

DECLARATION OF CATHERINE BERNARDINI

I, Catherine A. Bernardini, formerly Rinder, declare as follows:

1. I am a resident of California, a United States citizen and am 56 years old. I am of sound mind and body, am not under the influence of any drug or alcohol and make this Declaration of my own free will under no pressure with respect to its contents.
2. I have been a member of the Sea Organization ["SO"] for 35 years. I worked on the *Apollo* and had the privilege of serving L. Ron Hubbard ["LRH"] in the Flag Bureaux. I currently hold a position in International Management.
3. Though we are now divorced, I was married to Mike Rinder for 35 years. I am thus intimately knowledgeable of his activities, both personal and otherwise, for more than three decades.
4. In not one single instance in the last 33 years that I have known Mr. David Miscavige, during my different assignments to posts and areas, no matter where and no matter when, and no matter the circumstances, have I ever once seen, heard, observed or witnessed Mr. David Miscavige inflict or cause any physical violence, harm or damage to anyone, at any time. Nor have I ever seen, heard, observed or witnessed Mr. David Miscavige inflict or cause any mental or emotional distress to any individual, ever. On the contrary, I have only personally experienced benefit from my association with Mr. Miscavige over the last 33 years, both personally and in my work.
5. I can positively state without any question that at no time ever have I seen David Miscavige beat Mike Rinder or even lay a hand on him, and that applies to all of the last 33 years, back to 1976, when I first met Mr. Miscavige.
6. Mike discussed a lot of things with me at home over the years and told me often what was happening on his post and in his activities. He certainly discussed any physical situations and if anything was amiss, even when he had a headache or his contact lenses were bothering him. Not once did Mike ever allude to the activities he now claims, nor any acts of violence, of any type. I can state this as an absolute

fact as I slept with Mike, and I would have known because I would have seen it, and he would have told me.

7. On more than one occasion over the years, Mike has brought up to me the many caring acts Mr. Miscavige has extended to him and I must say, Mike was proud to tell me these things and considered Mr. Miscavige the one person who really cared about him.
8. The only violence I have ever witnessed were acts of violence Mike committed or which were committed on Mike by Marty Rathbun. In over three decades with Mike, the only person I ever saw beat Mike and, in fact, almost kill him, was Marty Rathbun. Marty engaged in a vicious and sudden physical assault on Mike for no reason in mid-Jan 2004, in a completely psychotic fashion and had to be ripped off of him by the others in the room before he killed Mike. After Marty came back to seemingly "make up" with Mike, he walked him outside but when out of everyone else's view, except one staff member who followed them, I was informed by this staff member that Marty started beating Mike once again to the point he was going to damage him and only because this was thwarted by the other staff member actually throwing himself around Mike to prevent Marty from hurting him. Mike then revealed to me that he hated Marty, and that Marty had beat him up before.
9. I also did see the aftermath of Marty's beating, choking and punching on Mike, so I know what it's like. Mike's face was cut and swollen, his neck had contusions, his ears were cut, his lip was swollen and bruised and his chest was bruised. These injuries lasted for days. That I did see, and if I had ever seen anything even close to it at any other past or future time, I for sure would have known it and, in fact, I never would have forgotten it.
10. Mike himself, unfortunately, had his own acts of violence. In once instance on August 17, 1993, Mike attacked a junior of his, calling him curse words. He physically had him up against a wall with his hands around his neck and his feet off the floor. Many people ran into Mike's office upon hearing a ruckus. Amy Scobee

ran in the room first and screamed at Mike to let go of the man. I ran in behind her so I was right there. Mike then went and grabbed both Amy's arms and shoved her to the point she was almost knocked to the floor.

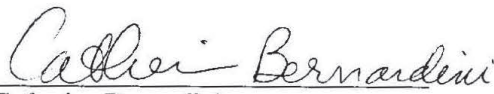
11. I have been a close friend for a long time with one of the women Mike mistreated. She confessed to me one day what Mike had done to her on more than one occasion, not wanting to hurt my feelings, but actually seeking aid to help resolve the situation, and she thought it best I know. Now let me make it clear, this woman did not tell me right away, but months later. She had been keeping it to herself, not wanting to embarrass me.
12. The above acts were isolated instances and completely unusual given that we do not engage in such, but rather follow the tenets of Scientology in our personal relationships, maintaining Affinity, Reality and Communication amongst ourselves. That is why the above instances were so utterly shocking and so out of the realm of anything that had ever occurred, especially the instance when Marty Rathbun beat up Mike as described above.
13. I never saw Mr. Miscavige engage in such activities. I have known him well for the last 29 years and he is completely the opposite.
14. In mid-1976, I first saw Mr. David Miscavige at the Flag Land Base in Clearwater, Fla. While he did not work in my area, I definitely took note of him. He was bright, friendly, active and on purpose and his actions showed it. Even though he was a new Sea Organization member then, it was clear that he commanded respect because of the work he himself did on his own initiative.
15. The first time I worked in a capacity under Mr. Miscavige was in 1980, when a small group of SO members from Flag were brought to LA, where Mr. Miscavige was then located. A team of Evaluators, including myself, were to apprentice under Mr. Miscavige who held the position of Action Chief, responsible for operating Sea Org missions to Church organizations. Mission technology is an administrative technology laid out by L. Ron Hubbard, requiring exacting application of procedures

as well. Intensive handlings for a year and a half, constant assistance and exact application of L. Ron Hubbard's technology, overseen by Mr. Miscavige's own staff. That's because that is the way Mr. Miscavige is about everyone.

50. Taking every step and addressing all of his needs, Benjamin was thus cured. At every new discovery in the course of handling his cancer, the appropriate auditing and Assist technology was applied. Nothing less would do—not for anyone—because that is what Scientology is about: applying the technology precisely and exactly as LRH laid out, to alleviate the ills and travails we all experience in our lives. It's about helping people.
51. I was outraged when I heard the utter lies Mike Rinder recently told and the fact that he says he left due to physical violence. I, of anyone, know with certainty that his accusations are so removed from the actual truth, it is 100% delusory. What I do know for a fact is that the only abuse I observed or experienced came from Mike Rinder, both to his staff and colleagues, not to mention myself and my children. I know for a fact that even though I tried to see Mike in April 2009 and communicate to him regarding matters of importance about our son, our daughter and his own family, he wasn't interested in the least. His current actions prove he doesn't care and never did.

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

Executed this 28th day of July 2009.


Catherine Bernardini