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PROCLAMATION

POWER TO FORGIVE

(References:

HCO PL 10 Nov 78 II	"POWER TO FORGIVE" CERTIFICATE
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Rev. 26.7.86	LCRE)

A Scientology minister who has been duly trained and certified in the Confessional procedure of the Church of Scientology, also called Sec Checking procedure, and is in good standing with the Church with his certificates in force is invested with the power to forgive the admitted sins of an individual to whom he has administered a Confessional.

Confessionals have been part and parcel of religion nearly as long as religion has existed.

It has been broadly recognized down through the ages that only when a person has owned up to his sins can he experience relief from the burden of guilt he carries because of them.

In Scientology we have had, since the early years, procedures whereby an individual is able to confess his withholds and the overt acts underlying them. We have long known that confessing one's overt acts is the first step toward taking responsibility for them and seeking to make things right again.

The acknowledgement that follows each confession in Scientology procedure is an assurance to the person that his confession has been heard.

Such assurance helps him to end cycle on the bad things he has done and unsticks him from a preoccupation with his guilt over them to where he can then put his attention on constructive activities.

That is the purpose of any Confessional.

There is another element that further helps the individual to accomplish this, and that is forgiveness.

Thus, at the end of a Confessional, when it has been fully completed, the Scientology auditor who has administered the Confessional must inform the person that he is forgiven for the sins he has just confessed and that he is cleared of these sins and free of them.

The statement that is used is:

"By the power invested in me, any overts and withholds you have fully and truthfully told me are forgiven by Scientologists."

REPAIR

If the pc can't accept the forgiveness or feels bad, then either something has been missed and the auditor has not gotten all, or there have been other errors in the Confessional, such as withholds gotten off more than once, false reads, out-TRs, invalidation, evaluation, etc.

The handling for this is to immediately repair the Confessional using the Confessional Repair List (LCRE). If the auditor is not qualified to assess and handle the LCRE, the session should be ended off and the pc's folder with full data sent to the C/S.

A special certificate is to be issued to each Scientology minister who has been trained and certified to administer Confessionals on the Level II Course, the Hubbard Senior Sec Checker Course or the Saint Hill Special Briefing Course and who is in good standing with the Church with his certificates in force, investing him with the power to forgive the sins confessed to him by an individual in a Confessional session.

Any auditor who is trained to deliver the Ethics Repair List has priority in the issuance of such certificates.

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