

# Forced Abortions In Scientology

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BEGINNING IN 1986, MEMBERS OF THE SEA ORG WERE FORBIDDEN TO HAVE ANY MORE CHILDREN IF THEY WERE TO STAY ON POST AND THE HUBBARD TECHNOLOGY WAS APPLIED TO COERCIVELY PERSUADE US TO HAVE ABORTIONS SO THAT WE COULD REMAIN ON POST.

7. On September 28, 1986, Gillaume Leserve, the Executive Director International ("ED Int"), put out an order binding on all Sea Org members. Within the Sea Org, these binding orders were called Flag orders. The September 28, 1986 Flag Order No. 3905 forbade Sea Org members from having any more new children. The reason given by ED Int. was that the Sea Org simply did not have the time, money and resources to raise children properly. In the event Sea Org members elected to disobey this Flag Order, they would be exiled to a non Sea Org Scientology organization of the Class IV level until the Child reached 6 years of age. Once the unauthorized child achieved 6 years of age, the parents could return to the Sea Org.

8. On April 3, 1991, an addition to this Flag Order was issued. Part of that supplement provided that anyone who did get pregnant would be sent to a non-expanding Class IV Org. The Commanding Officer of CMOI, Marc Yager, endorsed application of this supplement to all crew at the base and added to it. It stressed that Sea Org members were the top echelon of the Sea Org. As such Yager admonished us that we had the responsibility on our shoulders for the expansion of Scientology and freeing mankind. Scientology's Senior management determined, we, at this high level, could not afford the time and resources it would take to raise children. Having children was found to undermine our production and our purpose. It became an Ethics matter. An Ethics matter is an offense against Scientology. An ethics matter arises when a Scientologist does something which detracts from the spreading of Scientology. Ethics matters are dealt with through Scientology rituals administered to those who have "wandered off the straight and narrow". (See definition of "out ethics", attached as Exhibit 1).

9. Furthermore, Sea Org members would be exiled, would be sent to a non-Sea Org, lower organization called a Class IV Org to serve as a staff member. The only concession to our years of devoted service was the fact that we were entitled to keep our membership in the Sea Org.

10. The Flag Order established that Sea Org members who disobeyed it and chose to have children would not be allowed to choose which Class IV organization they would serve. Rather, Scientology's senior management would send the offending Sea Org members to a Class IV organization that was failing. This is a severe punishment. In a failing Class IV Org an exiled Sea Org member would have to fend for himself or herself and try and raise a child on the nominal compensation provided to the staff of a failing Class IV Org. In addition, the exiled Sea Org members would be obligated to revive the failing Org or suffer more Ethics conditions.

11. While at the base, I knew of several instances of staff getting pregnant and being coerced to get an abortion. Some instances were relayed to me by the victims themselves and others were relayed to me by another. In two instances, the couples to keep their child despite extensive course of ethics method and thus were banished to a failing Class IV organization. In every instance they had to go through ethics handling designed to prevent them that it would be far more advantageous to Scientology and the Sea Org for each of them to have an abortion. Some of these women went through extensive pressure methods to convince them to have an abortion. The severity of the Ethics handling was directly proportional to the prospective mother's desire and insistence to keep the child. I myself got pregnant in 1993 and gave up my child due to my greatly misguided obligation and dedication to the Sea Org.

12. During the year and a half before I discovered I was pregnant, I was incessantly drilled, along with all other Gold crew, on becoming perfect and on purpose Sea Org member who would always follow Command Intention. Command intention basically means the intention of the highest in command over all of Scientology and Sea Org. Like LRH, Mark Yager and David Miscavige were expressed in various forms of publication I was indoctrinated that I should never put my own personal desires ahead of the accomplishment of the purpose of the Sea Org. I was indoctrinated to believe that I should never put my own personal desires ahead of the accomplishment of the purpose of the Sea Org. Although I would have dearly loved to have had my child and the idea of abortion is abhorrent to me, I did not dare to say it would be nice to keep my baby.

13. I told the Medical Officer (Martine Collins) of my pregnancy. She immediately went into action to arrange for my

abortion. She told me, that I would naturally be expected to pay for it myself, since it was considered Out Ethics to get pregnant. (Out Ethics in Scientology simply means your reasoning facilities are no longer thinking in a direction designed to promote Scientology and must be corrected).

14. Medical Office Collins told me to call for the appointment to have an abortion myself. She told me not to give the address of the base as my address or to acknowledge I was from the base. She said the reason for this was because there were too many woman going there from the base for abortions and it was probably becoming "out PR" (out Public Relations, which means your public relations have gone bad).

15. The day after I returned from my abortion, I was weak and sore and had cramps. I proposed a light work load that I felt I could accomplish. My Senior, Megan Rae, refused this and instead gave me a target that literally would have taken about many people to accomplish in one day. I attempted to let her know what an impossible task it was and that her order must have been a joke. I soon learned that she was completely serious. My obvious protest on this was met with the barked threat, "If you use this abortion cycle to dramatize inefficiency and thus not accomplish your production targets, I will have you comm-eved." A commev is short for Committee of Evidence. It is one of the severest Ethics actions you can level at someone.

16. A friend of mine, Betty Hardin, who works in the treasury division of Golden Era Productions, told me that she used to transport the pregnant women at the base to Riverside, California for their abortions. For about a year, she transported women almost weekly to the Planned Parenthood Center, in Riverside, so that they could have their abortions and follow up check ups that were needed. She said it just became routine. Pregnant Sea Org members were sent to the Planned Parenthood Center to get their abortions. When they returned to the base they went to Ethics.

17. The term "Ethics" is used to name the place you go to have your ethics be back put in. To explain this in regular terms, you are sent to ethics any time you've gone off the rails, like went against Command Intention, mistakenly or purposefully, and the ethics officer would then work with you until you were again unswervingly dedicated to advancing Scientology and had made up the "damage". I will explain more about Ethics and its methods later.

18. Betty Hardin said, once formerly pregnant women were back from having their abortions, they would be sent to Ethics and made to do "lower conditions". Lower conditions are, from the lowest on up; Confusion, Treason, Enemy, Doubt, and Liability. Each one of these lower conditions have an exact set of steps you follow. once you get through all the steps of all the lower conditions, successfully, and only the Ethics officer can officially determine if you have gotten through it correctly, and thus let you go on to the next higher condition, you are a gung-ho Sea Org member again with new and revitalized determinism to never make a mistake again that would cause or threaten any harm to your group.

19. My senior made me do the steps of the condition formula called "Danger", which is the next higher condition higher than liability. This was to handle my ethics on the fact I got pregnant. The reason I didn't have to do treason and all the lower conditions is I professed that the Scientology auditing I had prior to my pregnancy had healed my body to such a degree that I was able to get pregnant despite the fact that a doctor told me years earlier that I probably would never have any more children. This wasn't altogether true but it was my only solution to avoid going to Ethics and being put through those lower conditions again. I knew eventually in my future confessional, it would come up and I would have to come clean on it and then do the lower conditions, but I simply was not up to it at that time. This was really quite unusual for me too, as I had made it a constant necessity in my life to always be very truthful.

20. Also, to preserve my own integrity and dignity in my own mind, I professed to myself and to a couple of friends that my husband and I had a real fear of either me or my baby not living through a birth due to complications in an earlier unsuccessful delivery I went through. But the truth was and is, had I been in my normal frame of mine, I would never have considered abortion. My husband and I still wish to have another child.

21. I asked Betty how many women she had actually taken to Riverside to have their abortions. She didn't want to tell me. From the way she had been talking, it sounded like quite a few, so I asked, conservatively, "Was it more than 20?" She waived her arm and said very emphatically, "Oh yes!"

22. Betty also told me how she finally flat out refused to be the driver anymore and it was getting to be quite an embarrassment as there were often anti-abortionists petitioning going on in front of the Planned Parenthood center and they kept seeing her bringing woman to get abortions.