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County of Los Angeles

I, the undersigned, do hereby swear, certify and affirm that:

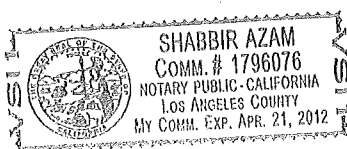
1. I am over the age of 18 and am a resident of the State of California. I have personal knowledge of the facts herein.
2. My name is Ron Norton. I was in the Sea Organization in Scientology for 35 years, from January 1972 until April of 2007.
3. I've had a few years now to absorb what happened over those 35 years and I feel that as one of its highest trained members, a Professor of Scientology and a graduate of its highest level executive courses as well as a highly trained technical personnel (I was personally trained in Scientology by the Founder L. Ron Hubbard) that I could add some insight, an overview, on the inner workings of the Church.
4. I've worked at all levels of the Church including International Management and have personally worked with pretty much all the detractors I read about on the Internet, as well as the top church officials currently running the Church as well as the Chairman of the Board RTC, David Miscavige.
5. My career started as a personal counselor or auditor, and I moved up from there to an executive at the Flag Service Organization, Scientology's largest Church, where in 1983 I became its Executive Director until 1990.
6. It was after that position where I became a staff member at the international headquarters and had direct dealings with David Miscavige, Marty Rathbun, Mike Rinder, Tom DeVocht, Amy Scobee and literally hundreds of other staff and executives there.
7. I've read with great concern the accusations leveled by Marty Rathbun and in particular his description of alleged violence at the International Scientology Base and I felt it was necessary to step forward as I have first hand information, my own personal observations, of what went on and if the story is going to be told, then let's tell the whole story.
8. I noticed on the Internet that Marty is saying he "came clean" on his misdeeds. That's like saying Jack the Ripper insulted a girl. I do not think the length and breadth of his covert terrorism against the Sea Org staff has ever really been understood, and in the back of forth of accusations from both sides it may have been lost.
9. As just one example, around 1992 I was put in charge of a project to get the "What Is Scientology" book translated into several different languages. The project was running well behind when it was given to me. The project was supposed to be confidential until it was completed, but word of it got out to one of our churches, and Marty Rathbun came to see me about who leaked the news. I told him I had no idea. He shouted at me and then grabbed me by the throat, threw me against a wall, banged my head into it and started choking me to get me to "confess" to this security breach at which point I finally just said "Yes," to get him to stop choking me. Marty then took me off the project.
10. A day later, David Miscavige came to see me regarding the progress of the project and asked me how the security breach happened. I told him I didn't know as I wasn't involved with it. He accepted that, put me back in charge of the project and that was the end of it.

11. One time Marty forced me to go into a room and began an interrogation of me for things I hadn't done, and wouldn't let me leave the room for 2 hours. He repeatedly accused me of crimes I never committed, a type of mental torture he inflicted on many others as well. I only was able to leave because he took a phone call in the middle of all of this.
12. I've read carefully what Marty and a few others have said about David Miscavige. I personally worked on about 50 projects ordered by David Miscavige over a 20-year period. I can honestly say I never observed him assault another staff member and anything I'm reporting in this affidavit is only first hand information – I'm not distilling other people's reports. What I'm saying was personally witnessed by me.
13. There were several occasions when projects ordered by David Miscavige were stalled. L. Ron Hubbard has written a huge body of data on how to run projects and fix them when they go off the rails. David Miscavige was one of the few people I met who used the right technology to repair situations. One time I remember well was when several staff tried to fix audio duplication facilities that were no longer producing the recorded lectures of L. Ron Hubbard at the required standards. We were at it for months trying to get the lectures up to the required specifications. Dave Miscavige personally interviewed each of the executives and technicians to find out what difficulty each was having. At the end of it, he applied a Scientology remedy, evaluated the information and found the reason for our problem. He then issued instructions to resolve it. We followed the instructions, had the results we needed in less than 48 hours, and were able to bring the lectures up to the required standards. It is one short story, but I feel it is representative of how David Miscavige works.
14. At the International Scientology Base, the standards for work and ethical conduct are extremely high. It is not for everyone, not even most Scientologists. The degree of dedication is fairly absolute. The mission of the International Base is the preservation and expansion of Scientology. Those at the top well know what Scientology can do and how effective it is, which is why it is given such importance. Many people in different walks of life dedicate their lives to their careers – clergyman, politicians and athletes to name a few. Sea Org members are no different in that regard.
15. After I left the Sea Org I was able to get a bird's eye view of the rest of the world. I've made many friends, and have enjoyed a very rich life because of the gains and understandings I've accomplished during my career in the Sea Org. I wouldn't change a thing.
16. I'm now the CEO of a small but fast growing start-up and I use Scientology every day to expand my business and improve my life and I can easily say I am an extremely happy and successful executive and never a day goes by when I don't recognize the role Scientology plays in my success – because it's true. I have a great relationship with my wife – we've been married for 34 years and have two really great kids (adults now who are themselves enjoying successful careers).

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.


Ron Norton

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 17th day of Oct, 2011 by Ron Norton, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person who appeared before me.




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