

Dear Mr. Cooper –

Please allow me to express my deep disappointment over your series about Scientology. You promised an unbiased look, yet you give credence to people who were dismissed for incompetence and then turn around and give short shrift to Church executives.

Despite the hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours given by local Church of Scientology staff, members of the Sea Organization and Scientology parishioners in relief efforts and social betterment programs, that receives no attention. In a world of drugs, crime, cynicism and terror, working for the greater good is somehow viewed as naive and unworthy.

A fundamental tenet of the Scientology religion is personal responsibility. This applies to everybody – me, my wife, my neighbors, the mayor of my city, and even employees of CNN. You wield great power from your position at CNN to do both good and bad. And your actions have far-reaching consequences; you, too, have personal responsibility.

Under the guise of allowing your viewers to make up their own mind, you have chosen to give a small number of apostates an international forum to denigrate a group of people who work very, very hard to help others.

Sincerely,

J.M.