



A Conversation Between God and ARISE Members: Inspired by the Hymn "Here I Am Lord"

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God Said: I created the seas the sky, the snow and rain, the wind and flame, and the stars of night. All of you who live in dark

and sin, I hear your prayers and feel your tears. With one wave of My hand, I can make the darkness bright.

Sure, I can do it all Myself, but remember, you wanted to know about good and evil. I am offering you the opportunity to come to Me; I have given you the map. You must plan your trip, direct or indirect, as long as you come to Me. I must abide to the agreement, you wanted to be on your own; you will have to live your life close to My Son. Help yourselves by helping others.

Now, who will spread the Word? Whom shall I send? ARISE members replied: I want to spend eternity with You Lord, send me, I have felt Your presence, and I feel drawn to You. I believe in You, If You lead me Lord I will hold Your people in my heart. Help me Lord, show me the way. And God Answered: ARISE, ARISE Together in Christ.

Baucus Health Care Bill Draws Initial Opposition, Abortion Funding Ban Needed

Washington, DC



(LifeNews.com) --Members of the Gang of Six, the lawmakers of the Senate Finance Committee who were at work with

Senator Max Baucus on legislation that could become the main health care reform vehicle, have said no to his legislation at this point because of concerns about abortion funding. Baucus had been negotiation with the group, comprised of three Republicans and three Democrat. and eventually crafted the bill on his own. The committee chairman, and also a Montana Democrat, Baucus is prepared to present his legislation tomorrow. Political observers say it could become the main health

care bill replacing the Kennedy bill and HR 3200 that have been dogged by pro-life advocates because they contain abortion funding. However, CNN indicates two members of the Gang, pro-life Sens. Charles Grassley of Iowa and Mike Enzi of Wyoming, will oppose the bill in its current state over several political issues, including their desire to make sure it does not lead to abortion funding. The Finance Committee is expected to take up the bill next week and debate amendments to it, which could include language from Enzi or Grassley making sure that abortions are not funded in any way under the plan. The lawmakers also told the New York Times that they want to make sure there are not abortion mandates for insurance plans or conscience problems for pro-life medical workers who do not want to engage in or refer for abortions.

Newly-Confirmed Obama Regulatory Czar Cass Sunstein Pro-Abortion, Pro-Cloning Washington, DC



(LifeNews.com) -- The Senate recently approved Cass Sunstein as President Obama's new regulatory czar and, like other members of the administration, more

information is coming out about his anti-life views after the fact. Sunstein was confirmed by the Senate last week as administrator of the White House Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs. Now, reports indicate Sunstein holds pro-abortion and pro -human cloning views that are upsetting for the majority of Americans who are pro-life. In a 2003 review of the book "Our Posthuman Future" by Francis Fukuyama, Sunstein confirmed he has little regard for developing human life in the womb. He said there need not be any regard for unborn children in their earliest days because human embryos are "only a handful of cells." "If scientists will be using and cloning embryos only at a very early stage when they are just a handful of cells (say, before they are four days old), there is no good reason for a ban (on cloning)," he wrote, according to a WorldNetDaily report. "It is silly to think that 'potential' is enough for moral concern. Sperm cells have 'potential' and (not to put too fine a point on it) most people are not especially solicitous about them," he continued.

Pro-Life Advocates With Disabled Children Worried by Health Care Bills' Rationing Washington, DC Sebelius Says Obama Will Change Bill to Ban Abortion Funding, Pro-Lifers Doubtful Washington, DC



(LifeNews.com) -- Pro-life advocates with children with disabilities are concerned about the rationing found in the health care "reform" bills pending in Congress. They say the legislation puts the U.S. in league with nations like Canada and the U.K. where health care rationing is much more prevalent. In the Senate, pro-life advocates have tried to stop rationing but were unsuccessful. The major bill in the House has also been a cause for concern. Kristan Hawkins, executive director of Students for Life of America, is the founder of Healthcare for Gunner to identify the kind of rationing her disabled son would face because of his cystic fibrosis. She and other parents of disabled children joined pro-life Reps. Cathy McMorris-Rodgers and Trent Franks for a press conference outside Congress today. "I want my family and my doctor to control my son's healthcare decision, not a governmentappointed committee," she told LifeNews.com.

Abortion 15 Included

(LifeNews.com) -- In a weekend interview, HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said President Barack Obama wants a change in the language of the main House health care "reform" bill to ensure it doesn't allow taxpayer-funded abortions. However, a pro-life group that has exposed the abortion funding is doubtful that will happen. At issue is HR 3200, the government-run health care plan that includes the Capps Amendment that would open the door for massive abortion funding in both the public option and the tax subsidies for people to purchase health insurance. Sebelius told George Stephanopoulos on ABC's "This Week" program that Obama will go beyond the very weak limits Capps Amendment to make sure there is no abortion funding. "So you are saying that he will go beyond what we have seen in the House and explicitly rule out any public funding for abortion?" the host asked Sebelius. "Well that's exactly what

the President said and that's what he intends that the bill he signs will do," she responded. "I think the legislative language will reflect what the President has just said." Douglas Johnson, the legislative director of National Right to Life, guickly responded in an email to LifeNews.com saying he doubts Obama will follow thorough on his rhetoric. "For months, the President, his staff, and his congressional allies have misrepresented actual language in their bills that would result in government funding of elective abortions," he said. "The latest statements by Mr. Obama and Ms. Sebelius are most likely a continuation of their strategy of denial, evasion, and distortion. We say, watch what they do, not what they say," he said.

Obama Won't Meet With Pro-Life Democrat to Discuss Abortion, Health Care

Washington, DC



(LifeNews.com) -- The pro-life Democrat who says he had 40 Democrats who will vote against the health care bill in the House because it funds abortions can't get a meeting with President Barack Obama. Rep. Bart Stupak, in a new interview, talks more about how the pro-life Democrats can hold up the pro-abortion bill, HR 3200. Responding to the speech President Obama gave last week promoting the bills. Stupak told the Weekly Standard that "there certainly is public funding for abortion" in the House measure. He says the legislation would allow both the public health insurance plan. known as the public option, and federally subsidized private plans to pay for abortions using taxpayer funds. Stupak, a Michigan congressman, told the conservative magazine that he has repeatedly asked for a meeting, or even a few minutes on the phone, with Obama but has been consistently refused. "I just jumped Rahm Emanuel again this morning" to ask for a meeting, Stupak said Thursday. Stupak says the White House may want to take him up on his offer because he says he still has enough votes to derail either the bill or the rules for debate on it, which would prevent the legislation from moving from the committee to the floor. "She knows better than that." Stupak told the Weekly Standard about House Speaker Nancy Pelosi thus far not allowing a vote on his amendment to truly ban all abortion funding from the bill.

CBS News Ignores Killing of Pro-Life Advocate Pouillon, ABC Biased in Reporting by Rich Noyes

media bias

Katie Couric's CBS Evening News on Friday omitted any mention of the murder of pro-life activist Jim Pouillon in Michigan, despite having discussed the murder of abortionist George Tiller on the June 1, June 2 and June 9 newscasts (and then referencing the killing as a recent "hate crime" in a June 10 report on the shooting at Washington, D.C.'s Holocaust Museum). Both ABC's World News and the NBC Nightly News, in contrast, offered full reports on the killing of Pouillon and a local businessman, but offered different explanations. According to NBC's John Yang, prosecutors said the killer. Harlan Drake, had grudges against his victims and another intended target but "none of them were specifically related to anti- or pro-abortion beliefs." Over on ABC, however, reporter Chris Bury showed a soundbite from the Owosso police chief that sure sounded like a grudge against Pouillon's protests: "Mr. Drake did not believe the children should view the graphic material that was on the signs that Mr. Pouillon carried." And ABC's Bury claimed Friday's killing of the peaceful protester represented "the flip side of the troubling violence surrounding the abortion debate." and equated the pro-life activist with the doctor who performed lateterm abortions: "George Tiller and Jim Pouillon, on opposite sides of the abortion divide, but both victims of the hate that too often surrounds it." Actually, if the amount of coverage they mete out is a reliable guide, liberal journalists seem to really think that the abortionist is more important than the activist arguing against abortion.

Politifact Verifies Obama Statements Make Abortion in Health Care Bill Likely

Washington, DC



(LifeNews.com) -- Another independent fact-checking web site has verified that pro-life advocates are right when they say the health care bills President Barack Obama supporters will result in abortion funding. This time, Politifact says Republican leader John Boehner is correct in his assertions. On Thursday, Boehner issued a press release noting <u>Obama's</u> <u>2007 appearance</u> before the Planned Parenthood Action Fund. There, Obama said

"reproductive care" would be "at the heart" of his health plan and that his public plan "will provide all essential services, including reproductive services" -- all code for abortion funding. "During his guest for the presidency, now-President Obama declared that everyone deserves access to reproductive health care that includes abortion, and vowed that this 'right' would be at the heart of his health care reform plan if elected president," Boehner said. Politifact, the Pulitzer Prize-winning web site that is a project of the St. Petersburg Times newspaper in Florida scrutinizes the assertions of politicians and political groups. In a new analysis, it says Boehner is right on track and his statements are true.

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President Obama Waits Two Days to Release Statement on Shooting of Pro-Lifer Washington, DC





Please, give me a break!

(LifeNews.com) -- President Barack Obama waited over 48 hours before finally releasing a very short statement condemning the Friday shooting of prolife advocate James Pouillon. Within hours of the shooting of late-term abortion practitioner George Tiller, Obama had a statement, but he dragged his feet on this incident. As LifeNews.com reported, Pouillon, 63, was shot Friday morning as he protested abortion outside a local high school in Owosso, Michigan. Local offi-

cials have detained 33-year-old Harlan Drake, who told police he killed Jim Pouillon because he didn't like how he would protest abortion in front of the school. Obama's brief statement is just half the size of his statement after the Tiller shooting and makes no mention of Pouillon's pro-life stance or that he was shot because he opposed abortion. "The shooting last week in Michigan was deplorable. Whichever side of a public debate you're on, violence is never the right answer," Obama said. While Obama was slow to finally condemn the shooting of the pro-life advocate, some pro-abortion groups like Planned Parenthood and Emily's List have made no public comment on the killing of Pouillon despite aggressively attacking pro-life advocates after Tiller's death.

MALACHI 3:3

Malachi 3:3 says: 'He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver.'

This verse puzzled some women in a Bible study and they wondered what this statement meant about the character and nature of God.

One of the women offered to find out the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible Study.

That week, the woman called a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest beyond her curiosity about the process of refining Silver. As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest as to burn away all the impurities. The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot; then she thought again about the verse that says: ' He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver." She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time.

The man answered that yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed. The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, 'How do you know when the silver is fully refined?

He smiled at her and answered, ' Oh, that's easy -when I see my image in it.' If today you are feeling the heat of the fire , remember that God has his eye on you and will keep watching you until He sees His image in you.

Pass this on right now. This very moment, someone needs to know that God is watching over them.

And, whatever they're going through, they'll be a better person in the end.

'Life is a coin. You can spend it anyway you wish, but you can only spend it once.' Thank you God, for teaching me to laugh again..... but please Lord, don't ever let me forget that I cried.

The Haircut

One day a florist went to a barber for a haircut. After the cut, he asked about his bill, and the barber replied, "I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week." The florist was pleased and left the shop. When the barber went to open his shop the next morning, there was a "thank you" card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door. Later, a cop comes in for a haircut, and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber again replied, "I cannot accept money from

you, I'm doing community service this week."

The cop was happy and left the shop. The next morning when the barber went to open up, there was a "thank you" card and a dozen donuts waiting for him at his door.

Then a Congressman came in for a haircut, and when he went to pay his bill, the barber again replied, "I can not accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week." The Congressman was very happy and left the shop. The next morning, when the barber went to open up, there were a dozen Congressmen lined up waiting for a free haircut. And that, my friends, illustrates the fundamental difference between the citizens of our country and the politicians who run it.

The Lord gave you two ends. One for sitting and one for thinking. Your success depends on which you use. Heads, you win; Tails, you lose. .

A Nice True Story

A little girl stood near a small church from which she had been turned away because it was 'too crowded.'

'I can't go to Sunday School,' she sobbed to the pastor as he walked by. Seeing her shabby, unkempt appearance, the pastor guessed the reason and, taking her by the hand, took her inside and found a place for her in the Sunday school class...

The child was so happy that they found room for her, and she went to bed that night thinking of the children who have no place to worship Jesus. Some two years later, this child lay dead in one of the poor tenement buildings. Her parents called for the kindhearted pastor who had befriended their daughter to handle the final arrangements. As her poor little body was being moved, a worn and crumpled red purse was found which seemed to have been rummaged from some trash dump. Inside was found 57 cents and a note, scribbled in childish handwriting, which read: 'This is to help build the little church bigger so more children can go to Sunday School.' For two years she had saved for this offering of love.

When the pastor tearfully read that note, he knew instantly what he would do. Carrying this note and the cracked, red pocketbook to the pulpit, he told the story of her unselfish love and devotion.

He challenged his deacons to get busy and raise enough money for the larg er building.

But the story does not end there...

A newspaper learned of the story and published It. It was read by a wealthy realtor who offered them a parcel of land worth many thousands.

When told that the church could not pay so much, he offered to sell it to the little church for 57 cents.

Church members made large donations. Checks came from far and wide. Within five years the little girl's gift had increased to \$250,000.00--a huge sum for that time (near the turn of the century). Her unselfish love had paid large dividends.

When you are in the city of <u>Philadelphia</u>, look up<u>Temple Baptist Church</u>, with a seating capacity of 3,300. And be sure to visit TempleUniversity, where thousands of students are educated.

Have a look, too, at the-

<u>Good</u> Samaritan Hospital and at a Sunday School building which houses hundreds of beautiful children, built so that no child in the area will ever need to be left outside during Sunday school time.

In one of the rooms of this building may be seen the picture of the sweet face of the little girl whose 57 cents, so sacrificially saved, made such remarkable history. Alongside of it is a portrait of her kind pastor, Dr. Russell H. Conwell, author of the book, 'Acres of Diamonds'..

This is a true story, which goes to show WHAT GOD CAN DO WITH 57 CENTS.

'It is better to be liked for the true you, than to be loved for who people think you are.....'

Atheist Holiday

Have you heard about this case? Great answer from the judge! In Florida, an atheist became incensed over the preparation of Easter and Passover holidays. He decided to contact his lawyer about the discrimination inflicted on atheists by the constant celebrations afforded to Christians and Jews with all their holidays while atheists had no holiday to celebrate. The case was brought before a judge.

After listening to the long passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel and declared, 'Case dismissed!' The lawyer immediately stood and objected to the ruling and said, 'Your honor, how can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and many other observances. Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah..yet my client and all other atheists have no such holiday!

The judge leaned forward in his chair and simply said,

'Obviously your client is too confused to even know about, much less celebrate. his own atheists' holiday!' The lawyer pompously said, 'Your Honor, we are unaware of any such holiday for atheists. Just when might that holiday be, your Honor?' The judge said, 'Well it comes every year on exactly the same date---April Ist! Since our calendar sets April 1st as 'April Fools Day,' consider that Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, in my opinion, if your client says there is no God, then by scripture, he is a fool, and April 1st is his holiday! Now, have a good day and get out of my courtroom!



Judge Andy, Who Else?