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I saw CNN teasers stating there was going to be a show. What I saw stated the show would address (paraphrased) "life at the top" of Scientology management and it sounded like a few of the losers who couldn't cut it are the main sources. I always understood in the past that CNN made every endeavor to present a balanced picture. Based on the information I saw, CNN is making no such attempt and I wish to correct that. I know—I was there.

I was in the Sea Organization for 26 years. During that time, and especially when I was at the Int Base, I received extensive training for the various types of jobs I did. Being in the Sea Org can be compared to only one thing -- being part of a team that is like the "TOP GUN" of the Navy flight guys, because Sea Org members are the most competent, dedicated, honorable and helpful people in the world— with the exception of a few who have decided to turn their back on everything that is good and decent, and are no longer Scientologists.

I loved being a Sea Org member and made a lot of friends. Just knowing that everything you do, every moment of the day, contributes, in one way or another, to the betterment of mankind, is amazing. From the moment you wake up to the time you close your eyes and go to sleep, you know you've left your mark on the planet and contributed in some way to the well-being of people across the planet. You cannot ask for anything more!

The reason I'm no longer in the Sea Org is because of some personal health problems. I realized that after contributing 26 years to helping mankind, and with my getting on in years (I was 59 when I left), it was now time to concentrate on my children, grandchildren, my husband and myself. So both my husband and I retired from the Sea Org in early 2004. However, the Sea Org didn't turn its back on me. They handled every single medical expense I had and then some. I was provided with a generous amount of funds to cover any future medical expenses as well. The amount of compassion and kindness I was shown is beyond anything I've ever experienced before and since that time.

As a result of the extensive training I received, I was able to get established in the non-Sea Org world and hold executive positions,

including VP of a very large company, and be paid very well. No education I could have received anywhere else would have prepared me or trained me for what I now do quite effortlessly.

Working out here has made me realize even more so how competent and organized the Sea Org is. No matter the company and its size, they cannot compare to the Sea Org in regards to the high volume of production and competence. I don't care what kind of a degree a person has; they will NEVER be as capable of doing what a Sea Org member does. And the worst of it is that almost everyone works for one purpose—MONEY. Whereas in the Sea Org you do what you do because of a care for mankind and helping every man, woman and child through L. Ron Hubbard's technology—just as I and so many have been helped.

But unfortunately, any organization or group has its bad apples. Thank goodness these people are no longer part of this great organization...

One of these people I worked with was Jeff Hawkins. Jeff and his then-wife shared an apartment with us. At that time we had a beautiful angora cat. One weekend my husband and I went to visit our daughters in Los Angeles. When we returned we noticed that our cat was hiding and wouldn't come out, and when she did I saw that her long hair was matted and in some areas of her body the hair was much shorter. I commented about this to my husband, with the Hawkins present. Jeff and Nancy told us (while laughing uncontrollably) how they had decided it would be fun to wrap the cat in duct tape from head to tail, and watch to see what she would do. They went on to say (as we stared at them in horror) how the cat ran around screeching and trying to claw the duct tape off her body. Eventually they had been entertained enough so took scissors and cut and pulled the tape off the cat. This is why some of her fur was missing. My husband and I looked at them in shock and couldn't believe that we lived with such heartless and cruel people. We decided right then and there that we would have to give our cat to our daughter and did just that a few days later. And shortly after that we moved to a different apartment, away from these lunatics.

This wasn't the only episode that made me realize how crazy and cruel Jeff was. He and Nancy actually enjoyed making fun of people who had a handicap or were mentally challenged. Jeff and Nancy would talk to each other as though they were autistic (like the guy in "Rainman") or like a person whose hearing is impaired, and then

laugh. It was extremely cruel and NOTHING a decent person or a Scientologist would do, and no amount of peer pressure had much effect on them. Their actions were especially cruel when you consider that we had a young man working with us who was deaf, and because of this couldn't speak like a person with normal hearing. Jeff would mimic him behind his back and then he and Nancy would laugh about it.

Then there was Steve Hall, who was a "dear friend" of Nancy and Jeff Hawkins. He would join them in their cruel acts of making fun of people who were physically challenged. During the whole time I worked with him, I found him to be a very non-productive person. The only thing that he produced of value was a flier that he wrote copy for and helped design. He required extensive training and correction and despite that he wasn't able to produce as much as what was expected of him. He wanted to become a script writer and requested to be transferred to that area, and was. However, he failed miserably. So he was given plenty of opportunities to make it, but didn't.

In addition to the above people there was Marty Rathbun who I witnessed pushing an executive down the stairs of the office where I worked. I found him to be a horrible person to be around and whenever he came by our office, people tried to vanish because he was known for being abusive. I know I never wanted to be around him and knew many who felt the same.

When I remember what these people were like and I compare them to Mr. Miscavige, I shudder at the thought that they were even in the same group. Mr. Miscavige was the type of person that you hoped would come around. Everyone I worked with did whatever they could to see him or be around him when he came by to give guidance on a project. On many occasions he came to my office, he gave spot-on direction or critiques or acknowledgements of work I was doing. For myself and what I observed with others, the direction from him was very constructive and helped the person do their job better. He was never cruel or unkind, in any way. He is a noble man and acts as one. I remember a time when I was helping on a project, right before leaving the International Management base, Mr. Miscavige came by and looked at what I had done and told me how good my work was. He pointed out a couple of things that needed to be corrected, but it was done in such a way that made me feel very important and I wanted to get them corrected right away. I used to hope that he would come by so I could talk to him, because he always allowed a

person to be who they were and made them feel like they belonged.

There are many other points I could bring up but the main point I want to get across is the great disservice CNN would be carrying out to forward the rants of a few psychotics that in fact taint the hard work that so many other well-intentioned people have and are continuing to carry out to say nothing of the false maligning of a very positive and productive leader of the Scientology religion.

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