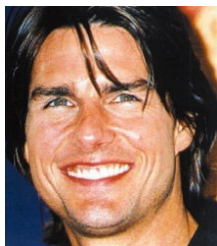


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Tom Cruise Denies Public Anti-psychiatry Talks

Cruise is one of the Hollywood's most outspoken members of the Church of Scientology

Actor Tom Cruise got furious when he found out about a fake press release circulating on the Internet, that stated that the actor had been scheduled to talk at the Scientology Celebrity Center about the evils of psychiatry. Cruise, 43, one of the Hollywood's most outspoken member of the Church of Scientology, was rumored that he would discuss 'How Psychiatry Invented Schizophrenia' and 'Handling Sexual Dis-Orientation,' as People magazine reported Wednesday. But Cruise's attorney, Bert Fields, told Radar Online that the press release was totally phony, and said that if Cruise were to give a lecture, he would have 'sold tickets'. "It's totally phony. Tom is not giving any lectures... In my view, it's forgery, wire fraud and, apparently, committed on an interstate basis. You could tell from looking at the names of the supposed lectures that it's nothing that comes from Tom. You know, 'Out of the Closet and into the Auditing Room' is not something Tom is going to put as the name of a lecture. He's not, in fact, giving any lectures. If he did I would sell tickets." Tom Cruise, born July 3, 1962, joined the Church of Scientology in 1986, while married to Mimi Rogers. Cruise has publicly said that Scientology, specifically the L. Ron Hubbard Scientology Study Tech, allowed him to overcome his dyslexia. Since 2004, Cruise has talked more openly about Scientology and promoted its ideas, especially its rejection of psychiatric drugs, which was the subject of a heated argument with Matt Lauer on the Today Show on June 24, 2005. He openly criticized actress Brooke Shields for using the drug Paxil, an anti-depressant, which Shields claims helped her recover from post-partum depression, after the birth of her daughter in 2003.