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14 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
15 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

16 CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY)
17 INTERNATIONAL, a California Non-) CASE NO.
18 Profit Religious Organization,) CV 91-6426 HLH (Tx)
19 Plaintiff,)
20 vs.) DECLARATION OF RAYMOND H.
21 STEVEN FISHMAN and UWE GEERTZ,) MITHOFF
22 Defendants.)

23 I, RAYMOND H. MITHOFF, declare and say:

24 1. I am over 18 years of age and a resident of California.
25 I am the Senior Case Supervisor International of the Church of
26 Scientology International ("CSI"), plaintiff in this case. I
27 have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein and, if
28 called upon to do so, I could and would competently testify
thereto.

2. My entire career as a staff member and executive in
various Scientology organizations has been related to delivery of

1 religious services to parishioners, both in terms of spiritual
2 counseling and the training of auditors. I began as an
3 instructor in Scientology courses in 1971, became a Scientology
4 auditor (counselor) in 1973, and became a case supervisor, the
5 individual who supervises the delivery of spiritual counseling,
6 in 1974. I held various such positions from that time until
7 1982.

8 3. I currently hold the position of Senior Case Supervisor
9 International and have held that position from 1982 to 1987, and
10 from early 1993 to present. My office is within the Commodore's
11 Messenger Organization International ("CMOI") within CSI. I work
12 in coordination with the Watchdog Committee members, and my
13 senior is Marc Yager, Watchdog Committee Chairman. My post
14 functions are specialized in the area of the Scientology
15 technical scriptures and seeing to their application by technical
16 staff in individual Scientology Churches around the world.

17 4. I frequently write to case supervisors of Scientology
18 Churches around the world, to provide guidance and direction on
19 the technology of Scientology and in helping individuals progress
20 up Scientology's "Bridge to Total Freedom." Such functions
21 include programs to expand the numbers of Scientology technical
22 personnel and seeing that they are adequately trained in
23 Scientology. In general, this means seeing that there are
24 ever-increasing numbers of trained Scientology auditors and
25 Scientology case supervisors so as to expand the ability of the
26 various Churches of Scientology to service its parishioners. I
27 have published numerous Senior Case Supervisor International
28 Bulletins which go to technical personnel in Scientology Churches

1 around the world.

2 5. I have taken extensive Scientology and Dianetics
3 religious training in order to be qualified for my position and
4 have trained through the highest levels of auditor and case
5 supervisor training that exist, namely all levels up through
6 Class XII Auditor and Case Supervisor, as well as numerous
7 Specialist Courses and other, related study of the scriptures,
8 including studies of Scientology administrative policy. I became
9 a Class XII Case Supervisor approximately fourteen (14) years
10 ago. Since that time, I have continued my study of the
11 scriptures in order to further refine my skills and increase my
12 expertise in the area. A case supervisor oversees written
13 reports of, and provides instruction and guidance concerning, the
14 correct and standard delivery of Scientology religious services
15 through the sacrament of auditing. I have case supervised more
16 than 100,000 auditing sessions for approximately 10,000
17 Scientology parishioners. For me to achieve the levels of
18 expertise I possess, I have pursued training and study of the
19 scriptural materials of the Scientology religion for over 22
20 years. That training includes, among other things, more than 240
21 weeks of full time training and qualification to attain the
22 various levels of auditor classification (which translates into
23 in excess of 19,200 hours of study, training, qualification, and
24 internship; and the mastery of more than 24,000 pages of
25 materials and 600 hours of audio tape recordings of L. Ron
26 Hubbard's lectures devoted to developing the expertise necessary
27 to perform the functions of my post).

28 6. I have been an ordained minister of the Scientology

1 religion since 1971, and I have also personally received all
2 levels of spiritual counseling up through the highest available
3 level.

4 7. Perhaps the most significant fact that I can state with
5 regard to this case is that I have never met either of the
6 defendants, Steven Fishman or Uwe Geertz, nor have I spoken to or
7 had any sort of correspondence or communication with either of
8 them at any time. I have also never had any involvement
9 whatsoever in any activities related to either of these
10 individuals; with the exception of their attempts to depose me in
11 this case.

12 8. I am informed that Fishman makes a number of claims
13 about me in his manuscript entitled The Lonesome Squirrel. For
14 example, Fishman claims that I engaged in a number of
15 conversations with him, that I audited him and that I gave him
16 certain instructions, and that I supposedly ordered him to travel
17 to Israel. Since I have never met nor had any conversations with
18 him, his claims are obviously false. In fact, if I were to see
19 Fishman, I would be unable to identify him. All of the
20 references to me, directly by my name or post title, that Fishman
21 made in his writing called "Lonesome Squirrel" are completely
22 fictitious.

23 9. Fishman's writings also include perversions of
24 Scientology scriptures. I will address only a few examples which
25 typify his complete lack of understanding of Scientology
26 scriptures, and reveal that he knows virtually nothing of that
27 subject. I am informed that Fishman mentions something called a
28 "Time Pilot Rundown," and supposed conversations with me about

1 that. Having studied to the highest level of Scientology
2 religious training, I can state definitively that there is no
3 such thing as a "Time Pilot Rundown" in the Scientology religion,
4 and I have no idea what he is talking about. I am familiar with
5 all genuine Scientology religious counseling procedures, and they
6 do not include a "Time Pilot Rundown."

7 10. Prior to reading the outrageous article about the
8 Church of Scientology International in Time Magazine, I had never
9 heard of the term "EOC" to which that article refers. Fishman
10 and Geertz claim this stands for "End Of Cycle" and that this is
11 "Church jargon for suicide." In the 23 years that I have been a
12 staff member of a Scientology Church, and as a graduate of the
13 highest level of Scientology religious training, I can
14 categorically state that that combination of letters, "EOC," is
15 not used in the Scientology religion to mean anything at all.
16 "EOC" does not exist and never has existed as any kind of
17 expression within Scientology materials, nor have I ever heard it
18 spoken or seen it written by any Scientologists in all my years
19 in Scientology. I can also state that there is no special
20 terminology in Scientology Church scriptures for suicide.
21 Suicide is regarded, in Church scriptures, as an aberration, and
22 any person who has suicidal tendencies is a person who needs
23 help. For Mr. Fishman to be making any kind of statement about
24 Scientology scriptures or materials or directives or orders
25 forwarding or promoting or encouraging suicide is absurd. It is,
26 in fact, the direct opposite of the whole thrust of the
27 Scientology religion and its basic tenets which are all towards
28 improving an individual's survival potential, increased spiritual

1 awareness and taking an active role within one's own group and in
2 society in general to help others and help to create a
3 civilization without insanity, without criminals and without war.

4 11. With respect to the expression, "end of cycle"
5 mentioned by Fishman in the Time article, that expression is
6 defined in the Dianetics and Scientology Technical Dictionary as
7 simply meaning "a finite stop." The Dictionary also refers to
8 something known as "End of Cycle Processing," which it describes
9 as: "in end of cycle processing you merely keep mocking up
10 [creating a mental picture of] a finished, completed task, a
11 goal, and so on up to a point where you've obtained that goal."

12 12. The term "End of Cycle Processing" comes from a
13 Professional Auditor's Bulletin on the subject of auditing. I
14 have read a declaration filed in this case by Rev. Heber
15 Jentzsch, the President of Church of Scientology International,
16 in which he states that Geertz's attorney has attempted to twist
17 the meaning of this Technical Bulletin to support his perverted
18 end of demonstrating that it means the inducement of death or
19 suicide. I would like to add some additional information to what
20 Rev. Jentzsch has said on this subject. "End of Cycle
21 Processing" deals with a particular spiritual phenomenon having
22 to do with "havingness," which is a Scientology term denoting the
23 concept of being able to reach or not being prevented from
24 reaching. This processing addresses completed goals and
25 obstacles to one's goals, and the subject of reality and
26 unreality, and can help the person to have greater reality.
27 There is absolutely no writing whatsoever by Mr. Hubbard which is
28 designed to assist a person in committing suicide.

1 13. I have been informed that Mr. Fishman claims he studied
2 the Saint Hill Special Briefing Course at the American Saint Hill
3 Organization in Los Angeles in a six-week period in 1986. This
4 claim is false. First of all, I have checked all records of
5 students enrolling on and attending the Saint Hill Special
6 Briefing Course at the American Saint Hill Organization and Mr.
7 Fishman did not enroll on or attend this course. Secondly, Mr.
8 Fishman claims to have done this course in six weeks. I have
9 done the Special Briefing Course myself, and am ultimately in
10 charge of ensuring that the course is delivered standardly by
11 each Scientology Church where it is offered, so I am fully
12 qualified to judge Fishman's contentions. The course contains
13 thousands of pages of Technical Bulletins from the technical
14 volumes, hundreds of recorded lectures, and numerous books. It
15 also requires a student to complete many hours of practical
16 exercises and experience in order to graduate. The Saint Hill
17 Special Briefing Course is the largest single course in
18 Scientology.

19 The course as it existed at the time that Fishman alleges to
20 have done it consisted of six separate "checksheets," which list
21 the content and specific sequence of steps in which a course is
22 done. The amount of time required to study all of those
23 checksheets was specified in the checksheets as 22 weeks of
24 full-time study, at 10 hours per day. Obviously Fishman's claim
25 to have done this course in six weeks is pure nonsense.

26 14. In his various claims about the different meetings I
27 allegedly had with Fishman and services I supposedly delivered to
28 him, Fishman also claims to have been with me at various places

1 on dates I was not at those places. He states in a chronology he
2 wrote that he was sent to the senior Scientology religious
3 retreat in Clearwater, Florida on March 3, 1985, to receive
4 advanced religious counseling and that I was his auditor. There
5 are multiple lies in this story. First, I was not in Florida at
6 that time. Second, from records I have reviewed, Fishman has
7 never had any counseling from any Church of Scientology. I am
8 informed that Geertz has been subjecting Fishman to psychiatric
9 procedures and hypnosis for over 20 years. As such, Fishman is
10 totally ineligible, as a matter of long-standing Church policy,
11 to receive any Scientology religious counseling, because
12 individuals who have been involved in psychiatric practices are
13 not permitted to participate in auditing in a Scientology Church,
14 although they are always free to read and learn from Mr.
15 Hubbard's writings.

16 15. In Rev. Jentzsch's declaration, he refers to statements
17 which have been made in this case by Vaughn and Stacy Young on a
18 variety of subjects. I endorse the accuracy of Rev. Jentzsch's
19 statements regarding these areas, and would like to add that the
20 statements by the Youngs are patently unbelievable to anyone who
21 has actually studied Mr. Hubbard's teachings on these subjects.
22 I would like to add to Rev. Jentzsch's remarks on certain of
23 these points, from my own vantage point regarding Scientology
24 scriptures. The credibility of the statements made by Stacy
25 Young in her declarations about the Scientology scriptures and
26 Scientology auditing procedures, is belied by the fact that she
27 herself did not make it as an auditor. She committed gross
28 violations of the Auditor's Code, including the falsification of

1 auditing session records, for which she received a Committee of
2 Evidence in February 1978 and was removed from the position of
3 auditor. That Stacy Young is now pretending to be an "expert" on
4 the subject of Scientology technology is offensive to me. She
5 wasn't in 1978 and she hardly can be now. Most offensive,
6 however, is that Stacy Young, as a poor auditor or otherwise,
7 could not possibly believe what she is saying. It is literally
8 incomprehensible to me, based on my studies in Scientology, that
9 anyone could interpret the scriptures of Scientology in the
10 fashion she has. I truly feel there is no misunderstanding, but
11 instead an intentional attempt to thoroughly twist and distort
12 the religion of Scientology for some other motive than telling
13 the truth.

14 16. Stacy Young's comments about the meaning of "PTS Type
15 III," and her conclusions that Fishman became "PTS Type III" from
16 reading Scientology materials have absolutely no basis in fact.
17 Mr. Fishman admittedly was seeing Geertz for many years before he
18 ever came near a Church of Scientology or any Scientology
19 materials, so Mrs. Young's attempt to pin his problems on
20 exposure to Scientology teachings is preposterous. I can
21 affirmatively state that while Mr. Hubbard devoted millions of
22 pages of his writings to the mental and spiritual states of man,
23 and the ways in which people become aberrated, he never suggested
24 anywhere that reading Scientology materials could possibly cause
25 someone to become "PTS Type III." Nor have I, in my more than 20
26 years experience, ever seen or heard of anything like this. "PTS
27 Type III" is not a psychiatric term. It is a term used in

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1 Scientology to denote particular case phenomena.

2 I declare under the penalty of perjury of the laws of the
3 United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

4 Executed this 7th day of February, 1994 at Riverside
5 County, California.

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8 RAYMOND H. MITHOFF
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