

## THE PROCESS CHURCH TIMELINE

- Mary Ann MacLean is born in Glasgow, Scotland.
- Robert de Grimston Moor is born in Shanghai, China, and is relocated to England in infancy.
- **1954–58** Robert serves military duty with the King's Royal Hussars.
  - Robert starts an architectural course at Regent Street Polytechnic in London. Timothy Wyllie meets Robert at college.
- **1958–62** Robert's first marriage.
  - **1960** Robert's younger brother undergoes Dianetics therapy.
  - Mary Ann joins Scientology, quickly becoming an auditor.
  - Robert quits architectural college after three years.
  - Robert joins Scientology and meets Mary Ann.
  - 1963 Robert and Mary Ann quit Scientology.
  - Timothy volunteers to be guinea pig for therapy sessions with Mary Ann and Robert.
- **1963–66** Robert and Mary Ann conduct therapy sessions and formalize their activities under name Compulsions Analysis.
  - Robert and Mary Ann set up business in their Wigmore Street apartment in London.
  - L. Ron Hubbard of Scientology declares Robert and Mary Ann "suppressive persons" for their innovative use of the E-meter.
  - Robert, Mary Ann and their clients in Compulsions Analysis recognize a shared sense of spirituality. Compulsions Analysis becomes The Process as a consequence. Robert sheds his surname and becomes Robert de Grimston.
  - The Process establishes its headquarters at 2 Balfour Place, in London's upscale Mayfair district. The Process becomes a community.
  - Approximately 30 Processeans, together with six German shepherd dogs, move to Nassau in the Bahamas in June. The community

- moves to Mexico after three months. In September they travel to the coastal village of Sisal on the Yucatán Peninsula and, from there, they establish themselves on the deserted estate of a ruined salt factory called Xtul. Robert writes *The Xtul Dialogues*.
- **1966** Hurricane Inez strikes Yucatan on October 7th. The Process moves back to London, leaving a small contingent in Xtul. The first Coffee House is opened in the basement of Balfour Place.
- **1967** The first Process magazine, *The Common Market* issue, is printed and sold on the streets of London. The magazine is also distributed to each member of the House of Commons.
- 1967 Robert and Mary Ann set off on their travels through the Middle East in April, arriving in Israel in May. In June they arrive in Turkey and Robert writes the first of his apocalyptic books, completing As It Is and A Candle in Hell. Process magazine publishes the Freedom of Expression and the Mindbenders issues.
- **1967** Processeans from Xtul move to New Orleans and start a Chapter on Royal Street in the French Quarter. Mary Ann and Robert move to Louisiana and settle into a house in Slidell.
- **1967** The bulk of the community remains in London and the Art Department produces the next two issues of Process magazine. The book *Drug Addiction* is published.
- **1967** The Process becomes incorporated in Louisiana as The Process Church of the Final Judgment.
- **1967** A Chapter house is opened in San Francisco in December.
- **1968** The New Orleans Chapter is closed and the community moves briefly to Los Angeles in February.
- **1968** A Chapter house is established in Munich, Germany in April, by members of the London Chapter.
- **1968** The community moves to New York City, closing the Los Angeles Chapter and opening a closed Chapter in Greenwich Village.
- 1968 The Process Church moves back to Europe in September, some landing back in London and others traveling onto Amsterdam, Holland. In October Mary Ann and Robert move to Germany.
- **1968** Robert and Mary Ann and half a dozen senior Processeans travel around Europe seeking a new headquarters with no luck. By Christmas, they had converged on Rome, Italy, and rented the basement of a palazzo on Villa Julia.
- The Rome Chapter closes and the community returns to England. The *Fear* and *Death* issues of the magazine are published. The Paris Chapter opens and members are sent there to sell magazines and raise money on the street.
- **1970** The Boston Chapter is established at 29 Inman Street in Cambridge.

- Robert and Mary Ann move from London and settle in Key Largo, Florida
- The Chicago Chapter is established on Wells Street. A new New Orleans Chapter is set up on the Rue des Ursulines.
- **1971** Balfour Place is finally closed, the Toronto Chapter is established and Processeans from London are distributed throughout the Toronto and the other American Chapters.
- Robert and Mary Ann relocate to Toronto, renting a house in the suburbs of the city.
- Sees the publication of the *Love* issue of Process magazine and The Process uniform changes from black to gray.
- **1971** Toronto Chapter receives a grant from the Canadian Government, starting programs of social work and soup kitchens which are then duplicated in other Chapters.
- 1972 Chapters are established in Miami and on East 38th Street in New York City. The Process Church starts a radio show through Boston University. *Facts N' Figures*, a pamphlet distributed by The Process Church, claims a membership in excess of 100,000.
- **1972** Robert and Mary Ann set off for Vancouver in June. By August they are in Seattle visiting faith healers.
- In late fall Robert and Mary Ann acquire a house in Pound Ridge, Westchester County, New York.
- **1973** The Process Church rents a townhouse at 242 East 49th Street, NYC, for the senior members housing.
- **1974** The new monthly newsletter, *The Processeans*, is sold on the streets of American cities.
- Robert and Mary Ann in conflict. Robert leaves with Morgana, his wife-to-be, and moves into an apartment in New York City. He travels back to Xtul and then on to New Orleans in a failed attempt to recreate The Process as he originally conceived it.
- The Process Church of the Final Judgment changes its name to The Foundation Church of the Millennium and Mary Ann takes over sole leadership of the community.
- Robert, no longer associated with the community, offers weekly Process seminars in New Orleans with the hope of setting up a Process College.
- Robert and Morgana travel to Boston in October to meet with exmembers of The Process Church.
- Robert, hoping for a reconciliation, travels to New York for a final meeting with Mary Ann. They divorce early in the next year.
- The Foundation Church of the Millennium changes its name to The Foundation Faith of the Millennium.

- On Mary Ann's instructions The Foundation Faith purchases a large four-story building on First Avenue in Manhattan.
- **1975** The Foundation Faith starts programs of courses and classes, conferences and Psychic Fairs. The first of the Foundation magazines is published and the newsletter is renamed the *The Founders*. Timothy is appointed Director of the New York Headquarters.
- With the collapse of Robert's endeavors in Boston, he travels to Toronto to speak to ex-members about the prospect of starting a center in Canada, with no results.
- The Foundation Faith starts its Healing Ministry in New York.
- 1976 With all the other Chapters closing and all members converging on the New York Headquarters, The Foundation Faith briefly flourishes with radio shows, frequent appearances on TV, innovative conferences and a magazine with a print run of 200,000.
- Senior members relocate from 49th Street to the Edward Durrell Stone townhouse on East 64th Street.
- **1977** Timothy and approximately 15 others leave The Foundation Faith. Some return after a few weeks but Timothy and seven others set up in an apartment on Manhattan's Central Park West as The Unit, intended as an autonomous subchapter of The Foundation Faith.
- The Foundation Faith takes The Unit to court. The case is thrown out by the judge and The Unit cuts all relations with The Foundation Faith.
- The Unit disbands and the members disperse and rejoin society.
- The Foundation abandons the Manhattan Headquarters and the remaining members move to a ranch near Tucson, Arizona.
- **1979** Robert gives up on trying to recreate The Process and moves with Morgana to Staten Island and takes up an office job. Morgana studies to become an attorney.
- The Foundation relocates to Utah and creates Best Friends, an animal sanctuary at Kanab.
- The Foundation changes its nonprofit corporate charter into Best Friends, removing religious language and stating a purpose of animal care.
- Best Friends becomes one of the foremost animal sanctuaries and publishes Best Friends magazine. They no longer appear to be a spiritual or religious community.
- Mary Ann de Peyer, formerly Mary Ann de Grimston, dies in Kanab.