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Scientology presents a glittering public façade, with smiling celebrities, polished videos, slick TV ads and impressive buildings. It is an image that Jefferson Hawkins helped to craft in his 35 years as a top marketing executive for the Church of Scientology. Yet behind that façade is a hidden world of physical and mental abuse, sleep deprivation, labor camps, family disconnection and human rights abuses. It is a nightmare world that is carefully hidden from public view. Counterfeit Dreams is a must-read for anyone who wants to know the truth about today's most controversial cult.

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Mark Fisher says

Excellent book about a real nightmare

Jeff Hawkins story is similar to so many but also unique. He was a dedicated member of Scientology for years and years and put up with more abuse then most people could handle. Now he is free from that control and I'm very happy for him and his family.

Rae Marino says

Good book

Easy read. Very interesting! Gives insight into Scientology, a window into the world little is known about. Would recommend the book.

Michael Burnam-Fink says

For a long time I've been fascinated by Scientology, as a totally novel religion founded by a mediocre sci-fi author, that despite clearly being total nonsense, seems to be quite enduring. Mixing business and religion as L Ron Hubbard did was possibly brilliant, possibly crazy, definitely evil. But who wouldn't want to go out like L Ron, on a giant yacht surrounded by nubile young members of your "Sea Org" *Counterfeit Dreams* is one man's effort to explain his experience in Scientology, and to bring its practices to public awareness.

Jeff stays away from the theological side of the cult, instead focusing on its management practices, which are to but it bluntly, Stalinistic. Scientologists work 14 hours days, with a day off every other week. Management is done by fiat, screaming, and if all else fails, assignment to re-education centers where failures can ponder their errors while working in a sweatshop.

Scientology is a classic cult, using a private language of acronyms, abbreviations, and neologisms, and abusive group criticism to separate people from "wog reality". But what I want to know is why is Scientology evil?

Is Scientology evil because it is a system of language and nonsense designed to separate people from reality and prevent them from critically examining their lives?

Is Scientology evil because it an authoritarian system run by madmen?

Is Scientology evil because at its ideological core is broken and twisted, even beyond the style and leadership of the cult?

It's hard to say, and harder to answer definitively.

Jo says

Chronicles one man's journey into and out of Scientology. The account is well written, but slow at times as Jeff provides lots of details. Still an interesting read for those who wish to gain more knowledge of what it was like for members.

Mark says

Informative

An interesting and informative detailing of the authors years in Scientology and his eventual break from it. A good read.

Erica says

"I do not look back with regret. I look back, I hope, with greater wisdom, greater tolerance, and greater compassion."
