

## **Civil Rights Complaint** July 4th, 2015

In accordance with the Florida Civil Rights Act in section 760 of Florida Statutes *there is an obligation of the state of Florida to protect the interests of personal dignity and secure individuals against domestic strife and unrest. The statute requires the State to promote the interests, rights and privileges of individuals and is to be liberally construed to further general purposes.*

The Florida Civil Rights Act establishes and gives power to a Human Relations Commission *to ensure fair treatment and mutual understanding and respect among all members of all economic, social, racial and religious groups to eliminate discrimination against and antagonism between religious groups and their members.*

***‘The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.’*** Edmund Burke

The events you are about to read about shares how the Church of Scientology located in Clearwater, Florida ripped my family and me apart because of extreme coercion and religious intolerance. This abuse continues today. The Church of Scientology through their deliberate actions, have abused my civil and constitutional rights. The Church of Scientology has continued to involuntarily force their members to submit to unconscionable tactics that create domestic strife and unrest. In addition the Church of Scientology actively interferes with my interstate trade and the practice of my religious beliefs. Therefore I file this complaint and ask for remedial action from the commission on my behalf to protect my rights of fair treatment and respect to eliminate the discrimination and antagonism created by The Church of Scientology to my family and me.

Due to the events that I am about to relate, I ask Florida's Human Relations Commission to intervene to end this discrimination to protect my family's interests of personal dignity and secure us against domestic strife and unrest, to ensure fair treatment and mutual understanding and respect and to eliminate discrimination against and antagonism between these religious groups and their members.

I request the Commission assess penalties and order damages be paid by the offenders Cara Golashseky and others individually and collectively along with the Church of Scientology in accordance with state law.

#### The Facts:

On April 6, 2015 I received at home, a Federal Express letter from Cara Golashseky Justice Chief of the Church of Scientology dated April 3, 2015, informing me that I have been found demonstrably guilty of Suppressive Acts according to The Church of Scientology. The letter gave no information as to when this occurred, who made this determination, or what the facts were of what I was accused of. This notice provided no information as to why I was not notified of whatever process had taken place to make this determination and nor why I wasn't given the right to confront my accusers and provide evidence on my own behalf. (Exhibit A). This notice also said that Cara Golashseky was the only person at Scientology I was permitted to communicate with about this.

Reading Cara Golashseky's 3 April letter I was stunned and went into a state of shock. I hadn't a clue as to what these findings were about. I had not been involved with the

organization for some 35 years and had purposely distanced myself from them due to many disturbing elements I had seen.

Attached to this letter was a document called HCO policy letter of 7 March 1965RC re-issued 13 March 2013 entitled Suppressive Acts Suppression of Scientology and Scientologists. (Exhibit B).

In this policy letter it defined suppressive acts as acts which are clearly covert or overt acts knowingly calculated to reduce or destroy the influence activities of Scientology or prevent case gains or continued Scientology success and activity on the part of a Scientologist.

In Cara Golashseky's 3 April letter it said "Additionally highlighted are the suppressive acts you were found demonstrably guilty of." It highlighted six general items without any specifics that gave me zero information to what they were talking about. On May 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 I sent them a letter requesting information as to what exactly they accusing me of, who made the allegations and when, where and by whom was an adjudication made on them and why I was never informed of any of it!(Exhibit C) I sent them two more requests and these were also ignored. I even requested a hearing they call a Committee of Evidence hearing to have an opportunity to address whatever accusations they were making and this too was ignored.(Exhibits D and E)

A few hours later on April 6<sup>th</sup> I received a call from my daughter Spring song. She was actively involved in Scientology and whom I had a loving relationship with. Just a few months back I was at her wedding in San Francisco to celebrate this joyous occasion and as always we all had a wonderful time.

I have always supported my daughter's decision to be involved with Scientology if this is what made her happy. I never shared any negative opinion with her on the subject.

In our phone conversation my daughter informed me that she had just found out about my Declare Order of being labeled a Suppressive by the Church of Scientology. Because of this she said she would have to disconnect from me as otherwise she would be labeled as what Scientology calls a PTS, a potential trouble source. If she was then labeled a PTS she would not be allowed to continue taking classes at the Church of Scientology or able to receive their counseling which is called "auditing". If she didn't obey the Church's disconnect order it would also place her in a situation to ruin her marriage, business and friendships as they were all with other Scientologists.

My daughter never voluntarily agreed to these types of abusive control, as the Church does not disclose how they do this. No notice was given her or other members when they joined that if anyone disagreed with ANYTHING the Church says or does, you may be asked to disconnect from a parent, spouse, employer or child.

What is most disconcerting is the ongoing fraud they commit to lure their members into submission where the Church of Scientology publicly denies that they ask its members to disconnect. (See Going Clear movie and interview with their senior executive Tommy Davis who states this)

My daughter's world revolves around a Scientology based community. This is how and where her mother raised her and even though I was not a Scientologist we had a great relationship and never had any problems about her participation in the Church of Scientology. Yet now, if she

didn't disconnect from me as they demanded she would become labeled PTS which would lead to the heartbreak of divorcing her new husband, a devastating loss of a chance to have a child, the horrendous pain of never seeing or speaking to her mother again, the abandonment of all her friends and the loss of 80% of her small business revenues. Why? Because it was Scientology's belief they can violate human rights to tear families apart and deny our constitutional rights!

Please consider how coercive this destructive and abusive orders of Church of Scientology's are: *if* my daughter remains connected to me the Church of Scientology would label her a PTS. As a PTS she is not allowed to continue her training and auditing there. She would also have to disconnect from her two brothers in Florida who were connected to me despite their never being in Scientology because another part of their prejudicial Suppressive Acts policy says "adherence to a person or group pronounced a Suppressive Person or Group by HCO (HCO is Hubbard Communication Office) is considered a suppressive act"!

The Church of Scientology's civil right violations of the go even further. Their policy says: "a failure to disavow or disconnect or be at the hire of anti-Scientology groups or persons is also a suppressive act."

Now they violated free association and free trade through their intolerance! The Church of Scientology justice procedure interferes with the free rights of association. Please consider what would happen if they decide to declare a suppressive person a member of a zoning board who didn't approve their request or the President of the United States or the Pope because they watched the movie or read the book *Going Clear*! For like myself none of these people are Scientologists but in

each case the Church of Scientology suppressive declare order would create chaos for society through their unchecked use of this abusive power hiding under first amendment rights.

Unfortunately the Church of Scientology horrific disconnection policies have done similar damage to thousands of other families who are being disaffected from each other because of these Hitler-like actions. Surely this is not something the State of Florida wants to condone to set a precedence of being a hotbed of religious terrorism.

Before hanging up the phone for the last time with my daughter I told her I had no advance warning of any of this nor was ever given an opportunity to face my accusers, challenge evidence or supply my own. Hearing this she became more upset and promised to do anything she could to get this corrected. Nevertheless she had too much to risk and would be disconnecting from me. I have not talked to her since, as she hasn't taken by calls, emails or texts.

Over the next three months I wrote four letters requesting information from the Church of Scientology as to the details of their accusations. In my final letter I asked to exercise my right according to the Church of Scientology policy sent me, to call a hearing in their Church to have this reversed. I have never had any communication from the Church of Scientology to provide me this information or explain to me why I couldn't have a hearing or get the information.

The vast reach of Scientology's HCO PL Suppressive Acts is ominous and destructive to the rights, privileges and ability to freely express, associate or conduct commerce freely. The policy sets aside all rights and values on which this country

was founded. This policy, if left in tact, goes beyond a mere shunning of members who are ostracized, it reaches into the very texture of society creating a class of second class citizens similar to what the Nazis did to the Jews when they targeted them as enemies of the state because of their religious beliefs. Scientology calls it a suppressive act to have any involvement in any group that is divergent from the Church of Scientology. This literally means that anyone who watched the HBO special Going Clear; Scientology, Hollywood and The Prison of Belief **or** read the book of the same name it was based on **or** was involved with HBO **or** Pulitzer Prize winning author Lawrence Wright or any of the newspapers, television stations or anyone else involved in this project, could be declared suppressive and subject to loss of business and relationships because of their intolerance. This brings me to the next point.

In **Title 18, U.S.C., Section 241 Conspiracy Against Rights** this statute makes it **unlawful** for two or more persons to conspire to injure, oppress, **threaten, or intimidate** any person of any state, territory or district in the **free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him/her by the Constitution** or the laws of the United States, (or because of his/her having exercised the same).

Fact 1: I am not now and have not been a member of the Church of Scientology for 35 years. When I was there was no policy of disconnection and had there been I would have left instantly and never promoted it to others.

Fact 2- The Church of Scientology is discriminating against me because of my religious beliefs. Their actions have created strife and unrest in my family.. My relationship with my daughter Spring is being held hostage as she is threatened with

dire consequences she never voluntarily agreed to if she sees or speaks to me. They are also interfering with my rights for freedom of association and the ability to conduct interstate trade with anyone under their powers.

Fact 3- I am a registered minister with Universal Brotherhood Movement and have a business that helps people improve their lives. I utilize a wide variety of techniques in my ministry based on mediation, yoga, A Course in Miracles, Quantum and Formative Psychology, Bioenergetics, psychoneuro immunology and Transpersonal Hypnosis amongst many others. These are shared through an online program I created called The 7 Keys For Attention Development and Emotional Wellness. I have also established an entity that offers training based on my 44 years of research and development called the Florida Institute of Complementary and Alternative Medicine.

My ordination declared, ***“I hereby dedicate my life to the brotherhood of mankind.”*** My ministry, through ordination by Universal Brotherhood Movement, Inc., allows me to reach out and touch the Earth and her inhabitants with love, compassion and responsibility. This is what I have been doing for over for the past twenty plus years. Yet with these impositions placed on me by the Church of Scientology I am not only prevented from sharing this with my daughter but with any and all other who are Scientologists or working with or associated with ANY Scientologist as to do so would jeopardize their personal and business relationships. The Church of Scientology’s draconian policies and Nazi like control of their parishioners extends itself into society to create tentacles, which strangle the very lifeblood of our civil and constitutional rights preventing.

In [\*Reynolds v. United States\*](#) (1878) the Supreme Court declared "It may be accepted almost as an authoritative declaration of the scope



and effect of the amendment thus secured. Congress was deprived of all legislative power over mere [religious] opinion, but was left **free to reach [only those religious] actions which were in violation of social duties or subversive of good order.**”

*“When any government or any church for that matter, undertakes to say to its subjects “This you may not read, this you may not see, this you are forbidden to know< the end result is tyranny and oppression, no matter how holy the motives” Robert A. Heinlein*

Certainly protecting the right of free speech and maintenance of the rights of personal and family privacy is social duty and an essential part of the good order of our country. The sacrosanct nature of a family and its ability to have free and unencumbered speech to maintain relationships is essential to good order and promote the interests, rights and privileges of individuals. The ability to have free trade and commerce is also vital to the endurance of a free society. Yet the Church of Scientology asks all its members to first check the religious, philosophical and political beliefs of anyone they interact with or suffer the consequence of social, business and family destruction because someone they speak with has contrary thoughts or opinions concerning any aspect of the Church or its founder L. Ron Hubbard. The very strength that makes our country great is our freedom of speech and being able to openly discuss and debate facts and opinions to be able to make informed decisions. Open discussion and questioning, is part of the process of free men making free choices and being educated. To do otherwise is endorse brainwashing. Allowing the Church of Scientology to subvert the good order and violate the social duties of being an informed citizen prevents citizens from discussing what many have discovered as lies and fraudulent

representations that Hubbard has repeated told and proven beyond a shadow of a doubt, acts to support the their continual fraud to all members of the Church while damaging the rights of every non-Scientologist that may be in association with them,

Can you imagine if the Catholic Church used this same policy and sent millions of Suppressive Orders to anyone who criticized the Catholic Church? This could destroy the fabric of families in this country and around the world. This would be equal to allowing the Catholic priests who were sexually abusing children never to be brought to justice as those making the accusations would have been threatened with being denied their salvation as the Catholic Church tried to shield itself from these accusations for it was part of their Church doctrine to handle this themselves! If this practice of The Church of Scientology is left intact it sets a precedent for religious fanaticism to thrive and prosper as if an alien nation within our borders operating with immunity performing various levels of terrorist attacks on society.

**Please consider U.S. v Kuch 288 F Sup. 439 (1968):**

"Those who seek constitutional protections for their participation in an establishment of religion and freedom to practice its beliefs **must not be permitted the special freedoms** this special sanctuary may provide merely by adopting religious nomenclature and cynically **using it as a shield to protect them when participating in anti social conduct that otherwise stands condemned.**"

In the United States, the Church of Scientology has argued in court that disconnection is a constitutionally protected religious practice. However, this argument must be rejected because this possibility is not made clear when joining and the pressure later put on individual Scientologists to disconnect means it is **not voluntary**.

Church members are not told of the Church's disconnection policy with any disclosure when signing up for classes or counseling.

This should be transparent and not hidden. In fact as can be seen in the recent HBO documentary of “Going Clear; Scientology The Prison of Belief” the Church of Scientology representative Tommy Davis lied on camera and said the Church did not have a disconnection policy!

This should not be surprising considering how the Church had nine of its members found guilty of espionage and infiltration of many government agencies, which included the wife of Scientology’s Founder who it has been said was following her husband’s orders. And who can forget when the Church of Scientology’s legal and investigative arm, the Guardian Office, framed an author who wrote an unflattering book about The Church of Scientology by falsely accusing the author of sending bomb threats to the church. The author, Paulette Cooper, was indicted in 1973 because of The Church of Scientology lies. Thankfully she was fully exonerated when the FBI raided Scientology offices and discovered this plot against her in 1977. This is their mentality, to set themselves above the law to violate anyone’s constitutional rights necessary to achieve their goals.

It’s important to understand that the Church of Scientology is run like a business and not a church. There is no worship or faith in God. These are important distinctions to make and encourage one to wonder why they were ever given protection as a religion. Instead they have salesman called registrars that sell their “levels” of self improvement to it’s members which will cost between \$100,000 to \$250,000 *or more* per person to climb their imaginary ladder to freedom, a *freedom* they control. These are not voluntary contributions but mandatory or else you are not permitted to go to the levels where you are “set free”. Registrars are rated each week according to their sales made and are compensated accordingly. Registrars are under huge pressures to do more and more each week and if they do not reach their quotas they can be penalized and punished. Yet never in this sale’s process from when you start

or for years to come, does their consumer, now calling themselves a Scientologist, get informed of their disconnection policy and the possibility of what can happen if they speak to the wrong person or even read or watch a video critical of the Church.

Why are there no safeguards in this process to provide transparency to what can be the largest financial transaction of a person's life? Doesn't the state have a mandate to protect its citizens to help ensure they are protected from fraud or misrepresentation? Why isn't the person buying these levels openly agreeing to The Church of Scientology disconnection policies because they are made transparent and not hidden? In all financial transactions today, whether it be getting a mortgage, a car loan or even signing up for something online, there are mandatory terms and condition someone is asked to read and agree to. Why not in this instance? The state and federal government have mandated this in all major financial transactions to ensure clarity for purchasers to know what they are getting into BEFORE they sign on the dotted line and commit themselves to a transaction. Why should it be any different for the Church of Scientology members who are often asked to give their life savings and borrow whatever money they can to pay the costs of going up the Church's "levels." Surely transparency is vital to protect our citizens from being taken advantage of.

Please consider this fully and imagine discovering you are ordered to divorce your spouse, abandon your children or be forced to leave your job many years later while going up these "levels" after you have placed all your money and hopes into the Church of Scientology. You have become so invested you are coerced to follow their orders as these outside pressure are intolerable.

**Also consider California appellate court, 2nd district, 7th division, Wollersheim v. "Church" of Scientology of California, Civ. No. B023193 Cal. Super. (1986):**

During trial, Wollersheim's experts testified Scientology's "auditing" and "disconnect" practices constituted "brainwashing" and "thought reform" akin to what the Chinese and North Koreans practiced on American prisoners of war."

"A religious practice which takes place in the context of this level of coercion has less religious value than one the recipient engages in voluntarily. Even more significantly, it poses a greater threat to society to have coerced religious practices inflicted on its citizens."

'Church' practices conducted in a coercive environment are not qualified to be voluntary religious practices entitled to first amendment religious freedom guarantees."

In the Courts conclusion it stated "We hold that the state has a compelling interest in allowing its citizens to recover for serious emotional injuries they suffer through religious practices they are coerced into accepting. Such conduct is too outrageous to be protected under the constitution and too unworthy to be privileged under the law of torts."

My emotional state has suffered tremendous injury as a result of the Church's actions. I haven't been able to share her birthday with her nor fathers day. This has been earth shattering as I have always been a devoted father doing the best I can to keep my family together. I have never done anything to discourage my daughter from pursuing Scientology if this is what she felt was right for her. I had just returned from her wedding in San Francisco where as always we got on well. Now, since April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 my daughter won't return my calls, texts and emails as she is afraid of the consequences if she did, knowing it would ruin her life. This possibility was never disclosed to her when she began courses there.

By the way, The Church was ordered to pay Wollersheim \$2.5 million dollars for their wrong doing!

Please also consider **California Supreme Court, United States v. Lee [455 U.S. 252,257,258 (1982)\*/:**

*"When a person is subjected to coercive persuasion [as in Scientology] without his knowledge or consent ...[he may] develop serious and sometimes irreversible physical and psychiatric disorders, up to and including schizophrenia, self-mutilation, and suicide."*

With this in mind the State and federal Government have a **real and present danger** to protect its citizens from this abuse. To do otherwise is to grant special protection to a group that knowingly and intentionally is hiding behind a wall of religious freedom as if it is a separate country that may attack us without consequence. What sense does it make to give protection to organizations within our country that are attempting to take away the very core of our values by allowing them exemption from these laws? Who wouldn't attempt to use the veil of religious freedom to prevent exempting taxation protect their subversive intentions? Would we allow permit jihadists hiding in a Mosque to plan a violent attack on our society or to give protection to the next generation of Nazis who create an "Aryan Church" to plot and execute the next Holocaust? Surely the Catholic Church could not hide behind the screen of religion when it sexually abused so many of its members who are children even though some priests told them it was the will of God to do what they were doing. Should we allow honor killings fro Muslims because their Holy Book says Quran- 4:15 "If any of your women are guilty of lewdness, take the evidence of four (reliable) witness from amongst you against them; if they testify, confine them to houses until death do claim them. Or God ordain for them some (other) way." The Bible itself prescribes the death penalty for cursing a parent or adultery, 'is this permissible as well?

Another part of Florida's Civil Rights law is Florida Statute 760.51 Violation of Constitutional Rights. This element certainly comes into play here as it is clear that any interference, threats, intimidation or cohesion with any rights secured by State Constitution or laws may be brought under the Civil Rights Act. This includes action, which can be taken by the Attorney General. We invite the Attorney General to get actively involved as the home base where they have been given free reign to promote these vicious actions is in Clearwater Florida. Sure these types of actions do not represent the values of our government or governed.

The intent of Florida Civil Rights Act is intended to protect all its citizens from discrimination and antagonism. I have been both antagonized and discriminated against as a non-Scientologist and UBM minister. Freedom of speech, association, commerce and maintaining of strong family values are what our country is founded on and our Civil Rights laws have been enacted to protect us from abuse and violation. This does not in any way limit the rights of their religious freedom but does limit its impact to only the members of its group who choose to be involved, not the innocent bystanders who pay the price in loss of consortium, commerce and family! .

In the case of Bear versus the Reformed Mennonite Church (1975) Pennsylvania **Supreme Court ruled** that there are areas of **paramount state concern** of which **maintenance of marriage and family relationships are vital.**

The allegations made against me also act as defamation that has caused a loss of consortium and loss of my ability for free interstate trade. Being labeled a Suppressive means that any friend, relative or associate of a Scientologist would be prohibited to purchase by goods or services or even communicate to me otherwise run the

risk of losing their personal or business relationship with the Scientologist. This means that in the guise of Scientology's religious freedom everyone else not a Scientologist must relinquish their freedom of speech, association, pursuit of happiness, rights to privacy and all civil rights too! Certainly this MUST be of paramount concern to the Human Relations Commission and The State of Florida to protect the interests of my personal dignity and secure my individuals rights against domestic strife and unrest.

Their refusal to present to me any evidence of what it is they said I did wrong nor give me the right to face my accusers and refute their testimony is another violation of my constitutional rights. These actions are subversive to the American way of life constitutionally guaranteed. Certainly the Church is using the first amendment as a shield to protect them when participating in this anti social conduct that otherwise stands condemned.

The issue presented herein to Human Relations Commission is to ensure fair treatment and mutual understanding and respect among all members of different religious and non-religious groups and to eliminate discrimination against and antagonism between religious groups and other members of society. This is of vital concern to all citizens of our state and country. When one person's religious freedom interferes with another person's religious freedom, this is exactly what the civil rights laws were designed to eliminate. I have my rights to have my opinion and freedom and these acts by the Church of Scientology damages, intimidates and destroys the basic interest of the state to secure its citizens against discrimination and coercion.

Please help me in any way you can so no American is held hostage to limit their freedom of speech and the ability to question openly without the fear of retribution or destruction of ones family or business. No-one should held hostage fearing if they exercise their



constitutional right for free expression it could destroy their relationship with family, friends or business associates.

### **Conclusion**

I have the right to be able to communicate freely and have peaceful enjoyment of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

I have the right to be free from religious intolerance and free from interference with the running of my business.

I have the right for my family's values to be respected without any member being threatened or coerced under the guise of religious freedom.

I have the right to be innocent until proven guilty of any wrong doings that may be charged against me in any organization or group based in our country and to confront my accuser and refute any evidence provided against me.

Please remember the Florida statute requires the State *to promote the interests, rights and privileges of individuals and is **to be liberally construed** to further general purposes to ensure **fair treatment** and mutual understanding and respect among **all members** of all economic, social, racial and religious groups to **eliminate** discrimination against and **antagonism** between religious groups and their members.*

1-Please rule in my favor and intervene to end this discrimination and assess the highest possible penalties and damages allowed by law, both personal and punitive damages to be paid by the offenders Cara Golashseky and others individually and collectively along with the Church of Scientology.

2-Require the Church of Scientology to establish new policies to be immediately instituted that respects the constitutional and civil rights of all members and prospective members by full disclosure and transparency. New members should be given a form that discloses:

“By becoming a student of a course in the Church of Scientology and/or becoming a member in the Church of Scientology I will no longer be able to read any books or literature, nor talk to any friends or do Internet searches about anything that is critical of Scientology, any Scientologist or any of its practices. I realize if I violate these policies I can be expelled and declared suppressive and would be completely excluded from any and all contact with all other Scientologists when found guilty of doing any of these prohibited actions. Also I agree that the Church can find me guilty without informing me of what I was specifically accused of and by whom. I agree to give up my rights to confront my accuser or refute any charges brought against me. Further I realize that should I be expelled and declared suppressive I could be required to leave my job, break friendships, divorce my spouse or no longer see my children if they remain involved with the Church of Scientology. I sign this statement by my own free will and am of sound mind when doing so.”

3-Require the Church of Scientology to provide opportunity for any accused of any misdeed according to Church policy to be presented with any information, which has been provided to any Church that accuses them of any policy violation. They are to be given a chance to confront their accusers to ensure the opportunity to clear themselves. No hearings or decisions can be made final until fair and reasonable time and opportunity has been provided to the accused, which address all issues that may have come into question. All such persons accused of wrong doing will be considered innocent until proven guilty to ensure they remain in alignment with their constitutionally guaranteed rights.

4-Make recommendations whether or not it is in the best interest of our country to grant religious exemption to a Church that is politically motivated and subversive, attempting to squash freedom of expression, freedom of the press, freedom of the rights to privacy and freedom of being innocent until proven guilty with the rights to a fair trial when this “Church” has no religious tenants of faith, God or worship of anyone other then the money it earns and the power it holds over others.

I attest the above is a true and accurate representation of the facts, as I know them

Brian J Sheen July 4 ,2015

