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### Scientology Church Files \$6 Million Suit

A \$6 million libel and damage suit was filed in Federal court here yesterday by The Church of Scientology of California against Dell Publishing Company, Inc.

The suit claims a recent Dell book, "Scientology, the New Religion," was libelous and defamatory in calling Scientology a "con game" and "evil cloud" which "settles on a person."

The suit by the church and its chief executive officer the Rev. Robert H. Thomas, asks \$2 million general damages and \$4 million punitive damages.

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at least 2 weeks before (in pks with heavy magazine) - age