

Trinity Foundation, Inc.

January/February (almost monthly) Newsletter

Hi Pete,

What Flu Season? Gloria Copeland tells followers they don't need a flu shot if they have Jesus...

Gloria Copeland touched off a minor brouhaha when she told Facebook followers they didn't have a flu season and they didn't need a flu shot if they've got Jesus. News 8 reporter Matt Howerton interviewed Trinity Foundation investigator Pete Evans and included a few of his remarks in this [short WFAA News 8 at ten o'clock clip](#). She said the faithful who don't have the flu can ward off the infection by repeatedly saying, "I'll never have the flu. I'll never have the flu."

Investigations Update:

Trinity Foundation employees filed another report with the Exempt Organizations Division of the IRS last week highlighting fraud, co-mingling of funds, double-dipping, and other malfeasance inside a certain ministry (sorry, we can't reveal *who* yet).

COPELAND UPDATE: Copeland Ministry gets Tyler Perry's Gulfstream V jet

Kenneth Copeland Ministries (KCM) recently emailed us a happy new year's wish with some irritating advice-- "Is there anything missing in your life? Good health? A strong marriage? Increase in your finances? If so, it may be time to take a look at the condition of your spirit. One indicator of a weak spirit is a lack of success." We've got your spirit right here mister... The prosperity gospel belief that faith can lead to riches has certainly come true for Copeland. ...([View a picture of Copeland's hotel-sized mansion here](#)).

On January 12th the ministry took delivery of a Gulfstream IV jet from actor/filmmaker Tyler Perry. They paid cash for it but they're not quite where they want to be yet... They're still asking for the remainder of their stated \$17 million goal, they intend to construct a new hangar for the jet, extend their runway,

upgrade the avionics on the aircraft, and purchase Gulfstream maintenance equipment for the new jet.

The ministry's Cessna Citation 10 regularly flies to the Copeland's Steamboat Springs, Colorado, Swiss style chalet ("[get-away house" photo here](#)). Copeland's extended-family, many of whom are employed by the ministry, is growing and so is their need for larger jets. Copeland claims on his "[Mission 3 Accomplished](#)" video that God told him in 2002 that he would "send him partners that were strong financially and that would *obey you.*"

Televangelist Benny Hinn tells another tall tale...

As many of you know, the [Feds raided Hinn's ministry headquarters](#) last April. As do many other televangelists, Hinn often uses guilt and exploitation to pry more cash from his donors. Hinn's [latest newsletter \(here\)](#) to his donors perfectly illustrates this manipulative madness. The following is related by Hinn as a "truth" and a new revelation he hadn't grasped up to a certain point: decades ago, Hinn's father-in-law told him that his giving was cursed by God because he only gave when he felt like it. Hinn was told he owed God a 20% penalty (*to be rid of the curse*).

Hinn says he had \$20,000 in the bank and owed \$200,000 but that God told him to write 20 \$1000 checks to 20 different ministries (*what???!!!*) and then when he had only ten cents in his pocket to put the 10 cents in the offering plate when he had no gas in his car. Soon, Benny was out of debt and rolling in dough so to speak. We can only imagine how some of his poor followers, *already laden in debt and guilt for not giving enough*, will react and give all they have in order to avoid God's curse!

What makes our investigation team tick?

In 1990, Ole Anthony and others here at the Trinity Foundation helped ABC's Prime Time Live with Diane Sawyer with an expose unmasking three different televangelists. Millions of viewers watched in shock how the business of televangelism continued unabated making hundreds of millions of dollars off of the backs of desperate people--even *after* the Jim Bakker and Jimmy Swaggart scandals. Since then, we've lost count of how many exposes we've helped with but you can view a [brief history of the foundation here](#).

Our founder and president, Ole Anthony, has had to persevere in the midst of almost constant intense pain since an electrocution accident in 1980 severely damaged his nerves on his left side. What's worse for Ole's physical health, five years ago an unknown virus left his body in a pathological state of ketoacidosis. Its debilitating effect on his internal organs and muscle tissue brought him close to death on two occasions only months apart. Many of you may also know his body was irradiated while witnessing what may have been the world's largest above ground hydrogen bomb in the 1950's (our [November 2014 newsletter here](#) from Ole--why we were named "Trinity" Foundation).

In spite of this health issues, Anthony continues to manage our investigations and teach weekly morning meeting bible studies as he has for several decades.

More about Ole and individual members of our team to be continued in subsequent newsletters...

Your Monthly Support...

Please consider monthly support of our investigations. Membership is \$25 per year and you can [donate here](#). You're not going to be cursed if you don't, but God might give you a case of the hiccups... ;)

Thanks from the folks at the Trinity Foundation!

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