

TO THOSE HERE TO PROTEST AT THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY

This leaflet is about suitable behaviour for this demonstration. It's strictly advisory, and won't tell you anything you don't know already; but I think it's worth having on paper, and this leaflet is also suitable for public consumption.

THE PURPOSE of this world-wide demo is to politely and calmly inform people (general public and Church staff) of our concern at the Church's actions. We are **not** here to:

- harass any person for being a Scientologist - they have the firm right to believe whatever they wish to. The external and staff members are generally decent folk who are not responsible for the actions of the upper management who instituted the actions we are protesting.
- get into religious arguments as such. It's easy to argue religious teachings, but that's not the point here.
- restrain any person from leaving or entering the Church buildings, or to block entrances or exits at all.
- generally cause trouble or breach public order.

It is expected that Church representatives will pose as demonstrators and attempt to make us look like troublemakers. The police may be present and will deal appropriately with anyone who does breach public order.

Church representatives are expected to:

- photograph and possibly videotape all demonstrators.
- otherwise attempt to intimidate demonstrators.
- question demonstrators on why they are there and who they represent. (Church policy is that all anti-CoS activity is centralised; they don't understand the concept of the individual concerned citizen.)
- attempt to provoke and/or upset demonstrators so as to make the demonstrators react and hence look like troublemakers. Stay calm!

Violence from Church representatives is not expected.

Those with cameras will be photographing and/or videotaping as much of the demonstration as possible, for our own security and safety. Should there be trouble, the troublemakers - from either side - will be identifiable.

Please remember that this is a PEACEFUL picket. We have a Constitutional right to peacefully protest, but all usual laws apply. Please be law-abiding and peaceful. Violence of any kind is NOT welcome and will not be tolerated.

If you have any questions, please ask.

Thanks for coming!

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(text adapted from David Gerard's helpful flier)

for more information, see:

www.xenu.net
www.scientology-lies.com
www.enttheta.org

A plea for compassion and control

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I wanted to remind everyone just before the protests begin, that the average Scientologist is NOT THE ENEMY. They are victims of the "Church" as much as Arnie or Dennis are. In fact in a couple of years they will probably be much like Dennis and Arnie are now. Wounded, angry, but a little wiser and stronger. The people you run into at the orgs WILL feel hurt by the presence of picketers outside. They WILL feel persecuted, and if we let the people running the orgs twist around what we are doing, it will tighten the hold that the "Church" has on it's victims. We must remember to keep a glove on the fist. Therefore I implore on bended knee for everyone to try to follow some simple guidelines:

1. Do not start confrontations with Scientologists walking into and out of the orgs. They have every right to visit their "Church" without being hassled. If they wish to make conversation, then converse in a friendly manner. If they initiate a confrontation then they should be confronted with facts and documentation. If possible, do not let them goad you into anger, be prepared to 'hand off' a "Church" official who is getting to you to a calmer fellow protester. Don't be concerned with "winning" the meeting or you are sunk.

2. Most of the people going into and out of the orgs will be vulnerable people looking for help, if you can, offer it in as supportive a manner as possible. Things to do include refer them to publicly available counseling, books that will help them understand what is being done to them, and their families.

3. You will be able to tell the "Professional" Scientologists easily. They will be the ones 'hatted' to interact with the protesters. Allow them to make examples of themselves, don't let them make bad examples of you. Remember, they are "Clears" or higher, let them dig their own graves, PR-wise. If you can, find out if they are Mission-holders or FSMs and remember if they are, this is their bread and butter, convince them that it won't last and they will blow.

4. Control your anger. Many people have been building up rage against the "Church" since the raid began. We are all looking to "strike a blow" in retaliation. Think long, and think hard about what your motive for being at the protest is. Don't let anger make you a violent-seeming "suppressive" or you will be reinforcing the "Church"'s strangle-hold on its members.

5. Keep a calm head, a friendly smile, and a helping hand out to the Scientologist looking for a way out and you will be offering an example of good people showing a concern over the management of the "Church" of Scientology. It will be hard for the average Scientologist to ignore happy, healthy, helpful people who are against the "Church".

6. Do not attack people's beliefs. No matter how much documentation you have you will not convince them. If you feel like educating low-level Scientologists about Xenu, that's fine. If you want to use info from the OT levels to explain the beliefs of the "Church" to passers-by, OK. Don't expect to convince anyone that what they have already "experienced" is false, that's something they must learn for themselves.

Now, I apologize if I seem to be heavy-handed in my advice, but I want everyone all around the world who will be in the protests to accomplish the most good for the greatest number of PEOPLE, including NORMAL PEOPLE who have been TEMPORARILY duped by the coercive machine of the "Church" of Scientology.

If anyone has any information for how dedicated, true-believing Scientologists can get in touch with the Free Zone, please share that information with folks who are going to be at the protests. It would be a great victory to lure even a few people away from the draconian "Church" into a free society where they can believe and practice whatever they damned well please like the rest of us.

Let's have a good, successful, attention getting demonstration.