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Anderson Cooper  
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I saw your announcement about the show on Scientology.

I am disgusted by these "attacks" on the Church and Mr. Miscavige. These people personify "cowardly". The lies and hatred they come up with can only be modeled on their own past conduct. These people were not generally liked or respected within the Church. They were, from a staff member perspective, "tolerated" because of the positions they held. Their allegations are designed to support their own personal agendas.

I am a professionally trained Chef and have been in the culinary field for 25 years. I had been a Sea Org member for 15 years, spending most of that time as a staff member of Golden Era Productions. I left Church staff in 2006 due to illnesses in my family that required my attention. I know it has been said, but leaving the Sea Org is never an easy thing to do. You build up such a team when you work with the same people year in and year out, so it is hard to have to leave all of that and start anew. But family has its place and my family needed my help, so it is here that I have given my help these past four years.

My experience with most of the base staff has always been one of mutual respect. I worked as a member of the executive services branch, providing meal service for executive staff members. As part of that, I provided food services to Mr. Miscavige and his staff. I always found Mr. Miscavige a warm and caring individual who was very focused on the expansion of the Church and its impact on society, especially with regards to its social betterment programs.

In my time in the Church, Mr. Miscavige was the driving force and I have seen new buildings popping up all over. On many occasions I was present at these events. The emphasis was always on meeting the demand for expansion, with new buildings, materials for study and improved services for Church and non-Church public alike. This included drug rehab centers, child/adult literacy programs and community clean-up programs. It was of great concern to Mr. Miscavige to get these global programs up and going and fast.

It really offends me to see these former staff poking holes at these attempts to get these programs going and framing them as some kind of brutal personal attack. In my business today, if I screw something up that affects the welfare of another, I am going to expect some consequences. Multiply that by seven continents and you can see the ramifications that "stupid mistakes" or an unwilling staff member can have on global programs. It is sad to see potshots taken at good people trying to do good in the world.

Life at the base was an experience I will never regret. Working with Mr. Miscavige allowed me to show my culinary expertise and improve meal service for the entirety of the base staff. I think they all miss my cooking to this very day.

Tom DeVocht will no doubt remember the times I would prepare food for him because Mr. Miscavige asked me to make sure Tom ate well before or after a long meeting. Mike Rinder the same. Marty Rathbun the same. Many times this care occurred. Mr. Miscavige was a generous and kind man to these people as I personally witnessed. I was the cook providing a very good man with a simple meal, and he made sure those who now speak so ill of him were also cared for. I am astonished that they have come down to such a level.

I hope they one day wake up and stop trying to harm a good man. I have seen Mr. Miscavige's good will extended to them on many, many occasions - and they ***know*** it.

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