

# THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN YOUTH FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY

## **1. YHR International (YHRI) was founded by Scientologist and current YHRI President, Mary Shuttleworth, and the Church of Scientology International.**

Source: The Church of Scientology International brochure entitled "Making Human Rights a Reality", published under the banner "Scientology - Effective Solutions" ([www.humanrightsareality.org/pdf/english.pdf](http://www.humanrightsareality.org/pdf/english.pdf)), at page 12. (Note that the YHRI website does not mention the Church of Scientology International's role, nor Ms Shuttleworth's connection with the Church. [www.youthforhumanrights.org/about/meetpres.html](http://www.youthforhumanrights.org/about/meetpres.html))

## **2. The YHRI Executive Director, Tim Bowles, is a Scientologist.**

He has attained the status of OTVIII (currently the highest rank), is a Commissioner of the Scientology organisation Citizens Commission on Human Rights International (the object of which is the removal of psychiatry and psychology from the mental health field), is a member of the World Institute of Scientology Enterprises (WISE), was a Founding Patron of the Church of Scientology International, was general legal counsel to the Church of Scientology for eight years and has represented the Church of Scientology in legal matters (including as one of the lead attorneys in Church of Scientology International v. Fishman and Geertz, in which Mr Fishman gave evidence that he had committed crimes on behalf of the Church of Scientology and had been instructed to murder his psychologist, Dr. Uwe Geertz, and then commit suicide).

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## **3. The YHRI promotes Scientologists.**

YHRI promotional materials often promote Mr Hubbard. A glance at the website shows that it also promotes artists who are scientologists. For example, a music video project to combat human trafficking involved five artists. All five are scientologists.

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#### **4. The Church of Scientology International treats YHRI's accomplishments as its own.**

Addressing a 2004 gathering of the International Association of Scientologists, Mike Rinder, then a director of the Church of Scientology International and Executive Director of the Church of Scientology International's Office of Special Affairs, make the following speech, viewable on Youtube, accompanied by a display of YHR footage. (Note: LRH = L Ron Hubbard; LRH Tech = the writings, recorded lectures and policies of L Ron Hubbard; ie. the "scriptures" of Scientology).

*"When you bring LRH Tech to leaders of society the impact is commensurate with the numbers they influence. That's why last year we launched a program to deliver LRH answers right to the opinion leaders and elected officials of Europe. We placed a series of booklets in their hands covering our effective solutions; one each month. Each covered a different subject, the very substance of all we are and do. From our ABLE social betterment programs to our church and community activities. In all, 550 000 have been distributed throughout Europe since the campaign began.*

*"Of course, our effective solutions include our international human rights program, because where fundamental rights do not exist, man cannot go free. We've continued our events, conferences and hand-to-hand distribution, reaching no less than 131 million worldwide this year, and our efforts have been relentless across four continents. Just since June, we took our "Youth for Human Rights" crusade right into the UN General Assembly chambers. UN officials then helped launch the 2004 youth summit in the international headquarters of the UN Education Fund.*

*"In Los Angeles, on the steps of city hall, we brought city council members, congressmen and the chairman of the city's Human Rights Commission together to witness the mayor proclaim International Youth for Human Rights Day. While, to further raise public awareness, we placed our human rights messages on radio and tv stations from Canada to Pakistan. And for the next step, our Youth for Human Rights coalition presented their first ever human rights music video, entitled "United", soon to be seen world over in public schools and on television.*

*"But, as a final measure of our leadership role, we now sit as official delegates on the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the OSCE, expressly established to create a human rights framework for the continent. And when we proposed the formation of a new watchdog, to investigate governments that violate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, it was ratified and adopted as official policy of the OSCE. And that means now, for the first time, religious freedom rights are enforceable in all European nations, and that's a continental leap in making human rights a fact."*

Source: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=dhZ-kY50J50](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dhZ-kY50J50)

# CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD

## 1. Recent Court Cases Allege Human Trafficking, Coerced Abortions and Other Breaches of Human Rights by the Church of Scientology International

On April 2, 2009, Laura DeCrescenzo filed a complaint against the Church of Scientology International, claiming:

1. rescission of unlawful and fraudulent instruments;
2. unpaid wages and breaches of labor laws;
3. discrimination and invasion of privacy, including illegal use of lie-detectors on staff;
4. human trafficking;
5. intentional infliction of emotional distress; and
6. obstruction of justice.

At age 10, Laura was a full-time staff member. At 12, she left her home in New Mexico, without her parents, and moved to California to join Scientology's elite Sea Organisation, signing a contract to serve for one billion years.

At 17, Laura was coerced into having an abortion. She was told that to have the child she was pregnant with would be "out-ethics", a Scientology term meaning "unethical", because it would interfere with her work for the Church.

Finally, in 2004, Laura swallowed bleach to make the Scientologists think she was suicidal. The ploy worked, and allowed Laura to escape without undergoing the lengthy and tortuous procedure of "routing out".

The suit followed two other suits alleging labor law violations, human trafficking and coerced abortions issued in January 2009 by former Scientology staff members Marc and Claire Headley.

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## **2. The Introspection Rundown: Deprivation of Liberty and Kidnapping; Physical and Mental Abuse of the Mentally III**

The Introspection Rundown is Hubbard's and Scientology's "cure" for people suffering a "psychotic break". It involves isolating them, withdrawing sensory stimulation (eg. no verbal communication - complete silence - except when interrogating) and interrogations for many hours per day (if conscious). This goes on until the person "takes responsibility" for themselves. The Introspection Rundown is described in "Technical Bulletin" and three amending bulletins issued by Hubbard.

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All available here: [www.mediafire.com/?lslizyl0j2z](http://www.mediafire.com/?lslizyl0j2z)

### **Martine Boubilil**

On January 21, 2008, Italian police rescued Frenchwoman Martine Boubilil from a house where she was being held by three Scientologists. Ms Boubilil was allegedly kidnapped in France on the instructions of her brother, a senior Scientologist and doctor, and transported to Sardinia, where she was kept for 6 weeks in appalling sanitary conditions. Police rescuers found her semi-nude on a bug-infested mattress. The woman, who suffers from major depression, was apparently being held for an "Isolation Watch" or "Introspection Rundown". After her rescue, she spent several weeks in an Italian psychiatric hospital before being repatriated. Multiple arrests have been made and charges laid.

*"Can we see a link here with the affair of his sister in Sardinia? "There can be no doubt", insists Arnaud Palisson, former officer of the general Information and specialist in Scientology. For him, the "hell" described by Martine Boubilil is not just a simple matter. "They did not address a word to me. To say yes, they blinked eyes, for not, they left them open ", the victim told "Parisien" before her return in France. According to Palisson, this silence corresponds exactly to a classic scientology procedure reserved for "psychotics", and called "Isolation Watch" by Hubbard. Several internal memos describe the precise protocol to be followed:*

*"In the presence of a person undergoing a psychotic crisis, totally isolate this person, all communications made must be silent."*

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## **Lisa McPherson**

Lisa McPherson was denied medical care and detained for 17 days until her death at Scientology's base in Clearwater Florida, in 1995.

On December 5, 1995, Lisa McPherson was dead on arrival at a hospital 45 minutes north of Clearwater Florida. According to the coroner's report, Lisa was underweight, severely dehydrated, and had bruises and bug bites.

On November 18, 1995, Lisa was involved in a minor car accident. She was apparently not hurt, but she got out of her car and took all her clothes off and seemed mentally unstable. She was taken to a hospital where she was physically evaluated as being unharmed, but the hospital wanted her to be psychologically cared for. However, some Scientologists arrived and stated that Lisa did not believe in psychiatry, and she checked out after a short evaluation and left with the Scientologists. She went with them to Room 174 of the Ft. Harrison Hotel for "rest and relaxation" according to the church, but church logs from Lisa's stay there, from November 18 to her death December 5, show that Lisa was put on the Introspection Rundown that Scientology uses to handle those who have had a psychotic break. Some logs are missing, and a high ranking ex-Scientologist has written an affidavit in which he claims that the church has in the past destroyed documents that might get the church in trouble.

On November 13, 1998, Scientology was indicted on 2 felony charges of criminal neglect of a disabled person and practising medicine without a licence. On June 12, 2000 the criminal charges were dropped against Scientology because (so the prosecutor claimed) the medical examiner (who had been sued and harassed by the Church of Scientology) could not be counted on to confidently testify.

Sources: [www.lisamcpherson.org](http://www.lisamcpherson.org)

Clearwater police department's evidence and Scientology's logs of Lisa's stay:

[http://www.whyairetheydead.net/lisa\\_mcpherson/logs/lisam.htm](http://www.whyairetheydead.net/lisa_mcpherson/logs/lisam.htm)

### **3. Rehabilitation Project Force, child labour, forced abortions, stranded children**

Three young women who were raised in Scientology have in early 2008 spoken publicly about their

experiences of systematic abuse in the Church of Scientology. all during the leadership of David Miscavige. They have published their stories at [www.exscientologykids.com/admins.html](http://www.exscientologykids.com/admins.html)

The three are:

**Jenna Miscavige** - niece of the leader of the Church of Scientology, David Miscavige  
([www.exscientologykids.com/eskforums/viewtopic.php?t=384](http://www.exscientologykids.com/eskforums/viewtopic.php?t=384) )

*"...they admitted that we did heavy labor for hours on a daily basis at the Ranch. They even pulled out a photo album and showed Dallas and his parents photos of us rock-hauling and mixing cement and building rock walls and other manual labor! They said that the fact that we didn't see our parents except for once a week was the same as any boarding school. They said that fact that I didn't see my mom but once from the age of 12-16 and by dad but 3 times and all for less than 30 minutes, they said that this was totally normal and like any other boarding school. Angie admitted to not letting me talk to my friends because they were in a lower level organization. Angie and Jenny both admitted to refusung (sic) to allow me to call my parents when I was 14 years old. They admitted to the fact that I was being held against my will in an auditing room, but said that after taking a walk and 4 hours that I later went back into the room and this was not against my will so this voided the previous 3 hours of kicking and screaming to try and get out of a 5x5 auditing room. They admitted that both of the areas where Dallas and I worked were deprived of sleep for days."*

Note: This event occurred on 15 March 2008 in an attempt to persuade Jenna Miscavige to withdraw from an interview that has just been recorded with ABC Nightline (US).

**Kendra Wiseman** - daughter of the President of Citizens Commission on Human Rights US (her father) and the President of the Earth Organization (her mother) - both Scientology organisations  
([exscientologykids.com/kendra1.html](http://exscientologykids.com/kendra1.html))

*"I first decided I wanted to leave Scientology at the age of 15... I would have discussed the issue with my parents, but they'd been gone at FLAG on their six-months-check for, ironically, about six months by then..."*

*"Since Scientology doctrine states that the only reason you'd ever want to leave is if you'd done something wrong, or had hidden "crimes", the Sea Org members insisted that I do this confessional. As long as it was discovered that I had no crimes against the church, I'd be free to go. I was promised it would take no longer than a month.*

*So every day, for several hours after school, I'd head down to Celebrity Center, into the basement and past the kitchens where the ethics section is. I sat down with my auditor on the e-meter, and she asked me such probing, intellectually stimulating questions as, "Did you ever blow up a planet?", "Have you ever had any unkind thoughts about L. Ron*

*Hubbard?" and "How many psychedelic unicorns does it take to change a light bulb?"*

*Eight months later, the security check wasn't finished, and there was no end in sight. It finally dawned on me that the EP, or "end phenomenon" of the security check was that I would say, "I don't want to leave Scientology any more." I told my auditor that I'd figured this out, but that that simply wasn't going to happen. The sec checks miraculously stopped."*

**Astra Woodcraft** - left Scientology for good when the church tried to pressure her to have an abortion (www.exscientologykids.com/astra1.html)

*"My schedule on the EPF (ed: aged 14) went something like this: 6:30 a.m. wake up and get dressed; 7:00 a.m. breakfast; 7:30 a.m. muster (meeting); 7:30-8:00 a.m. run (not walk) around and empty all the ashtrays and trashcans outside three different buildings; 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. study Sea Org policies; 1:00 p.m. muster and polish boots; 1:15-1:45 p.m. lunch; 1:45 p.m. muster, drilling and marching; 2:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. work, which included cleaning pots and pans, cleaning out a clogged toilet, sweeping and mopping floors, etc.; 7:00-7:30 p.m. dinner; 7:30-10:00 p.m. more work; 10:00-10:30 p.m. shower; 10:30 p.m. muster; 11:15 p.m. go to bed. This was a 7-day a week schedule."*

*"I was in charge of enforcing ethics and justice for the 100 staff in ITO and the 50-100 students on training. My very first assignment was to handle a 40 year-old man whose wife had been gone for 2 years on training. He had been masturbating which is considered 'out-ethics' and I was supposed to make him stop. I was 15 years old."*

Theirs are not necessarily the worst stories from exscientologykids.com These three have been selected for this communication because the women have provided their identities in full.

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