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This letter is to express my indignation for the series on Scientology's leader, Mr. Miscavige.

I am a Scientologist and I was an executive in the Sea Organization and a member of International Management for many years. I personally know Mr. Miscavige and also know some of the people that are attacking the Church. I do not work for the Church now so, like your sources, deserve a voice on your show.

In the many years I held an executive position within the Church of Scientology, I was witness to the many brilliant applications of Scientology policy by Mr. Miscavige that resulted in life-changing benefits for thousands upon thousands of people worldwide. Mr. Miscavige was the orchestrator of expansion plans that affected all aspects of the Scientology religion. I was responsible for the broad network of Scientology missions. Under Mr. Miscavige's leadership, the network of missions grew unlike any other time in the past. The same can be said for every other type of organization and activity within the Church.

On a personal level, in the Sea Org I learned to be a team member. I became a productive individual. I learned about responsibility. I accomplished more, personally and as a group member, than anything I have done since I left. Scientology and Scientologists at all levels are, by far, some of the most dedicated, productive and moral people in society. The piece of journalism that CNN is about to air is a blow to all those dedicated people and their beliefs, which worldwide amount to millions of people.

Those that are attacking the Church now had a heavy hand in creating chaotic circumstances within the Church. Marty Rathbun, for instance, physically assaulted me in 1998 while I was on the Rehabilitation Project Force. Mr. Rathbun took me aside into a room with two other people who accompanied him. He told me that he knew I was trying to get away with things and that he knew my agenda. I sheepishly told him "excuse me sir, but I do not know what you are talking about." He jumped on me, grabbed me by the neck and threw me against a wall while telling me "are you trying to make me wrong?" He said this because I had the audacity of asking clarification to his accusations. After he produced the effect he intended to produce on me, he departed, leaving me in a state of utter shock.

Mr. Rathbun and others in his class see evil on anything and everything that has to do with the Church of Scientology, yet, if you cared to inspect their own actions when they were part of the Church's management, you would clearly see that they are attacking precisely the acts they performed and for which they were dismissed. It is clear to me that Marty Rathbun and other attackers have a personal vendetta and that their attacking actions are fueled by a desire of personal profit.

Scandalous press sells and these people can smell big personal profit. Why else would they now be attacking their own religion and the very group they were part of for many years?

What CNN is doing by airing a biased series on the leader of Scientology is not only unjust, but it amounts to scandalous journalism. What I see omitted in your show is to document the expansion of the religion that has taken place under Mr. Miscavige's leadership... Why not give them a truer picture of the individual? Why not take care that the public has all the facts?

The responsibility of professional journalism is to shed light into important matters and to bring about truth. Are you dealing with actual truth on the subject of Mr. Miscavige and of Scientology? Or are you carrying the party line of those that only complain and who are entrenched in a war with Scientology management to satisfy personal gains?

I am here to defend my religion and my fellow Scientologists. I demand that you do your part to treat justly a vital subject like Scientology and its leader.

Please consider this question in relation to your series: Will your series on Scientology help educate the public or will it deepen the atmosphere of bigotry and religious intolerance that is prevalent in our country, based on the testimony of a few disgruntled individuals that are seeking to profit by creating conflict?

Sincerely,

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