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Validation of Franchises

It is important that Scientology magazines run occasional notices as follows:

"Your best guarantee of ethical and expert auditing is a prominently displayed HCO Franchise. Your Central Organization cannot guarantee the ethics of all auditors but those who hold HCO Franchises are known to be ethical. In case of doubt about your auditor's record write to your Organization Secretary (etc). He can inform you of the standing of any practicing Scientologist. You can also write to your HCO Secretary concerning any matters of ethics, technology and awards.

"Medical Doctors and Psychiatrists are not qualified by their state licenses to practice Dianetics or Scientology unless certified as well as auditors.

If any query arrives concerning any auditor only one of two responses are permitted:

"Referring to your query concerning....(an auditor or Scientologist) we are pleased to inform you that we know of no reason why he (or she) should not receive your full confidence.

"If you know any reason to the contrary please inform us.

"Ethics forbid further discussion of the reasons

"Any further information you can give us concerning the activities of this person would be gratefully received.

"Scientology is too powerful to be permitted to be used professionally by unscrupulous persons."

Or, if the person asked about is in our bad books, write only:

"Concerning your query about....(an auditor or Scientologist) we regret to inform you that we cannot recommend this person.

"Where certificates have been revoked we have not always recovered the actual document."

"Should the person in question report for auditing and be cleared by the Central Organization, a public notice will be posted to that effect.

"Yours for a clean Earth etc."

To answer other than the above is to seem to fully recommend an auditor or, in the second case, further data could lay grounds for libel.

This is basically an effort to clean up the field, which is already pretty clean, and to secondarily force persons to be well trained and to have HCO Franchises.

Do not recommend any auditor in any way who has not been trained within three years or alternatively has not served well on a Central Organization staff in lieu of other training.

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