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Money, Power, Servitude: Adventures In The Wonderland Of Scientology



Synopsis

Peter Bonyai was a senior official in the Church of Scientology. He shares his unique insider information and insights into what really goes on in Scientology. He describes his 8 year journey from walking in off the street as a naive 17 year old to rising through the ranks as the second-in-command of the Central European branch of the Church – and what ultimately broke the spell and allowed him to walk out the door and back into the real world. He tells his story with humor, which makes this sometimes shocking account of life inside a cult easier to digest. This is a book the Church of Scientology does not want you to read.

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Customer Reviews

Very good description of life as a Sea "Ogre" in the "Church" of Scientology. Pretty concise and well thought out. Another good addition to your Scn-critical book collection.

Extremely informative suggesting a cult like church from someone who lived it. This will confirm anyone's suspicions concerning this subject.

Interesting expose of one facet of the cult of Scientology.

Different than other books on the topic.

I also lived the staff Sea Org life, but years prior to Peter's years. His tales of Budapest's OTL (Operation Transport Liaison, which today means a sub continental Sea Org management bureau of the lifetime staffers of the Sea Org of official Scientology), are hilarious, hectic in true cult staff bureaucrat desperation style! People in Human Resources today ask sometimes if applicants are "team players", when ex Sea Org members answer this HR question, they mentally scream in their minds: "Team player!! My god! I was a cult member for crying out loud!" Cult bureaucratic members of the Sea Org of Scientology are ultra workaholics, it's an acquired super crazy life, for those that rise those ranks of the Scientology Sea Org fake navy religious order bureaucracy. Peter's tales are hilarious and well written, the EU writers of ex Scientology life, are generally better written, and Peter's is! He gets right to the behind the scenes idiocies and extreme events and rules of the Scientology system that the hardest working lifetime staff have to endure, to stay in that game! I was struck by Peter's creative solutions to the totalitarian predicaments he faced! Big themes you see in all of Scientology today, the movement's focus on essentially bilking large donations out of their richest followers, Peter describes what the staff salespeople seeking those large donations have to do, and Peter gives large quotations of Hubbard's policies, Hubbard being Scientology's guru dead leader whose writings are the script the movement members' must follow today to remain official members. Excommunication and being cut off from all Scientologists happens when you criticize Hubbard or Scientology. Getting kicked out turns out to be a blessing, but it's scary until you realize you are finally free! It's a crazy world, and from the insider views, Peter gives his colleague's personalities a lot of coverage, making the story very interesting. The fellow characters in this book really kept the story rolling for me, I lost sleep, it is written so well. While this book will be appreciated by other ex Scientologists who've lived the Sea Org bureaucratic craziness more, it is anyways an excellent history of the Hungarian Scientology community for the years Peter covers. I would give this book to Hungarian officials, and I would invited Peter to the FECRIS conference in future years, to give a short presentation of life in Hungary's "OTL" (the Sea Org bureaucratic unit). EU countries have been cautious of the Scientology Sea Org's encroachment into EU countries, due to the Scientology Sea Org bureaus being so totalitarian and above the law in their behavior. Peter's experiences and skilled writing is much appreciated in Scientology history writing by ex

members!The themes of the title of the book, well, this book adds proof to those themes, and gives great coverage of current Scientology movement mentality.I wish Peter had risen up higher in the Scientology Sea Org mess, as his skill in capturing his Sea Org life and writing skills I wish could be used to dissect the rest of the crazy Scientology world above OTL Hungary!But he did his time, that's for sure, in Sea Org history!Thankyou very much Peter for this excellent book!Chuck Beattyex Sea Org (1975-2003)chuckbeatty77@aol.com

I was amazed how gullible Peter, (and all other cult members, for that matter) could be considering he is, obviously, a very intelligent person. If this is not brainwashing, then I don't know what is. 10 years of believing the unbelievable. In the end, the Cult did Peter a great service of kicking him out of the Sea Org, otherwise he would probably still be trying to make amends for trumped up, ridiculous and incomprehensible charges.Thank you for writing your story, Peter, and congratulations on finally being free.

For a remarkably thorough review of this latest book to shine a light on the cult of Scientology check out Jonny Jacobsen's review at The Bunker:

<http://tonyortega.org/2014/09/02/jonny-jacobsen-reviews-the-new-scientology-memoir-by-hungarian-writer-peter-bonyai/>

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