

LINDSEY'S FINAL DECREE: **'I AM NOT COMING BACK'**

Author dispelling suggestion from network of imminent
return to Trinity Broadcasting

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Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: It is amazing that anyone in the media is still willing to tell the truth about the Islamic threat to America and the world. There are literally billions of oil dollars being spent across the world to spread the Islamic lie that there is no god but Allah, and also suppressing anyone who tries to expose the truth that this Islamist chant demands that all those who disagree must be put to the sword (or nuclear mushroom clouds).

It appears TBN has received threats from those who follow this "peaceful" religion of Islam, and have acted in fear as a result by canceling Hal's show.

I praise God for the courage Hal is showing in telling the truth for as long as he has breath. Maybe some will turn away from this death loving religion as a result, and instead embrace the God who so loved them that He sent Jesus to die on the cross so that all who believed in Him would not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16).



Despite a letter from the head of the Trinity Broadcasting Network indicating a possible resolution to a dispute involving Christian author Hal Lindsey's program, Lindsey maintains he will not return to the network that has aired his show for the last 12 years.

"I am not going back to TBN," Lindsey told WorldNetDaily this morning. "There's friendship there, but also differences in opinion in what ought and ought not to be

presented. And I don't want any censorship."

As WND reported, the correspondence signed by Dr. Paul Crouch, the evangelist founder of the world's largest religious network and America's most-watched faith channel, was responding to a concerned TBN viewer's Web comment about Lindsey's absence.

The text of Crouch's letter states:

"Hal and I have talked about the potential return of Hal's 'International Intelligence Briefing' to the TBN programming schedule. This is certainly my desire and Hal has indicated to me that he is very interested in returning to his regular time slot.

"The problem we faced was receiving very serious and threatening e-mails, letters, etc., to TBN because of statements Hal had made concerning Islam and the Arab people. My plea to Hal is to please not focus so much on the political aspects of the Middle East and to focus more directly on biblical perspectives.

"As soon as the current TBN series 'Against All Odds' ends we will hope to see Hal's program back home on TBN. ... Please know that we love you and appreciate your sincere concern for Hal and for TBN."

Lindsey explains while he did have a conversation with Crouch Tuesday night about the possibility of returning, Crouch misinterpreted Lindsey's response when he said he would pray about the matter. He says his main concerns remain the pre-empting of the show with little or no notice, and the desire by Paul Crouch's wife, Jan, to pre-approve the program's scripts, to make sure Lindsey was focusing more on the Bible and less on current politics.

"I don't consider talking about Islam 'politics,'" Lindsey told WND. "Radical Islam is the most vicious false religion on Earth."

"It's [TBN's] desire to only be positive and only present the love and peace message of Christ," Lindsey added, noting Paul Crouch told him he didn't believe Jesus was ever confrontational.

But Lindsey pointed out Jesus was very confrontational with the false teachers of his own time, calling them "whitewashed tombs," "brood of vipers," and "sons of hell" in the 23rd chapter of the Gospel of

Matthew.

"It wasn't all sweetness and light," Lindsey said.

Throughout this dispute, Lindsey's photo and the name of his program have remained on the TBN website.

Lindsey now says he's looking to air a new weekly program called "The Hal Lindsey Report" on the DayStar Christian Network as early as Sunday, Jan. 29. He may also have a slot on the Sky Angel Network.

WorldNetDaily broke the story in December that Lindsey, author of "The Late Great Planet Earth" and many other best-selling books and a weekly columnist for WND, had been dropped by TBN, claiming he was being muzzled for his views about radical Islam.

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HAL LINDSEY PROCLAIMS: **ISLAM A VIOLENT** **RELIGION**

On national TV, Christian author declares most Muslims don't read Quran very much

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Christian author Hal Lindsey proclaimed on national television last night that Islam is a violent religion, with many believers becoming more "radical" the more they read the Muslim holy book, the Quran.

"When someone becomes devout and they begin to get really into the Quran and they begin to study what it really teaches, they become what we call a fundamentalist or a radical because the Quran itself

and the Hadith teaches violence," Lindsey said on "Hannity & Colmes" on the Fox News Channel. "There are 109 verses that we sometimes call war verses ... these are the verses that the radicals begin to take seriously and they begin to want to overthrow Western civilization."

Lindsey was a guest on Fox after WorldNetDaily broke a series of stories about the best-selling non-fiction writer who is in a dispute with the Trinity Broadcasting Network over the content of his own twice-weekly Christian commentary program, "The International Intelligence Briefing," because of what he considers to be efforts to muzzle his opinions about radical Islam.

"After 9-11, I really studied Islam, studied the Quran, studied what they're teaching and especially why there was a difference between the moderate Muslims and those who were radical," Lindsey said last night. "I saw that there was a tremendous danger facing this country that many Americans really didn't seem to be seeing. So I started warning that radical Islam was at war with the United States, and that the threat was as great as any enemy we'd ever faced."

Co-host Alan Colmes asked Lindsey straight out: "Islam is a radical religion in your view?"

"It is," Lindsey responded. "It's kind of like most Christians don't read the Bible very much. I believe most Muslims don't read the Quran very much. That's why most Muslims are not radical, but when someone begins to really study the Quran and they begin to read the 109 verses that call for violence and war, they become very, very different. They become radical, they feel that they need to convert people by force."

Lindsey, author of "The Late Great Planet Earth" and many other best-selling books and a weekly columnist for WND, has anchored his own program for the last 12 years on the world's largest Christian network, founded by evangelist Paul Crouch, whom Lindsey says remains his friend.

As WND exclusively reported Jan. 3, Lindsey announced he would not go back to his show following an abrupt six-week suspension of the popular TBN-sponsored program by Jan Crouch, TBN's vice president for programming.

Though John Casoria, TBN's general counsel first told WorldNetDaily the show's suspension was simply a traditional hiatus in lieu of seasonal programming, that statement was later revised to confirm that the network believed Lindsey's program "placed Arabs in a negative light."

Lindsey responded to this allegation: "I don't have to cast radical Muslims in a bad light. If the intimidation and persecution of moderate Muslims makes radical Islam look bad, that is because it *is* bad – not that I 'cast' them in a bad light. But I have never cast the Arabs as a race in a bad light."

Casoria said he could not recall specific examples from Lindsey's programs that were anti-Arab or anti-Muslim, but he expressed the network's concern about how Muslims are portrayed.

"TBN is a worldwide ministry; we have an entire channel that airs 24 hours a day, seven days a week in Arabic," he said. "We are trying to reach the Islamic world and open a dialogue with them regarding Christ and Christianity."

Casoria explained, "We do not feel that the best witness of Christ is to bash them but rather to show them the nature of Christ – the way Christ said to present himself – and that is through love, understanding and the presentation of the gospel to them."

Lindsey argued, however, his program is not shown in the Middle East.

"My show is produced for the Western world and for Christians who are at the most risk from radical Islam," he said.

Lindsey has been associated with TBN since its inception in the early 1970s.

He told WND that he has "no ax to grind" with TBN, saying, "I've been happy with my opportunities for ministry at TBN. I'm thankful for the platform TBN gave me. I will speak at the gates of hell as long as they don't tell me what to say. But it appears that they are now telling me what *not* to say – so sadly, it's time to move on."

Lindsey also announced that he is taking his popular television program to other outlets beginning in early February. His new half-

hour news and commentary series will be called "The Hal Lindsey Report." A new video version of it will also be streamed on Lindsey's website.

When the New York Times surveyed all book sales for the decade of the 1970s, it found that Lindsey's had far outsold all other authors. His "Late Great Planet Earth" alone sold more than 32 million copies.