/sources/tom-devocht-the-consummate-con-man.html>.

### **MARC AND CLAIRE HEADLEY**

The apostate husband-and-wife team are members of the cyber-hate group, Anonymous. As *Vanity Fair* knows, this group currently has several members under investigation by the FBI, U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Attorney's Office, Department of Justice Hate Crimes Division and other local and international law enforcement agencies with arrests in the UK, Netherlands, Italy, Spain, Turkey and the United States for hacking into recording industry and government websites. The Headleys have not

only attended gatherings of Anonymous, but Marc regularly posted on their sites with scatological hate-filled rants directed at the man you are doing a story about and helped organize and participated in their events and proudly posed for photos at Anonymous get-togethers.

Not satisfied with just being party to hate crimes against their former religion, the apostate couple filed twin suits against the Church in 2009, which were resoundingly dismissed by a federal judge, and were recently upheld on appeal. The Headleys are bitter for numerous reasons, not the least of which is they owe the Church \$42,000.

Marc Headley admitted under oath his sideline career as paid "tabloid source" including *News of the World* and *Life & Style*.

To illustrate the type of character of this source, consider this arrogant update about his now failed litigation, where he made a disgusting reference to a Church attorney's daughter who was in a fatal accident at a Church electrical power station. *"I am getting deposed by Ken Moxon tomorrow, so will let you know how that goes. Sounds like lots of fun. I will tell Ken Moxon 'hi' for everyone in between talking to him about his daughter. Was thinking about bringing him some KFC, but figured that might appear to be bad taste on my part. Maybe El Pollo Loco? We'll see what happens. I know I should be better prepared, you would think with all that OSA has been doing to get prepared for this, I would at least know what kind of chicken I would be bringing. Before I forget, I want to say hi to Davey, Tommy, Warren and Kirsten as well as any other RTC or OSA guys I forgot. Hope you got the lube I sent and if you do end up in Supermax, I can get you a deal on a subscription program!"*

Despite his Internet-based fantasy tales about his departure from the Church, the real story is Marc Headley took off on the eve of an internal investigation into his selling Church-owned property on eBay. The scheme ultimately netted over \$15,000 in Church funds, all of which landed in his personal bank account. He is a disturbed criminal.

For further information see: <http://freedommag.org/special-reports/sources/mr-and-mrs-headley-anonymous.html>.

### **AMY SCOBEE**

Scobee was an internal manager in the Church. Nearly a decade ago Scobee was removed from her position for gross incompetence and given an opportunity to reform. Rather than do so, she was expelled from the religion in 2005 for sexual misconduct with the person she was auditing which is strictly against the Church's ecclesiastical

code of conduct. According to her sworn affidavit, while a member of the Church's religious order, a then-married Scobee pursued an extramarital affair. In her own words, *"I committed a severe violation of Church scriptures and engaged in an affair; in fact with the person whom I was supposedly helping.... I was also this person's auditor [counselor], and my actions were a serious violation of the Auditor's Code, a sacred ethics code that governs the conduct of auditors."*

Of her time as a manager Scobee admitted (in an internal Church document—contrary to her false assertions this came from any confidential records): *"I've falsely been representing myself for quite some time now in order to appear competent so people would count on me or consider I was on their team."*

Now reveling in her apostate role, she's a well-practiced "source" who we believe has also sold stories to the tabloids or, at the very least, has a quid-pro-quo arrangement to promote her self-published, unsuccessful and grossly inaccurate book. See:

<http://www.freedommag.org/special-reports/sources/amy-scobee-sex-lies-and-the-blogsphere.html>.

## **SUMMARY**

Undoubtedly, this group may offer you more sources to shore up their moth-eaten stories. Those sources, if you had provided their names, would be found to be card-carrying members of Rathbun's group whether it be through his psychological "counseling" or other means. Taken as a whole, the claims being made for this article are rooted in efforts by a small group of self-corroborating apostates to weave false tales involving the Church, its ecclesiastical leader and its prominent members more suitable to the supermarket tabloids than to a publication of the stature of Vanity Fair. I strongly caution you against the publishing of any false and defamatory claims.

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