

HAL'S BACK

Following a 13-month hiatus, prophecy author and news commentator Hal Lindsey will be returning to the Trinity Broadcasting Network. In December 2005, TBN canceled his "International Intelligence Briefing" program because of his outspoken views on radical Islam. In January, TBN announced that Lindsey would be back on the network with a new current-events broadcast, "The Hal Lindsey Report." The announcement came from Paul Crouch Jr., TBN's Vice president of Administration, who said, "We are pleased to welcome Hal Lindsey back to TBN's lineup of award-winning programming."

TBN management contends that Islam is essentially a peaceful religion; Lindsey argues otherwise. That disagreement led to the cancellation of his "International Intelligence Briefing" program. While TBN indicated a desire to have Lindsey return to its airwaves over a year ago, Lindsey said he would not because of the network's efforts to suppress his opinions. At that time Lindsey told WorldNetDaily, "I am not going back to TBN. There's a friendship there, but also differences in opinion in what ought and ought not to be presented. And I don't want any censorship." (See "TBN Pulls Plug on Lindsey," *The Quarterly Journal*, April-June 2006, pg. 3.)

Lindsey said his new broadcast would examine current events and national and international issues from a biblical perspective, and that it would be hard-hitting, informative, and inspirational. Following the announcement, the weekly program began airing on Friday evenings. Lindsey's return to TBN will yield him a potential audience of an estimated 100 million homes in the U.S. alone.

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PURPOSE DRIVEN, BUT BIBLICALLY INCORRECT

Social causes and shared agendas can make for strange bedfellows. Rick Warren, senior pastor of Saddleback Church in Southern California, demonstrated this last December when he allowed Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., to speak at his church during Warren's second annual Global Summit on AIDS.

Even before the Dec. 1 seminar, called "We Must Work Together," a group of Christian leaders tried to persuade Warren to withdraw the invitation. "The evangelical

church can provide no genuine help for those who suffer from AIDS if those involved do not first have their ethic of life firmly rooted in the Word of God," the group charged in its appeal to Warren.

Obama, who professes to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and who is a member of a United Church of Christ congregation, favors keeping abortion — including partial-birth abortion — legal and has supported some positions favored by the homosexual lobby. In his recently published book, *The Audacity of Hope*, he includes a description of his "conversion" and his religious beliefs. And while he has called on Americans to embrace "faith" in their daily lives, he is not specific about which faith they should embrace.

Those attending the summit greeted Obama with a standing ovation, according to American Family Radio reporter Jim Brown. Rock singer Bono, who also professes to be a Christian, and Bill Gates also addressed the conference via video.

Kevin McCullough of WMCA Radio suggested in an editorial, "There is definitely something for Barack Obama to gain by appearing in Rick Warren's pulpit — the implied endorsement and blessing for the 2008 presidential race." McCullough said his listeners were hung up on when they called Saddleback Church to express concern over Warren's aligning himself with Obama.

Warren justified his invitation and sought to silence his critics by responding that "Jesus loved and accepted others without approving of everything they did. That's our position too."

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MISSING BOY FOUND IS EMBARRASSMENT FOR PSYCHIC

People called it the "Missouri Miracle." On Jan. 12, law enforcement agents discovered in a St. Louis suburb two boys who had been abducted more than four years apart. William "Ben" Ownby, age 13, had gone missing just four days earlier, while Shawn Hornbeck, now age 15, had been missing since October 2002, after being abducted while riding his bike near his home 60 miles from St. Louis. The hero in this amazing saga was

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