



(The Fort Harrison Hotel in Clearwater, Florida, and the Flag Building, also known as the Super Power Building.)



- Scientology parishioners are required to pay tens of thousands—often hundreds of thousands—of dollars to advance up the Bridge to Total Freedom, which the Church presents as the only path to spiritual salvation.



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The Church of Scientology owns an extensive global real estate portfolio, with major properties in cities like Los Angeles, New York, London, and especially Clearwater, Florida—its spiritual headquarters. While buildings in Clearwater and other large cities are active and in regular use, a significant number of properties elsewhere remain vacant or underused for years, often under the banner of the Church's "Ideal Org" expansion program.

This strategy allows the cult to exploit its tax-exempt status to quietly amass valuable real estate. Because many of these properties qualify for religious tax exemptions, Scientology avoids paying property taxes even when buildings sit empty—depriving local governments of revenue while contributing to the housing crisis.

This shady tactic amounts to nonprofit abuse. #TheCommitteeToStopScientology is urging congress to hold congressional hearings on Scientology and induce an IRS review of its tax-exempt buildings appear to serve little or no religious function.

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