

Boston attorney was the same one who had pending literally dozens of damage suits naming Mr. Hubbard and which portrayed the Church and the religion's Founder in the most outrageous and prejudicial manner imaginable. Yet, suddenly, in the probate action, that lawyer was suing to "protect" Mr. Hubbard's estate.

49. To buttress the false claim that Mr. Hubbard's estate was being looted, DeWolfe and his lawyer made reference to the forged check mentioned above. I had no idea how they were aware there had been an attempt to pass a forged check on Mr. Hubbard's account. Upon examining the facts we were able to develop, we learned that the bank had informed the FBI about the forged check, and that the first and only person the FBI contacted for information was this same Boston attorney, who told the FBI that I, one of Mr. Hubbard's closest and trusted friends, was the most likely candidate to have committed the forgery! As a result, I became the target of an FBI investigation, even though I had been the one who stopped payment on it when I was alerted to the check's existence. Eventually, the entire probate case was dismissed and I was cleared of any involvement with the forgery. Nonetheless, I had been unjustly subjected to negative press in all manner of media publications literally all over the world. Furthermore, this incident of the forged check and the probate case marked the emergence of a new litigation tactic, one that Vaughn Young and Geertz's counsel are trying to exploit here.

50. Upon the dismissal of the probate action, DeWolfe's attorney announced that his "real" purpose in bringing the probate action had been to force Mr. Hubbard out of seclusion so he could be served in the civil damages cases filed by DeWolfe's lawyer. The idea was simple. Aware that Mr. Hubbard wanted to maintain his privacy and seclusion, the lawyer would notice Mr. Hubbard's deposition as both an individual and as a "managing agent" of the Church. Default or settlement then would follow a managing agent finding and non-appearance. This ploy was particularly effective since Mr. Hubbard went completely out of touch with any and all Church entities from May of 1984, until he passed away in January of 1986. Even if they had so desired, the Church was literally incapable of presenting Mr. Hubbard for deposition to give testimony to end this ruse. Vaughn Young knew that Mr. Hubbard was not in communication with the Church during the time that ploy was being pursued. Vaughn Young also knew this litigation tactic, and his knowledge of it is evident in this case. It is precisely what is happening here, except Young's false claims of managing agent of the Church status are directed at me.

51. I am not L. Ron Hubbard, nor am I in seclusion. I am visible and I testify. Most of all, as set forth in detail above, I am not CSI's managing agent, and Vaughn Young's attempt to characterize me as such collapses from the weight of his ignorance of the corporate, tax, legal and financial structures of RTC, CSI, and every other Church-related organization. Ironically, this tired litigation tactic was finally put to rest with respect to L. Ron Hubbard hours before his death on January 24, 1986, when Judge Mariana R.

Pfaelzer definitively ruled that L. Ron Hubbard was not the managing agent of any church. A copy of that order is annexed as Exhibit A.

52. Next, I was subjected to a two and a half year criminal investigation by the Internal Revenue Service. Ironically, the very people I had kicked out of the GO exploited the government's concern over acts the GO had committed to make me the target of an investigation based on the very acts they had committed. Of course they didn't make their previous associations with the GO known. In fact, the IRS's Criminal Investigation Division ("CID") was based on specious allegations filed in civil litigation and spread in the media. The thrust of the investigation was an alleged criminal conspiracy begun in 1966 to impede the Internal Revenue Service. I was the primary target of this investigation even though I was only six years old when I began the "conspiracy."

53. The CID's massive investigation was ultimately rejected outright by the Justice Department. However, the IRS dossier on me, an accumulation of over 100,000 pages of documents -- the largest in the Service's history -- was filled with falsehoods from a handful of bitter former Scientologists and ex-GO like Mr. Young. It contained the same allegations that have been repeatedly disproved, but which are nevertheless being made again in this case.

54. For example, Mr. Young repeats the allegations made by Gerry Armstrong that the Church practices "Fair Game" and that Gerry Armstrong was in "fear of his life." To bolster the validity of this allegation, Vaughn Young refers to the Breckenridge decision. What Mr. Young fails to disclose, however, is the fact that following that opinion, Armstrong was proven a liar. In a police-sanctioned investigation, Gerry Armstrong was captured on video tape acknowledging his real motives, namely a plot to overthrow the Church leadership and gain control of the Church. On those very video tapes, Armstrong acknowledges he not only isn't "afraid," but that he "will bring the Church to its knees." While plotting his overthrow attempt he gives advice that the Church should be accused of various criminal acts. When told no evidence exists to support such "charges," he responds, "just allege it." It should be noted that while Gerry Armstrong had been an "informant" during the IRS criminal investigation, based on these tapes and statements, the IRS dropped him as a witness, thereby repudiating his credibility. Vaughn and Stacy Young were fully aware of these facts as Stacy wrote the cover story in Freedom Magazine that exposed Armstrong's plot.

55. The steady barrage of such falsehoods poisoned the IRS with respect to the Church generally and me personally. Years later, IRS Internal Security agent Keith Kuhn filed a declaration in several cases, falsely accusing me of threatening another IRS agent with whom I had never spoken in my life. That declaration was stricken as unsupported and scurrilous, and the IRS was ordered by Judge Keller of this Court to pay sanctions for having filed it at all. [Ex. 8, Order and transcript, Church of Scientology of California v.

IRS, No. CV 90-5638 WDK (C.D.Cal.)]

56. The attempts to harass me in litigation have extended to creating not just false allegations, but false documents as well. In 1984, a former staff member, who was employed by a splinter group that was seeking to pull Scientologists away from the Church for the splinter group's profit, created a forged document entitled SMASH THE SQUIRRELS which was allegedly written by me and which purported to show that I intended some form of harassment towards apostates of Scientology. One would normally ignore such wild incidents, except this document was continuously used against me in litigation, most particularly to prevent me from gaining access to government files on me. I have had to fight this issue for years and only last year was this matter put to rest. This document was recently examined in a Freedom of Information Act case, Miscavige v. IRS, No. CV 88-7341 TJH (C.D.Cal.) by Special Master Jack Tenner, who found that it was, in fact, a forgery and could not be used in court. That decision was affirmed by Judge Hatter of this Court. [Ex. D, Order of Judge Hatter.] Even though this document has been ruled to be a forgery, Geertz's attorneys have now referred to it and seek to use it in this case as if it were real.

57. Perhaps the most telling indication that the allegations made by Mr. Young and other apostates regarding corporate and financial affairs of various Church entities are false, is the recent recognition of the tax exempt status of all Scientology Churches in the United States by the IRS. This recognition of exemption followed the most exhaustive review of financial records and corporate structure of any exemption application ever filed. That process is described in detail in the accompanying declaration of Monique E. Yingling. [Ex. C.] As part of the exemption process, the IRS also considered and rejected virtually all of the same allegations that are now being made against me in this case. These discredited and untrue charges should not have to be dealt with time and time again. After the most extensive review in IRS history, to have uninformed apostates second-guessing the IRS's determination, and regurgitating false claims that the IRS and Courts have rejected again and again, putting me in the position of defending against the same old allegations, is ludicrous! This has to end somewhere, as it is not just wasting my time, but the Court's time as well. All the while further false accusations are made that the Church likes litigation. Magistrate Tassopoulos stated on January 4, 1994, "You know you people enjoy the fight..." To the degree this statement is directed at me, she is just wrong. I despise litigation and in fact know of no Scientologist who enjoys it. However, we have been forced to defend ourselves because of unfounded allegations the courts seem too willing to accept or which they are incapable of preventing.

THE YOUNGS' LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF SCIENTOLOGY CORPORATE MATTERS

58. Putting aside Mr. Young's familiarity with the tactic of maligning the Church and me as a litigation weapon, I simply do not understand from where Mr. Young purports to derive his self-proclaimed "expertise" about Scientology as a religion,

or about the corporate, legal, or financial affairs of RTC, CSI, or any other Scientology organization. I know Mr. Young, having worked with him briefly on specific projects in 1981 and 1983, and once held him in some personal regard. He never occupied any position of corporate or ecclesiastical authority in any Church or in ASI, and certainly did not have any significant personal exposure to how the corporate or ecclesiastical structure of Scientology is established or how it works. He cannot claim any personal knowledge in that regard since July of 1989. At no time did he occupy any "inner circle" in Scientology leadership and, in candor, he was never in any position to have any knowledge of what I do or how I do it. To that I must add that despite his outrageous claim to the contrary, I never in my life laid a finger on Vaughn Young, let alone beat him unconscious or otherwise, as he claims. Indeed, this allegation only surfaced once he attempted to enmesh me in this case. It is absurd on its face for Mr. Young to have omitted this alleged incident from his earlier affidavits which purportedly cited the reasons "why he left the church." In my mind, his need to invent complete lies such as this reveal that his motives are personal, his character is spiteful, his aim is money, and he means to those ends know virtually no limits.

59. Vaughn Young completely misstates my relationship to the plaintiff Church of Scientology International. Young claims that I somehow direct, manage and control every facet of CSI's operations and activities. This also is ludicrous. CSI has well over a thousand staff members who deal with international promotion and dissemination efforts, evaluate situations in Scientology churches around the world, and provide plans and programs that give guidance to these churches. This is the activity of international and middle management of CSI, which has an entirely different purpose and sphere of activity than RTC. My job as Chairman of the Board involves many functions, but does not include management of CSI or any other Scientology church. I do not create corporate strategy nor do I direct or manage the personnel of CSI. I do not remove CSI's directors or officers. I do not run CSI or its executives. Anyone who would testify to the contrary is either uninformed or untrustworthy.

60. The Youngs have chosen not only to malign me personally, but also to attack the very religious beliefs and practices which they once professed to follow. Although the religious nature of Scientology has been recognized by courts and administrative bodies throughout the world for decades, the defendants and their witnesses are attempting to enter the constitutionally forbidden area of judicial evaluations of religious tenets by placing the meaning and efficacy of religious beliefs and practices of Scientology on trial. Deliberately distorted interpretations of Scientology religious doctrine have been filed in this Court concerning Scientology concepts such as PTS Type 3 and Black Dianetics. At the same time, defendant Steven Fishman has also invented entirely fictitious terms such as "EOC," and claimed that they are part of Scientology. They are not. His claim that there is anything in the Scientology religion that even resembles a directive to commit murder or suicide is as

outrageous as it is ridiculous. These are all total misrepresentations of religious doctrine made by people who are not in the least qualified to make doctrinal judgments. I can say categorically that "EOC" does not exist in Scientology, and the concept ascribes to it in this case by the defendants is false and scandalous.

61. Young tries to gain credibility by stating he was one of maybe ten people summoned to Mr. Hubbard's ranch when he passed away. He was not the first to be called, but arrived with a cook, a carpenter, gardeners, and a guard. More importantly, the press on LRH's passing away was not handled from the ranch. Vaughn Young was at the ranch to deal with any local inquiries and with the neighbors and farmhands who had been friends of Mr. Hubbard, and he worked under the guidance of another ASI staff member.

62. Young also mentions Pat Broeker, and attempts to position Broeker as someone who had power and legitimacy within the Church structure. Young, who never held a senior management position during the entirety of his time in the Church, falsely claims that there was a power struggle between Broeker and me after the death of L. Ron Hubbard. This assertion demonstrates Young's lack of knowledge of the actual corporate structure of the Church. Pat Broeker was neither an officer nor a director nor a trustee of Religious Technology Center, CSI or any other Church corporation. It was only an ignorant and destructive few, such as Vaughn Young and Vicki Aznaran, who ever believed or supported Broeker's claims to authority. No removal of Pat Broeker occurred or was necessary. He simply did not hold any position in any Church corporation. Vicki Aznaran, on the other hand, was removed from her position as President and Inspector General of RTC. She herself has testified to the reasons for her removal -- employing an ex-GO staff member involved in criminal acts and allowing false Church scriptures to be presented as authentic writings of Mr. Hubbard, when she knew they were not.

63. All of the foregoing should be viewed in the context of Scientology being a new, evolving religion. Although unfortunate, all emerging religions in history have gone through a period of turmoil, especially following the death of its Founder. Scientology is no exception. However, we have entered into an extended period of calm and expansion since these upheavals in the 1980s. The resolution of the long-standing conflict with the IRS is perhaps the best indicator of this

"OF AND CONCERNING" CSI

64. The only issue mentioned by the defendants in connection with taking my deposition which is even arguably relevant to this case is the so-called "of and concerning" issue. That can be disposed of in a few sentences. When a person makes a statement about "Scientology" or the "Church of Scientology," the most reasonable conclusion is that the reference is to CSI. CSI is the Church corporation that is viewed as "Scientology" by the public at large. Major Scientology publications found in public bookstores regularly contain

introductory remarks from CSI. For example, the book What is Scientology?, which has just recently been distributed in paperback around the country, has an introduction from CSI. Freedom Magazine, which Stacy Young tried to sever from the Church, proudly states that it is published by CSI. Likewise, when a Scientology spokesman is wanted by the media for virtually anything about "Scientology" or the "Church," they routinely contact CSI. When the IRS recognized CSI as tax exempt and established a group exemption so that new churches could immediately become tax exempt on the authority of the Mother Church, it was CSI to whom the group exemption authority was given. It certainly is reasonable for the public to understand statements about "Scientology" and the "Church" as referring to CSI.

CONCLUSION

65. The thrust of the declarations filed by Vaughn and Stacy Young is that the allegations made by Fishman should be believed. This is remarkable in itself since the Youngs have apparently never met him and never knew him. They appear completely willing to accept this convicted felon at face value, although he served a prison sentence for obstructing an FBI investigation of his financial scam, by telling the same lies about the Church that he is telling this Court. The Youngs devote pages to descriptions of a "Fair Game" policy that no longer exists. Yet they are silent as to their own experiences between the time they left the Church in 1989 and the time they began their careers as paid for hire witnesses. What did happen after they left the Church? There was no harassment. They were free to leave, which they did. We got on with our lives and paid them no attention. Now, nearly five years later, they have resurfaced, making outrageous accusations and participating in an effort to resurrect in this case the tactics of the GO of which Vaughn Young was once a part. The conclusion that necessarily flows from those facts is that the only reason that the Youngs feel safe enough to make their outrageously false allegations of bad conduct and harassment against the Church and me is because they know there will be no "Fair Game" retaliation, thanks to my kicking out the GO and putting a permanent end to their uses.

66. Since 1981, I have heard this allegation of Fair Game literally thousands of times. Yet, I had never even heard the term until I saw it used in civil litigation, and to this day have never once heard the term used within the Church. Nor have I ever heard, even from civil litigants anything actually done to them. Its use is strictly as a smear tactic when one has no act to point to. Vaughn and Stacy Young know the trick and since they know the truth about the use of this tactic against Scientology, I find their declarations particularly disingenuous.

67. The foregoing represents what testimony I believe I had to give in this case had Geertz's counsel not refused to take the deposition of me that he persuaded the Magistrate Judge to order. The essence of the matter is this -- I do not know Fishman and I do not know Geertz, and as to my knowledge of either of them, either before or after the Time magazine

article, it is nil. Having no basis to seek my testimony in this case, Geertz's counsel resurrected the same tactics that adversaries have employed for years in litigation involving the Church, namely the employment of hired guns like Vaughn and Stacy Young, to make allegations about matters of which they know nothing. Unlike the Youngs, I know the facts about the matters they address. Unlike the Youngs, I was there. Their self-proclaimed and completely non-existent "expertise" is a disingenuous litigation tactic in pursuit of harassment, and that "expertise" is shown to be fiction crafted for hire and evidence of nothing. The GO was disbanded with finality and the criminals within were forever banished. The IRS attacks were brought to a conclusion with finality. I did those things; the Youngs did not. I know those facts; the Youngs do not. The Youngs present nothing but dusted-off, discredited allegations that cannot withstand scrutiny. I have provided the Court with an accurate, first-hand account of the facts. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this [illegible, eighth?] day of
February 1994, at Riverside County, California

DAVID MISCAVIGE

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vat altijd aan'

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Jeroen Pietersma



Waar gaat het om? In de Usenet-nieuwsgroep alt.religion.scientology ageert de Internet-gemeenschap tegen diverse aspecten van wat zij 'Scientos' noemen. Maar zij posten daarbij ook Scientology-teksten. Die teksten, waar auteursrecht op rust, vormen een groot deel van de inkomstenbron van Scientology. Een aantal van die teksten, bekend als Operating Thetan-levels (OT-levels, een reeks cursussen die aanhangers tegen betaling van veel geld stap voor stap kunnen volgen), is via ex-Scientology-leden naar buiten gekomen en ligt op het Internet voor het oprapen. De teksten worden via anonieme remailers verstuurd, uit vrees voor represailles. Een anonieme remailer is een computer die e-mail ontdoet van naam en adres. Daarvoor in de plaats komt een nummer, waar de remailer het juiste adres weer bij kan zoeken als iemand een anonieme e-mailer een bericht wil sturen.

De verhaal begint in augustus als ik de notulen krijg van de oprichtingsvergadering van NLIP, een branchevereniging van Nederlandse Internet-providers. Daarin wordt zijdelings melding gemaakt van een mogelijk proces van Scientology tegen XS4All, omdat laatstgenoemde een

is te veel en te ingewikkeld. Ik ga op zoek naar een lijst met FAQ's. De alt.religion.scientology Frequently Asked Questions vind ik op <http://www.cis.ohio-state.edu/hypertext/faq/usenet/scientology-faq/faq.html>. Het is een FAQ vol kritische kanttekeningen bij Scientology, met de strekking: Scientology heeft nog nooit enig bewijs voor haar leer geleverd. De FAQ is vrij oppervlakkig (volgens Scientology een 'collectief van onwaarheden') maar maakt me duidelijk dat er iets rommelt op het net.

Terug bij Webcrawler laat ik de muispijl langs de hypertext-links gaan en kijk naar de URL's. Ik ontdek een Nederlandse homepage op <http://www.xs4all.nl/~fonss/>. Klik, en ik bevind me op een pagina van FACTNet. FACTNet (Fight Against Coercive Tactics Network Inc.), geleid door twee ex-Scientologen, is een non-profit elektronische bibliotheek met publieke informatie over 'gevaarlijke sektes als Jonestown, Branch Davidians (Waco) en Scientology'. En dat zint Scientology niet, blijkt uit informatie op en achter de FACTNet-pagina en de homepage The Church of Scientology vs. the Net op <http://www.cybercom.net/~rnewman/scientology/home.html>. Scientology heeft begin dit jaar meerdere malen bedreigd een proces aan te spannen als FACTNet weigert alle informatie over Scientology te verwijderen. Volgens FACTNet neemt de druk van Scientology toe, en de organisatie noemt een reeks voorbeelden van de financiële uitputtingsslag die Scientology is begonnen. FACTNet denkt de strijd niet te kunnen volhouden en roept daarom iedereen op zoveel mogelijk informatie te downloaden om een 'elektronische boekverbranding' te voorkomen.

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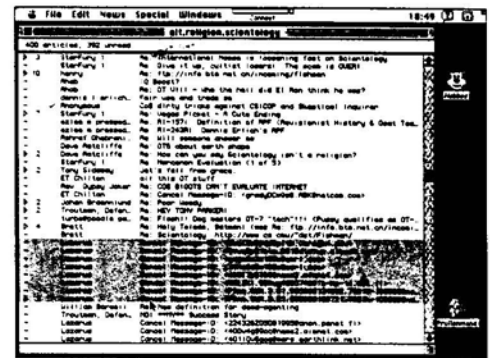
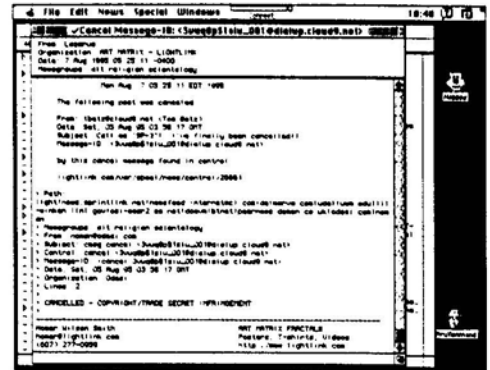
Voordat ik XS4All bel, ga ik het WWW op en tik bij de Webcrawler (locatie: <http://www.webcrawler.com>) 'scientology' in. Binnen enkele seconden verschijnt een imposante lijst met hypertext-links. Ik draai het net op en vind in korte tijd een schat aan informatie, voornamelijk anti-Scientology.

Ik lees over de Scientology materie, misdadige praktijken, kinderporno, rechtszaken, privé-detectives en moord en zelfmoord. Het



scientology heeft nooit van critici gehouden en heeft volgens FACTNet regels om tegenstanders aan te pakken. Die regels staan in de Fair Game Law die volgens FACTNet werd opgesteld door Scientology-oprichter L. Ron Hubbard (zie kader L. Ron Hubbard & Scientology).

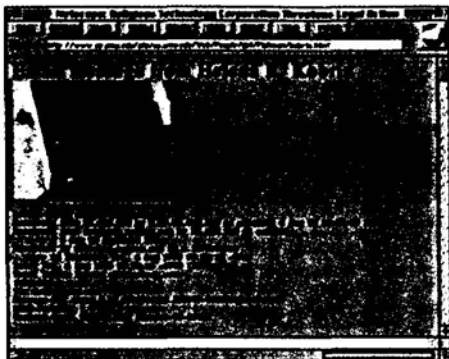
In <http://www.xs4all.nl/~fonss/fact.txt> staat: '(Een vijand) mag beroofd worden van bezit of onrecht aangedaan worden, met alle middelen door elke Scientoloog, zonder enige discipline van de Scientoloog (...) mag worden beetgenomen, gedagvaard, tegen worden gelogen of vernietigd'. En: 'Het doel van een rechtsgeding is meer afmatten en ontmoedigen dan winnen. Verdedig nooit. Val altijd aan. (...) Begin een zwartmakende PR-campagne om de persoons reputatie te vernietigen en hem zo grondig in diskrediet te brengen dat hij zal worden verbannen. De wet kan heel gemakkelijk worden gebruikt om af te matten, en genoeg afmatting (...) is gewoonlijk genoeg om een beroepsmatige dood te veroorzaken (...) Indien mogelijk, ruïneer hem uiteraard volledig'.



Vervalste cancel-messages in alt.religion.scientology.

LAATSTE NIEUWS
Bij het ter perse gaan van deze uitgave werd bekend dat Scientology al een inval had laten doen bij XS4All. Vooralsnog lijkt het erop dat er geen proces volgt, omdat het omstreden document door de XS4All-gebruiker is verwijderd.

'Ruïneer hem volledig'



Alle tekstbestanden staan sinds eind mei in .ZIP-formaat op een FTP-site (<ftp://ftp.rmii.com/pub2/factnet/>), en sinds april heeft een onbekende een 'FACTNet Scientology WWW-Kit' op het net gezet, die iedereen achter een homepage kan installeren. De kit is te downloaden op <http://www.xs4all.nl/~fonss/factkit.zip>.

'Praat maar tegen mijn advocaat'

Ik wil in contact komen met mensen die Scientology bekritisieren. Het duurt me te lang om deelnemers uit de nieuwsgroep aan te schrijven en op antwoord te wachten. Ik start een Internet Relay Chat-programma en geef het commando '/join #scientology'. Raak; het is een kanaal, er zijn mensen, maar wordt geen woord gewisseld. Het commando '/whois' in combinatie met namen van kanaalgenoten leert me dat zij allemaal op het IRC-kanaal #clambake zitten.

Op #clambake wordt gechat, en al snel word ik aangesproken. Voorzichtig, want er hangt een spanning en het lijkt of niemand iemand vertrouwt. Na een half uurtje zinnnetjes uitwisselen met Jack (hij wil niet met zijn echte naam in het verhaal) begint hij pas duidelijke informatie los te laten. Jack is geïnteresseerd in vrijheid van meningsuiting, en las in een nieuwsgroep iets over vervalste cancel-messages in **alt.religion.scientology**, een manier om iemands artikelen in een nieuwsgroep te schrappen. Met andere woorden: censuur. Daarover later meer.

Na enige tijd aan **alt.religion.scientology** te hebben deelgenomen, schrijft Jack, kreeg hij een e-mail van Scientology-advocaat Helena K. Kobrin. Jack speelt de elektronische brief aan mij door en ik lees dat Kobrin beweert dat Jack

Journetlistiek

Zonder het Internet was het niet mogelijk geweest alle informatie voor dit verhaal betrekkelijk snel bij elkaar te krijgen. Dan was het een tijdrovend en waarschijnlijk te duur verhaal geworden. Een contact met een insider was zo gelegd, doelgericht zoeken op het net verliep snel. Binnen enkele dagen had ik meer dan de helft van mijn informatie binnen. Zonder het net had ik op pad moeten gaan om in archieven en bibliotheken rond te neuzen, had ik informatie uit Amerika moeten opvragen en dat kan weken duren. Veel van mijn bronnen die ik heb 'gesproken' had ik nooit op korte termijn kunnen opbellen. Omdat ik absoluut niet zou weten waar ik het telefoonnummer van die Amerikaanse ex-Scientoloog had moeten vinden. Op het net is een goede bron zo gevonden, en terwijl ik lag te slapen stroomde de informatie binnen. Want het net werkt 24 uur per dag.

Scientology-documenten op het net heeft gezet. Kobrin eist dat hij ze onmiddellijk verwijderd (ook van zijn harde schijf en floppydisks) en daarna per e-mail verklaart gehoor te hebben gegeven aan het verzoek. Zo niet, dan zullen juridische stappen volgen.

Het Fishman-document

Nadat ik het e-mail-adres van Kobrin in de Four11 White Page Directory heb opgezocht (locatie: <http://www.Four11.com/>), mail ik haar een vragenlijstje. Jack heeft me dan inmiddels geleerd dat de Scientology-documenten waar alles om draait (het zogenaamde Fishman-document) niet alleen regelmatig in de nieuwsgroep opduiken, maar ook zijn te downloaden op verschillende FTP-sites (zie kader Fishman). Scientology wil ook die sites aanpakken, maar de Internet-gemeenschap heeft daar iets op gevonden: iemand heeft een kopie van het Fishman-document op een server in Beijing gezet. Jack: "Laat Kobrin de Chinezen er maar eens van overtuigen dat ze het document moeten verwijderen."

Saillant detail van het Fishman-document is overigens dat het geen Scientology-document is, maar een openbaar rechtbankstuk waarin Scientology-teksten zijn opgenomen. Het complete stuk - case CV-91-6426 HLH (Tx) - is tegen betaling van nog geen veertig dollar te koop bij het Federal Courthouse, Central District of California. Dat komt zo: Steven Fishman, ex-Scientoloog, klapt in 1991 tegen Time



Helena K. Kobrin, op haar mail message en in de spotprent.

L. Ron Hubbard

3edenker van Scientology is LaFayette Ronald Hubbard (13 maart 1911 - 24 januari 1986). Hubbard studeerde volgens zijn eigen PR-afdeling technische bouwkunde, reisde veel en was filosoof, onderwijzer, zeeman, artiest, ontdekker, piloot, fotograaf, auteur en meer.

Een 'expert' deed in opdracht van XS4All onderzoek naar Scientology en schrijft over Hubbard: 'Over zijn jeugd valt weinig te zeggen, aangezien de gegevens die hij hier over heeft verschaft overdreven en veelal bij elkaar gelogen blijken te zijn'. Zijn tweede vrouw Sarah Northrup noemde hem al in 1951, bij hun scheiding, 'hopeloos geestesziek'.

In mei 1950 publiceert Hubbard zijn bekendste tekst 'Dianetics: an introduction to a new science' in een science-fiction-blad. De hele oplage is onmiddellijk uitverkocht. Hubbard zou in die tijd gezegd hebben: "Wanneer je miljonair wilt worden, moet je je eigen religie oprichten". Het even later uitgebrachte boek 'Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health' haalde al snel een oplage van 150.000, en wordt nog steeds door Scientology verkocht. Na de publicatie van Dianetics gaan er door Hubbard geleide instituten open, en Dianetics blijkt een gouden vondst te zijn. Hubbard trekt vooral de aandacht van jonge mensen en die kamperen al snel in zijn voortuin.