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VIDEO EXPOSÉ : Lila Rose, president of the pro-life group Live Action, speaks to reporters on Capitol Hill about undercover videos it made at a Planned Parenthood center, which shows staff agreeing to help a "pimp" get abortions for 14-15 year-old girls under his control. The videos have fueled efforts at state and federal levels to defund the giant abortion provider. President Obama has called the video revelations a distraction. (Credit Image: © Pete Marovich/ZUMAPRESS.com)

Obama Defends Planned Parenthood as States Cut Funding to Abortion Provider

The Obama administration is willing to stop providing health care to needy men, women and children in order to protect Planned Parenthood, the nation's biggest abortion provider. The administration has warned that it will cut all Medicaid funding to states that defund Planned Parenthood, which was responsible in 2009 for the death of 332,278 unborn children.

Charmaine Yoest, president of Americans United for Life, said the administration is acting to "protect the bottom lines of Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers."

It's doing so against the will of the

American people. A 2009 Quinnipiac University poll found that 72 percent of Americans do not want taxpayer dollars to provide abortions or subsidize them.

Stern Letter

When Indiana passed a bill to stop funding of any health care providers that perform abortions, Dr. Donald Berwick, the head of the federal Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, sent a stern letter to Indiana and all other states warning them that if they cut off abortion providers like Planned Parenthood, they would risk losing all federal Medicaid funding.

Despite the Obama administration's threats and a federal injunction against the Indiana law obtained by

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Are you ready if an economic earthquake hits America? Unless stopped, out-of-control federal spending will lead to the loss of



Chuck Bentley

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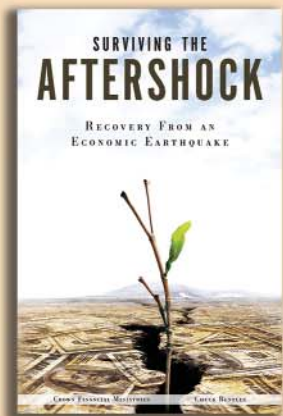
“our entire economy will collapse,” financial adviser Chuck Bentley warns in *Surviving the Aftershock: Recovery From an Economic Earthquake*.

Bentley, CEO of Crown Financial Ministries, points out that the just-passed Great Recession and the current anemic recovery are a wake-up call from God. Now that He “has our attention, the first step is to have a right relationship with Him and money,” says Bentley.

To help you do that, Truth in Action Ministries wants to send you *Surviving the Aftershock*, a useful guide to finance done God’s way.

This helpful book gives you practical defensive and offensive strategies on how to protect what you have now, how to recover from job loss, bankruptcy, housing loss, investing, retirement planning and more. ♦

To request *Surviving the Aftershock*, please call 1-800-988-7884.



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LINE-ITEM VETO: New Jersey governor Chris Christie cut \$7.5 million intended for Planned Parenthood from his state’s budget. (Governor’s Office/Tim Larsen)

Obama Defends Planned Parenthood

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Planned Parenthood with help from the U.S. Justice Department, seven states have taken action to defund abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood.

In May, Kansas redirected over \$300,000 for family-planning away from Planned Parenthood to health clinics where women could receive a full-range of health care services. In June, Tennessee reallocated a similar amount.

North Carolina legislators prohibited the state from entering into contracts with or providing grants to Planned Parenthood—doing so over their governor’s veto. The Wisconsin legislature removed \$1 million in federal family-planning funds from Planned Parenthood. The New Hampshire Executive Council blocked a \$1.8 million contract with Planned Parenthood of Northern New England.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie removed \$7.5 million in funding for Planned Parenthood from his state’s budget. When the Democrat-controlled legislature voted to restore the funding, Governor Christie vetoed the measure.

Marie Tasy, President of New Jersey Right to Life, said, “Governor Christie is protecting the women and young girls of New Jersey by refusing to use our tax dollars to fund Planned Parenthood.” She pointed out that New Jersey Planned Parenthood has been found guilty of aiding and abetting the sex trafficking of minors, and an investigation by the state Department of Health found numerous violations of

health and safety standards at one of Planned Parenthood’s sites.

The most recent state at the time of this writing to remove funding from Planned Parenthood is Texas. The Texas legislature passed a bill that would send \$47 million in taxpayer money to other organizations that provide medical services for poor women. Prior to that, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission had already tightened its regulations to ensure that no contracts for its Women’s Health Program were made with entities providing abortions.

Impact of Cuts Exaggerated

Planned Parenthood, a \$1 billion organization which takes in some \$363 million annually in state and federal tax dollars, charges that women will be hurt by the state funding cuts. Cecile Richards, who earned over \$346,000 as Planned Parenthood CEO in 2008, stated that Indiana’s law would “take away health care from thousands of women in Indiana.”

But when pro-life group Live Action placed calls to 16 of the 28 Indiana Planned Parenthood centers, staffers admitted that women on Medicaid could still have access to medical care after the defunding. Staffers even suggested to one Live Action undercover investigator that local health clinics “have the same services we have.”

Live Action also released undercover video in February showing staff at a Virginia Planned Parenthood abortion center agreeing to help a man

posing as a pimp get abortions for under-age girls under his control.

President Obama dismissed the video. “You know my bottom line is I think that Planned Parenthood in the past has done good work,” Obama said. “If there was a specific problem at this center, it should be addressed, but we shouldn’t get so distracted with some of these issues.”

Despite the president’s dismissal and

his threat to veto any spending measure defunding Planned Parenthood, the House of Representatives voted in April to strip all federal funding from any abortion providers, including Planned Parenthood. ♦

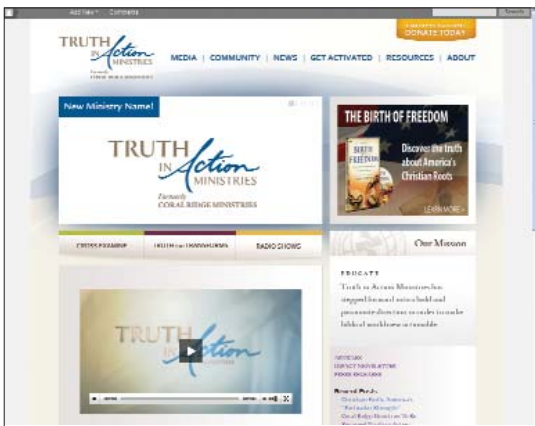
Watch Truth That Transforms TV August 28 as we report on efforts to defund Planned Parenthood (see page 4).

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New Truth in Action Website Launched

Our just-launched ministry website, truthinaction.org, offers video, audio, news, and Christian resources. So, if you missed *Truth That Transforms* or *Cross Examine* on television, just go online to www.truthinaction.org to watch or listen at your leisure. Plus, the new site offers biblically based news commentary, a broad assortment of Christian products, and, coming soon, the Dr. D. James Kennedy Sermon Center, a comprehensive database of Dr. Kennedy's sermons in print.

Please visit us at www.truthinaction.org! ♦



Petitions Oppose Tax-Paid Abortions, Socialism

Friends of Truth in Action Ministries joined petition campaigns directed at both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue recently. The two citizen initiatives asked Congress to ban taxpayer-funded abortions and urged President Barack Obama to “take a strong stand against the socialist agenda.”

With your help, we sent to Congress last month nearly 6,000 signed copies of a petition asking members of the House and Senate to support H.R. 3, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, and H.R. 358, the Protect Life Act.

“Abortion is exploitation of women and violence against pre-born children,” Jennifer Kennedy Cassidy

told members of Congress in a letter sent with the petitions. “For that reason, no federal tax dollars should be used to fund abortion or to subsidize groups that do abortions.”

Petitions to White House

We also sent to the White House last month more than 4,000 signed copies of a petition protesting President Obama’s “move toward a socialistic model.”

Mrs. Cassidy implored the President in a letter to “take America off the road to poverty and bondage on which you have led our nation by your actions.”

Thank you to all who linked arms with us in communicating these much-needed messages. ♦

Documentary “Follows the Money”

Blood Money is a devastating indictment on DVD of the business of abortion. It features ex-abortionists, the two women whose court cases made abortion legal in the U.S., women exploited by abortion, and others.

Mercenary Business

This documentary gives disturbing details about the mercenary nature of the abortion business. Carol Everett, a former abortion clinic owner and manager, explains that her business plan involved outreach to teens in a conscious attempt to promote pregnancy and abortion. “Our goal was three-to-five abortions from every girl between the ages of 13 and 18.”

Norma McCorvey and Sandra Cano, the plaintiffs

in the two Supreme Court cases that legalized abortion nationwide, reveal how activist attorneys used them to overturn state laws banning abortion.

And women who have suffered after abortion present heart-rending accounts about the trail of tears they have walked after taking the lives of their own children.

Deeply Informative

Narrated by Dr. Alveda King, niece of Martin Luther King, *Blood Money* features a long list of experts active on the frontlines of the abortion controversy. Get ready for a moving and deeply

informative expose of the world of “choice.”

Blood Money is available from Truth in Action Ministries this month when you send a gift. To request this resource, please call 1-800-988-7884. ♦



ADDICTED TO SPENDING

By Dr. Jerry Newcombe

We have become a nation of addicts. We’re addicted to all sorts of things, but there’s one type of addiction we need to get under control or we’ll lose our nation. It’s uncontrolled government spending.

“Overspenders Anonymous”

So many in Congress are addicted to spending—other people’s money—that I think they should start mandatory meetings of “Overspenders Anonymous” on Capitol Hill for our Representatives and Senators—and the President and his cabinet.



Dr. Jerry Newcombe

“My name is Congressman Bob, [Crowd: Hello, Bob] and I’m addicted to spending other people’s money...”

Seriously, government spending is completely out of hand and every American should be alarmed.

The late author and financial guru Larry Burkett once noted, “In our society today you can borrow to buy things that you can’t afford to own. And credit doesn’t eliminate the decision that you can’t afford to own—it only delays it and makes it worse.”

Why is it hard for people to see that the government can’t keep spending money it doesn’t have like there’s no tomorrow? It makes no sense to me.

We can’t keep spending without having to pay the piper. And the addict can’t begin to change until he admits he has a problem. ♦

Dr. Jerry Newcombe is host of *Truth That Transforms* with Dr. D. James Kennedy (formerly *The Coral Ridge Hour*).



How to Be “Self-Sufficient”

COMMENTARY FROM DR. D. JAMES KENNEDY

What most people in our world today are seeking is to be totally self-sufficient and independent. The question we must ask ourselves is, “How do we gain this complete self-sufficiency?”

Paul tells us that we can obtain it in a way different from what most people have ever imagined. He says, “He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully” (2 Corinthians 9:6). In effect, Paul is saying that the way to complete self-sufficiency is by becoming independent from men and totally dependent upon God as the complete source of all of our needs.

There are preachers who are always saying that you can get anything you want from God by giving to Him, and then He will bless you. This “cult of prosperity,” makes Christianity essentially man-centered, instead of God-centered. It’s as though God exists in order to fulfill our desires and wants, and not the other way around.

Nevertheless, “He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully,” sounds as if what we will receive is dependent upon what we give. In fact, this is precisely what Paul is saying! However, the difference is what Paul states in the following verse: “And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:8).

What is the purpose of our receiving from God? Is it selfishness? Is it for hoarding? Or is it for some higher purpose? The Bible says, “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Matthew 6:33).

The prevailing principle that existed before the fall of man—existing among the angels and in the

two people who were placed in this world—was the principle of love. After the fall, the principle of love was changed into the principle of selfishness.

Indeed, all the sins of mankind can be traced to selfishness. The Bible says that the love of money, or covetousness, is the root of all sin. Therefore Jesus said, “Beware of covetousness” (Luke 12:15).

My friends, there are some of you who suffer from insufficiency. You have insufficiency in all things at all times. The reason is that you are robbing God. You are robbing God in your tithes and offerings. Even if you are getting by, you do not realize that covetousness has wrapped itself around your soul like a serpent and is strangling that new life that Christ would give you.

We become like God when we give like He has always given. We achieve self-sufficiency, as we learn to be like God and give bountifully. We are to sow bountifully that we might receive and harvest bountifully, in order that we may “abound to every good work.” “Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth,” says the Bible (Colossians 3:2 KJV). Where

have you set your affections? Is it your delight to trust God and receive abundance from Him, so that God may be glorified and lost people may be redeemed, and the Kingdom of Christ may be advanced?

The Father poured out the ocean of His love by giving his only begotten Son up to a cruel and hideous death. When we become personally acquainted with that love and know that it is for us that Christ died, we are moved to acts of spontaneous giving and benevolence. We achieve self-sufficiency as we learn to be like God and give bountifully.

From Dr. Kennedy’s message, “Total Self-Sufficiency.”



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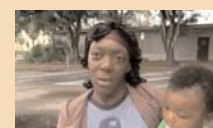
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