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CANCELLATION OF FAIR GAME, MORE ABOUT

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In a low toned society, people can identify any justice action or symbol with oppression. There is a tiny minority in society who will rail against any effort to forward decent and fair justice, and who will portray such efforts as reprehensible by alter-ising them.

This policy clarifies the cancellation of a former Scientology justice procedure called "Fair Game". The purpose of this policy letter is to bring about a clear understanding of what Fair Game was and why it was cancelled and to prevent any alter-is of its former purpose and function.

"Fair Game" first appeared in Scientology ethics terminology in 1965. It was a term used only in connection with individuals who had been expelled from the Church.

Its use was discontinued in 1968.

When a person was expelled from the Church it was called "Fair Game"; it meant that he would not be further protected by the codes and disciplines of Scientology or the rights of a Scientologist.

REASON FOR THE TERM

Despite the efforts of many good men, there is much injustice in society. Men can be falsely punished or punished harshly in comparison to their wrongdoing and their positive contribution to society.

Cruel and criminal men may go free or receive only the lightest discipline for savage crimes.

In such an atmosphere an individual can be "fair game", i.e. vulnerable to those who would pervert justice.

An individual expelled from the Church and labelled "Fair Game" did not have the protection of Scientology's justice system or the rights of a Scientologist. He had to make his own way, without our help.

If a person wished to collect a debt or settle a dispute with another Scientologist, he would have no recourse to Scientology justice, but rather would be obliged to use what passes for justice in society, involving huge costs just to be heard and the distinct possibility of suffering an insane outcome. If he found himself in debt to a Scientologist, he could be sued in the courts and could not insist, as a Scientologist in good standing could, on having the matter settled before a Chaplain.

No longer in agreement with the policies and codes of Scientology, the expelled individual may not seek the protection of these policies and codes.

#### EXPULSION

There is no steeper ethics gradient in Scientology than expulsion. Scientology offers a road to freedom. To deny that road to someone is a severe step to take.

It is not done lightly. And no matter what an individual has done, there is always some recourse. We NEVER shut the door entirely.

There would be no purpose served or justification for any justice action greater than expulsion. Any such action would violate Scientology's most basic codes and its Creed.

#### REASON FOR CANCELLATION OF "FAIR GAME"

"Fair Game" was cancelled, and has remained cancelled, because it was found that it could be misinterpreted by those antipathetic to Scientology to authorize justice actions of a more severe nature than expulsion.

There was no reason to retain it as part of our justice system if there was any possibility of it being interpreted in that way.

Justice is a much abused subject. Too many men of evil intent have used the disguise of "justice" to forward malicious and destructive ends. In so doing they have hampered the efforts of just men who have sought to administer the law fairly and as a protection for honest and decent people.

We have in Scientology a technology to help free Man.

It is a big job but we are getting it done. Our justice system helps make the job easier by keeping the route open for everybody.

So let's continue to make sure it remains pure in its application.

Doing this, we all can win.

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