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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Tue, 24 Apr 2007 02:53:42 GMT

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> technologies should be shared with other workable, complimentary  
> technologies. The hospital system I work for has an expanding Integrative  
> Medicine department. This is basically the "whatever works" approach . . .  
> conventional medicine, acupuncture, herbals, ayurvedic, Chinese, massage,  
> etc, etc. Scientology works? Hey, add it to the list. Or, since it's a  
> religion, get your pastoral counselors on hospital staffs. Where I work,  
> the pastoral department has dozens of priests/ministers/rabbis, etc., to  
> attend to the spiritual needs of patients.  
>  
> I myself am a huge fan of Integrative Medicine, and Andrew Weil, who  
> "invented" it.  
>  
> Anyway, I think we're essentially in agreement -- people need to be treated  
> wholistically, effectively, and ethically.  
>  
> Sarah  
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> PS: When I was in my 20's, my IQ went from 124 to 162 after a few  
> "experiments" with psychedelics, but I don't think I'd recommend everyone do  
> that. :)  
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> "Bill L" <bill@billlorentzen.com> wrote in message news:4631f238@linux...  
>> Hi Sarah,  
>>  
>> Your replies are always thoughtful and I appreciate that.  
>>  
>> I agree with you (and so does Mr. Hubbard) that man is a composite entity:  
>> the spirit which decides, the mind which computes and the body which  
>> follows through. And in Scientology if the body is ill, it as given  
>> physical healing first, before spiritual.  
>>  
>> Hubbard was educated a an engineer and a scientist first. In the '30s he  
>> was involved with early atomic research at George Washington University,  
>> searching for answers in the minute energy particles of matter, but  
>> quickly realized where that was heading and that it did not contain the  
>> answers to man's problems.

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>> His solutions have always been practical - they had to work the majority  
>> of time and they had to be applicable by regular people. He gives an  
>> example that if a cure to a deadly disease cures a thousand but in the  
>> process kills 5, it is a good and practical solution. Regrettably there  
>> are few perfect solutions.  
>>  
>> In the case of psychiatry, their solutions are in the majority harmful,  
>> both historically and today. If something does more harm than good, it is  
>> evil. Putting millions of the most active, energetic children on very  
>> powerful narcotics which cause brain shrinkage and are very likely to lead  
>> to a life of drug dependency, just to quiet them down, when a healthy diet  
>> and a lot more activity and exercise would give a far better result, must  
>> by any practical definition be considered more harmful than beneficial and  
>> therefore evil (not to mention just plain lazy). The practice is evil and  
>> those who do it in the face of its obvious harm are evil.  
>>  
>> Why do they do it? It's a damn good living I guess. And the pharmaceutical  
>> companies make a fortune off the kids today and I know they're counting on  
>> a continuing stream of income from those kids for the rest of their lives.  
>> But money alone cannot account for it. Good people won't stoop to evil  
>> just to make a buck.  
>>  
>> As to Lisa McPherson, I'm no authority on the story, but I hope you're  
>> aware that while there was an abundance of media coverage, the initial  
>> charges against the church were dropped when all the facts came to light.  
>>  
>> Let's do good things we can be proud of in our lives and let's shine the  
>> light of truth on those who do harm for personal gain or just plain evil  
>> purposes.  
>>  
>> Scientology works and it rewards its users with practical increases in  
>> personal ability. My IQ has gone up from 140 to 151 in the past 5 years  
>> from the counseling I have had. That's a good and useful result, and I  
>> want more of that. Scientology's purpose is "to make the able more able".  
>> And it works.  
>>  
>> I could enjoy writing all day, but I have to get working, so I'll catch ya  
>> later.  
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>> Bill  
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>>  
>> Sarah wrote:  
>>> Hey Bill,  
>>>  
>>> Thank you for taking the time for thorough reply.

>>>

>>> No, I don't wonder why you and other Scientologists are against  
>>> psychiatry. I'm just thinking that what you're really against is  
>>> ineffective, incomplete, and/or inhumane treatment of people with  
>>> mental/spiritual issues. I guess really I'm agreeing with you, except  
>>> that I don't believe in the big, monolithic, evil monster called  
>>> "Psychiatry." I know too many good shrinks, some of whom consider drugs  
>>> a last resort. WWII was a long time ago, but I'd be curious about your  
>>> source for the "value neutral" goal for America meeting.

>>>

>>> Also, I believe L. Ron himself said somewhere that psychotics are  
>>> often seriously physically ill, and that needs to be dealt with first.  
>>> Regardless, my point is that I think in all cases, psychotic or not, you  
>>> have to treat the both the animal and the spirit. That's what they  
>>> taught us in nursing school. There may be a sick, suffering, emotionally  
>>> upset body there, but inside there's a being, soul, whatever you want to  
>>> call it. You treat the whole package.

>>>

>>> I hate to use this example, but don't you think some timely medical  
>>> intervention would have prevented the Lisa McPherson disaster? I believe  
>>> that the Scientologists caring for her were well-intentioned people, but  
>>> may have been a bit "blinded by the light," and a perhaps bit too  
>>> determined to keep her from the evil clutches of psychiatry. It's almost  
>>> like she was "collateral damage" in the war between the APA and COS.

>>>

>>> If I had to identify a big, monolithic, evil monster in the health  
>>> care field, I'd be inclined to choose the pharmaceutical industry. Don't  
>>> even get me started. (that was my Brooklyn accent)

>>>

>>> Peace,

>>>

>>> Sarah

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>>> "Bill L" <bill@billlorentzen.com> wrote in message news:46316c0d@linux...

>>>> Hi Sarah,

>>>>

>>>> Thanks for giving me the benefit of the doubt. Here is why Scientology  
>>>> is opposed to psychiatry: While Scientology is not used primarily for  
>>>> fixing up psychotic people, we certainly have the tools to do so. You  
>>>> cannot improve a person by addressing him or her as an animal, a bag of  
>>>> chemicals or a piece of meat. Hubbard discovered that the only approach  
>>>> which actually made anyone better was to address the individual as a  
>>>> spiritual being.

>>>>

>>>> Knowing that and seeing how psychiatry addresses people like animals  
>>>> with such horrendously destructive "treatment" we can not stand by and  
>>>> ignore it. Therefore we do everything we can to discourage it. By the  
>>>> way, the hospital 5 miles from my house has a very active electro



>>>> convulsive therapy department. I well understand your belief that it  
>>>> must be ancient history as it so incredibly inhumane, but believe it -  
>>>> they are still doing it.

>>>>

>>>> You might find a movie I saw on YouTube recently enlightening.

>>>> <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KFbs8s3VI6M>

>>>> It's of a woman who wrote a book entitled "Confessions of an RX Drug  
>>>> Pusher", who worked as a drug company sales rep for 15 years before she  
>>>> realized what she was really selling. Here's a quote:

>>>>

>>>> "...So I started to question. There were a group of people that were  
>>>> out rallying one time in front of one of the buildings that we were

>>>>

>>>> "So that kind of became my, you know, little tag line for anybody that  
>>>> spoke out against psychiatric drugs, because I knew then that you could

>>>> pharmaceutical industry was promoting that they were a cult that was

>>>>

>>>> Shortly after WW2, at its annual convention, the American Psychiatric  
>>>> Assoc held a meeting and outlined their goals for America. One of the  
>>>> primary goals was to create a "value neutral society". That means a  
>>>> society in which there is no right or wrong, no one judges another,  
>>>> there are no values. That goal has in many way come to pass. The term,  
>>>> "don't judge me" is common in society, yet if we don't use judgment in  
>>>> dealing with others we are truly fools. In law sanity itself is defined  
>>>> by the ability to tell right from wrong.

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>>>> So let's see the results: Jails are over flowing. Millions of people  
>>>> take antipsychotic drugs just to cope. CHILDREN are given class 1 (Class  
>>>> A?, you would know) narcotics. As our technologies improve our children  
>>>> get a poorer education. Look at our schools, they now have psychologists  
>>>> on staff. Back when children all learned to read there were none. I  
>>>> could give dozens of examples of what a value neutral society means to  
>>>> the detriment of us all, and I bet you could too.

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>>>> Do you still wonder why I and other Scientologists are against  
>>>> psychiatry?

>>>>

>>>> Bill L

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>>>> Sarah wrote:

>>>>> I've been pretty appalled by the seemingly exponential rise in the use  
>>>>> of psychiatric medications over the last 20 years, especially in  
>>>>> children. I don't believe that depression necessarily caused by a  
>>>>> "chemical imbalance." Correlation is not causation. Of course a person  
>>>>> may feel less depressed if you keep their synapses saturated with  
>>>>> serotonin, but sometimes they wind up not feeling much of anything,  
>>>>> emotionally speaking. And teenagers on these SSRIs occasionally become  
>>>>> suicidal, and now we think maybe homicidal, too?

>>>>>

>>>>> We've had this "War on Drugs" going for decades now, yet the same  
>>>>> schools who "Dare To Keep Kids Off Drugs" encourage parents to drug  
>>>>> their kids when they have behaviour and/or scholastic problems!  
>>>>> Children are people, and like people, they're all different. The fact  
>>>>> that a person is now 5 years old doesn't mean that person is ready for  
>>>>> school. Or if he/she is ready for school, it doesn't mean he/she is  
>>>>> ready to sit still in a classroom and learn the same way others do.

>>>>>

>>>>> I hate to say this, I really do, but I think the popularity of psych  
>>>>> drugs for children is largely the result of parents and teachers who  
>>>>> just want their jobs to be easier. I'm sure there are exceptions, and  
>>>>> if your kid is on psych drugs, you're probably one of them, OK? :)

>>>>>

>>>>> Now, having said that . . . Bill . . . I don't think you can generalize  
>>>>> about the entire profession of psychiatry. Shrinks are like any other  
>>>>> profession . . . there are good and bad and everything in between. I  
>>>>> suspect your post on shrinks has its source in the decades old battle  
>>>>> between the American Psychiatric Association and the Church of  
>>>>> Scientology. In fact, isn't the line "In psych hospitals you will find  
>>>>> something around 40% of the victims, er, 'patients' have undiagnosed  
>>>>> or misdiagnosed medical problems" from something L. Ron Hubbard wrote  
>>>>> back in the '70s? If not, I'd be curious about the source of that  
>>>>> statistic. How would anyone know that without going in to the hospitals  
>>>>> and diagnosing them? Most modern psychiatrists are well beyond  
>>>>> thorazine and electroshock, and lobotomy? Come on . . . that's  
>>>>> practically sci-fi now. Not to mention the fact that anti-depressants  
>>>>> and ADHD drugs are often prescribed by the family doctor nowadays,  
>>>>> rather than a shrink.

>>>>>

>>>>> The ADA attacked Scientology decades ago, and Scientology has been  
>>>>> attacking back ever since, according to Mr. Hubbard's official policy  
>>>>> (discredit the attacker). You raised some good questions with your  
>>>>> initial post, but the Scientological rant about psychs could make one  
>>>>> question your motives, not to mention that it seems outdated at best.

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>>>>> I think you're a very nice man, and apparently quite musically  
>>>>> talented, too. I just can't picture you jumping up and down on Oprah's

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>>>>>> well.....I'm not exactly one for the better living through  
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>>>>>> guy named Richard Patrick, was right next to a guy who got shot that  
>>>>>> day. They were both about 1/4 mile away from the tower on the main  
>>>>>> mall at UT.  
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>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSZ9YTnSkLc>  
>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>> DJ mentioned the original school shooting at the college in Texas  
>>>>>>> back in the '60s. That guy was part of a psych drug experiment on  
>>>>>>> the campus and was high on amphetamines. It was hushed up at the  
>>>>>>> time because it was part of his medical records.  
>>>>>>>  
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Posted by [Tom Cruise](#) on Sat, 28 Apr 2007 15:13:49 GMT

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- -

No wait, that's just silly - - no one would ever fall for that.

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Sat, 28 Apr 2007 18:33:30 GMT

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Bill,

I know that. Lots of folks who are addicted to drugs become dealser themselves because they don't have the money to buy them otherwise. It ensures that an adequate supply is always available.

Deej

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Likewise each of us must take full responsibility for every other one of us, to solve the rather large problems we face on this planet. If I assume the viewpoint of another and I am willing to walk in another's shoes I cannot but understand him and from that understanding I can help him. One is only as valuable as he can serve and help others. Full responsibility is the key to survival.

Bill L

DJ wrote:

> Bill,  
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> I know that. Lots of folks who are addicted to drugs become dealers  
> themselves because they don't have the money to buy them otherwise. It  
> ensures that an adequate supply is always available.  
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> Deej  
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> "Bill L" <bill@billlorentzen.com> wrote in message news:46339458@linux...  
>> DJ,  
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>> I said a "drug dealer" not a drug taker.  
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>> Bill L  
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>> DJ wrote:  
>>> "Bill L" <bill@billlorentzen.com> wrote in message news:46335089@linux...  
>>>> Hi Sarah,

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>>>> I feel like this is our private thread and I almost wrote back to you  
>>>> alone, but you never know who may be lurking.

>>> :o)

>>> I am everywhere.....you cant escape!!!

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>>>> I always thought the insanity plea in court was a crock because most  
>>>> things that we consider criminal ARE insane acts. How can you say that  
>>>> someone who kills another for personal gain or jealousy or whatever is  
>>>> sane?

>>> they may or may not be insane, but killing for the reasons you describe  
>>> are certainly evil.

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>>> Being a drug dealer or a thief is totally insane. Look at the  
>>>> lives they have to lead, sneaking around scared most of the time -  
>>>> wouldn't you have to be insane to choose that?

>>> .....drug dependancy can actually lead to the lifestyle you  
>>> describe.....and there are "lots" of folks who have become drug dependant  
>>> by taking prescription meds. There is plenty of evidence that there can  
>>> be a genetic predisposition to depedency on certain drugs. Are these  
>>> people evil?

>>>> In Scientology we concentrate on increasing ability, not decreasing  
>>>> insanity. What you target is what you get.

>>> I believe this too and I'm not even a Scientologist (although maybe I was  
>>> one in a previous life?)

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>>> One of the big mistakes in

>>>> psychology/iatry is they concentrate on insanity.  
>>> That is only going to  
>>>> get them more insanity.  
>>> Depression is the #1 reason people see psycholoiatrists. there are lots  
>>> of reasons for depression, and religions/cults/groups of like-minded  
>>> people with the same agenda (like political parties even) are the top  
>>> contenders for screwing up someone's head (again MHO)  
>>>  
>>> Hubbard created Scientology to make the able  
>>>> more able. That is the way out for all of us.  
>>> Again, I can do this without being part of a group hug.  
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>>>> available; Criminon, a very effective program used in many jails world  
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Subject: Re: OT - School Shootings and antidepressants movie  
Posted by [Sarah](#) on Sun, 29 Apr 2007 02:41:47 GMT  
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Subject: Re: OT - School Shootings and antidepressants movie

Posted by [Deej \[4\]](#) on Sun, 29 Apr 2007 03:24:41 GMT

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Hi Bill,

"Bill L" <bill@billlorentzen.com> wrote in message news:4633c817@linux...

> I'm not sure I can express this adequately but I will try. Hubbard wrote,

> "You are totally responsible for the condition you are in."

So if I'm walking down the sidewalk and someone in a rac leaves the roadway and squashes me flat, am I responsible for the condition I am in?

> that may sound hard, any lessening of responsibility alloys one's

> integrity and lessens one's ability to solve the problem or improve the

> condition.

now I can understand this and I agree. If I survive the squashing, it will not help me one iota to sit around and feel sorry for myself.

To the degree one blames others for one's condition he gives

> responsibility to solve it to them and surrenders his causativeness.

.....not necessarily....by placing the blame squarely on someone else, I

ensure that my attorney has a case that will allow some kind of restitution

so that the rest of my (now somewhat amended) life is spent with some

aussurance that my medical bills will be paid and I will have someone around

to wipe my ass if I can't.

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> Likewise each of us must take full responsibility for every other one of  
> us, to solve the rather large problems we face on this planet.

.....tell that to the insurance adjustor for the \*sqashor\*.

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> shoes I cannot but understand him and from that understanding I can help  
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> responsibility is the key to survival.

Bad shit happens to people all the time that is not their fault. Dwelling on it perpetuates the hurt, I agree and I'm sure that you and others understand this and are willing to help, but there's no way in hell that you, me or anyone else would want to walk in their shoes.

Regards,

Deej

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Subject: Re: OT - School Shootings and antidepressants movie

Posted by [Deej \[4\]](#) on Sun, 29 Apr 2007 03:28:37 GMT

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You can't be too careful these days. Know thine enemy

<http://www.ducksworld.com/ducks.htm>

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Subject: Re: OT - School Shootings and antidepressants movie

Posted by [Sarah](#) on Sun, 29 Apr 2007 04:08:43 GMT

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Private thread? Hey, you're a married man, mister. :)

Anyway, you don't need to explain or defend Scientology to me. I'm Scientology neutral. Like I said in an earlier post, I'm all about the "whatever works" approach, so if it works for you, go for it.

Someone very close to me was in Scientology for about 10 years, part of that

time as a staff member, so I know a lot of Scientologists who gave up years ago trying to get me into the fold. Nowadays I just occasionally bump into musicians who are still into it, but we kind of avoid the subject. I've read several LRH books, including selected bits from those gigantic red and green encyclopedic volumes of "bulletins." My friend had this chart on his apartment wall that I think was titled "the Bridge to Total Freedom," that had all the levels one could attain and the specific abilities of that level. I've always remembered what the top level, OT 8, said: "Ability to be at cause over matter, energy, space, time, and thought, objective and subjective, across all eight dynamics." That may not be an exact quote, but pretty friggin' close. We used to argue about that for hours, mostly because I'd say things like, "So, basically you're all going to be God?" He got really pissed at me once when I tried to test the ability of someone who had attained the level where he would be able to "exteriorize" at will (OT 5, maybe?) We were at one of the Scientology events I let him talk me into attending, and this guy was talking about leaving his body and going to Mars, and getting into a dolphin's body, just to see what it felt like. During the Q & A, I asked him to tell me what I was holding behind my back. My friend pulled me back into my chair with a dirty look, and the guy answered by asking everyone to close their eyes and picture themselves floating six feet outside the windows. Everyone applauded. Whatever.

I did enjoy the movie "Phenomenon," so if you tell me John Travolta really did all that teleketic stuff in the movie, I'd be really impressed. John Travolta's pretty hot in his old age. :)

I realize that since those days, Scientology has focused more on the more down to earth, practical stuff, but we know from the court cases in the media that the "sci-fi" stuff is still part of it. And that's perfectly fine with me, but Scientology is a religion, and like all organized religions requires faith. Christianity requires faith that the Bible is the word of God. Scientology requires faith that LRH was who and what he claimed to be, and that the time and/or money one spends there will get you to those "abilities gained." I just don't do faith very well, and like DJ, I'm leery of any group of humans united by a religious belief.

I guess many here would consider "Liberalism" a kind of religion, but it's OK, I'm not a devout liberal. :)

I've got business on Rigel 7 now, so I'll talk to you later.

Hugs,

Sarah

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> Bill L

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> Sarah wrote:

>> Well, one of the amazing, but unfortunate things about human beings is  
>> that they can justify anything . . . I don't think people that you or I  
>> would consider to be evil would generally consider themselves to be evil.  
>> They've usually given themselves a healthy dose of justification. I  
>> wonder sometimes if Hitler considered himself to be evil, and I usually  
>> conclude he probably did not.

>>  
>> We should keep in mind that doctors (psychs and otherwise) are under  
>> pressure from patients and/or their families to get results, and most  
>> adults taking powerful psychiatric meds do so by choice, often out of  
>> desperation. I personally, for example, don't like giving an agitated  
>> patient Haldol to keep him from pulling his IVs or feeding tubes out, but  
>> I prefer it to physical restraints. Not to mention, I generally need to  
>> follow the MDs' orders. It's in my job description. :) I think ECT is  
>> barbaric, but it has worked on depressed patients when nothing else has.  
>> Chemo for cancer is still pretty brutal, too, but when it's a choice  
>> between that and death . . .

>>  
>> Now, if Scientology can help people in these situations, why not make it  
>> available outside the insulated, expensive world of Scientology?  
>> Workable technologies should be shared with other workable, complimentary  
>> technologies. The hospital system I work for has an expanding Integrative  
>> Medicine department. This is basically the "whatever works" approach . .  
>> . conventional medicine, acupuncture, herbals, ayurvedic, Chinese,  
>> massage, etc, etc. Scientology works? Hey, add it to the list. Or,  
>> since it's a religion, get your pastoral counselors on hospital staffs.  
>> Where I work, the pastoral department has dozens of  
>> priests/ministers/rabbis, etc., to attend to the spiritual needs of  
>> patients.

>>  
>> I myself am a huge fan of Integrative Medicine, and Andrew Weil, who  
>> "invented" it.

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>> Anyway, I think we're essentially in agreement -- people need to be  
>> treated holistically, effectively, and ethically.

>>  
>> Sarah

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>> PS: When I was in my 20's, my IQ went from 124 to 162 after a few  
>> "experiments" with psychedelics, but I don't think I'd recommend everyone  
>> do that. :)

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>> "Bill L" <bill@billlorentzen.com> wrote in message news:4631f238@linux...  
>>> Hi Sarah,  
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>>> Your replies are always thoughtful and I appreciate that.  
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>>> I agree with you (and so does Mr. Hubbard) that man is a composite  
>>> entity: the spirit which decides, the mind which computes and the body  
>>> which follows through. And in Scientology if the body is ill, it as  
>>> given physical healing first, before spiritual.  
>>>  
>>> Hubbard was educated a an engineer and a scientist first. In the '30s he  
>>> was involved with early atomic research at George Washington University,  
>>> searching for answers in the minute energy particles of matter, but  
>>> quickly realized where that was heading and that it did not contain the  
>>> answers to man's problems.  
>>>  
>>> His solutions have always been practical - they had to work the majority  
>>> of time and they had to be applicable by regular people. He gives an  
>>> example that if a cure to a deadly disease cures a thousand but in the  
>>> process kills 5, it is a good and practical solution. Regrettably there  
>>> are few perfect solutions.  
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>>> In the case of psychiatry, their solutions are in the majority harmful,  
>>> both historically and today. If something does more harm than good, it  
>>> is evil. Putting millions of the most active, energetic children on very  
>>> powerful narcotics which cause brain shrinkage and are very likely to  
>>> lead to a life of drug dependency, just to quiet them down, when a  
>>> healthy diet and a lot more activity and exercise would give a far  
>>> better result, must by any practical definition be considered more  
>>> harmful than beneficial and therefore evil (not to mention just plain  
>>> lazy). The practice is evil and those who do it in the face of its  
>>> obvious harm are evil.  
>>>  
>>> Why do they do it? It's a damn good living I guess. And the  
>>> pharmaceutical companies make a fortune off the kids today and I know  
>>> they're counting on a continuing stream of income from those kids for  
>>> the rest of their lives. But money alone cannot account for it. Good  
>>> people won't stoop to evil just to make a buck.  
>>>  
>>> As to Lisa McPherson, I'm no authority on the story, but I hope you're  
>>> aware that while there was an abundance of media coverage, the initial  
>>> charges against the church were dropped when all the facts came to  
>>> light.  
>>>  
>>> Let's do good things we can be proud of in our lives and let's shine the  
>>> light of truth on those who do harm for personal gain or just plain evil  
>>> purposes.

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>>> Scientology works and it rewards its users with practical increases in  
>>> personal ability. My IQ has gone up from 140 to 151 in the past 5 years  
>>> from the counseling I have had. That's a good and useful result, and I  
>>> want more of that. Scientology's purpose is "to make the able more  
>>> able". And it works.

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>>> I could enjoy writing all day, but I have to get working, so I'll catch  
>>> ya later.

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>>> Bill

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>>> Sarah wrote:

>>>> Hey Bill,

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>>>> Thank you for taking the time for thorough reply.

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>>>> No, I don't wonder why you and other Scientologists are against  
>>>> psychiatry. I'm just thinking that what you're really against is  
>>>> ineffective, incomplete, and/or inhumane treatment of people with  
>>>> mental/spiritual issues. I guess really I'm agreeing with you, except  
>>>> that I don't believe in the big, monolithic, evil monster called  
>>>> "Psychiatry." I know too many good shrinks, some of whom consider  
>>>> drugs a last resort. WWII was a long time ago, but I'd be curious about  
>>>> your source for the "value neutral" goal for America meeting.

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>>>> Also, I believe L. Ron himself said somewhere that psychotics are  
>>>> often seriously physically ill, and that needs to be dealt with first.  
>>>> Regardless, my point is that I think in all cases, psychotic or not,  
>>>> you have to treat the both the animal and the spirit. That's what they  
>>>> taught us in nursing school. There may be a sick, suffering,  
>>>> emotionally upset body there, but inside there's a being, soul,  
>>>> whatever you want to call it. You treat the whole package.

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>>>> I hate to use this example, but don't you think some timely medical  
>>>> intervention would have prevented the Lisa McPherson disaster? I  
>>>> believe that the Scientologists caring for her were well-intentioned  
>>>> people, but may have been a bit "blinded by the light," and a perhaps  
>>>> bit too determined to keep her from the evil clutches of psychiatry.  
>>>> It's almost like she was "collateral damage" in the war between the APA  
>>>> and COS.

>>>>

>>>> If I had to identify a big, monolithic, evil monster in the health  
>>>> care field, I'd be inclined to choose the pharmaceutical industry.  
>>>> Don't even get me stahted. (that was my Brooklyn accent)

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>>>> Peace,  
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>>>> Sarah  
>>>>  
>>>> "Bill L" <bill@billlorentzen.com> wrote in message  
>>>> news:46316c0d@linux...  
>>>>> Hi Sarah,  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Thanks for giving me the benefit of the doubt. Here is why Scientology  
>>>>> is opposed to psychiatry: While Scientology is not used primarily for  
>>>>> fixing up psychotic people, we certainly have the tools to do so. You  
>>>>> cannot improve a person by addressing him or her as an animal, a bag  
>>>>> of chemicals or a piece of meat. Hubbard discovered that the only  
>>>>> approach which actually made anyone better was to address the  
>>>>> individual as a spiritual being.  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Knowing that and seeing how psychiatry addresses people like animals  
>>>>> with such horrendously destructive "treatment" we can not stand by and  
>>>>> ignore it. Therefore we do everything we can to discourage it. By the  
>>>>> way, the hospital 5 miles from my house has a very active electro  
>>>>> convulsive therapy department. I well understand your belief that it  
>>>>> must be ancient history as it so incredibly inhumane, but believe it -  
>>>>> they are still doing it.  
>>>>>  
>>>>> You might find a movie I saw on YouTube recently enlightening.  
>>>>> <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KFbs8s3VI6M>  
>>>>> It's of a woman who wrote a book entitled "Confessions of an RX Drug  
>>>>> Pusher", who worked as a drug company sales rep for 15 years before  
>>>>> she realized what she was really selling. Here's a quote:  
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>>>>> "...So I started to question. There were a group of people that were  
>>>>> out rallying one time in front of one of the buildings that we were

>>>>>  
>>>>> "So that kind of became my, you know, little tag line for anybody that  
>>>>> spoke out against psychiatric drugs, because I knew then that you

>>>>> pharmaceutical industry was promoting that they were a cult that was

>>>>>  
>>>>> Shortly after WW2, at its annual convention, the American Psychiatric  
>>>>> Assoc held a meeting and outlined their goals for America. One of the



>>>>> primary goals was to create a "value neutral society". That means a  
>>>>> society in which there is no right or wrong, no one judges another,  
>>>>> there are no values. That goal has in many way come to pass. The term,  
>>>>> "don't judge me" is common in society, yet if we don't use judgment in  
>>>>> dealing with others we are truly fools. In law sanity itself is  
>>>>> defined by the ability to tell right from wrong.

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>>>>> So let's see the results: Jails are over flowing. Millions of people  
>>>>> take antipsychotic drugs just to cope. CHILDREN are given class 1  
>>>>> (Class A?, you would know) narcotics. As our technologies improve our  
>>>>> children get a poorer education. Look at our schools, they now have  
>>>>> psychologists on staff. Back when children all learned to read there  
>>>>> were none. I could give dozens of examples of what a value neutral  
>>>>> society means to the detriment of us all, and I bet you could too.

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>>>>> Do you still wonder why I and other Scientologists are against  
>>>>> psychiatry?

>>>>>

>>>>> Bill L

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>>>>> Sarah wrote:

>>>>>> I've been pretty appalled by the seemingly exponential rise in the  
>>>>>> use of psychiatric medications over the last 20 years, especially in  
>>>>>> children. I don't believe that depression necessarily caused by a  
>>>>>> "chemical imbalance." Correlation is not causation. Of course a  
>>>>>> person may feel less depressed if you keep their synapses saturated  
>>>>>> with serotonin, but sometimes they wind up not feeling much of  
>>>>>> anything, emotionally speaking. And teenagers on these SSRIs  
>>>>>> occasionally become suicidal, and now we think maybe homicidal, too?

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>>>>>> We've had this "War on Drugs" going for decades now, yet the same  
>>>>>> schools who "Dare To Keep Kids Off Drugs" encourage parents to drug  
>>>>>> their kids when they have behaviour and/or scholastic problems!  
>>>>>> Children are people, and like people, they're all different. The  
>>>>>> fact that a person is now 5 years old doesn't mean that person is  
>>>>>> ready for school. Or if he/she is ready for school, it doesn't mean  
>>>>>> he/she is ready to sit still in a classroom and learn the same way  
>>>>>> others do.

>>>>>>

>>>>>> I hate to say this, I really do, but I think the popularity of psych  
>>>>>> drugs for children is largely the result of parents and teachers who  
>>>>>> just want their jobs to be easier. I'm sure there are exceptions,  
>>>>>> and if your kid is on psych drugs, you're probably one of them, OK?  
>>>>>> :)

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>>>>>> Now, having said that . . . Bill . . . I don't think you can

>>>>> generalize about the entire profession of psychiatry. Shrinkers are  
>>>>> like any other profession . . . there are good and bad and everything  
>>>>> in between. I suspect your post on shrinkers has its source in the  
>>>>> decades old battle between the American Psychiatric Association and  
>>>>> the Church of Scientology. In fact, isn't the line "In psych  
>>>>> hospitals you will find something around 40% of the victims, er,  
>>>>> 'patients' have undiagnosed or misdiagnosed medical problems" from  
>>>>> something L. Ron Hubbard wrote back in the '70s? If not, I'd be  
>>>>> curious about the source of that statistic. How would anyone know  
>>>>> that without going in to the hospitals and diagnosing them? Most  
>>>>> modern psychiatrists are well beyond thiorazine and electroshock, and  
>>>>> lobotomy? Come on . . . that's practically sci-fi now. Not to mention  
>>>>> the fact that anti-depressants and ADHD drugs are often prescribed by  
>>>>> the family doctor nowadays, rather than a shrink.

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>>>>> The ADA attacked Scientology decades ago, and Scientology has been  
>>>>> attacking back ever since, according to Mr. Hubbard's official policy  
>>>>> (discredit the attacker). You raised some good questions with your  
>>>>> initial post, but the Scientological rant about psychs could make one  
>>>>> question your motives, not to mention that it seems outdated at best.

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>>>>> I think you're a very nice man, and apparently quite musically  
>>>>> talented, too. I just can't picture you jumping up and down on  
>>>>> Oprah's couch. :)

>>>>>

>>>>> Sarah

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>>>>> "Bill L" <bill@billlorentzen.com> wrote in message

>>>>> news:462dfb10@linux...

>>>>>> In medical circles, psychiatrists are known for being very poor  
>>>>>> doctors so it doesn't surprise me to hear he was undiagnosed during  
>>>>>> their experiments. In psych hospitals you will find something around  
>>>>>> 40% of the victims, er, "patients" have undiagnosed or misdiagnosed  
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Subject: Re: OT - School Shootings and antidepressants movie  
Posted by [Bill L](#) on Sun, 29 Apr 2007 13:09:28 GMT  
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Sarah, you're a gas (and I like that).

One last comment. Hubbard said, "What is true for you is true for you."

What he meant is to know what you know and only believe something after you have experienced it. I've had some remarkable experiences in Scientology, but one that was pretty heavy and resonates with other people is this one:

I was a pretty heavy user when I was growing up, but I quit taking drugs when I got into Scientology at about age 21. That was mainly accomplished from an ethics standpoint (I could see it was hurting me) but also because I would not have been allowed to continue in Scientology otherwise.

I did still drink however, and I never really could control my drinking.

I'd go out once or twice a week and drink too much. Never intending to do so, but somehow completely unable to stop once I started. You may not have experienced that but surely you have known people like that. (Heavy drinking is obviously not condoned, but alcohol itself is not disallowed in Scientology.)

Finally after several attempts to handle it from different approaches in counsellings, I erased the hidden underlying reason and instantly the drinking urge was gone, I have never even wanted a drink since then. Now I drink a glass of champagne or a nice wine once or twice a year, mainly so my siblings and mother don't think I'm too weird.

That was a miracle, but it did not come easy. Like I said, I tried several approaches over a decade before it was handled.

Do ya think others would benefit from that result?

That kind of real world improvement is priceless, so I have no qualms about costs of donating for services, because it makes me more able to reach my goals and help those around me. Otherwise I would not do it, duh.

Bill L

Sarah wrote:

> Private thread? Hey, you're a married man, mister. :)

>

> Anyway, you don't need to explain or defend Scientology to me. I'm

> Scientology neutral. Like I said in an earlier post, I'm all about the

> "whatever works" approach, so if it works for you, go for it.

>

> Someone very close to me was in Scientology for about 10 years, part of that

> time as a staff member, so I know a lot of Scientologists who gave up years

> ago trying to get me into the fold. Nowadays I just occasionally bump into

> musicians who are still into it, but we kind of avoid the subject. I've

> read several LRH books, including selected bits from those gigantic red and

> green encyclopedic volumes of "bulletins." My friend had this chart on his

> apartment wall that I think was titled "the Bridge to Total Freedom," that

> had all the levels one could attain and the specific abilities of that

> level. I've always remembered what the top level, OT 8, said: "Ability to

> be at cause over matter, energy, space, time, and thought, objective and

> subjective, across all eight dynamics." That may not be an exact quote, but

> pretty friggin' close. We used to argue about that for hours, mostly

> because I'd say things like, "So, basically you're all going to be God?" He

> got really pissed at me once when I tried to test the ability of someone who

> had attained the level where he would be able to "exteriorize" at will (OT

> 5, maybe?) We were at one of the Scientology events I let him talk me into

> attending, and this guy was talking about leaving his body and going to

> Mars, and getting into a dolphin's body, just to see what it felt like.

> During the Q & A, I asked him to tell me what I was holding behind my back.

> My friend pulled me back into my chair with a dirty look, and the guy

> answered by asking everyone to close their eyes and picture themselves

> floating six feet outside the windows. Everyone applauded. Whatever.

>

> I did enjoy the movie "Phenomenon," so if you tell me John Travolta really

> did all that teleketic stuff in the movie, I'd be really impressed. John

> Travolta's pretty hot in his old age. :)

>

> I realize that since those days, Scientology has focused more on the more

> down to earth, practical stuff, but we know from the court cases in the  
> media that the "sci-fi" stuff is still part of it. And that's perfectly  
> fine with me, but Scientology is a religion, and like all organized  
> religions requires faith. Christianity requires faith that the Bible is the  
> word of God. Scientology requires faith that LRH was who and what he  
> claimed to be, and that the time and/or money one spends there will get you  
> to those "abilities gained." I just don't do faith very well, and like DJ,  
> I'm leery of any group of humans united by a religious belief.  
>  
> I guess many here would consider "Liberalism" a kind of religion, but it's  
> OK, I'm not a devout liberal. :)  
>  
> I've got business on Rigel 7 now, so I'll talk to you later.  
>  
> Hugs,  
>  
> Sarah  
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> "Bill L" <bill@billlorentzen.com> wrote in message news:46335089@linux...  
>> Hi Sarah,  
>>  
>> I feel like this is our private thread and I almost wrote back to you  
>> alone, but you never know who may be lurking.  
>>  
>> Hubbard was not opposed to use of whatever is efficacious to prevent  
>> someone from hurting himself. He was as I stated eminently practical. But  
>> continued use he would not tolerate when there are simple ways to help  
>> people quickly recover from the dangerous condition.  
>>  
>> I would never fault a nurse or Dr. for doing what they had to do to keep  
>> the patient alive or un-self-damaged.  
>>  
>> As for evil people, from the extreme like Hitler to the mundane but all  
>> too common wife who poisons her husband, of course they have it justified.  
>> In one of Hubbards articles he talks about characteristics of evil people  
>> and the specific ways you can identify them socially and at the end he  
>> says if you started to see some of these characteristics as being your own  
>> that disqualifies you from being really evil because the truly evil cannot  
>> see that what they do is evil. They are living in a world we do not even  
>> see. They look at a policeman and see a Roman centurion. To them a lady  
>> offering samples of peanut butter in the supermarket is really their  
>> mother making them eat something they hate.  
>>  
>> I always thought the insanity plea in court was a crock because most  
>> things that we consider criminal ARE insane acts. How can you say that  
>> someone who kills another for personal gain or jealousy or whatever is  
>> sane? Being a drug dealer or a thief is totally insane. Look at the lives

>> they have to lead, sneaking around scared most of the time - wouldn't you  
>> have to be insane to choose that?

>>

>> In Scientology we concentrate on increasing ability, not decreasing  
>> insanity. What you target is what you get. One of the big mistakes in  
>> psychology/iatry is they concentrate on insanity. That is only going to  
>> get them more insanity. Hubbard created Scientology to make the able more  
>> able. That is the way out for all of us.

>>

>> Hubbard created secular organizations that target areas where people need  
>> help: Narconon, one of the most effective drug rehab programs available;  
>> Criminon, a very effective program used in many jails world wide; Applied  
>> Scholastics, targeting illiteracy and education; and the overarching one,  
>> The Way To Happiness Foundation which promotes the book, The Way To  
>> Happiness, a group of pro-survival precepts to live by to help people make  
>> good choices and improve their lives. I wrote a song about that book you  
>> can listen to here <http://www.billlorentzen.com>. Click on the link in the  
>> left column. We also have the Scientology Volunteer Ministers who are  
>> active all over the world, notably after 9/11 and Katrina. Type any of  
>> those organization names into Google and you will find plenty of data.

>>

>> Bill L

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>> Sarah wrote:

>>> Well, one of the amazing, but unfortunate things about human beings is  
>>> that they can justify anything . . . I don't think people that you or I  
>>> would consider to be evil would generally consider themselves to be evil.  
>>> They've usually given themselves a healthy dose of justification. I  
>>> wonder sometimes if Hitler considered himself to be evil, and I usually  
>>> conclude he probably did not.

>>>

>>> We should keep in mind that doctors (psychs and otherwise) are under  
>>> pressure from patients and/or their families to get results, and most  
>>> adults taking powerful psychiatric meds do so by choice, often out of  
>>> desperation. I personally, for example, don't like giving an agitated  
>>> patient Haldol to keep him from pulling his IVs or feeding tubes out, but  
>>> I prefer it to physical restraints. Not to mention, I generally need to  
>>> follow the MDs' orders. It's in my job description. :) I think ECT is  
>>> barbaric, but it has worked on depressed patients when nothing else has.  
>>> Chemo for cancer is still pretty brutal, too, but when it's a choice  
>>> between that and death . . .

>>>

>>> Now, if Scientology can help people in these situations, why not make it  
>>> available outside the insulated, expensive world of Scientology?  
>>> Workable technologies should be shared with other workable, complimentary



>>> technologies. The hospital system I work for has an expanding Integrative  
>>> Medicine department. This is basically the "whatever works" approach . .  
>>> . conventional medicine, acupuncture, herbals, ayurvedic, Chinese,  
>>> massage, etc, etc. Scientology works? Hey, add it to the list. Or,  
>>> since it's a religion, get your pastoral counselors on hospital staffs.  
>>> Where I work, the pastoral department has dozens of  
>>> priests/ministers/rabbis, etc., to attend to the spiritual needs of  
>>> patients.  
>>>  
>>> I myself am a huge fan of Integrative Medicine, and Andrew Weil, who  
>>> "invented" it.  
>>>  
>>> Anyway, I think we're essentially in agreement -- people need to be  
>>> treated wholistically, effectively, and ethically.  
>>>  
>>> Sarah  
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>>> PS: When I was in my 20's, my IQ went from 124 to 162 after a few  
>>> "experiments" with psychedelics, but I don't think I'd recommend everyone  
>>> do that. :)  
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>>>  
>>> "Bill L" <bill@billlorentzen.com> wrote in message news:4631f238@linux...  
>>>> Hi Sarah,  
>>>>  
>>>> Your replies are always thoughtful and I appreciate that.  
>>>>  
>>>> I agree with you (and so does Mr. Hubbard) that man is a composite  
>>>> entity: the spirit which decides, the mind which computes and the body  
>>>> which follows through. And in Scientology if the body is ill, it as  
>>>> given physical healing first, before spiritual.  
>>>>  
>>>> Hubbard was educated a an engineer and a scientist first. In the '30s he  
>>>> was involved with early atomic research at George Washington University,  
>>>> searching for answers in the minute energy particles of matter, but  
>>>> quickly realized where that was heading and that it did not contain the  
>>>> answers to man's problems.  
>>>>  
>>>> His solutions have always been practical - they had to work the majority  
>>>> of time and they had to be applicable by regular people. He gives an  
>>>> example that if a cure to a deadly disease cures a thousand but in the  
>>>> process kills 5, it is a good and practical solution. Regrettably there  
>>>> are few perfect solutions.  
>>>>  
>>>> In the case of psychiatry, their solutions are in the majority harmful,  
>>>> both historically and today. If something does more harm than good, it  
>>>> is evil. Putting millions of the most active, energetic children on very  
>>>> powerful narcotics which cause brain shrinkage and are very likely to



>>>> lead to a life of drug dependency, just to quiet them down, when a  
>>>> healthy diet and a lot more activity and exercise would give a far  
>>>> better result, must by any practical definition be considered more  
>>>> harmful than beneficial and therefore evil (not to mention just plain  
>>>> lazy). The practice is evil and those who do it in the face of its  
>>>> obvious harm are evil.

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>>>> Why do they do it? It's a damn good living I guess. And the  
>>>> pharmaceutical companies make a fortune off the kids today and I know  
>>>> they're counting on a continuing stream of income from those kids for  
>>>> the rest of their lives. But money alone cannot account for it. Good  
>>>> people won't stoop to evil just to make a buck.

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>>>> As to Lisa McPherson, I'm no authority on the story, but I hope you're  
>>>> aware that while there was an abundance of media coverage, the initial  
>>>> charges against the church were dropped when all the facts came to  
>>>> light.

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>>>> Let's do good things we can be proud of in our lives and let's shine the  
>>>> light of truth on those who do harm for personal gain or just plain evil  
>>>> purposes.

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>>>> Scientology works and it rewards its users with practical increases in  
>>>> personal ability. My IQ has gone up from 140 to 151 in the past 5 years  
>>>> from the counseling I have had. That's a good and useful result, and I  
>>>> want more of that. Scientology's purpose is "to make the able more  
>>>> able". And it works.

>>>>

>>>> I could enjoy writing all day, but I have to get working, so I'll catch  
>>>> ya later.

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>>>> Bill

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>>>> Sarah wrote:

>>>>> Hey Bill,

>>>>>

>>>>> Thank you for taking the time for thorough reply.

>>>>>

>>>>> No, I don't wonder why you and other Scientologists are against  
>>>>> psychiatry. I'm just thinking that what you're really against is  
>>>>> ineffective, incomplete, and/or inhumane treatment of people with  
>>>>> mental/spiritual issues. I guess really I'm agreeing with you, except  
>>>>> that I don't believe in the big, monolithic, evil monster called  
>>>>> "Psychiatry." I know too many good shrinks, some of whom consider  
>>>>> drugs a last resort. WWII was a long time ago, but I'd be curious about  
>>>>> your source for the "value neutral" goal for America meeting.

>>>>

>>>> Also, I believe L. Ron himself said somewhere that psychotics are  
>>>> often seriously physically ill, and that needs to be dealt with first.  
>>>> Regardless, my point is that I think in all cases, psychotic or not,  
>>>> you have to treat the both the animal and the spirit. That's what they  
>>>> taught us in nursing school. There may be a sick, suffering,  
>>>> emotionally upset body there, but inside there's a being, soul,  
>>>> whatever you want to call it. You treat the whole package.

>>>>

>>>> I hate to use this example, but don't you think some timely medical  
>>>> intervention would have prevented the Lisa McPherson disaster? I  
>>>> believe that the Scientologists caring for her were well-intentioned  
>>>> people, but may have been a bit "blinded by the light," and a perhaps  
>>>> bit too determined to keep her from the evil clutches of psychiatry.  
>>>> It's almost like she was "collateral damage" in the war between the APA  
>>>> and COS.

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>>>> If I had to identify a big, monolithic, evil monster in the health  
>>>> care field, I'd be inclined to choose the pharmaceutical industry.  
>>>> Don't even get me stahted. (that was my Brooklyn accent)

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>>>> Peace,

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>>>> Sarah

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>>>> "Bill L" <bill@billlorentzen.com> wrote in message

>>>> news:46316c0d@linux...

>>>>> Hi Sarah,

>>>>>

>>>>> Thanks for giving me the benefit of the doubt. Here is why Scientology  
>>>>> is opposed to psychiatry: While Scientology is not used primarily for  
>>>>> fixing up psychotic people, we certainly have the tools to do so. You  
>>>>> cannot improve a person by addressing him or her as an animal, a bag  
>>>>> of chemicals or a piece of meat. Hubbard discovered that the only  
>>>>> approach which actually made anyone better was to address the  
>>>>> individual as a spiritual being.

>>>>>

>>>>> Knowing that and seeing how psychiatry addresses people like animals  
>>>>> with such horrendously destructive "treatment" we can not stand by and  
>>>>> ignore it. Therefore we do everything we can to discourage it. By the  
>>>>> way, the hospital 5 miles from my house has a very active electro  
>>>>> convulsive therapy department. I well understand your belief that it  
>>>>> must be ancient history as it so incredibly inhumane, but believe it -  
>>>>> they are still doing it.

>>>>>

>>>>> You might find a movie I saw on YouTube recently enlightening.

>>>>> <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KFbs8s3VI6M>

>>>>> It's of a woman who wrote a book entitled "Confessions of an RX Drug

>>>>> Pusher", who worked as a drug company sales rep for 15 years before  
>>>>> she realized what she was really selling. Here's a quote:  
>>>>>  
>>>>> "...So I started to question. There were a group of people that were  
>>>>> out rallying one time in front of one of the buildings that we were

>>>>>  
>>>>> "So that kind of became my, you know, little tag line for anybody that  
>>>>> spoke out against psychiatric drugs, because I knew then that you

>>>>> pharmaceutical industry was promoting that they were a cult that was

>>>>>  
>>>>> Shortly after WW2, at its annual convention, the American Psychiatric  
>>>>> Assoc held a meeting and outlined their goals for America. One of the  
>>>>> primary goals was to create a "value neutral society". That means a  
>>>>> society in which there is no right or wrong, no one judges another,  
>>>>> there are no values. That goal has in many way come to pass. The term,  
>>>>> "don't judge me" is common in society, yet if we don't use judgment in  
>>>>> dealing with others we are truly fools. In law sanity itself is  
>>>>> defined by the ability to tell right from wrong.

>>>>>  
>>>>> So let's see the results: Jails are over flowing. Millions of people  
>>>>> take antipsychotic drugs just to cope. CHILDREN are given class 1  
>>>>> (Class A?, you would know) narcotics. As our technologies improve our  
>>>>> children get a poorer education. Look at our schools, they now have  
>>>>> psychologists on staff. Back when children all learned to read there  
>>>>> were none. I could give dozens of examples of what a value neutral  
>>>>> society means to the detriment of us all, and I bet you could too.

>>>>>  
>>>>> Do you still wonder why I and other Scientologists are against  
>>>>> psychiatry?

>>>>>  
>>>>> Bill L

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>>>>> Sarah wrote:  
>>>>>> I've been pretty appalled by the seemingly exponential rise in the  
>>>>>> use of psychiatric medications over the last 20 years, especially in  
>>>>>> children. I don't believe that depression necessarily caused by a  
>>>>>> "chemical imbalance." Correlation is not causation. Of course a

>>>>>> person may feel less depressed if you keep their synapses saturated  
>>>>>> with serotonin, but sometimes they wind up not feeling much of  
>>>>>> anything, emotionally speaking. And teenagers on these SSRIs  
>>>>>> occasionally become suicidal, and now we think maybe homicidal, too?

>>>>>>  
>>>>>> We've had this "War on Drugs" going for decades now, yet the same  
>>>>>> schools who "Dare To Keep Kids Off Drugs" encourage parents to drug  
>>>>>> their kids when they have behaviour and/or scholastic problems!  
>>>>>> Children are people, and like people, they're all different. The  
>>>>>> fact that a person is now 5 years old doesn't mean that person is  
>>>>>> ready for school. Or if he/she is ready for school, it doesn't mean  
>>>>>> he/she is ready to sit still in a classroom and learn the same way  
>>>>>> others do.

>>>>>>  
>>>>>> I hate to say this, I really do, but I think the popularity of psych  
>>>>>> drugs for children is largely the result of parents and teachers who  
>>>>>> just want their jobs to be easier. I'm sure there are exceptions,  
>>>>>> and if your kid is on psych drugs, you're probably one of them, OK?  
>>>>>> :)

>>>>>>  
>>>>>> Now, having said that . . . Bill . . . I don't think you can  
>>>>>> generalize about the entire profession of psychiatry. Shrinks are  
>>>>>> like any other profession . . . there are good and bad and everything  
>>>>>> in between. I suspect your post on shrinks has its source in the  
>>>>>> decades old battle between the American Psychiatric Association and  
>>>>>> the Church of Scientology. In fact, isn't the line "In psych  
>>>>>> hospitals you will find something around 40% of the victims, er,  
>>>>>> 'patients' have undiagnosed or misdiagnosed medical problems" from  
>>>>>> something L. Ron Hubbard wrote back in the '70s? If not, I'd be  
>>>>>> curious about the source of that statistic. How would anyone know  
>>>>>> that without going in to the hospitals and diagnosing them? Most  
>>>>>> modern psychiatrists are well beyond thorazine and electroshock, and  
>>>>>> lobotomy? Come on . . . that's practically sci-fi now. Not to mention  
>>>>>> the fact that anti-depressants and ADHD drugs are often prescribed by  
>>>>>> the family doctor nowadays, rather than a shrink.

>>>>>>  
>>>>>> The ADA attacked Scientology decades ago, and Scientology has been  
>>>>>> attacking back ever since, according to Mr. Hubbard's official policy  
>>>>>> (discredit the attacker). You raised some good questions with your  
>>>>>> initial post, but the Scientological rant about psychs could make one  
>>>>>> question your motives, not to mention that it seems outdated at best.

>>>>>>  
>>>>>> I think you're a very nice man, and apparently quite musically  
>>>>>> talented, too. I just can't picture you jumping up and down on  
>>>>>> Oprah's couch. :)

>>>>>>  
>>>>>> Sarah  
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>>>>>> news:462dfb10@linux...  
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>>>>>> medical problems. But hey, doesn't Thorazine and electric shock cure  
>>>>>> pretty much anything? And what they miss, a prefrontal lobotomy will  
>>>>>> catch so it's all good - as long as the insurance lasts.  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> Bill L  
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>>>>>> DJ wrote:  
>>>>>>> well.....I'm not exactly one for the better living through  
>>>>>>> chemistry lifestyle myself, but Charles Whitman also had quite a  
>>>>>>> brain tumor on top of the anphetamines. My ex roommate in Austin, a  
>>>>>>> guy named Richard Patrick, was right next to a guy who got shot  
>>>>>>> that day. They were both about 1/4 mile away from the tower on the  
>>>>>>> main mall at UT.  
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Subject: Re: OT - School Shootings and antidepressants movie  
Posted by [Neil](#) on Sun, 29 Apr 2007 14:47:26 GMT  
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So if I got up this morning & picked up my coffee cup, poured some water into it (being at cause over matter), stuck it in the microwave & turned it on, heating it up (being at cause over energy), put a couple spoonfuls of instant cappuccino in it, which is nice & thick & frothy, causing the water to expand its dimensions (space), set my watch (time), then looked at the time on my satellite receiver & thought: "no it was correct, I'll set it back" (objective thought), then decided "nah, I want it to be a couple minutes early, that way I'm never late for anything", so I set it forward to where I did prior (subjective thought), then I must be a "OT level 8"!!!

Damn, and I've never even attended a Scientology meeting... can I test out or get some kind of discount since I'm already so advanced? :)

>I've got business on Rigel 7 now, so I'll talk to you later.

Must be those ducklings, huh? Going after them on their home planet, are you?

:)

Neil

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Subject: Re: OT - School Shootings and antidepressants movie

Posted by [Bill L](#) on Sun, 29 Apr 2007 20:37:22 GMT

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You're there, Baby!

Neil, I love the fact that you think so fluently with those concepts. Smart people are much more fun to be around. I have definitely observed that musicians (especially guitarists - ;-)) are smarter than any other type of people.

Bill L

Neil wrote:

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> Neil

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Posted by [Sarah](#) on Sun, 29 Apr 2007 22:12:55 GMT  
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Deeeeeej! Neil is OT 8 and he knows where the ducks are from! I think he might be one of them . . .

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"Neil" <OIUOIU@OIU.com> wrote in message news:4634affe\$1@linux...

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Subject: Re: OT - School Shootings and antidepressants movie

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> "Neil" <OIUOIU@OIU.com> wrote in message news:4634affe\$1@linux...

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>> "Sarah" <sarahjane@sarahtonin.com> wrote:

>>>I've always remembered what the top level, OT 8,  
>>>said: "Ability to be at cause over matter, energy, space, time,  
>>>and thought, objective and subjective, across all eight  
>>>dynamics."

>>

>> So if I got up this morning & picked up my coffee cup, poured  
>> some water into it (being at cause over matter), stuck it in  
>> the microwave & turned it on, heating it up (being at cause over  
>> energy), put a couple spoonfuls of instant cappuccino in it,  
>> which is nice & thick & frothy, causing the water to expand  
>> its dimensions (space), set my watch (time), then looked at  
>> the time on my satellite receiver & thought: "no it was  
>> correct, I'll set it back" (objective thought), then  
>> decided "nah, I want it to be a couple minutes early, that way

>> I'm never late for anything", so I set it forward to where I  
>> did prior (subjective thought), then I must be a "OT level 8"!!!  
>>  
>> Damn, and I've never even attended a Scientology meeting...  
>> can I test out or get some kind of discount since I'm already  
>> so advanced? :)  
>>  
>>>I've got business on Rigel 7 now, so I'll talk to you later.  
>>  
>> Must be those ducklings, huh? Going after them on their home  
>> planet, are you?  
>>  
>> :)  
>>  
>> Neil  
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1) [duck.jpg](#), downloaded 43 times



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Subject: Re: OT - School Shootings and antidepressants movie

Posted by [neil\[1\]](#) on Mon, 30 Apr 2007 02:49:08 GMT

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how to stop dying from swallowing their own vomit?

:D

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Thu, 03 May 2007 11:25:41 GMT

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The first word in smartass is smart. Of course, the second word is ass...

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Subject: Re: OT - School Shootings and antidepressants movie  
Posted by [Gary Flanigan](#) on Thu, 03 May 2007 15:28:05 GMT

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Myabe it is not their own vomit. You can't dust for vomit, you know.....

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