



# CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY

## STATEMENT

Tony Ortega is an extremist and self-promoter who has used bigotry and false allegations about the Church of Scientology to create an environment of hate. His career is based around attacking the Church of Scientology.

The Church settled all outstanding claims with Paulette Cooper in 1985. It is a matter of public record that the current Church management disbanded the rogue unit with which she was having trouble long before then. The Church has neither heard from nor been involved in anything related to Ms. Cooper for 30 years.

Ortega's book is full of errors. For example, the Church debunked the Manson myth four decades ago and even recovered damages over a book that included similar untruthful statements. Manson never had ties to Scientology.

In his desperate neediness for publicity, Ortega regurgitates debunked falsehoods concerning events three to four decades old involving individuals who have long since been expelled from the Church.

Regarding Leah Remini, she has said "I don't want to be known as a bitter, ex-Scientologist," but that is exactly how she has defined herself for the last 2 years. In her pathetic quest to get publicity and seem relevant, she continually invokes Scientology.

Ms. Remini needs to move on with life and stop obsessively blaming others for her problems - be it her former religion or those she has worked with professionally.

Concerning the claims regarding Mrs. Shelly Miscavige, the wife of the Church's ecclesiastical leader, these rumours amount to an already debunked conspiracy theory from unsavoury, self-serving sources. They have resulted in disgraceful harassment of Mr and Mrs Miscavige.

In August 2013, these theories were put to rest after Leah Remini initiated her ill-fated publicity stunt with a bogus missing person report for Mrs Miscavige.

The Los Angeles Police Department dismissed this false claim within hours of receiving the "report", having proved it false, wasting officer's valuable time in the process. That claim was as disingenuous and dishonest as Leah Remini's spin to the press about the events leading up to her expulsion in which she never revealed the ethical lapses that caused it or how hard she fought to stay in the Church.

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