

Church of Scientology
in Belgium



46th

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



On February 5, 2020 the Church of Scientology in Belgium celebrated its 46th anniversary.

The celebration occurred in its gorgeous building of the Churches of Scientology for Europe, located Boulevard Waterloo in Brussels.

Part of the celebration was a concert given by the world-famous classical pianist Cyprien Katsaris, Artist of UNESCO for Peace, Commandeur de l'Ordre de Mérite du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg, Prize-winner at the Queen Elisabeth International Music Competition of Belgium and Alex de Vries Foundation Prize. This incredible concert enlightened the audience on the power of Art, recognized in Scientology as one of the highest factor for the elevation of society.

The celebration had received the blessing of the Royal family of Belgium, as well as the one of the Cardinal de Kesel, Archbishop of Brussels-Malines, and of many others, including ambassadors and members of the European Parliament based in Brussels and members of the various Parliaments in Belgium.

The event was attended by ambassadors, politicians, religious leaders, human rights activists and many others. Three religious leaders decided to go on stage to express their friendship with the Church of Scientology, and we reproduced their speech in this booklet.

We are very happy to share some pictures of this celebration with you, and look forward to meeting with you in the coming year, as our Churches are wide-open for visit, and our charity and social betterment programs are wide-open for cooperation.



THE AIMS OF SCIENTOLOGY

WRITTEN BY L. RON HUBBARD IN SEPTEMBER 1965.



A civilization without insanity, without criminals and without war, where the able can prosper and honest beings can have rights, and where Man is free to rise to greater heights, are the aims of Scientology.

First announced to an enturbulated world in 1950, these aims are well within the grasp of our technology.

Nonpolitical in nature, Scientology welcomes any individual of any creed, race or nation.

We seek no revolution. We seek only evolution to higher states of being for the individual and for society.

We are achieving our aims.

After endless millennia of ignorance about himself, his mind and the universe, a breakthrough has been made for Man.

Other efforts Man has made have been surpassed.

The combined truths of fifty thousand years of thinking men, distilled and amplified by new discoveries about Man have made for this success.

We welcome you to Scientology. We only expect of you your help in achieving our aims and helping others. We expect you to be helped.

Scientology is the most vital movement on Earth today.

In a turbulent world the job is not easy. But then, if it were, we wouldn't have to be doing it.

We respect Man and believe he is worthy of help. We respect you and believe you too can help.

Scientology does not owe its help. We have done nothing to cause us to propitiate. Had we done so we

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would not now be bright enough to do what we are doing.

Man suspects all offers of help. He has often been betrayed, his confidence shattered. Too frequently he has given his trust and been betrayed. We may err, for we build a world with broken straws. But we will never betray your faith in us so long as you are one of us.

The sun never sets on Scientology.

And may a new day dawn for you, for those you love and for Man.

Our aims are simple if great. And we will succeed, and are succeeding at each new revolution of the Earth.

Your help is acceptable to us.

L. Ron Hubbard
Founder



«SCIENTOLOGY – IN MY OPINION – THROUGH ITS NEW “PHYSICAL” AND “SPIRITUAL” PRINCIPLES SIGNALS THIS NEW DIRECTION THAT RELIGIONS AND HUMANITY AS A WHOLE, PERHAPS, OUGHT TO FOLLOW».

PROFESSOR ALDO TERRIN
PASTORAL LITURGY INSTITUTE
OF S. GIUSTINA, PADOVA

«TO THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY OF BELGIUM, I WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY 46TH ANNIVERSARY, AND EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT YOUR SOLIDARITY AND HELP ACTIVITIES IN OUR COMMON HOME WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. I WISH YOU TO CONTINUE TO FOSTER INTER-RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE, WITH RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY AND OTHERNESS AND IN THE RICHNESS OF THE ENCOUNTER. AND I WISH EACH OF YOUR CO-RELIGIONISTS A BEAUTIFUL AND GREAT SPIRITUALITY.»



CARDINAL JOZEF DE KESEL
ARCHBISHOP OF BRUSSELS - MALINES



«IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU HERE FOR THE 46TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY IN BELGIUM.

DURING THESE 46 FIRST YEARS, WE HAVE ALREADY DONE A LOT TO HELP IN BELGIUM WITH OUR SOCIAL BETTERMENTS PROGRAMS. ANTI-DRUG PREVENTION, EDUCATION TO HUMAN RIGHTS, HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED, RESTORING MORAL VALUES... ALL OF THESE HAVE BEEN DONE COURAGEOUSLY BY BELGIAN SCIENTOLOGISTS ALL ALONG THE YEARS. MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN PARTNERS DURING THESE YEARS, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU WARMLY FOR THAT. DEFINITELY, THAT WAS JUST A START.»

IVAN ARJONA
PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN OFFICE
OF THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY
FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

«THE STORY OF THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY IN BELGIUM HAS NOT BEEN A NON-ADVENTUROUS ONE. BUT DESPITE ALL ADVERSITY, WE KEPT ASSUMING AND PERFORMING THE MISSION WE LOVE THE MOST: HELPING OUR FELLOW MAN. NOW, AFTER 46 YEARS, WE HAVE DEFINITELY EARNED OUR PLACE, VICTORIES AFTER VICTORIES. NEVERTHELESS, OUR WISH IS TO DO MUCH MORE TO HELP IN THE COMING FEW YEARS THAN WHAT WE HAVE DONE YET IN THE FIRST 46 YEARS. AND IF YOU TAKE A LOOK AT SCIENTOLOGY TODAY, ITS GROWTH, ITS EFFICIENCY, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO DOUBT THAT THIS IS WHAT WILL HAPPEN.»

ERIC ROUX
VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN OFFICE
OF THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY
FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RIGHTS



PETAR GRAMATIKOV
 BULGARIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
 GLOBAL TRUSTEE - UNITED RELIGIONS INITIATIVE



people from the Church of Scientology in Bulgaria and in Belgium.

These people came in Bulgaria, with a helping hand to the society, to those in need. Those first Scientology pioneers in Bulgaria decided to offer for free some of the Church of Scientology's programmes that effectively address important social issues, helping those who needed a cure in one or another area of their personal lives – firstly with a presentation of Narconon drug rehabilitation methods, all drug-free, which combine a precise regimen that eliminates drug residues from the body with procedures to alleviate the mental and physical anguish connected with drugs. With some NGOs in Plovdiv and Sofia they informed young people and adults about drugs and drug abuse through their education and prevention programme.

I'm an Orthodox theologian, and I'm also a global trustee from Europe at the Global Council of the United Religious Initiative, which is the largest global interfaith grassroots network of like-minded organizations called Co-operation Circles. For me, interfaith dialogue is one of the solutions to this divided world.

That's why in the beginning of the 21st century, I met for the first-time

Secondly, in the jail of Plovdiv they organized a workshop on the precepts contained in the booklet "The Way to Happiness". This was their program called Criminon, which is

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dedicated to addressing the causes of criminality and restoring the criminal's self-respect through effective drug detoxification, education and common sense programs. For me, this is very much related to the integral ecology, which is a way to unify world religions and science. Let's to quote Pope Francis:

"The majority of people living on our planet profess to be believers. This should spur religions to dialogue among themselves for the sake of protecting nature, defending the poor, and building networks of respect and fraternity. Dialogue among the various sciences is likewise needed, since each can tend to become enclosed in its own language, while specialization leads to a certain isolation and the absolutization of its own field of knowledge. This prevents us from confronting environmental problems effectively (...) The gravity of the ecological

crisis demands that we all look to the common good, embarking on a path of dialogue which demands patience, self-discipline and generosity, always keeping in mind that 'realities are greater than ideas'". (Pope Francis, Laudato si, n. 201)

The need to protect the creation of the creator is very important. And not only the material world, the earth, but also the ecology of the human soul. And I'm very happy that in this direction, their Holinesses Pope Francis and the Patriarch of Constantinople, Bartholomew, the first to be called the Green Patriarch because he's very much involved in environmental issues and work, are very active. And I'm also happy that in that work toward integral ecology, my friends in Scientology are also very active, efficient and a force in bringing about cooperation between all religions.

JESUS SANTOS

VICE-PRESIDENT - SPANISH HINDU FEDERATION



Dear friends, it's a real pleasure to be here for the 46th anniversary of the Church of Scientology in Belgium.

I remember when I was young, when I was a little kid, I used to see myself in the mirror. At that time I was not very tall, and I had to try to look at myself in the mirror. And I was asking "who am I?". Many years have passed and the reflection in the mirror has been changing. It is not the same reflection as when I was a child, or when I was 20, when I was 30, or 40. Now my hair tends to change color, but in

a very nice way (joking). But all of you can realize this.

Who am I? I am not this body. I cannot be this body because I am still asking myself: Who am I? I may say: "I am", but who "I am?". I don't say: I am the nose, I am the mouth. I say: this is my mouth, this is my hand, this is my leg. But who is the owner of the body? Who is the one who is claiming to be the owner? It is not something especially linked to the religious, it is common sense.

If you think about yourself, you can realize that there is something inside of you which is completely different from the body. So who is telling me that after this body will be dissolved, the one who is asking "who am I?" is going to disappear? Awareness is not stuck to the material. We are separate. What is the difference between the man and the monkey? The spirituality. This is the only difference. Without spirituality, we are animals. Sometimes worse than animals. Because animals are following their own

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rules but a man without spirituality is without any rules. The reason you were facing so many difficulties in starting your Church here is not only because you were new. It is because you defended the spirituality of man. It is the same problem all over the world. You know, I became a Hindu when I was 27. Now I am 58. I met my spiritual master. He was Mahatma Gandhi's secretary. We can say that my religion is one of the older religions in the world. Maybe the oldest one. But when I started in Spain, the police came to my temple trying to stop its construction. Who is the enemy nowadays? Who is often seen as the enemy? Those who are trying to change the character of the person for the better. Those who are trying to get people to see

by their own selves. Those who say: "You are not here to buy or to sell. You are here to be happy."

You are here to be happy because happiness is the essence of your soul. There are many religions, of course, but you can see around you in the natural world: is there is only one kind of apple? No, there are many different types of apples. Flowers? Different fragrances, different tastes. The supreme law has many tastes. It is not limited like us. We can taste some flowers. We can dismiss something. But God is unlimited. So he has unlimited relationships. It is not a question of who is better than the other, it's a question of who is having a real relationship with God, and who is without any link to God. It is in that way I appreciate so much what

you are doing, in Scientology, bringing other religions together. Because we have to work together. We are not enemies. The enemies are those who are teaching: you are just this body, you are just in this material world to buy and to sell. Eat very fast, take so much money, and try to be happy with material objects.

But who can be happy with material objects? They are temporary. Everything which is temporary is going to disappear.

Scientology, as Hinduism, brings a different philosophy to man, and more important: to kids.

I met the President of the Church of Scientology in Spain a long time

ago. He is a real spiritual warrior. I have a very special feeling towards him. We cooperated immediately because as spiritual warriors, we can work all over the world together. All of you, all the religious people, we are God's warriors. Don't be afraid - nothing to do with killing, but nothing is going to stop the will and the love of God. In the Bhagavad Gita, one of the Hindu scriptures, it is written: all human beings are following my way in different paths. We may have different paths, but we have the same way. God bless Scientology and I look forward to continuing this adventure with you. Thank you so much.



REV. CHRIS VONCK

RECTOR - FACULTY OF COMPARATIVE RELIGIOUS STUDIES OF ANTWERP



Dear and honourable guests, all my congratulations for this celebration of 46 years of the Church of Scientology in Belgium. As a Protestant belonging to the Protestant tradition, I know it's not easy to survive and work and be active in a country which had only one religion in the past. A nation which has two or three cultures and different religions is a blessing because you learn from each other. It's always a blessing when you open a door and you see something new. It's like a paradise. It's like a paradise.

Now, what can I say this evening? First of all, I can say that the Church of Scientology in Washington D.C., which I visited some years ago, could be described this way: great, beautiful, nice, well done! What can I say about the Church of Scientology which I visited in Stockholm? I only can say fantastic! Good young people coming by because they are in trouble and want to be saved. They want to have a future. They want to have a philosophy so that they can be happy and strong and healthy. Then when I visited the Church of Scientology in Copenhagen, I only could say: it's like a miracle. So many people are coming to the church to find somebody who is listening, because that's many times the problem these days, to find a real dialogue. When I went, years ago, to the Church of Scientology in Berlin, I found a really beautiful thing.

Your Founder L. Ron Hubbard said that nothing in Scientology is true for you unless you have observed it and it is true according to

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your observation. That's important: observation. If you have not done that in your life, be quiet. But if you have realized and seen and experienced the laughs of the people of Scientology, then you can say Amen. Then you can't shake hands, and you know that the future is nice.

And why is it true? Because you learn and you teach that probably the most neglected friend you have is yourself. Every man before he can be a true friend to the world must first become a friend to him-

self. So it all starts with ourselves, not with another person, not with a politician, not with a lawyer, not with a priest. It starts with me. It starts with you. So the lesson here is never give up the good work. Peace starts with you, with me, and when it becomes a reality, people recognize the peace of mind in you and in me. That's a challenge, and I must say that it's a little bit of "heaven on Earth" that you are creating with Scientology. Amen.





«I DISCOVERED SCIENTOLOGY 43 YEARS AGO, AND SINCE I HAVE BEEN FASCINATED BY THIS NEW RELIGION. SCIENTOLOGY HAS HELPED ME AND CAN HELP ANY ARTIST TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE EMOTIONAL PHENOMENON OF ART, AND TO

BETTER COMMUNICATE.

WITH ITS TECHNOLOGY, SO PRECISE, THIS APPLIED RELIGIOUS PHILOSOPHY IS THERE TO HELP PEOPLE TO GET THE RID OF EVERYTHING THAT CAN DISTURB THEM, TO IMPROVE THEMSELVES, TO INCREASE THEIR SKILLS AND TO ERADICATE THE BARBARITY OF THIS PLANET.

SCIENTOLOGY OFFERS A PERSONAL AND CIVILIZATIONAL RESPONSE TO HUMAN ABERRATION.»

CYPRIEN KATSARIS

ARTIST OF UNESCO FOR PEACE

COMMANDEUR DE L'ORDRE DE MÉRITE DU GRAND-DUCHÉ DE

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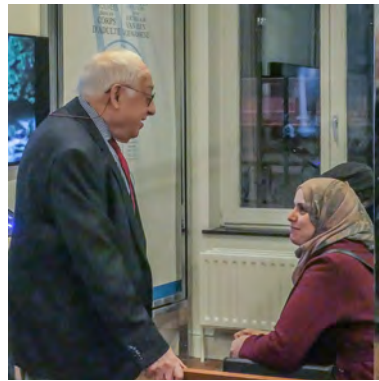
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