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*Dear Children, let us not
love with word or tongue but
with actions and in truth.*

1 JOHN 3:18 NIV

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New “Rationing Board” Threatens Health Care Access in America

TV Investigation Airst Jan. 22, 29

It's been called many things: “The real death panel,” “a rationing board,” “RationCare,” even “the royal road to socialism.”

Douglas Holtz-Eakin, a former director of the Congressional Budget Office calls it a “dramatic policy error” and warns that it will mean de facto rationing of health care in America. “It will effectively determine that patients should have coverage for one particular treatment option, but not another, or must pay much more for one of the treatment options.”

“It” is the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB), a new supreme authority over Medicare spending in America that was created by the health care overhaul law

passed in 2010 by Congress. IPAB is a panel of 15 experts appointed by the president with authority to cut Medicare payments according to targets prescribed in the law. Starting in 2015, its annual “recommendations” will have the force of law. They are not subject to appeal or to judicial review.

Congress can override IPAB edicts but only if it can muster a 60-vote supermajority in the Senate and win presidential approval for a substitute cost-cutting plan.

Former White House budget chief Peter Orszag calls the health care spending board a “very promising structure” for limiting Medicare costs. He counts it a virtue that IPAB's decrees are very hard for Congress to overturn. “Radical as it sounds,” says

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Orszag, “we need to counter the gridlock of our political institutions by making them a bit less democratic.”

IPAB succeeds at that, and then some. Diane Cohen, an attorney for the Goldwater Institute, which is challenging IPAB in court, has blasted the health care law’s creation of IPAB as “the most sweeping delegation of congressional authority in history....”

The office of Sen. Tom Coburn (R-OK) warns that “There are virtually no checks on the panel, since its members are not answerable to voters and its recommendations cannot be challenged in court.... Many expect that in efforts to control spending, the panel will limit patient access to medical care.”

While the law does prohibit IPAB from rationing health care, it’s hard to imagine any other outcome from IPAB price controls. As payments decline, doctors will be forced to drop out of Medicare or withhold some medical services—and that will leave Medicare patients standing in line or going without.

“HUGE REDUCTIONS IN CARE”

Even Health Secretary Kathleen Sebelius admitted that IPAB cuts could hurt seniors. Asked in a 2011 House hearing if IPAB-ordered payment reductions could mean longer waits for dialysis services, Sebelius replied: “Mr. Chairman, as you know, any cut in services ... could mean huge reductions in care that seniors would have the opportunity to receive.”

Measures to repeal IPAB have been introduced in both the House and Senate. House passage seems certain, but the outcome is in doubt in the Senate where just 32 members have co-sponsored the “Health Care Bureaucrats Elimination Act.”

Truth in Action Ministries offers viewers a close look at this new “rationing board” on the Jan. 22 and 29 editions of *Truth That Transforms with Dr. D. James Kennedy*.

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Why Justice Kagan Should Withdraw from Health Case

Should a U.S. Supreme Court justice pass judgment on a law she is known to support, one for which she apparently took a role in devising a legal defense strategy?

That’s a question many people are asking about Elena Kagan, who was U.S. Solicitor General when health care reform became law. Kagan’s “Simply amazing...” email to a colleague on March 21, 2010, celebrating the imminent passage of the health care restructuring bill, demonstrates her support for the law in which she is about to sit in judgment.

“...DEFINITELY...INVOLVED”

But there’s more. A Jan. 8, 2010 email from her deputy, Neal Katyal, states that “Elena would definitely like OSG [Office of the Solicitor General] to be involved in this set of issues [legal defense of health care reform].”

Kagan was also copied on a March 18, 2010 email which outlined privileged information regarding the government’s legal strategy to defend the law.

Federal law requires a judge to withdraw from “any proceeding in which his impartiality might reasonably be questioned.” We believe that reasonable standard has been met in Justice Kagan’s case.

Please read, sign and return the enclosed petition to Justice Kagan, asking her to withdraw herself from the case.

Christian Broadcast Pioneer Returns to Lead Ministry

Dan Scalf, who helped launch Coral Ridge Ministries (now Truth in Action Ministries) in the 1970s, has returned to the ministry as President and Chief Executive Officer. Scalf, a pioneer in Christian television, returned in August 2011 after a successful career in marketing, publishing, and as a consultant to Christian ministries.

“It’s like coming home after a long journey,” said Scalf. “I am truly grateful for every opportunity I’ve had to serve the Lord over the years. But Truth in Action Ministries is truly at the center of my heart.”

Scalf, whose work in Christian television dates to 1969, first met Dr. D. James Kennedy in 1976 and worked with him for 25 years. Dan led the expansion of Coral Ridge Ministries into television in 1978 and later launched the daily radio program, *Truths That Transform*, in 1984.

Scalf said the mission of Truth in Action Ministries is “to take the gospel to every

person and save our nation” which he believes “is headed for serious trouble.”



NEW MINISTRY LEADER: Dan Scalf

PRIME-TIME TV SPECIALS

“The problem is that most Americans have no idea about the biblical principles that our nation was built upon.” One solution, he said, is the production of four prime-time TV specials that will introduce viewers to the Christian outlook that built America.

“2012 is probably the most important election year in the history of our nation,” said Scalf who affirmed his dedication to “use the power of radio, television, the Internet, and printed materials to call our nation to repentance and motivate and equip them to change their world for Christ.”



WHAT COMES AFTER? Some 22 percent of Americans think about death on a daily basis. That number includes a Dallas waitress who tearfully confessed her past suicide attempts to Evangelism Explosion International president John Sorensen, who led her to Christ. (Re-enactment)

Questions About Death Haunt Americans

Twenty-two percent of Americans think about death every day, according to the North American Mission Board's Center for Missional Research. That number astonished John Sorensen—so he brought it up to a waitress when he and a pastor friend sat down at a restaurant in Dallas.

"You're the first person I've talked to since I heard that. I've got to ask you, do you think about death every day?"

Tears filled her eyes as she pulled up her sleeves to reveal scars on both wrists from past attempts to take her life. Her last such attempt was three months earlier.

"Every day I've been wondering what's gonna happen to me," she told Sorensen, president of Evangelism Explosion (EE). "And I've been praying to God, if there is a God, would you please send someone to tell me

what's gonna happen." There in the restaurant Sorensen led the waitress to Christ and linked her up with his pastor friend's local church.

DESPERATE FOR TRUTH

"Most people are desperate for truth today, they're looking for answers," says Sorensen. As head of EE, Sorensen helps train Christians around the world to share Christ, something he says is "the most fun a Christian can have this side of Heaven."

Sorensen notes that too few Christians share Christ with others. "What we desperately need today are Christians who are willing to go out and engage people and share the truth, the claims of Jesus Christ, with them."

Visit www.TruthInAction.org to watch our profile of John Sorensen and gain insight into

Yes, We Are Still in Fort Lauderdale

Many have wondered whether Truth in Action Ministries has relocated to Minnesota since the mailing address shown on ministry reply envelopes and on *Truth That Transforms* TV broadcasts shows "Albert Lea, Minnesota."

We're still in Fort Lauderdale, but we have changed our mail processing facility in order to be better stewards of the funds sent to us by our friends and partners. While we formerly processed incoming mail in Fort Lauderdale,

the new mail facility in Minnesota allows us to save significantly over what we had been paying to open and process mail—savings that help us better use the funds you send to help present the gospel of Jesus Christ on radio, television, print, and the Internet.

We're grateful for your friendship and financial investment in the outreach of Truth in Action Ministries. Thank you for partnering with us in bringing the transforming truth of God's Word to our nation.

Everyday Heroes

By Marc Fey

"I have been searching for years for what God might be calling me to do for Him," says Ron, a businessman who is pursuing God's purpose for his life using *The 210 Project*, a book and online guide.

Tammie has written a book, and wants to bless people with the practical and encouraging message God gave her years ago.

Ryan, a college student, just started a Christian fraternity focused on raising up "Christ-centered men who value the high standards to which our Savior has beckoned us."

Ron, Tammie, and Ryan are heroes to me—men and women who believe that God can change the world, and that He will use them to do it. They, and many others like them, are the answer to many challenges we face today.

When you and I take our place in God's plan, offering our passion, gifts, and resources, wonderful things happen.

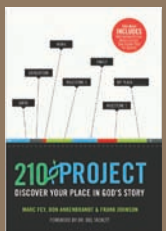
God wants to use each of us in His plan. And whether it looks big or small, if it is what God has called us to do, then it is significant and eternal.

And that, friends, is an amazing thing to behold, to participate in, to pray for, and to witness.



Marc Fey is Executive Director of Truth in Action Ministries' Community in Action outreach.

The 210 Project will help you find God's calling in your life. Request it when you call 1.800.988.7884.



Is Everyone a Child of God?

Commentary from Dr. D. James Kennedy



The adoption of believers into the family of God is a doctrine of great comfort.

It is wonderful to know, as Paul states, that “ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.”

That is of immeasurable solace to the saints of God. For is it not to the bosom of our Father that we fly when calamity overwhelms us and tribulation comes in like a flood? Is it not then that we reach with longing arms for the neck of our Father who is in Heaven?

This is what adoption is all about.

Strangely enough, almost inexplicably, this doctrine has been greatly neglected throughout Church history. Luther had little to say about it. Calvin neglected it almost entirely. And so it is with all of the great creeds of Christendom and Protestantism. Every one of them ignores the doctrine of adoption almost completely, except the Westminster Confession of Faith, which contains a very brief chapter on the subject.

But adoption is the final consummation, the ultimate blessing, of the Christian life. Therefore, it is a doctrine which should not be ignored.

The doctrine of adoption is also important because it is the theological point of contact with the heresy of universalism, the teaching that says every one will ultimately arrive in paradise. It utterly denies the biblical doctrine of eternal punishment.

The Bible plainly teaches that there will be those who will be forever separated from God. Jesus Christ, Himself, said: “Wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it” (Matthew 7:13-14).

But universalism teaches the “fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man,” ideas that are utterly foreign to the Scriptures.

The Bible does not say that there was one father, but two. Jesus said, “Ye are of your father the devil and his works do ye do” (John 8:44). Paul says we were “children of disobedience.” This is the state of natural man as he is born into this world—a disobedient child of the devil, under the wrath of God.

One family? Not at all! We must be translated out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God’s dear Son.

All sons of God? Listen: “As many as received him (Christ), to them gave he power to become the sons of God...” (John 1:12). How does one become that which he already is? Of course, he cannot.

We are brought into the family of God by an act of God’s grace. We are given His name.

How wonderful that, because of our adoption as believers, we can look into the face of God and say, “Abba Father.”

We are made His heirs. How wonderful it is that because of the Spirit of adoption we can look up into the face of God, whom many fear, and say, “Abba Father.”

Are you a child of God? Have you come to the place of receiving Jesus Christ? Have you come to see that you were a rebel child and an outlaw citizen? Have you fled to the Cross, there to receive His mercy, to be justified from your sins and to be adopted into His family?

This is done by faith, by seeing your need and deplorable condition, your lost estate. This is done by faith and embracing the Cross of the everlasting Son of God, who left His home that we might be brought into it, who died that we may live, who was rejected and smitten by the Father in our place that we might be enfolded in His arms and His embrace.

Adapted from Dr. Kennedy’s message, “Great Doctrines of Christianity: Adoption.”

ON AIR IN JANUARY

TRUTH THAT TRANSFORMS TV

1 Empty Boxes

Feature: Sharing Christ with others can be the “most fun a Christian can have this side of Heaven.”



8 The Root of the Problem

Feature: Evolution says only the fit survive and devalues human life, as Nazi Germany demonstrated.

15 Lies and More Lies

Feature: Women tell of guilt and grief after abortion, and why Christians must speak out for life.



22 All They That Hate Me Love Death

Feature: Rationing results when government runs health care.

29 Discerning Good and Evil

Feature: The “rationing board” hidden inside the health reform law.

NEW CO-HOSTS, FORMAT FOR TRUTH THAT TRANSFORMS RADIO

Well-known Christian radio personality Carmen Pate joins with John Rabe to co-host *Truth That Transforms* radio, starting in January.

“John Rabe and I are honored to co-host *Truth that Transforms*,” said Pate, who previously co-hosted *Point of View* radio.

“Listeners will be pleased to hear the same biblical truths and inspiration they have enjoyed for years on *Truth that Transforms*, but presented in a fresh and relevant way.”



Carmen Pate



John Rabe

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