

# TBN'S PAUL CROUCH

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## PAUL CROUCH WAS A JOKE

I Tim. 3:1-13 lists the qualifications/characteristic for bishops and deacons. Among other things, he/she must be: temperate, sensible, dignified, no lover of money, not double-tongued, not greedy for gain; they must hold the mystery of faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then if they prove themselves blameless...

By these standards, bi-sexual Paul Crouch had disqualified himself from a position of spiritual leadership. He should have stepped down long time ago from the ministry~

Unfortunately, the world views TBN as comical and hypocritical and it brings shame to the entire Christian community.

## Paul Crouch dies at 79; founded Trinity Broadcasting Network

Televangelist Paul Crouch's Trinity Broadcasting surpassed its rivals in scope and ambition, reaching a global audience of millions. But his lavish lifestyle sparked controversy.



By Elaine Woo

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In the mid-1970s a vision came to Paul Crouch, but it wasn't what a man of the cloth might have expected.

A map of North America had appeared on his ceiling, glowing with pencil-thin beams of light that shot in every direction. "Lord," asked Crouch, a Pentecostal minister, "what does this mean?"

God, according to Crouch, had just one word for him: "Satellite."

Crouch, who belonged to the Assemblies of God, had been trying to spread the Gospel through a small television station in Tustin, but the vision changed his business plan. He bought more television stations, then piled on cable channels and eventually satellites, filling the airwaves with evangelical programming until he had built the world's largest Christian television system — the [Trinity Broadcasting Network](#), or TBN.

The controversial pioneer of televangelism, whose broadcast empire was called "one of evangelicalism's most successful and far-reaching media enterprises" by the Encyclopedia of Evangelicalism, died Saturday, said his grandson, Brandon Crouch. He was 79.

Crouch, who had [heart problems](#) and other ailments, was hospitalized in October when he became ill during a visit to a TBN station in Colleyville, Texas. In early November the network announced that he had improved enough to return to California. His family did not immediately disclose where he died or the cause of death.

TBN was not the first Christian network — televangelist [Pat Robertson](#) had launched the Christian Broadcast Network a decade earlier — but TBN surpassed its rivals in scope and ambition, bringing the word of God to a global audience of millions.

"He has created an enormous platform for many ministries to do what he says is very important to him — that is, to spread the Gospel not only in this country but around the world," said Steve Strang, founder and chief executive of Charisma Media, a leading publisher of books and magazines for charismatic and Pentecostal Christians.

The son of a poor missionary, Crouch was known for preaching a gospel of prosperity. His twice-yearly Praise-a-Thons on TBN generated as much as \$90 million a year in donations, mostly in small amounts from lower-income Americans. "When you give to God," Crouch said in a typical appeal, "you're simply loaning to the Lord and he gives it right on back."

Crouch channeled much of the revenue into charity, funding soup kitchens, homeless shelters and an international humanitarian organization, Smile of a Child, founded by his wife, Jan. In 2011 he donated more than 150 low-power TV stations to Minority Media and Telecommunications Council, which helps minorities, women and other underrepresented communities own and operate TV and radio stations.

But Crouch's main mission was to build an alternative to secular media, a dream he achieved with single-minded devotion and creativity. TBN, which celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, is a 24-hour family of networks with something for nearly every evangelical Christian demographic. Offerings have included Biblical cartoons and soap operas, game shows, programs on fitness and faith healing, religious movies and late-night Christian rock videos. Prominent independent ministers such as Robertson, Jimmy Swaggart and Robert Schuller bought airtime on TBN, which also broadcast Billy Graham's crusades.

The center of Trinity's lineup has long been the nightly talk show "Praise the Lord." Hosted by the silver-haired Crouch and his flamboyantly coiffed wife, it emanates from an Orange County studio decorated with stained-glass windows, gilded imitation antiques and plush pews for the audience.

The extravagance carried over to Crouch's personal life, provoking criticism from watchdog groups as well as members of his family. He and his wife had access to TBN's multimillion-dollar private

jets and more than two dozen ministry-owned homes, including his-and-her mansions in Newport Beach, a mountain retreat near Lake Arrowhead and a ranch in Texas.

In 2012, granddaughter Brittany Koper, who had been the network's finance director, went public with detailed allegations of fiscal improprieties, including excessive salaries, four-figure expense-account meals and a \$100,000 mobile home for Jan Crouch's dogs paid with tax-exempt donations.

Koper's accusations were widely covered by the mainstream press, as was a charge by her sister, Carra Crouch, who said she was raped by a TBN employee and forced by her family to cover up the crime.

Amid the flurry of negative headlines, their father, Paul Jr., quit TBN, where he had held staff and board positions, leaving his younger brother, Matthew, as heir apparent.

The family disputes were the latest in a series of embarrassing events over recent years, including news reports in 2004 that Crouch had paid a former employee \$425,000 to keep quiet about claims of a homosexual tryst. Crouch denied having sexual contact with the employee.

Crouch "has a mixed legacy," said Kurt Fredrickson, associate dean of the doctor of ministry program at Fuller Theological Seminary, the evangelical graduate school in Pasadena.

"He has had a wonderful and profound influence on people's lives individually. His pioneering work with a new technology has been extremely influential. But that gets tarnished by some of the negative issues that damaged his reputation and hurt what I would call the cause of Christ," Fredrickson said. "I know too many people who turn on TBN because it's as good as ['Saturday Night Live'](#) sometimes. They say, 'Wow, this is just so outlandish' or 'I wish I had a gold throne.' They're intrigued by the side-showness of it."

At the same time, the television ministry molded the spiritual habits of masses of people, leading to "the conversion, healing, and baptism of thousands who have reported their experiences in letters to the Crouches," J. Gordon Melton and Jon R. Stone wrote in "Prime-Time Religion: An Encyclopedia of Religious Broadcasting."

Said Pastor Jack Hayford, whose services at the Church on the Way in Van Nuys were broadcast on TBN for more than 30 years: "It is no exaggeration of terms to describe Dr. Paul Crouch's contribution to global Christianity as incalculably broad."

Paul Franklin Crouch was born March 30, 1934, in St. Joseph, Mo. He spent part of his early childhood in Egypt, where his father, Andrew, was an Assemblies of God missionary. When Paul was 7, his father died, leaving his mother, Sarah, to support the family on her meager earnings as a seamstress.

"The difference between, you know, turning lights off and on in the house was the difference between whether we had adequate food to eat sometimes," Crouch told The Times in 1989.

When he was 15, the husband of the woman who gave him free piano lessons taught him to use a ham radio. A few years later, as a student at Central Bible College and Seminary in Springfield, Mo., Crouch formed a ham radio club and built a small campus radio station. He said it soon dawned on him that "this electronic tool called radio and later television would really be the way to get the Gospel that we preach out in a mass way."

After graduating in 1955, he married Janice Bethany, the daughter of a prominent Assemblies of God minister. They moved to Rapid City, S.D., where he became associate pastor of a tiny church. The job paid so little that he moonlighted as a deejay at a local radio station.

In 1962 he and Jan moved to Burbank for a job managing the Assemblies of God's new motion picture and television division. In 1973, he struck out on his own, investing \$20,000 from his savings in a struggling UHF station in Tustin that became KTBN Channel 40.

About two years later he was sitting in his den when his life changed. "It was as though the ceiling of my den completely turned into a giant TV screen," he told *The Times* in 1989, "and I saw the outline of the entire North American continent as though I were out in outer space." When he heard the word satellite, "I knew I had heard the voice of God," he recalled, "and I absolutely obeyed it."

The first years were difficult. The Crouches ran religious programming for a few hours every night, broadcasting from a spartan set consisting of a folding chair and a shower curtain from Sears as a backdrop. After two nights on the air, they were broke. So the following night they staged a telethon. As an incentive, they announced that an anonymous donor had promised \$20,000 if viewers matched the amount. The Crouches raised \$30,000 in pledges without revealing that they were the anonymous benefactor.

"Without really realizing it at the time, I had put into motion one of God's most powerful laws — the law of giving and receiving, sowing and reaping," Crouch later wrote.

One of Crouch's early partners was [Jim Bakker](#), a charismatic preacher he had worked with in Michigan. Bakker went on to form the rival PTL Network with wife Tammy but lost his TV pulpit in a scandal involving sex and money.

Crouch continued on his path to building the country's most-watched religious network, but the road had bumps.

In 1989, in the wake of the Bakker scandal, the National Religious Broadcasters, a voluntary association, investigated complaints that TBN had violated ethical standards. One of the complaints came from Marvin L. Martin, a former producer of "Praise the Lord," who said he had been fired after questioning the Crouches' financial practices and moral fitness. He specifically complained that at a TBN staff prayer meeting Crouch asked God to kill a man who had petitioned the [Federal Communications Commission](#) to take over the network's flagship station in Orange County.

Crouch responded that he "probably did pray that God would kill anyone or anything that was attempting to destroy the ministry." He offered no apology and said his prayer "has not changed."

The NRB dropped the investigation for lack of evidence.

In 1991, the FCC began to examine accusations that a minority-controlled company TBN had created to buy a Miami commercial station was a "sham front" that allowed the network to own more commercial stations than the 12 allowed by law. After a protracted legal battle, an appeals court ruled that the federal ownership rules were unclear and that the network could not be punished.

"I would rather be charged by men for trying to secure too many stations, than to be charged by God for trying to secure too few," Crouch said before the FCC was forced to drop its challenge.

Crouch's empire eventually included several networks, including one with Spanish-language programs, a Christian entertainment center outside Nashville, a Biblical theme park in Orlando, and a gleaming headquarters in Costa Mesa called Trinity Christian City International, which includes among its attractions a simulation of the ancient route along which Jesus was said to have dragged his cross to Calvary. Crouch recently opened a state-of-the-art studio in Jerusalem.

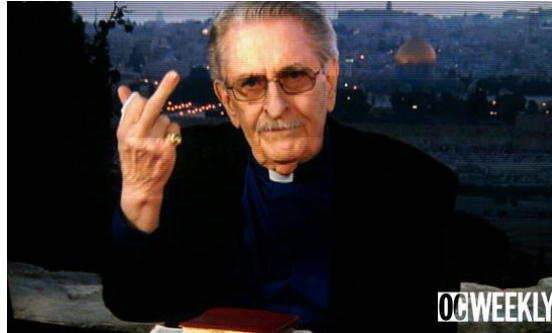
His survivors include his wife, sons and grandchildren.

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# Paul Crouch, Founder of TBN/Titan of American Christianity, Dead

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Crouch, in the Holy Land, with his Gospel

Word is spreading around Christendom that Paul Crouch, the Missouri native who moved to Southern California with his wife Jan to create Trinity Broadcasting Network, the largest Christian television network in the world, has passed away at age 79. He had been hospitalized recently for heart problems.

The news was announced by his grandson, Brandon Crouch, on Twitter.

[Brandon Crouch @brandoncrouch](#)

Today, my grandfather, [#PaulCrouchSr](#) went home to be with Jesus in heaven. Thank you for your prayers... <http://instagram.com/p/hWMhO7lw7K/>

[12:18 PM - 30 Nov 2013](#)

See also:

- [TBN's Paul and Matt Crouch: God Kills Those Who Come Against Them](#)
- [Sinful Sex at TBN and a Motor Home for Jan Crouch's Dogs Alleged in Lawsuit](#)
- [Down Satans Fiery Nostril!: Always bizarre, TBNs Crouches are on a crazy roll](#)

Southern Californians knew Crouch and his big-haired wife for decades for their histrionics on Channel 40 (or was it 44? Or 46?) and their continued demand for viewers to give them money in what's known as the prosperity gospel, the idea that God will give money to those who give money. And Orange Countians will forever know TBN for their garish headquarters just across South Coast Plaza (the one that had "Happy Birthday Jesus!" in lights 365 days a year forever), a marriage of God and Mammon no Hollywood screenwriter could ever imagine. It's this garishness that made it easy for the public to dismiss Crouch's influence, but he will go down in the history of Christianity as someone as



crucial to spreading the Gospel worldwide as fellow OCer Charles E. Fuller--for Fuller, of course, it was radio, while Crouch found his success with TV.

Of course, like his fellow recently deceased OC Christianity titan Chuck Smith, Crouch was also an ass of a man.



While Crouch tried to pass himself off as a kindly old grandfather, his profligate spending over the decades while constantly exhorting viewers--overwhelmingly working-class--to give more and more money (we can't emphasize this enough, just like him) was downright disgusting, and TBN's defense of on-air personality Steve Galiher, [who got a wrist slap for driving while drunk on his way to TBN headquarters](#) (in the process crashing into a Vietnam War vet who never recovered from his injuries) was simply vile. And who can forget the scandal unearthed by [former Los Angeles Times reporter William Lobdell that essentially outed Crouch as a closet homosexual](#), a scandal so buried in OC court records as to essentially be unethical?

Crouch spent the last years of his life fighting off a lawsuit from his granddaughters alleging that TBN had become an incestuous, corrupt den of thieves. It's going to be one hell of a funeral, no?

[http://blogs.ocweekly.com/navelgazing/2013/11/paul\\_crouch\\_dead.php](http://blogs.ocweekly.com/navelgazing/2013/11/paul_crouch_dead.php)

## **TBN Lawsuits Going to Arbitration**

Last year Brittany Koper, the former CFO of Trinity Broadcasting Network, sued her former attorneys. The lawsuit included damaging allegations about the inner workings of the world's largest religious TV network - TBN. The network responded by filing lawsuits in multiple courts. TBN then requested that the lawsuits be settled with arbitration rather than through the courts.

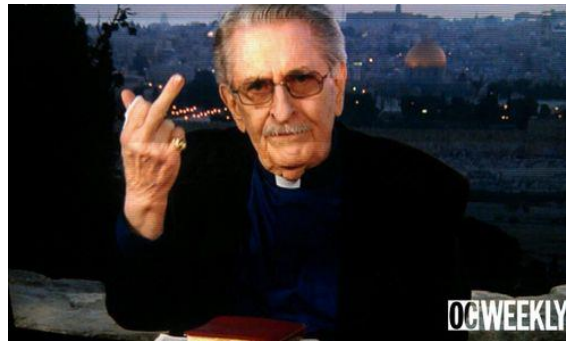
On June 21st U.S. District Judge David O. Carter decided in favor of TBN's request for arbitration:

***For the foregoing reasons, Trinity's Renewed Petition to Compel Arbitration is GRANTED, and the Court hereby ORDERS the parties to resolve Trinity's claims before a neutral arbitrator chosen in compliance with the arbitration agreement. Additionally, the Court hereby STAYS this action pending the resolution of all claims in arbitration, and ORDERS the parties to file a status update beginning December 23, 2013, and every six months until the conclusion of the matter.***

## **Paul Crouch Flips Off TBN Cameras in Jerusalem?**

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. But, this picture of Paul Crouch of TBN only brings two words to mind. But, only focusing on the hand gesture and missing the **bigger offense** is really easy to do and is like missing the forest because of a tree. To make sure that you don't do that, ask yourself an important question regarding this photo:

***What is MORE offensive, the hand gesture or the fact that Paul Crouch, a money grubbing charlatan con man who has made millions upon millions of dollars teaching rank heresy is wearing a clerical collar and broadcasting his flim flam from Jerusalem with the Temple Mount directly behind him?***



Note: We've called TBN and they claim that the gesture was "unintentional".

To help you keep perspective on the Greater Offense we recommend that you read this news story entitled "Lavish spending of America's first family of televangelism revealed in bitter legal feud" -

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/northamerica/usa/9163677/Lavish-spending-of-Americas-first-family-of-televangelism-revealed-in-bitter-legal-feud.html>

**MOST PEOPLE LIVE BY THEIR SENSES AND NOT BY THEIR FAITH IN GOD OR DEPENDENCE ON HIM. AND THAT IS WHY TBN IS VERY SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE**

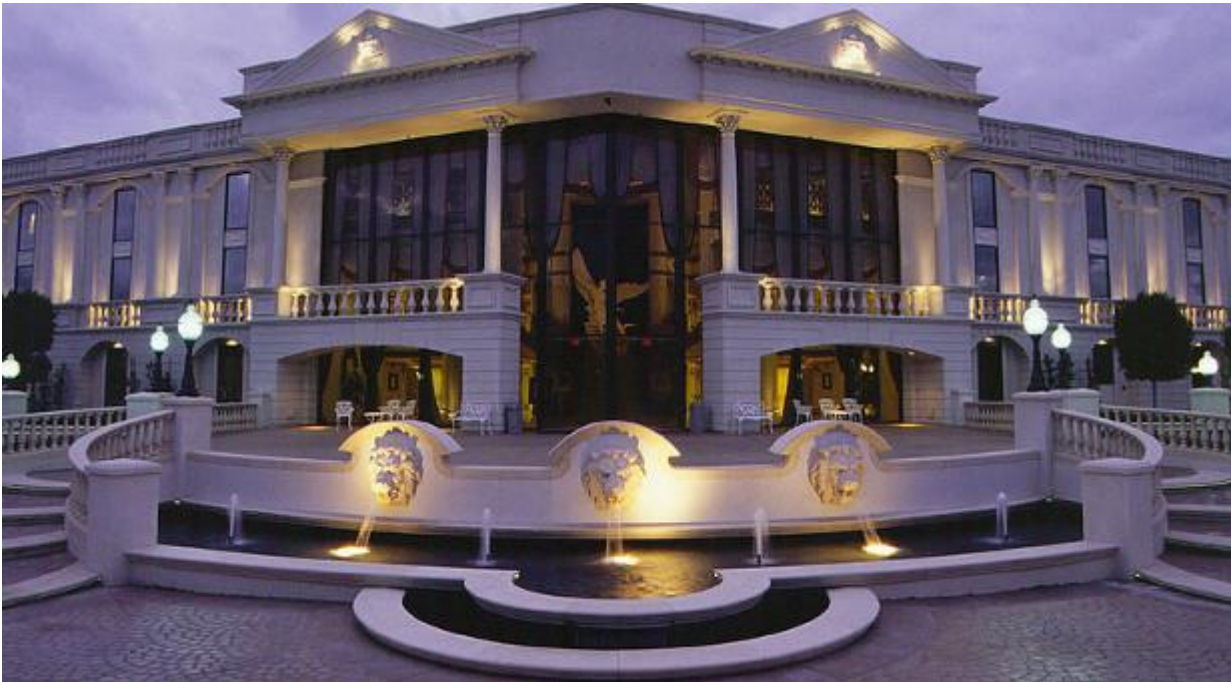
**IT ENTERTAINS SO CALLED CHRISTIANS WHO DON'T WANT TO THINK BUT JUST BE SPOON FED WITH POSITIVE MESSAGES AND ENJOY TOE DANCING MUSIC**

## **TRINITY BROADCASTING NETWORK (FACTS)**

<http://www.truthandgrace.com/tbn.htm>

# **TBN Responds to Steve Strang**

4:25PM EDT 4/2/2013 [Steve Strang](#)



TBN World

**Headquarters in Costa Mesa, Calif.**

**In mid-March, TBN staff members asked me to do a story on Trinity Broadcasting Network's 40th anniversary. We don't normally "cover" anniversaries, but because founders Paul and Jan Crouch agreed to an exclusive interview, it was set up for March 15.**

**To help me utilize the time, I asked my readers of The Strang Report to give me suggestions on what questions to ask, knowing we'd use only a few. It was similar to when people gave suggestions for questions for the presidential debates. It loosed a flood of questions, showing deep feelings—mostly negative—about TBN.**

**When Jan Crouch then canceled the interview, I felt it wasn't worth the trip to interview Paul Crouch and his son Matt. I also felt I needed to tell my readers that the interview didn't take place. TBN staff responded with a "letter to the editor." Even though we don't do "letters to the editor" for an Internet newsletter, I felt it was important to let you read what they said.**

**As we continue to cover this ongoing story and seek answers to the many questions that surround TBN, I'll respond to some of the charges they made about me, with which I don't agree, including portions of private text messages in which we negotiated the terms of the agreement, which they have divulged in order to make me look bad.**



They apparently don't understand the journalistic give-and-take in arranging such interviews. If anything, TBN should know, since they seem to carefully vet all the guests on their *Praise the Lord* program, including whether those guests have ever been critical of TBN or the Crouches.

As a journalist I want to tell "both sides," so I am devoting this issue of The Strang Report to their response. [Here](#) is the link to my original column.

#### TBN's 'Letter to the Editor'

*It was a disappointment for many to read Steve Strang's recent commentary addressing his inability to orchestrate the interview he had hoped with Trinity Broadcasting Network founders Paul and Jan Crouch. While a meeting had, indeed, been arranged for an interview with Dr. and Mrs. Crouch, along with TBN Vice President Matthew Crouch, about the network's upcoming 40th anniversary, Mrs. Crouch's schedule forced her to bow out at the last minute.*

*That left both Dr. Crouch and Matthew Crouch at Mr. Strang's disposal to move ahead with the planned substance of the interview: to reminisce about the miraculous launch and growth of TBN under Dr. Crouch's 40 years of leadership, and to discuss the vision and direction for the network moving ahead under the leadership of Matthew Crouch.*

*An earlier series of discussions between Mr. Strang and a TBN representative had led to the impression that Mr. Strang was genuinely open to covering the occasion of TBN's 40th anniversary with an exclusive interview and article in Charisma magazine. Knowing Mr. Strang's business reputation in the world of ministry, the representative even arranged for the partnership to include a financial incentive for Mr. Strang's magazine through planned advertising.*

*However, what Mr. Strang conveniently left out of the extended discussion was his plan to use the opportunity provided by the Crouches to apparently focus on questions about the mistaken belief that TBN lacked accountability, civil and spiritual. When Mr. Strang discovered that he would not be able to target Mrs. Crouch as he wished, he quickly sent a terse, two-word text to the TBN official who had set up the interview: "Deal's off."*

*Forgoing what he called the "exclusive" piece that he was planning to make a "big deal" in his publication, Mr. Strang reversed course and instead offered "a one pager interview we can [do] by phone." Added a disgruntled Mr. Strang: "I'm not going to spend two days in my life and a couple thousand bucks for a routine story. I'll assign someone to do it. But I won't. Sorry."*

*That private venting segued into a more public, muted diatribe against the Crouches, in which Mr. Strang portrayed himself as a serious journalist seeking accountability. Apparently, however, Mr. Strang's search for accountability extended no further than an intense interest in questioning Jan Crouch, and her absence made an exclusive sit-down interview with TBN's esteemed founder and Vice President nothing more than "routine."*

*That is unfortunate, because such an interview would have allowed him the opportunity to ask any question he wished, including those he solicited from his online blog. It would also have allowed him to set the record straight on the issue of TBN's accountability, pointing out, among other salient facts, that:*

- *TBN voluntarily files annual "Returns by Tax Exempt Organizations" with the IRS (IRS Form 990), even though as a church it is exempt from doing so.*
- *TBN is subject to dual annual audits conducted by two separate CPA firms covering tax, financial, and regulatory compliance matters.*

- *TBN submits annual charitable solicitation filings and registrations with more than 30 states (all that require it).*
- *TBN files ownership and quarterly and annual compliance reports with the Federal Communications Commission regarding its operations, programming, and public service.*
- *While TBN is one of the largest non-profit television network entities in the nation, the salaries of its officer are among the most modest (if not the lowest) in the industry.*
- *Paul and Jan Crouch have turned over nearly all of their assets and estate to TBN.*
- *TBN has garnered one of the most respected ratings from GuideStar, a leading group that monitors non-profits and ministries like TBN.*

*Along the way, an objective Mr. Strang might have told the relatively little-known story of TBN's miraculous growth from one small station in California to over two dozen international networks and affiliates broadcasting the good news of Jesus Christ to every inhabited continent 24 hours a day—billions of souls.*

*Mr. Strang might have focused in particular on TBN's six affiliate networks in Russia, its two full-time networks broadcasting the gospel to Muslims around the world, or the 24-hour network established a couple of years ago in Jerusalem that broadcasts the good news to the millions of Russian Jews who have made Israel their home.*

*Mr. Strang might also have pointed out the state-of-the-art studios TBN is now building in London and Jerusalem for the production of life-changing programming in all of TBN's international networks and affiliates.*

*Most importantly, Mr. Strang would have had the opportunity to highlight the more than 36 million decisions for Christ logged by TBN's prayer partners over the past forty years, the multiplied millions of prayers answered and lives changes, and the commitment Matt Crouch and the next generation of TBN leadership has for continuing to pursue Paul and Jan Crouch's undeterred vision of using television to reach the world for Christ.*

*Over the many years that Mr. Strang's Charisma has been published, TBN and its founders have been the subject of a number of informative cover stories, and TBN's friends and partners—as well as those unfamiliar with the ministry—would have benefited from a well-deserved update.*

*Regardless of Mr. Strang's unfortunate response to the circumstances surrounding their planned meeting, the Crouches continue to count Mr. Strang as a friend and fellow-laborer for the work of the Kingdom. They also pray for God's continued blessing over Mr. Strang's life and endeavors.*

## **Why Paul and Jan Crouch Can't Escape Accountability**

5:00PM EDT 3/15/2013 [Steve Strang](#)



Paul and Jan Crouch

**I was scheduled to be at TBN in Dallas Friday for an exclusive interview with Paul and Jan Crouch about the Trinity Broadcasting Network's 40th anniversary in May. But it won't happen because Jan Crouch canceled at the last minute.**

**We don't usually cover ministry anniversaries, but TBN is marking the milestone with a big celebration, and they approached me about running an article in *Charisma*. I agreed only after they agreed to an exclusive interview with Paul and Jan. Their younger son, Matt, the heir apparent, would have been there. Marcus Yoars, editor of *Charisma*, and I would have tag-teamed with the questions.**

**I have known Paul and Jan for many years. I respect what they built, and I recognize its value to the Body of Christ. I can identify with them. We have a common Assemblies of God heritage. They began with very little—just as I did—about the same time. I know they love Jesus and are committed to spreading the gospel.**

**But as TBN has grown, strange things have developed, and they now are one of the most controversial Christian ministries out there. As a family friend told me about the Crouches, they built an empire but didn't build a life.**

**Covering them objectively as a journalist has been tough. I'm aware that they have had negative press coverage from the secular media, which looks at everything with a jaundiced eye and enjoys ridiculing Pentecostals. I know the Crouches well enough to know they are good people. So when we've written about TBN, it has generally tried to focus on the good things—like saying a glass is half full instead of half empty!**

**But I've also learned that people at TBN don't like to deal with controversy—especially about TBN. I didn't know how we'd ask the questions the Christian community wants to know: about why their oldest son, Paul Jr., left the network, or the lawsuit and allegations from their granddaughter. Readers wanted to know why they allow ministers who have had nasty divorces—and in one case is accused of fathering a child by a teen in his church—on their**

telethons and stations. They wanted to know about how the more than \$400 million-a-year budget is spent.

I know the Crouches well enough to know they feel the last part isn't anyone's business, as long as they follow the law. They rebuff inquiries about their finances. Though they aren't answerable to us, they are answerable to the Christian public who donate the millions, just as public companies must be accountable to their shareholders.

In some ways the Crouches know this. They gush over how they love their TBN partners. They talk about the "little grandmas" who send in their love gift every month.

But what about those who feel some things on TBN make a laughing stock of all charismatics and Pentecostals? Or that with some of the questionable programming they are spreading confusion around the world at the same time they're spreading the gospel?

I decided I'd invite you to suggest the questions that Marcus Yoars and I could ask on your behalf. And we have been inundated with questions. [Click here](#) and read them. Many are vicious—which may say more about the questioners than about TBN or the Crouches.

Before we could compile our final list of questions, I learned Jan cancelled only a few hours after my newsletter went out on the Internet asking what we should ask the Crouches. Maybe she saw the questions about her pink hair or plastic surgery, or questions about why she is seen with handsome young men over the years more than with her husband.

I would not have asked those kind of questions some would consider rude. We would have instead gone over their successes. But we also would have given them the opportunity to go on the record about some of these issues that need to be addressed.

That's because I believe TBN has a real public relations problem. In many circles, it's a laughing stock. And with Paul and Jan being as old as they are—he'll be 79 on March 30 and she turned 75 yesterday (March 14)—they need to be concerned about how they will be remembered in history after they are gone.

I went on record defending Paul Crouch several years ago when he was accused of homosexuality by a former employee who was also an ex-con. I said Paul has been a longtime Christian leader, so how could we believe the word of an ex-con over Paul's word that the allegation was absolutely a lie?

As far as I know, I was the only national leader to rally to Paul's defense by writing an editorial. I also said that if it was true, Paul should resign from TBN. Thankfully, the issue went away—it must have been false. But I did what I did

based on principle. And I repeat it here to show I have no ill will and, in fact, came to their defense in the past.

I believe there are always two sides. The critics are not always right. And when you're in the public eye, there are many who will attack you—just because. (Look at how someone as respected as Billy Graham is still attacked). I'm sure there are legitimate reasons the Crouches have homes in various places and reasons the money is spent as it is. I respect the fact the network continues to grow. And Paul Crouch has more business acumen than almost anyone I know.

But this isn't about the Crouches. They don't own TBN. It is a non-profit ministry that is accountable to the public, or more specifically, to the body of Christ. I call on the Crouches to be ready to answer their critics and not ignore them or to demonize them as they've been known to do.

If you're a TBN partner—as I've been in the past—demand some answers. And if they aren't forthcoming, then there are many other ministries you can choose to support.

I wish TBN well. I am hopeful that the new generation of leaders will be more open and accountable, and that in the future they'll be willing to sit down with respected journalists—if not us, then someone else—to answer the many questions the public has.

Do you agree with me? What do you think about the questions people sent in? Add your comments to the conversation below.

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**[Deathbed power struggle at Trinity Broadcasting?](#)**

September 14th, 2012, 7:55 am · · posted by [Teri Sforza, Register staff writer](#)



The latest in the nuclear family warfare surrounding the **Trinity Broadcasting Network**: A photograph entered into the court record of what appears to be **Jan Crouch**, her head tossed back in ecstasy, showing off a letter that is alleged to have been written by her husband, **Paul**, on what was assumed to be his deathbed.

In this letter, [according to documents filed in Orange County Superior Court](#), the ailing Paul Crouch Sr. decided who would lead the Trinity empire after he was gone. It would not be his namesake, son **Paul Crouch Jr.** – but another son, **Matthew Crouch**.

“The photo was taken by Matthew Crouch in mid September 2011 while Paul Crouch Sr. was in the hospital suffering from congestive heart failure,” says the [declaration of Michael Koper](#). “Apparently, Matthew Crouch and Jan Crouch were celebrating what they believed was Paul Crouch Sr.’s impending death and Matthew Crouch’s promotion to President of TBN that would subsequently occur.”

Paul Crouch Sr. didn’t die. But Matthew Crouch is now in charge of Trinity’s day-to-day operations, while brother Paul Crouch Jr. and his entire family have been ousted from the Trinity empire.

Perhaps not coincidentally, both of Paul Crouch Jr.’s daughters – **Brittany Crouch Koper** and **Carra Crouch** – are suing Trinity. Brittany Koper has [accused the mighty Christian broadcaster of playing fast and loose with the ministry’s millions](#), and provided [internal documents to back up her claims](#). Carra Crouch alleges that she was [plied with alcohol and raped by a TBN employee in Atlanta when she was just 13 – and that her family covered up the incident, rather than report it to authorities, to protect TBN’s reputation](#).

Trinity [says it’s all untrue](#) – and accused the Kopers of engaging in an inflammatory smear campaign to divert attention from their *own* financial sins against Trinity. Trinity has filed a **half-dozen** suits against Brittany and Michael Koper, charging them with stealing some **\$1.3 million** during their years of employ – as well as a trove of privileged documents that they’re inserting into the court record in “drips and drabs” in an attempt to blackmail and destroy the network.

The Kopers are “revealing in distorted fashion confidential client files and ... publishing their contents recklessly in this action to the media as part of a ‘hush money’ extortion campaign against TBN,” [Trinity said in court filings](#).

“Unless restrained from further disclosure, TBN will be irreparably damaged and with no adequate remedy at law. There are no monetary damages which could compensate Plaintiffs for the disclosure of confidential and privileged information. Once the Kopers make a disclosure of such sensitive information, there is no means to ‘un-ring the bell’ of disclosure of confidential and privileged information, and no measure of damages that can be readily ascertained.”



Jan Crouch, Brittany and Michael Koper, Paul Crouch

The Kopers, in their turn, say they have stolen nothing and are just trying to get the truth out so Trinity’s ministry can be steered back on course. The parties are battling that out in federal court, where [a judge recently threatened to brand Trinity a “vexatious litigant”](#) for the prodigiousness of its legal maneuverings against the Kopers.

But [Carra Crouch’s case](#) – alleging sexual battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress and negligence – is proceeding separately in Orange County Superior Court. Michael Koper, her brother-in-law and an attorney, had filed the original suit on her behalf. There are new lawyers on board now, and a case management conference is slated for November.

At stake, one might argue, is Trinity itself. It bills itself as the largest Christian broadcaster in the world, with **16** global television networks distributed on **76** satellites, multiple foreign and domestic affiliates, and **thousands** of cable affiliates on every continent save **Antarctica**. Subscribing to the “Have a need? Plant a seed” philosophy, its donors believe that sending money to the network will reap divine rewards later on. Trinity spent nearly **\$200 million** in 2010, and it had amassed nearly **\$1 billion** in net assets, according to its last tax return.

Some of the assertions could cast a cloud on Trinity’s nonprofit, income-tax-exempt status – which could cost it **tens of millions** of dollars per year.

## 'DEVASTATED ' CHILD

Carra Crouch was distraught after the 2006 assault by a 30-year-old man, according to her complaint, and told her grandmother what had happened. "Jan (Crouch) became furious and began screaming at Ms. Crouch, a thirteen year old girl, and began telling her 'it is your fault,' " according to the suit. Carra Crouch then told **John Casoria**, TBN's in-house counsel and her second cousin; he became agitated and told her that he didn't believe her, it says. "He elaborated by stating he further believed she was already sexually active 'so it did not really matter' and he 'believed she may have propositioned him,' " the suit alleges.

"Ms. Crouch, a thirteen year old girl, had not been sexually active and was absolutely devastated about what happened and about how John and Jan responded to her."



Young Carra and Brittany Crouch

Both Jan Crouch and John Casoria are ordained ministers, and as such, are legally required to report suspected child abuse to authorities under the [Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act](#), the suit says. No report was made, and TBN "deliberately covered up the incident to protect Trinity Broadcasting from negative publicity," it alleges.

Carra Crouch was not permitted to talk to the police about the incident, and was not permitted to seek the counsel of any third parties or sex abuse counselors at the time, and has suffered severe emotional distress as a result, according to the suit. ([More details of her allegations are here.](#))

## 'EMOTIONAL CASE'

Trinity tried to convince Michael Koper and Carra Crouch that they had the story wrong, and should drop the suit.

"You are necessarily dragging into a very emotional case all of Brittany's family," said [an email from Trinity's lawyers to Michael Koper and filed in Superior Court](#). "Based on the current circumstances, tens of thousands of dollars of attorneys' fees will be incurred in the next several weeks just on the pleadings and the initial discovery. The facts you allege are patently different than the truth. The tort(s) occurred if at all in Georgia, and thus you have a very tenuous basis to venue it here. Corporations cannot be liable for negligent supervision or reporting of an alleged rape of a minor. Failure to report is not a legal basis of a cause of action. Sexual Battery cannot be alleged against an entity. All your claims are time barred against TBN.

"Based on these flaws and many others, it is highly probable it will be dismissed in due course," Trinity's lawyer continued. "Multiple attorneys will be preparing detailed authorities on these points. ... This case has further entrenched TBN against you and Brittany. I strongly recommend you carefully consider dismissing it voluntarily, as once it is dismissed on its merits, malicious prosecution claims will be filed against all involved."

That has not yet come to pass.

## **'SEXUAL SCANDALS'**

Trinity took special exception to Paragraph 68 in Carra Crouch's suit.

There, it said Trinity had a general practice of covering up sexual scandals, including "a bloody sexual assault involving Trinity Broadcasting and affiliated Holy Land Experience employees; the cover-up of director Janice Crouch's affair with a staff member at the Holy Land Experience; the attempted cover-up of director Paul Crouch's sexual affair with Enoch Lonnie Ford; the cover-up of director Paul Crouch's sexual affairs with other Trinity Broadcasting employees, (and) the cover-up following director Matthew Crouch's exposure of his genitals to cleaning staff on multiple occasions."

Trinity also "knowingly continues to employ individuals who are registered sex offenders who have molested minor children before," the suit said.

The [email from Trinity's lawyer to Michael Koper took strong exception](#).

"These allegations refer to information, although distorted from the truth, that could only have come from legal files of TBN that you and/or Brittany apparently stole when you were a law clerk," Trinity said. "This conduct if proven will of course result in severe consequences to you, your (law) license

in both states, and it violates the penal code in the Federal and State jurisdictions where this issue will be presented.”

That hasn’t happened. But the “dribs and drabs” of stunning allegations continue.

## THE PHOTO

The photo of Jan Crouch holding the letter was in [a 70-page declaration](#) filed in support of Carra Crouch by Michael Koper. It is supposed to help suss out whether he and Brittany Koper are bound by an old confidentiality and arbitration agreements they had signed with Trinity.

The Kopers say they are not bound by the old agreements, as those were dissolved when they were promoted to the high positions of treasurer and secretary of the company. They have a signed letter from Paul Crouch Sr. saying as much, they say.

Paul Crouch Sr. said he had no memory of signing such a letter, and the signature on the letter the Kopers have is not his.

“ Paul Crouch Sr. suffers from severe memory loss probably due to his years of abuse of alcohol and prescription drugs and any declarations he signs should be read within that context,” Michael Koper’s declaration says. The letter held by Jan Crouch “is a very similar letter to the one Paul Crouch Sr. wrote to Brittany and I and further shows it was in his custom and practice to write such a letter.”

Each side has reported the other to various authorities, including the police and the IRS. We’ll keep you posted on what happens.

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**CHECK OUT The Confused World Of Paul And Jan Crouch**

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## **Is Trinity Broadcasting a 'vexatious litigant'?**

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TBN founders Paul and Jan Crouch, and granddaughter Brittany Crouch Koper

The mighty **Trinity Broadcasting Network's** prodigious legal maneuvering against **Brittany Crouch Koper** — granddaughter of founders **Jan and Paul Crouch** — and her husband has drawn a sharp rebuke from a federal judge, who has threatened to brand Trinity a "vexatious litigant."

Welcome to **David vs. Goliath**, the legal version.

Vexatious litigation, for the record, is [a legal action "initiated maliciously and without probable cause by an individual who is not acting in good faith for the purpose of annoying or embarrassing an opponent."](#) Court records show **six** lawsuits against the Kopers by **Trinity** in **Orange County Superior Court, U.S. District Court** and **New York** state courts, each involving myriad actions.

"(T)hese cases appear to be duplicative," [Judge David O. Carter said in court papers](#). "Plaintiff Trinity contends that it is simply trying to protect itself from scurrilous accusations of fraud by Michael and Brittany and to recover funds from their fraud. However, Plaintiff Trinity's several lawsuits, incessant demands for injunctive relief, and insistence on expedited rulings suggest that Plaintiff Trinity's strategy is to overwhelm the courts as well as Michael and Brittany so as to avoid a rational decision on the merits. Thus, Plaintiff Trinity's litigation strategy only lends credence to Michael and Brittany's contention that these lawsuits are retaliation for whistleblowing about Plaintiff Trinity's extensive fraud."

By way of background: The [Kopers accused the global Christian broadcasting empire of multiple financial misdeeds](#); the Kopers were [accused of multiple financial misdeeds by Trinity](#); each has reported the other to various authorities; and, well, here we are.

Trinity has **16** global television networks distributed on **76** satellites, multiple foreign and domestic affiliates, and **thousands** of cable affiliates on every continent save **Antarctica**, in its own words — not to mention nearly **\$1 billion** in net assets.

"While I am a licensed attorney," [Michael Koper wrote in federal court filings](#), "I have only been licensed for seven months and have absolutely no previous litigation experience.... My wife and I have been harassed with the excessive litigation and need help. We do not have the ability to properly litigate against TBN's three law firms pro se."

Carter ordered Trinity to say why it should *not* be designated a vexatious litigant and forbidden from filing future lawsuits against the Kopers.

In its [response — kept to the 10-page length that Carter said was the upper limit](#) -- Trinity argued that it is simply trying to recover **\$1.3 million** and confidential documents it says the Kopers stole during their years of employ.

Trinity "is not a vexatious litigant and has violated no laws in accessing the courts to vindicate its rights," its response says. Every complaint and motion has been driven by the Kopers' conduct, and each has substantial merit; "If the Kopers will return the stolen records and confess to their undeniable fraud... all litigation can end," it said.



Jan Crouch, Brittany and Michael Koper, Paul Crouch

Trinity reported the Kopers to the O.C. District Attorney and Tustin police for alleged fraud, forgery and embezzlement early in the year. "The evidence is overwhelming that the Kopers have feigned their whistle blowing claims which came after the criminal investigation was opened to divert attention from their substantial criminal and civil wrongs," it said.

The Kopers, meanwhile, say they did indeed get loans from Trinity, but that those loans were approved by Trinity executives and reported on public income tax returns.

Many of the more salacious details of Trinity's alleged improprieties came to light in the course of *other* lawsuits involving Trinity, [including an age discrimination case](#) and [a declaration Koper filed](#) in support of **Joseph McVeigh**, her uncle by marriage, who was battling over a loan he received through Trinity. McVeigh's suit was dismissed, and McVeigh has been ordered to pay Trinity's court costs; that decision is on appeal.

Access to the courts is a fundamental tenet of our judicial system, and legitimate claims should receive a full and fair hearing no matter how litigious the plaintiff may be, Trinity argues. Plus, vexatious litigants are by definition *individuals*, not corporations, so "as a matter of law (Trinity) cannot be declared vexatious," it said.

Judge Carter has not made a decision yet.

In February, [Koper](#) has [accused the mighty Christian broadcaster of playing fast and loose with the ministry's millions](#), and soon provided [internal documents to back up her claims](#). Extravagant meal, hotel and limousine costs — along with personal expenses charged to the company — were pervasive issues for Trinity, [an internal review said](#); and [irregularities included the purchase of a \\$50 million jet through "a sham loan to an alter ego corporation" for the personal use of the Crouches; a \\$100,000 motor home purchased by Trinity as a mobile residence for Jan Crouch's dogs](#); "multiple residential estates" falsely reported as guest homes or church parsonages to avoid income disclosures; meal expenses of up to a **half-million dollars** per company director; "personal chauffeurs compensated with Trinity funds under the guise of medical payments;" and "multiple cover-ups of sexual and criminal scandals," according to court documents.

Trinity says those allegations are false, and are designed to divert attention from the Kopers' own wrongdoings.

We'll keep you posted on how this proceeds.

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**Paul Crouch is a charismatic pastor and a member of the controversial "Word of Faith" movement, a movement better known for its "prosperity gospel" message. He is also alleged to be bi-sexual, a thief, and a false prophet**

Crouch and his organization, the Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN), have been dogged by scandal and controversy for many years. During a televised appeal for funds in 1997, Crouch said that viewers who had not contributed money to the station were "robbing God and will lose your reward in heaven". That same year, in response to charges by other Christian ministers that he was "spreading blasphemy", Crouch went on the air and said, "God, we proclaim death to anything or anyone that will lift a hand against this

network". In 1991 he answered other evangelists' criticisms of his organization by saying on the air, "Quit blocking God's bridges or God's going to shoot you - if I don't." When criticisms were leveled about the Crouches' purchase of a \$7.5-million mansion in the super-wealthy enclave of Newport Beach, CA, they claimed that the estate actually belonged to their organization, TBN. When documents surfaced showing that the estate actually belonged to them, they said that it was a reward from God for their good works in spreading "the word". In 2004 the organization was rocked by accusations from a former church member who claimed that he and Paul Crouch had been having a sexual relationship for several years. The Crouches at first denied it, but it turned out that TBN had been paying off this man for several years and in fact had also paid him an out-of-court settlement of more than \$425,000.

A lawsuit recently filed by the former head of finance for the Trinity Broadcasting Network claims that the directors of the widely-viewed Christian television network have illegally taken advantage of more than \$50 million in "charitable assets" for their own good.

Brittany B. Koper, granddaughter to TBN founders Paul and Jan Crouch, previously served as the chief financial officer, director of finance, corporate treasurer and director of human resources for Trinity Christian Center of Santa Ana, which conducts business as TBN. Tymothy MacLeod, Koper's attorney in the lawsuit, believes that what Koper has revealed explains a lot about the Crouch family's spending habits.

"Observers have often wondered how the Crouches can afford multiple mansions on both coasts, a \$50 million jet and chauffeurs," MacLeod said, according to The Orange County Register. "And finally, with the CFO coming forward, we have answers to those questions."

**A MUST LISTEN INTERVIEW BY JACKIE ALNOR WTH Brittany Koper: TBN interview "in her own words" - YouTube <http://bit.ly/KSzaPL>**

## **IN SUMMARY**

**PAUL AND JAN CROUCH LIVE IN THEIR OWN REALITY**

**PAUL AND JAN HAVE BEEN LIVING SEPARATELY FOR YEARS**

**THEY ARE TYRANTS IN TBN**

**PAUL CROUCH IS A DRUNK**

**MATT CROUCH IS JAN'S ILLEGITIMATE CHILD**

**JAN IS AN ADULTERESS WITH A MARRIED MAN WHO HAS THREE CHILDREN**

**U.S. ATTORNEY OFFICE IS INVESTIGATING THEM AND TBN**

# Suit alleges TBN covered up rape of 13-year-old

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A granddaughter of **Trinity Broadcasting Network** founders **Jan** and **Paul Crouch** filed a lawsuit Monday alleging that she was plied with alcohol and raped by a TBN employee when she was just 13 — and that her family covered up the incident, rather than report it to authorities, to protect TBN's reputation.

**Carra Crouch**, now 19, was distraught after the 2006 assault by a 30-year-old man, and told her grandmother what had happened. "Jan (Crouch) became furious and began screaming at Ms. Crouch, a thirteen year old girl, and began telling her 'it is your fault,'" according to the suit.

Carra Crouch then told **John Casoria**, TBN's in-house counsel and her second cousin; he became agitated and told her that he didn't believe her, it says. "He elaborated by stating he further believed she was already sexually active 'so it did not really matter' and he 'believed she may have propositioned him,' " the suit alleges.

"Ms. Crouch, a thirteen year old girl, had not been sexually active and was absolutely devastated about what happened and about how John and Jan responded to her."

Both Jan Crouch and John Casoria are ordained ministers, and as such, are legally required to report suspected child abuse to authorities under the [Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act](#), the suit says. No report was made, and TBN "deliberately covered up the incident to protect Trinity Broadcasting from negative publicity," it alleges.

Carra Crouch was not permitted to talk to the police about the incident, and was not permitted to seek the counsel of any third parties or sex abuse counselors at the time, and has suffered severe emotional distress as a result, according to the suit.

We at **The Watchdog** corresponded with Trinity's attorney, **Colby May**, about Crouch's allegations before the suit was filed.



"Trinity is stunned to learn of the latest allegations being made by Carra, coming more than six years after her initial report," May said by email. "And we have confirmed that Carra's parents are similarly just now learning of her latest accusations. If your email accurately depicts Carra's cupertino of events, be advised this is completely at odds with what she reported to her mother in 2006. Had Trinity been apprised of this then, it would have immediately reported it to authorities. Trinity categorically denies any wrong doing and will, of course, fully cooperate with law enforcement in investigating Carra's latest allegations."



Carra and Brittany Crouch, circa 2000

May said Wednesday that the complaint has not yet been served on Trinity, but that Trinity vehemently denies the allegations and believes them to be frivolous. Details of the incident provided by Crouch, and details in the suit, are "materially different," May said, and "(m)oreover, Ms. Crouch's allegations are completely at odds with what she told her mother. These multiple versions undermine her credibility and support our position that Trinity has certainly done nothing wrong. Unfortunately, such meritless lawsuits have become commonplace in our society, and accordingly, Trinity will fully and vigorously defend itself."

This suit — alleging sexual battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress and negligence — is the latest, explosive salvo in a legal battle raging among TBN family members. Carra Crouch is the younger sister of [Brittany Koper](#), who has [accused the mighty Christian broadcaster of playing fast and loose with the ministry's millions](#), and provided [internal documents to back up her claims](#).

Carra Crouch's lawyer is **Michael Koper**, Brittany Koper's husband, who is himself the target of several TBN lawsuits claiming financial improprieties from when he worked at Trinity.

The Register does not usually identify victims of sexual assault, but Carra Crouch wants to tell her story so justice can be done, she said.

She didn't cry when recounting the sequence of events that night, but she did cry when she recounted the aftermath. "I definitely feel angry," she said. "Nobody once asked me, 'Carra are you O.K.?' Why didn't anybody care? If I saw something like that happen to a little girl, even if I didn't know her, I would *do* something. And I'm their *granddaughter*. How could you just not care all?"

## ATLANTA TELETHON

In the spring of **2006**, Trinity held its spring fund-raising telethon at its **Atlanta** studios. Carra Crouch accompanied her grandmother to **Georgia** for the event, according to the suit. Trinity paid for Crouch's airline ticket, as well as a hotel room that she had all to herself.



The 30-year-old TBN employee, who Crouch had known for years, wound up in her room and ordered a bottle of wine from room service on Trinity's account ("Trinity Broadcasting makes a regular practice of providing alcohol to its employees during business meetings"), the suit alleges. He coerced her to drink it "in an attempt to get her intoxicated," and she did, it says. She asked him to leave her room, and he responded by giving her a glass of water to "help her feel better."

Carra Crouch drank the glass of water and passed out immediately, according to the suit. When she awoke the next morning, the man was lying next to her, there was blood on the bed sheets, and she had "severe pain and soreness in her body in places which indicated she had been molested and raped," it alleges. She locked herself in the bathroom and screamed at the man to leave her room, and returned to California that day.

That glass of water, Crouch now believes, contained a date rape drug which caused her to pass out.

## FALLOUT

Despite whatever doubts officials may have had, Trinity soon fired the man that Carra Crouch accused of the assault, according to the suit.



## Casoria

Casoria, TBN's in-house attorney, fired him over the telephone, saying Trinity had gathered enough evidence to terminate him with cause, that the evidence was "most probably sufficient to bring criminal charges" against him, and that Trinity would not disclose the evidence to the police if he would not file for unemployment, worker's compensation or an [Equal Employment Opportunity Commission](#) claim, the suit alleges.

"The actions and statements of the Participating Individuals were outrageous, intentional, unreasonable, and malicious. The Participating Individuals not only undertook these actions with, at the very minimum, reckless disregard of the fact that they would certainly cause Ms. Crouch to suffer severe emotional distress; the Participating Individuals undertook these actions with the intent and purpose to cause that harm to Ms. Crouch so she would not report the incident to the police or news media.

"As adults, family members, and ordained ministers, the Participating Individuals were in a position of actual or apparent power over Ms. Crouch, and the Participating Individuals abused that position of trust and that relationship to protect Trinity Broadcasting's interests."

Crouch's best friend, **Brooke Davidson**, told us she learned of the incident after the two became friends about a year after it happened. Crouch carries tremendous guilt, Davidson said, internalizing that it was somehow her fault, and is only beginning to deal with things. Davidson has been telling Crouch for years that it could not have been her fault — she was a 13 year-old girl, and this was a 30-year-old man, Davidson said.



Brandon, Tawny, Carra, Paul Jr. and Brittany Crouch

Brittany Koper, Carra's older sister, was already off to college in 2006. When she returned, she noticed her sister had become more withdrawn, but didn't find out the details until May of 2011, when Carra Crouch ran away. "My sister has been down dark and dangerous paths," said Koper. "She's doing better, taking first steps of healing and recovery."

Crouch was working part-time at the Trinity gift shop until she was recently let go — part of the sweep of those close to her big sister Brittany, which included their father, **Paul Crouch Jr.**, Koper maintains. Crouch is now in cosmetology school, following in her best friend's footsteps, and trying to move forward with her life.

We'll keep you posted on how things progress.

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[From beloved granddaughter to exiled accuser: Brittany Koper and TBN](#)

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**TBN founders Paul and Jan Crouch, and granddaughter Brittany Koper**

**She may have been an heir apparent to the world's mightiest Christian broadcasting empire, but Brittany Crouch Koper grew up in Irvine thinking she was a regular kid.**

**It wasn't until grade school, when the teacher asked what everyone did over winter break, that the truth began to hit. "I said, 'We went to Texas to shoot a family Christmas TV special,'" Koper said, recalling the shock of her classmates. "That's when I started to realize that not everyone was on TV for the holidays, and that my grandparents weren't like other people's grandparents."**

**Indeed. Her grandparents are Paul and Jan Crouch, founders of the Trinity Broadcasting Network empire, which now has 16 global television networks distributed on 76 satellites, multiple foreign and domestic affiliates, and thousands of cable affiliates on every continent save Antarctica, in its own words — not to mention nearly \$1 billion in net assets.**

**When TV sets came into the classrooms at Woodbridge High School, kids would tune to TBN for kicks. "People who didn't know would say, 'Is that really your grandma?' I was halfway embarrassed and halfway proud. They accomplished so much. You have to be proud of that portion of it. They came from nothing and created this huge empire."**

**And now that empire is under attack, largely due to Koper herself.**

**Koper, who worked for Trinity from 2007 to 2011, has [accused the mighty Christian broadcaster of playing fast and loose with the ministry's millions](#), and provided [internal documents to back up her claims](#). She says it [unlawfully distributed charitable assets worth more than \\$50 million](#) to the company's directors (her family members); bought a \$50 million jet through "a sham loan to an alter ego corporation" for the personal use of the Crouches, as well as a \$100,000 motor home that's used as a mobile residence for her grandmother's dogs; falsely reported "multiple residential estates" as guest homes or church parsonages to avoid income disclosures; doled out meal expenses of up to a half-million dollars per company director; paid personal chauffeurs with Trinity funds disguised as medical payments; and engaged in "multiple cover-ups of sexual and criminal scandals."**



**She has provided documentation to law enforcement and the Internal Revenue Service, and said she is cooperating with their inquiries (though neither the IRS nor the Orange County District Attorney's office will comment).**

**If the things Koper says are true, laws have been broken, and family members could go to prison. How does one transform from insider to accuser?**

### **'CLEANING HOUSE'**

**"I don't want to sound nuts," said Koper, 27, during a lunch break from her HR job in New York. "But God uses people to different ends, and he's using me to expose this. He doesn't want the money-changers in his house anymore. God is using me to clean house and get TBN into the hands of someone who will make sure it's run properly." She sighed with resignation. "Fabulous. OK. I can handle it. I'm strong. I'm educated. God has provided for us this whole way, I expect he will continue to provide for us."**

**Trinity's take on her journey from insider to accuser is very different.**

**"...I can only say that under no circumstance is her 'decision' an effort 'to do the right thing,' " said Colby May, an attorney for Trinity, by email. "Instead, as I have explained previously, she and her husband, Michael Koper, are attempting nothing more than a diversionary tactic from their own embezzlement, fraudulent actions, and deceit."**

**While working at Trinity, Koper and her husband took money that wasn't theirs, May said. They acknowledged their wrongs "and purported to want to 'make it right,'" but after Trinity had recaptured about \$500,000 of the more than \$1 million the Kopers had taken, cooperation stopped, and Koper "started making threats and a public scandal to try and intimidate a settlement and divert attention from her (and her husband's) criminality," May said. "She has continued on that road ever since, even to the point of altering and fabricating documents and continuing to create as big a public scandal as she can. "**

**That, Koper's attorney said, is nonsense. Koper and her husband admit to taking company loans for a house and condo, but say those loans were approved by higher-ups with clear repayment schedules.**

**"Brittany objects to the free TBN parsonages provided to her uncle and grandparents. She refuses her own and instead takes out a loan for her humble house like the rest of us, and then TBN has the hypocritical audacity to call Brittany's loan the embezzlement? Brittany's loan is the precise legal opposite of embezzlement, and yet all you hear Colby May singing is 'I know you are, but what am I' whenever TBN gets caught at something," said Tymothy MacLeod, Koper's attorney, by email.**

**More on that back-and-forth soon.**

### **GRANDMA, A GIRL'S BEST FRIEND**



**Jan Crouch and Brittany Koper**

**When Koper was young, Trinity's glitz and glamour happened at a distance. Her dad, Paul Crouch Jr., ran his own Christian production company, separate from TBN. Her mom stayed at home with the three kids. They lived in an upper-middle class Irvine community, Koper played softball at Woodbridge High, and they mostly saw their grandparents around birthdays and holidays. "I had a beautiful childhood," she said.**

**In high school, she and her grandmother grew very close. "She was every girl's dream come true," Koper said. "She has a funny sense of humor — really different from what you see on TV. We'd talk about boys, gossip, get magazines and look through at the celebrities. It was a teenage-girl type of relationship. She's the one who encouraged me to dye my hair blonde, wear blue contacts and go on a diet. When she lived in the mansion in Newport Beach, I'd go over and she'd do my make up and put her wigs on me. We'd go to movies together, she'd take me on shopping sprees for clothes, and when I went away to college, I was very homesick. She's the first person I would call to talk to."**

**Those shopping sprees — and birthday extravaganzas that cost thousands of dollars — were always paid on the TBN credit card, Koper said. She was a teenager then. She didn't think anything of it.**

**Koper went to college at St. John's, a Catholic university in New York, on a softball scholarship. That's where she met her husband Michael. They married in 2007, and moved back to California. Her husband had a scholarship to Whittier Law School, and she began work on her MBA at Concordia University in Irvine. She was 22.**

## **RETURN TO GOLDEN STATE**

**"When we first came to California, I said, no way am I working at TBN," she said. "But I talked to my dad, and he said Ruth (her great aunt, who was approaching 80) could use help in personnel department. So, I thought, OK, I'll work there through grad school."**

**And since her husband Michael was in law school, he went to work for John Casoria, TBN's in-house counsel, in the legal department.**

**"That's when the reality of everything — this illusion that had been created for me about my family and what they did — really became apparent," she said. "Before then, I really wasn't close enough to what went on on a daily basis to know. It wasn't until I got my education that I said, 'Wait, I'm pretty sure we're not supposed to be doing this.' "**

**At first, she just tried to understand what was going on. Every dollar TBN spent was supposed to further its ministry purpose — to spread the gospel.**

**Those five bottles of expensive wine, were those a ministry expense? Guess you could say that's communion wine, she reasoned.**

**Those expensive dinners with family members charged to TBN credit cards? "That's a business dinner. That's what their own general counsel is saying. 'John (Casoria) says it's OK.' You rationalize things in your head: I guess that could be a ministry expense if you throw the word 'church' in a couple of times. I was searching for ways to make these things ministry expenses."**



**Matthew and Laurie Crouch/TBN Newswire**

**It was the expenses charged to Trinity by her Uncle Matthew Crouch — her dad's younger brother — that were the last straw. "His lifestyle makes my grandparents' lifestyle look tame," she said. "You can't even compare. My grandfather has a luxury car — but Matt had a new luxury car every other week, and his wife would have one, too. TBN remodeled an entire TBN-owned house for them, so they could have a closet for their designer clothes. That's where it was, all right, I look the other way on other stuff that's in the gray area, but you have to be kidding me."**

**TBN, a nonprofit, had sent more than \$50 million to Matthew Crouch's for-profit film company over the course of a decade, she said.**

**By 2010 and 2011, she had her masters degree and her husband has his law degree, "and we more or less learned what things should look like," she said.**

**She started asking a lot of questions of TBN's auditors and lawyers, "really hoping they would stand up with me."**

**That's not quite how it turned out.**

**In August, After Koper and her husband were appointed treasurer and secretary, they wrote a memo detailing their concerns to Paul Crouch Sr. By October, they had been fired. And every immediate family member has gone down with them, including Koper's father, Paul Crouch Jr., and her little sister, Carra. She and her husband returned the loans and property they had through Trinity, but Trinity turned everything back on them and sued them in retaliation for blowing the whistle, Koper and her attorney maintain.**

**As the web of suits and counter-suits spiral, the Kopers moved back to New York for a fresh start. They now live in her in-laws' basement.**

**'SURREAL'**

**"For me to be in the situation I'm in currently, it's surreal," she said. "It hasn't really sunk in."**

**Her grandmother hasn't spoken to her since August. Repeated calls to Jan Crouch go unanswered. "I was heartbroken," she said. "It's like I'm dead to them. "**

**Thanksgiving was particularly hard: Jan Crouch's special turkey stuffing is a holiday staple, and if Koper wasn't actually with her grandmother, they'd be on the phone, with Jan Crouch walking her through the recipe so Koper could make it herself.**

**Not this year. Koper spent much of the holiday weeping, and it was the same on Christmas. " If we didn't spend it together, we'd send presents and call and say, 'Jesus loves you.' This year, she got everyone in my family a gift except for me. I tried to reach her on Christmas day — that was the last time I tried to reach out to her. I sent her a text that said, 'Grandmom, I love you so much no matter what. Thank you so much for teaching me about Jesus.' I never heard back."**

**Koper cried as she recounted this part of the story. "For her to cut me out of her life, it's hard," she says. "If I saw her tomorrow I'd run up to her and say 'I love you and miss you.' But I forgive her. I've forgiven everyone in my family. I realize they're human, afraid of what I have to say. And they should be. So many things they've done are unconscionable , if not illegal."**

**Koper has a job working in the human resources department of a medium-sized company in New York, and her husband's family has been terrifically supportive. On days she can't get out of bed, her husband encourages her; and on days when he can't get out of bed, she returns the favor, she said. When she was on the couch crying over the holidays, her in-laws were the first to come**

over and say “Brittany, we love you, no matter what.” “That’s really what family is about, and it’s unfortunate that my family has forgotten that,” she said, her voice cracking.

Her friends and in-laws joke that if they’re in a public place together, no one wants to stand next to her. She checks her brakes before she drives anywhere. She says a private detective is following her around and rifling through the trash. “He’s actually a pretty nice guy — he’s just doing his job,” she said. “I told him, ‘If my grandmother wants to know where I am, all she has to do is call me and I’ll tell her.’ ”

Koper wants people who have been wronged by TBN to have the strength to come forward and set things right. If she can provide any testimony to support their claims, she will. “So many people have been too scared to come forward,” she said. “I want to encourage them to come forward. If I have a message, it’s, ‘If you feel like you’ve been wronged, go get an attorney, because there’s someone willing to tell the truth.’ I’m not going to be intimidated and frightened into keeping quiet. Ever,” she said.

“I love TBN. It has such potential to be an amazing outlet for people. I’m a Christian, and my faith is stronger now than when I was there. I strongly believe in TBN’s mission. If it were under the right leadership, it would be doing amazing things for the world. This prosperity gospel, it just makes me sick — but I don’t know. That’s a theological discussion and I’m not a theologian.”

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## **BACKGROUND**

Paul Franklin Crouch (born March 30, 1934) is a religious broadcaster and, along with his wife Jan, co-founder of the Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN).

The Trinity Broadcasting Network was co-founded by Paul Crouch, Jan Crouch, Jim Bakker and Tammy Faye Bakker in 1973 as Trinity Broadcasting Systems; the Bakkers would leave by 1975 to start their own ministry, The PTL Club. TBN



**began national distribution through cable systems in 1978. The network was a member of the National Religious Broadcasters association until 1990.**

**Crouch was born in St. Joseph, the son of Pentecostal missionaries. Crouch, whose father died when he was just seven years old, was mainly raised by his mother with the help of his grandparents. He soon became interested in amateur radio and announced he would use such technology to send the Gospel around the world. He graduated from the Central Bible Institute and Seminary in Springfield, Missouri in 1955 with a degree in theology.**

**He has also received three honorary doctorates: Doctor of Litterarum (D.Litt) on May 29, 1981, from the California Graduate School of Theology, Glendale, California; a Doctor of Divinity on May 29, 1983, from the American Christian Theological Seminary, Anaheim, California; and a Doctor of Laws degree on May 5, 1985, from Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma.**

**Crouch and the former Janice Bethany (Crouch) met in 1957 and were married in Missouri. They have three sons, Paul Crouch Jr., and Matthew Crouch, and producer Andrew Crouch, who also have prominent positions with and also frequently appear on TBN.**

**[edit] Early broadcasting career**

**Crouch began his career in broadcasting by helping to build an educational AM station (KCBI-AM) on campus while a student at Central Bible Institute and Seminary. In 1957 he became a radio announcer at KRSD in Rapid City, South Dakota and progressed rapidly to program director. Shortly thereafter he was promoted to manager of sister station KRSD-TV, the NBC affiliate in Rapid City.**

**In 1961, he was appointed by the general council of the Assemblies of God to organize and operate their newly-formed Department of Television and Film Production in Burbank, California, a position he held for four years. Crouch was responsible for the ongoing production of films focusing largely on foreign missions and foreign missionary works, as well as the Assemblies of God's large inventory of audiovisual materials and children's teaching aids.**

**From 1965 to 1970 Crouch was general manager of KREL radio in Corona, California. In 1966, he purchased a minority stock interest in KREL. During his time at KREL, he successfully completed the station's application for an increase in power to 5,000 watts.**

**After leaving KREL in 1970, Crouch was invited to serve as general manager for KHOF-FM and KHOF-TV in San Bernardino, California.**

**Crouch left KHOF in 1973 and with his wife, Jan, founded the Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN). In 1974, TBN purchased its first TV station, KLXA-TV (now KTBN-TV), DT channel 23, in Southern California. Since then, under his direction, The Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN) has grown to become the United States' largest Christian television network,[1][2] and the third largest group owner of broadcast TV stations in the U.S., with CBS, FOX,**

and NBC holding the 4th, 5th and 6th place, according to TV News Check's annual listing of the Top 30 Station Groups.[3]

TBN is viewed globally on 70 satellites and over 18,000 TV and Cable affiliates.[2] TBN is also seen on the internet globally.[4] TBN is carried on over 287 television stations in the U.S. and on thousands of other cable television and satellite systems around the world in over 75 countries, where their programming is translated into over eleven languages.

In the US, TBN's coverage grew through agreements with national cable operators. TBN is viewed on US satellite and cable subs, and affiliated with major cable and satellite companies such as Comcast, Cox, Time Warner, Verizon FIOS, DirecTV, AT&T, Dish Network and Charter.[5]

In addition to TBN, Crouch and his wife developed and oversee operations for TBN's affiliated television networks: Smile of a Child - children's channel,[6] JCTV - youth network,[7][8] The Church Channel,[9] TBN Enlace USA - Spanish language network,[10][11] TBNE-Italian, The Healing Channel - Arabic language network, TBN-Russia, TBN Nejat TV - Persian-language channel, and TBN-HD, TBN's new high definition network.

[edit] Awards and citations

Crouch and the Trinity Broadcasting Network have been the recipients of numerous awards and citations of appreciation by both local and national leaders including the Golden Angel award from the Excellence in Media organization and the Parents Television Council Entertainment Seal of Approval, given to both the TBN and Smile of a Child networks for producing and promoting programming that reflects their values.[12] Crouch was also appointed by President Ronald Reagan to the Private Sector Initiative Project.

In May, 2009, the United Nations officially recommended the Smile of a Child Foundation to receive special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council for the Democracy Coalition Project. The 19-member Committee recommends general, special or roster status with the Council in accordance with such criteria as the applicant's mandate, governance and financial regime. Special consultative status was recommended for: Smile of a Child, a United States-based organization, seeking to help world leaders alleviate poverty and improve the lives of children.[13]

**PROVERBS 21:3 To do righteousness and justice Is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.**

**OF COURSE THE O.C. Register IS MAKING**

**TBN VERY NERVOUS AND HAS posted online all 180 pages of the declaration.**

## **TBN extravagance? Read internal memos for yourself**

May 20th, 2012, 8:00 pm · · posted by [Teri Sforza, Register staff writer](#)



TBN founders Paul and Jan Crouch, and granddaughter Brittany Koper

We've been telling you about the charges leveled by the granddaughter of **Trinity Broadcasting Network's Paul and Jan Crouch**, who [accused the world's largest Christian broadcaster of playing fast and loose with the ministry's millions](#) – and then provided [internal documents to back up her claims](#).

Trinity accused *her* of the true financial misdeeds, called her assertions nonsense, and [tried to keep the internal documents she possessed under wraps](#). They were stolen, and may have been altered, Trinity says.

We've been bringing you stories based on **Brittany Koper's 180**-page declaration ([Confidential memo: 'TBN practices ... violate the IRS Code'](#) and [Extravagant spending a pervasive issue for Trinity, internal review says](#)) for the past few days, but we hadn't posted the full Koper document, as it's quite large.

There have been repeated requests for it from various corners over the past week, and so, after wrestling with Adobe Acrobat and WordPress, we've broken it into pieces. You can read the documents yourself by clicking on the links below (and if you don't see the document on the first try, hit "reload," and that usually does the trick):

- [Pages 1-34 from Brittany Koper Declaration](#)
- [Pages 35-69 from Brittany Koper Declaration](#)
- [Pages from Pages 70-104 from Brittany Koper Declaration](#)
- [Pages 105-130 from Brittany Koper Declaration](#)
- [Pages 131- 157 from Brittany Koper Declaration](#)
- [Pages 158-180 from Brittany Koper Declaration](#)

There has been a great deal of jaw-dropping allegations in suits related to this one, including that Trinity purchased a **\$50 million** jet through “a sham loan to an alter ego corporation” for the personal use of the **Crouches**; a **\$100,000** motor home purchased by Trinity as a mobile residence for **Jan Crouch’s** dogs; “multiple residential estates” falsely reported as guest homes or church parsonages to avoid income disclosures; meal expenses of up to a **half-million dollars** per company director; “personal chauffeurs compensated with Trinity funds under the guise of medical payments;” and “multiple cover-ups of sexual and criminal scandals.” (Details in [Suit: ‘Cover-ups of sexual and criminal scandals’ at TBN](#))

Koper [also accused the world’s largest Christian broadcaster of unlawfully distributing charitable assets worth more than \*\*\\$50 million\*\*](#) to the company’s directors.

**Trinity Christian Center**, which does business as TBN, is a nonprofit in the eyes of Uncle Sam, which means it doesn’t pay taxes on its income. It reported

- revenues of **\$175.6 million** (including donor contributions of **\$92.5 million**),
- expenses of **\$193.7 million**,
- and net assets of **\$827.6 million** at the end of 2010, according to its tax returns.
- Its highest-paid officer was Paul Crouch, with compensation of **\$400,000**.

Losing its tax-exempt status has been the big concern voiced in the documents Koper furnished — which could cost Trinity **tens of millions** of dollars each year if it came to pass.

Jan Crouch has called TBN Jesus’ TV station, and thanked its donors for keeping it on the air.

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## **Criticisms and controversies**

In September 2004 the Los Angeles Times reported that in 1998 Crouch paid Enoch Lonnie Ford, a former employee, a \$425,000 formal settlement to end a wrongful termination lawsuit.[14] TBN officials acknowledge the settlement, but contested the credibility of Ford who is a convicted felon, with crimes ranging from child sexual molestation to using illegal drugs such as crack cocaine. Ford became involved with TBN through a drug-rehabilitation program conducted on TBN's property. Upon his successful completion of the program, TBN offered him employment. Ford was arrested while employed by TBN for drug-related violations, and was found guilty of violating his probation and was returned to prison for a year. Upon his release from incarceration in 1997, Ford again sought employment with TBN and, when TBN declined, he threatened to sue TBN by alleging wrongful termination and sexual harassment. Ford has convictions in Orange County Courts, case numbers: 04CC05609, 01CF0559.[15] Solano Courts case number: FCM107776 San Bernardino County: M618996[16][17] TBN officials stated that the settlement was made in order to avoid a lengthy and expensive lawsuit. [18]

In late 2003, Ford threatened to release an autobiographical manuscript to the media should TBN and Dr. Crouch not agree to buy the manuscript for \$10 million. TBN refused to pay Ford, calling his actions extortion. In October 2004, Judge Robert J. O'Neill awarded Paul Crouch \$136,000 in legal fees to be paid by Ford for his violation of the terms of the settlement agreement, specifically the prohibition of discussing the settlement's details. On March 15, 2005 Ford appeared at the taping of the ION Television show Lie Detector. The show's producers decided not to air the show, and the outcome of the lie detector test was never released.[19]

Crouch family members control the boards of all Trinity Network entities, which makes Trinity "ineligible to join" the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, an evangelical self-regulating group.

In 2000, Crouch was sued for \$40 million[20] by author Sylvia Fleener, who accused Crouch of plagiarism in his popular end-times novel (and subsequent



movie), The Omega Code. Fleener's lawsuit alleged that the movie's plot was taken from her own novel, The Omega Syndrome. A former Crouch personal assistant, Kelly Whitmore, revealed that she had encountered a loose-leaf binder in Jan Crouch's luggage that the Crouches referred to as "the End Times project" and that he often called it "The Omega" but said he disliked the working title, "especially the word 'Syndrome'". After the defendant's motion for summary judgment failed[21] the case was settled out of court for an undisclosed sum.[20][22]

TBN owns 35 full-power television stations serving larger metropolitan areas, and, at its peak, 252 low power television stations in the United States, which are mixed among stations serving medium-sized cities and rural translator stations in order to maximize the network's reach as much as is permissible. TBN also has several hundred affiliate stations throughout the United States, although just 61 of these stations are regular UHF or VHF stations. The rest are low-powered stations, requiring a viewer to be within several miles of the transmitter.

Worldwide, TBN's channels are broadcast on 70 satellites and over 18,000 TV and cable affiliates. TBN is also seen on the internet globally, where viewers can watch TBN programming live, as well as select archived shows on demand, through the website and select IPTV services.] TBN also offers an app, which gives users access to TBN and its channels, plus the Arabic language Healing Channel, and Nejat TV in Persian.

Personalities featured or have been featured on TBN include: A.R. Bernard, Carl Baugh, Kirk Cameron, MC Hammer, Marilyn Hickey, Benny Hinn, Rodney Howard Browne, D. James Kennedy, Carol Lawrence, Gavin MacLeod, Oral and Richard Roberts, Karl Strader, Jay Sekulow, Fulton J. Sheen, Nasir Siddiki, Charles Stanley, Paula White, and Jack Van Impe.

- [Trinity Broadcasting Network](#)
- [Paul Crouch](#) at the [Internet Movie Database](#)

**Benny Hinn the Scoundrel** <http://www.scribd.com/doc/17673980/>

**Benny Hinn Exposed NBC DATELINE**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NSxqFE\\_hmcE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NSxqFE_hmcE)

**Rodney Howard Browne the Fleecer** <http://tinyurl.com/343w372>

**Richard Roberts A Wolf In Sheep's Clothing** <http://www.scribd.com/doc/17098294>

**KARL STRADER IS HISTORY** <http://www.scribd.com/doc/56459981/>

## **LATEST SCANDALS**

# **TBN Asks Court to Seal Records in Response to Blog Investigation**

# May 19, 2012|2:20 pm

**The Trinity Christian Center of Santa Ana, better known as Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN), filed an emergency motion in Orange County Superior Court last week to prevent The Orange County Register from publishing information against the network contained in a recent court filing.**

The 180-page declaration in question was filed by Brittany Koper, granddaughter of TBN founders Paul and Jan Crouch. Koper formerly served as chief financial officer, director of finance, corporate treasurer and director of human resources for TBN. She filed the declaration on May 10 in support of Joseph McVeigh, her husband's uncle, who is being accused by the network of illegally receiving a \$63,000 loan from the network and accuses TBN of misappropriating over \$50 million.

The declaration includes a list of allegations made "under penalty of perjury" and copies of credit card receipts and other documents supporting Koper's allegations. The day after it was filed with the court, TBN attorneys claimed the document included stolen or forged information and had the declaration sealed.

Now the network's attorneys want Teri Sforza, a writer for the OC Watchdog, the Register's blog, to stop publishing information from the declaration until the court can determine what to do with it.

Court documents claim Sforza either illegally obtained the declaration after it became inaccessible to the public, or Koper's attorney, Tymothy MacLeod, turned the documents over to the Register and lied to the court about it afterward.

"Any other explanation is implausible," TBN attorneys say in the document, according to the watchdog. "No reporter randomly checks filings unless tipped off."

Sforza says she obtained the documents legally, and claims TBN attorney Colby May had the declaration sealed away only after she had contacted him about it. Sforza also says court reporters do randomly check court filings on a daily basis.

"The declaration filed last week by Koper ... is currently under wraps. We at **The Watchdog** got hold of the records during a **24**-hour window when they were public," she wrote.

Koper's declaration alleges that the Crouch family misused millions of dollars of ministry funds. A 2011 compliance review completed by Guinn, Smith & Co., an Irving, Texas-based accounting firm that specializes in religious [nonprofit](#) organizations, is included in the declaration, and reveals expensive hotel stays, dinners, and some other questionable uses of the ministry's money by members of the Crouch family.

Donald E. Guinn, the certified public accountant who signed the review, said TBN accrued over \$10,500 for a three-night stay at The Ritz-Carlton hotel in New York City in November 2009. In another instance in June 2010, a TBN leader's bill totaled over \$16,000 for a four-night hotel stay.

An examination of a number of meals enjoyed by the Crouch family also raised some red flags in the review. In 2009, there were at least five meals purchased by TBN for Crouch family members that cost between \$135 and \$212 per plate.

"Although a general business purpose was listed on the receipt, the IRS could easily question the validity of a business purpose when the meal consisted of all family members eating near their homes and near the office at the expense of the exempt organization," said Guinn, according to the watchdog.

Other red flags from the ministry's finance records discovered by Guinn include the personal use of TBN vehicles, undocumented charges on the organization's credit cards, undocumented use of TBN guest houses and more.

"Areas with the greatest exposure include: Unreasonable Compensation, Personal Use of the Organization's Assets, Use of the church's credit card for personal expenses, Excessive Spending," the conclusion of the review states.

May has called Koper's declaration "untrue" and "defamatory," and claims the documents cited in it "appear to be stolen."

Koper currently is in the middle of her own lawsuit against the ministry, accusing its leaders, her grandparents and uncle, of unlawful distribution of assets to the tune of \$50 million. TBN says Koper and her husband, Michael, are actually the ones who mishandled the ministry's finances by misappropriating about \$400,000.

McVeigh dropped one of his suits against TBN on May 7. TBN's attorneys alleged that the suit violated the state's anti-SLAPP law, which prevents

lawsuits designed solely to intimidate or silence the defendants through legal action.

"The truth of the matter is that this lawsuit was never anything more than a smokescreen to obscure the Kopers' own misappropriation of ministry funds, as well as their illegal loan of over \$65,000 to Mr. McVeigh," May told Charisma News. "There was never any lavish or reckless spending of ministry money by the Crouches or any other TBN officials: no hundred thousand dollar motor homes for pets, private jets for personal use or any other unaccountable expenditures."

But MacLeod, who is also McVeigh's attorney, told OC Weekly a different story, saying the lawsuit was dismissed in order to fold it into other legal actions against TBN at both the federal and state level.

"TBN keeps filing new actions, up to nine different actions, that have been filed, so what we are trying to do is consolidate all the multiple lawsuits into one place," said MacLeod.

Ken Connor, chairman of the Center for a Just Society, wrote about Koper's lawsuit in a recent column for The Christian Post, in which he questioned the morality, not the legality, of what the Crouches do with their money.

"Just as important, the Bible also teaches that human beings are to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us by our Maker, and that we will all be called to give an account for our use of His blessings here on earth," wrote Connor. "This includes Paul and Janice Crouch, and while they would insist that their stewardship of TBN's resources are honoring to God, they would likely benefit from some serious, Biblically-rooted soul-searching."

The scheduling conference – used to determine how the case will proceed – for Koper's lawsuit will be held on July 16 in front of Judge David O. Carter, a U.S. District Court Judge for the Central District of [California](#).

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**True men of God don't lie, steal, deceive, blackmail, threaten, or play games like Paul Crouch - Walter Kambulow**

# 'God help anyone who would ...get in the way of TBN'

February 14th, 2012, 3:19 pm · · posted by [Teri Sforza, Register staff writer](#)



We told you last week that [the granddaughter of Trinity Broadcasting Network's Paul and Jan Crouch](#) has accused the world's largest Christian broadcaster of unlawfully distributing charitable assets worth more than **\$50 million** to the company's directors.

The charges were leveled in a [federal lawsuit filed by Crouch granddaughter Brittany Koper](#) (far left) against her former lawyers, who also do legal work for Trinity. One of those lawyers said her charges were "outright fiction and wholly without merit."

On Thursday, Feb. 9 — the same day that our story ran online — **Paul Crouch** and his son, **Matt**, were having a live chat on [TBN's "Behind the Scenes."](#) Paul was reminiscing about how TBN began back in 1973 — God spoke to him as he was driving on MacArthur Boulevard — and the conversation took a turn that Koper's attorney finds somewhat menacing.

"You know what's funny Dad?" Matt said ([at minute 8:38 on the video](#)). "There have been a few attempts in the TBN history to upset TBN, to stop TBN, to — there have been a few fools in the 38, 39 year history, coming up on 40 years, and you know what, any attempt at stopping TBN — they have no idea who they're actually pushing into the corner. You and Mom get pushed in a corner, God help you. That's a lesson I've learned from you, seriously."

Paul Crouch responded: "God help anyone who would try to get in the way of TBN, which was God's plan. ... I have attended the funerals of at least two people who tried...."



"Boy, anyone that's ever tried to get in the way of this network – don't. Don't try it. Don't try it, I'm telling you. You're playing with fire. God says 'I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.' And TBN, you know what, just plain old TBN as a great network entity is proof of the sovereignty of God and the power of God against hell and high water. This network stands as a monument to the faithfulness of God. He did it. Jan and I were just simple little kids — we didn't even know what we were doing. It was God's idea. He did it all."

Crouch then appealed for donations. "Anyone have a need?" he asked. "Plant a seed. Get to the phone."

The comments were directed at no one in particular, but they resounded with Koper.

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Koper's attorney, **Tymothy MacLeod**, said that Koper is readying documentation regarding her charges and will submit a package to the **Internal Revenue Service** for its review.

In her suit, Koper says that she had been threatened by Trinity officials.

"After and as a result of reporting and objecting to her employers' unlawful conduct, Ms. Koper was terminated by the TBN Companies," the suit says. "In retaliation, the TBN Companies also terminated Ms. Koper's husband, **Michael Koper**, who was Trinity Broadcasting's Corporate Secretary and Vice President of Media Services.

"When questioned about the grounds for termination, Matthew Crouch, a director at Trinity Broadcasting, began tapping the firearm he had brought to the meeting and asked Ms. Koper what she thought would happen when she wrote a memo to the board critical of Matthew Crouch's financial improprieties. Matthew Crouch continued tapping the gun he was holding to ensure that Ms. Koper recognized the lethal threat being made."

Again, for the record, the attorneys say that Koper's assertions are fiction.

# PENTECOSTAL THIRD WAVE INCL. LEE GRADY STEVE STRANG PAT ROBERTSON ARE OFF THE WALL

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## Confidential memo: 'TBN practices ... violate the IRS Code'

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Insiders have apparently been ringing warning bells over how the nonprofit **Trinity Christian Center of Santa Ana** spends its **millions** for quite some time — but when the granddaughter of **Jan and Paul Crouch** started getting serious about running a tighter ship, her family turned on her and ultimately called for her head a la **John the Baptist**, according to explosive documents recently filed (and promptly sealed) in **Superior Court**.

"We know this is a lot at once, but Michael and I feel it's in TBN's best interest to get these issues resolved to protect the ministry," **Brittany Koper** wrote to her grandfather, Paul Crouch, in a confidential memo dated Aug. 30, shortly after she and husband **Michael Koper** were appointed treasurer and secretary.

"We think current TBN practices and procedures violate the IRS Code and State and Federal Laws.... we do not feel comfortable being Secretary/Treasurer without bringing these issues forward," the memo says.

That is among a trove of internal emails, CPA reports, invoices and memos detailing questions about Trinity's spending which reveal, among other things, that grandma Jan Crouch can have a bit of a potty mouth ("OH GOD ARE GRAMMAS EYES OPENED," she wrote in one email regarding more than **\$1 million** spent on a moribund movie. "I M COMING BACK TO GO THRU THAT DEPT LIKE CRAP THRU A GOOSE.")

Trinity maintains these documents were stolen or altered, and is trying to keep them out of the public eye (and off of this blog — but more on that later today). The assertions in the Koper filing are "untrue, defamatory, and attempts to use documents that appear to be stolen," Trinity attorney **Colby May** told us by email.

Koper's attorney, **Tymothy MacLeod**, said the documents are what they are, that Koper signed no confidentiality agreement in her last position with Trinity, and has stolen nothing.

The documents causing all the headaches assert that:

- **Some \$50 million** flowed to **Matthew Crouch's** movie company, **Gener8xion**, over a decade. "Since Matt went on the (Trinity) board in 2007, **\$4.5M** dollars has flowed to Gener8xion mostly under your signature," says an email from **Paul Crouch Jr.** (Brittany's father and Matt Crouch's brother) to Jan Crouch, his mother, who was shocked. "Including **\$1.2141** for a Jesus/Les movie that doesn't exist. (And may never get going until a script is approved.) That is a clear violation of not only TBN policy, but we have been warned by (accountants and attorneys) **Jim Guinn, Colby May, John Casoria** and **Greg Goodyear** that this could even threaten the 401(c)(3) tax status of the network."
- **Tens of thousands of dollars** of expenses were charged to the company's **American Express** card without documentation — including **\$60,000** from one high-up over a single three-month period, and **\$15,328** at **Harley Davidson Orlando**, "with no business purpose indicated."
- Hotel stays exceeded **\$4,000** per night, and frequent meals attended by only family members cost up to **\$212** per person.
- Invoices for more than **\$8,000** of goods from **Sam Moon**, "wholesaler of women's handbags, jewelry and accessories," were paid to Matt Crouch's wife, **Laurie**, apparently twice, by different corporate arms of Trinity.
- Worries were also expressed over the free "parsonages" that Trinity provided to all of its directors and other officers "without proper reporting;" "the 'rent' fraudulently paid by TBN to my grandparents, Paul Crouch Sr. and Janice Crouch, for the fictitious 'use' of their home;" and

payment by Trinit to cover her grandparents' living expenses, according to the documents.

We at **The Watchdog** got hold of the records during a **24**-hour window when they were public. Trinity asked that they be sealed until a hearing can determine whether they are stolen or forgeries. Machinations on that issue continue in court today, including an attempt by Trinity to stop the Register from publishing what's in them.

We'll be telling you about what's in the documents in greater detail coming days.

## **SOME BACKGROUND**

We've been telling you how Koper [accused the world's largest Christian broadcaster of unlawfully distributing charitable assets worth more than \\$50 million](#) to its principals — and of firing her as its finance director, and beginning a campaign of "malicious retaliation" against her and her family, for refusing to go along with the scheme.

Trinity paints a very different picture — saying it was Koper and her husband who committed financial misdeeds. It maintains that the couple embezzled money, forged documents and misappropriated funds to the tune of some **\$400,000**. An earlier suit on these allegations was dismissed, but a new suit revives them.

"(S)everal of the documents appear to have been fabricated or altered by Koper," Trinity attorney May told us. "That is a very serious concern, and until I can determine authenticity, let me properly reiterate what I have said previously: Trinity takes its financial stewardship seriously, and this is why it conducts two separate comprehensive and independent annual reviews. The first review covers all financial procedures, transactions, and record keeping in order to insure GAAP and FASB (Financial Accounting Standards Board) compliance. The second covers IRS compliance. Trinity properly responds to these audits every year."

Trinity is the largest Christian broadcaster in the world, subscribing to the "Have a need? Plant a seed" philosophy. Its donors believe that sending money to the network reaps larger rewards later on. Trinity spent **\$194 million** in 2010, and had close to **\$1 billion** in assets, according to its last tax return.

This paperwork was filed by Koper in support of **Joseph McVeigh**, her uncle by marriage. McVeigh's complaint against Trinity and its lawyers — of

malicious prosecution in connection with a loan he received through Trinity companies — is one of a swirl of suits and countersuits between the parties.

Some of the documents in the Koper stash, if authentic, may make it harder for Trinity to argue that Koper had ill-intent from the beginning. An email from Jan Crouch to family members noted, in caps (which she apparently uses when agitated),

“BRITTANY BEGAN THE RESEARCH WITH DON GUINN (a C.P.A.) AND CAME TO PAPA AND ME WITH A LOT OF THINGS THAT HAVE TO BE STOPPED AND MADE RIGHT

SHE DID A GOOD WONDERFUL NEEDED SEARCH AND WE WILL DEAL WITH ALL OF THIS

LETS START TODAY CHANGING EVERYTHING THAT IS WRONG”

More soon.

*(Notes: The bolding of names and numbers is our style here on Watchdog; this type does not appear in the original documents. And the photo above is of Koper and her husband Michael in the center, with Jan Crouch and her dog to the left, and Paul Crouch to the right.)*

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## **TBN Says NYT Exposé Misses Mark of Sound Journalism**





Paul and Jan Crouch

Reporter Erik Eckholm's May 5th article in *The New York Times* purports to present an objective exposé on Christian television leader **Trinity Broadcasting Network**. In reality, however, the article is based on little more than the meritless and contrived civil lawsuit filed by Brittany Koper, the granddaughter of TBN's founders, Dr. **Paul Crouch** and Mrs. Janice Crouch—a suit that was itself designed to divert attention from Mrs. Koper's own embezzlement and misappropriation of ministry money.

Instead of addressing the documented facts made available to him by TBN, Mr. Eckholm simply settled on rehashing tired and false stereotypes about religious television. For example, rather than acknowledge that over the years TBN has always included programming from virtually every Christian expression--Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, Pentecostal, Messianic, etc.—he summarily dismissed such diversity and instead incorrectly labeled TBN's broad-based programming lineup as representative of a "**prosperity gospel**."

Similarly, Mr. Eckholm largely ignored information from this writer that exhaustively recounted the facts behind Mrs. Koper's false claims, along with the facts about TBN's ministry philosophy, its 40-year record of achievement, its impeccable financial stewardship, and its unchanged commitment to reach the world with the message of the Christian gospel.

Since Mr. Eckholm missed the opportunity, allow me to review just a few of the salient points I made in response to his many queries.

Far from being the innocent crusader seeking to bring correction to supposed financial impropriety she "discovered" shortly after becoming TBN's finance director, Mrs. Koper actually fabricated the accusations against her former employer after she and her husband, Michael Koper, admitted that they had taken hundreds of thousands of dollars from the ministry.

In addition, the trust TBN placed in Michael Koper was based in large part on what was discovered to be his fraudulent claim of heroic and life-threatening military service as a U.S. Marine in Afghanistan. The disturbing reality, however, is that Mr. Koper never served in the military or as a Marine in Afghanistan. But his fraud nonetheless helped him obtain a position of trust, and allowed him and Mrs. Koper to embezzle and misappropriate ministry money to purchase a home along with an investment condo, “lend” tens of thousands of dollars to Mr. Koper’s uncle, and even put Michael’s own father on TBN’s payroll for a non-existent job.

Contrary to the *Times*’ depiction of these wrongs as mere “accusations” by TBN, the Kopers admitted to these and other matters, such as setting up a dummy bank account in the ministry’s name which they alone controlled, and siphoning off over \$175,000 in third-party payments to the ministry into that dummy account.

The Kopers subsequently offered their apologies, but when restitution and return of the embezzled monies became more difficult than they anticipated, they fled California for New York and threatened to create a public scandal to damage TBN.

As I also explained to Mr. Eckholm, there were no “sweetheart deals” with family-owned businesses, no special luxury accommodations for pets and no other extravagant perquisites. From housing to transportation to investments in TBN’s extensive program library, every network expense has been successfully calculated (and accounted for) to add bottom-line value to the ministry’s mission and purpose.

Ministry resources such as jet aircraft and properties and residences in multiple cities may pique the interest of reporters like Mr. Eckholm. But the plain truth is that with 35 broadcast and production studios across the nation, scores of others around the world, and the necessity of non-stop travel by network executives, TBN has saved millions of dollars over the decades in airfare and lodging, and the financial value of its aircraft and real property has appreciated greatly.

In fact, wise stewardship and accountability have been the key to TBN’s success, and is why its viewers and supporting partners have continued helping fulfill its mission of broadcasting the gospel around the world.

As I further explained to Mr. Eckholm, TBN has always sought to maintain transparency in the stewardship of its finances. This is why, even though churches are not required to do so, TBN—which is a church—has voluntarily filed and released for public inspection an Annual Information Tax Return (IRS

Form 990). TBN also conducts two separate annual independent audits, one to assure compliance with IRS rules and a second focused on its internal financial accounting and operations.

It is also well-documented that while TBN's founders and top directors, Paul and Jan Crouch, oversee one of the largest broadcast groups in the nation, their compensation packages are significantly smaller than those of the average non-commercial TV head (think PBS affiliates), and even of many other leaders of ministries much smaller than TBN. In fact, TBN's founders voluntarily take salaries lower than that recommended by an independent compensation review board.

Such a conservative approach helps to explain why its financial partners are enthusiastic about supporting TBN. It also explains why after 40 years—and with no debt to tie it down:

- TBN has grown to 16 global television networks distributed on 76 satellites, multiple foreign and domestic affiliates, and thousands of cable affiliates on every continent save Antarctica, and is always available on your smartphone or the Internet via TBN Everywhere and iTBN(tm), respectively.
- TBN reaches the homes of billions of individuals and families with a wide variety of inspirational, religious, cultural and educational programming for all ages.
- TBN has provided millions of dollars in time, money and resources to support a wide variety of humanitarian, religious and charitable efforts around the globe, including for natural disasters (e.g., Hurricane Katrina, Indonesian Tsunami, and the earthquakes in Haiti and Japan), terrorist attacks (9/11), aid and services to the homeless and needy (Samaritan's Purse, Salvation Army, etc.) and through its award-winning TBN Second Chance program to help inmates and prisons.

As I pointed out to Mr. Eckholm, while some may have a different idea of what Christian ministry looks like, and while others may criticize TBN for its doctrines and beliefs or because of its unique style and look, one issue is not open to debate: After 40 years, TBN continues to succeed in its mission to take the gospel to the ends of the earth

*Note : An apple doesn't fall far from the tree. Paul Crouch is throwing his granddaughter under the bus to save himself*

*The Crouch family dynasty's opulent and foul worldliness is getting the attention it deserves. And guess what, Christians, all of us are seen by the*

*world as endorsers of their scam because our leaders did nothing and even shared the red velvet/gold trim brothel-looking sets with them. Thanks a lot Greg Laurie, Kirk Cameron, Hal Lindsey, Chuck Smith, Tim LaHaye, Raul Ries, Skip Heitzig, etc., etc., etc.*

## **Family Battle Offers Look Inside Lavish TV Ministry**



### **Brian Blanco for The New York Times**

The Holy Land Experience theme park in Orlando, Fla., is part of the Trinity Broadcasting Network's operations. [More Photos »](#)

By [ERIK ECKHOLM](#)

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NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — For 39 years, the [Trinity Broadcasting Network](#) has urged viewers to give generously and reap the Lord's bounty in return.

The prosperity gospel preached by Paul and Janice Crouch, who built a single station into the world's largest Christian television network, has worked out well for them.

Mr. and Mrs. Crouch have his-and-her mansions one street apart in a gated community here, provided by the network using viewer donations and tax-free

earnings. But Mrs. Crouch, 74, rarely sleeps in the \$5.6 million house with tennis court and pool. She mostly lives in a large company house near Orlando, Fla., where she runs a side business, the [Holy Land Experience](#) theme park. Mr. Crouch, 78, has an adjacent home there too, but rarely visits. Its occupant is often a security guard who doubles as Mrs. Crouch's chauffeur.

The twin sets of luxury homes only hint at the high living enjoyed by the Crouches, inspirational television personalities whose multitudes of stations and satellite signals reach millions of worshipers across the globe. Almost since they started in the 1970s, the couple have been criticized for secrecy about their use of donations, which totaled \$93 million in 2010.

Now, after an upheaval with Shakespearean echoes, one son in this first family of televangelism has ousted the other to become the heir apparent. A granddaughter, who was in charge of TBN's finances, has gone public with the most detailed allegations of financial improprieties yet, which TBN has denied, saying its practices were audited and legal.

The granddaughter, Brittany Koper, and her husband have been fired by the network, which [accused them](#) of stealing \$1.3 million to buy real estate and cars and make family loans. "They're just trying to divert attention from their own crimes," said Colby May, a lawyer representing TBN. Janice and Paul Crouch declined requests for interviews.

In two pending lawsuits and in her first public interview, Ms. Koper described company-paid luxuries that she said appeared to violate the Internal Revenue Service's ban on "excess compensation" by nonprofit organizations as well as possibly state and federal laws on false bookkeeping and self-dealing.

The lavish perquisites, corroborated by two other former TBN employees, include additional, often-vacant homes in Texas and on the [former Conway Twitty estate in Tennessee](#), corporate jets valued at \$8 million and \$49 million each and thousand-dollar dinners with fine wines, paid with tax-exempt money.

In the lawsuits and interviews, Ms. Koper, 26, also charges that TBN has spent millions of dollars in sweetheart deals with a commercial film company owned until recently by a son of the Crouches, Matthew, including poorly monitored investments made after he joined the TBN board in 2007.

"My job as finance director was to find ways to label extravagant personal spending as ministry expenses," Ms. Koper said. This is one way, she said, the company avoids probing questions from the I.R.S. She said that the absence



of outsiders on TBN's governing board — currently consisting of Paul, Janice and Matthew Crouch — had led to a serious lack of accountability for spending.

Ms. Koper and the two other former TBN employees also said that dozens of staff members, including Ms. Koper, chauffeurs, sound engineers and others had been ordained as ministers by TBN. This allowed the network to avoid paying Social Security taxes on their salaries and made it easier to justify providing family members with rent-free houses, sometimes called "parsonages," she said.

The company did not always succeed. Last year, officials in Orange County, Fla., turned down TBN's application to register the adjacent lakefront houses in Windermere as parsonages, saying they served no religious purpose, [The Orlando Sentinel reported](#). The designation would have resulted in religious exemptions and saved TBN roughly \$50,000 in taxes a year.

Ms. Koper said that the company run by Matthew Crouch, 50, who is her uncle, had received an estimated \$50 million in TBN money over the years, with little oversight, to finance religious film projects and television shows. TBN recouped only a small fraction of its loans and investments, sometimes forgiving large sums in return for broadcast rights of limited value, she said.

She also questioned the justification for providing rent-free houses for Matthew, now a TBN vice president, and his wife, Laurie, and separate houses for their young-adult sons in Costa Mesa, Calif., including one that Ms. Koper said was remodeled at company expense with wall-mounted Transformer robot figures costing several thousand dollars, a putting green and an indoor basketball court.

Ms. Koper and her husband, Michael Koper, 28, who formerly managed sales of TBN airtime, said they were fired last September after writing memorandums to the elder Mr. Crouch about questionable spending. They showed a reporter for The New York Times what they said were copies of the memos.

"People have been conned by my grandparents," Ms. Koper said.

But TBN said the pair made their charges only after the company confronted them with evidence of embezzlement. TBN later filed and then dropped a civil lawsuit accusing the Kopers of fraud, and this week filed a new suit in a California court, repeating only a few of the original allegations. No criminal charges against the Kopers have been filed.

Mr. May, the lawyer, offered a broad defense of TBN and the Crouches. He said that TBN had indeed ordained hundreds of people who felt a true



“ministerial call” and that performers at Holy Land Experience, for example, were “ministers playing roles.”

He said that all contracts with the film company that Matthew Crouch led until mid-2010, [Gener8Xion Entertainment](#), had been at “arm’s length” and provided good value to TBN.

Mr. May added that TBN owned so many homes because traveling employees and guests used them. He said that the remodeled house, in the Lifestyles complex in Costa Mesa, was not occupied, but used as a set for youth television programs, with the Transformers serving as props. Matthew Crouch, through the company spokesman, declined an interview request. But Gilbert J. Luft, president of the Lifestyles Homeowners Association in Costa Mesa, said that the sons were familiar residents and that the association does not permit filming there.

Extolling TBN’s prominence and programs, Mr. May said the spending that some call opulent “is necessary to convey the ministry’s position of accomplishment.”

## **The Gospel of Prosperity**

On the air, the Crouches combine uplifting talk with encouragement to give to the Lord, and so be repaid. This “prosperity gospel” is shared by several televangelists who appear on TBN. But many conventional Christian leaders regard it as a sham.

“Prosperity theology is a false theology,” said R. Albert Mohler Jr., president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Between its message and its reputation for high spending, Mr. Mohler said, “TBN has been a huge embarrassment to evangelical Christianity for decades.”

While TBN said it provided tens of millions of dollars’ worth of free advertising time to conventional charities like the Salvation Army and a few million dollars in some years for aid to disaster victims, it is forthright about its overriding purpose: “to spread the Gospel to the world” through its cable systems, satellite transmitters and, now, via computers and smartphones.

Janice Crouch, called “Mama” on the air, is known for her pink-tinged wigs, which look like huge swirls of cotton candy, and for talking emotionally about the Lord’s blessings. Mr. Crouch, or “Papa,” is relentlessly upbeat as he quotes flurries of Bible verses on signature programs like “Praise the Lord.”

Clearly, many viewers have heartfelt responses. In 2010, TBN received \$93 million in tax-exempt donations, according to its [tax report](#). The company also

had \$64 million in additional income from sales of airtime and \$17 million in investment income that year.

It spent \$194 million operating its far-flung network and investing in new programs. The company was in the red for the year, but could draw on its cushion of \$325 million in cash and investments.

Rusty Leonard, an independent tax expert and the leader of [Wall Watchers](#), a charity watchdog group that has long criticized TBN for financial secrecy, said televangelists often escape penalties for extravagant spending because the definition of taxable “excess benefits” is subjective, and authorities are reluctant to challenge religious groups.

Marcus S. Owens, a tax lawyer with Caplin & Drysdale in Washington, said that lavish spending by nonprofit organizations could raise red flags for tax officials. “The law says that any compensation must be reasonable, and the value of a house is part of that,” he said. “Dinner on the company every night could be an issue too.”

At the same time, Mr. Owens said, churches have considerable latitude under the First Amendment. Regarding the ordination of untrained workers, he said, “absent clear fraud, the government is not going to touch that.”

A TBN spokesman said executive salaries were recommended by independent consultants. In 2010, Mr. Crouch received \$400,000 as president, Mrs. Crouch \$365,000 as first vice president.

On the air, Mr. and Mrs. Crouch tell viewers that they have almost no personal assets. But that only underscores the problem, said Tymothy S. MacLeod, a lawyer for the Kopers. “It’s the tax-exempt company that is giving them this opulent lifestyle.”

## **Accounts of Extravagance**

Relatives and former employees agreed that Paul and Janice Crouch seem to have deep spiritual feelings and believe they are doing the Lord’s work — a belief, according to a former employee, Troy Clements, that seemed to justify almost any extravagance.

Mr. Clements, a former executive at Holy Land Experience, said that when employees questioned decisions like remodeling the cafe three times in six weeks, Mrs. Crouch said, “No one has told me ‘no’ for 30 years, and you’re not going to start now.”

Mr. Clements, who was sales and then personnel director at Holy Land, said that he resigned in frustration in 2008 and that working for Mrs. Crouch had often been “surreal.”

In 2008 and 2009, as Mrs. Crouch began remodeling Holy Land Experience, she rented adjacent rooms in the deluxe Loews Portofino Bay Hotel in Orlando — one for herself and one for her two beloved Maltese dogs and clothes, according to Mr. Clements and Ms. Koper. Mrs. Crouch rented the rooms for close to two years, they said.

Ms. Crouch was seldom without her little white dogs, pushing them in a pink stroller and keeping a costly motor home, originally purchased to serve as an office, for two years as an air-conditioned sanctuary for her pets, the two former employees said.

In Newport Beach, according to Ms. Koper, the elder Mr. Crouch sometimes traveled in a chauffeured Bentley, which TBN says is used to ferry television guests in proper style.

First-class “working dinners” are a way of life. In pending lawsuits, the Kopers say that Mr. Crouch, Mrs. Crouch and their son Matthew each ran up meal expenses of at least \$300,000 per year. Mr. May, the TBN lawyer, said this was not accurate but did not offer other figures.

## **A Contentious Exit**

When Brittany Koper and her husband decided to join TBN in 2007 after college, they were tempted by the generous perquisites, they admit. But they said that as Mr. Koper completed law school on the side, and Ms. Koper her M.B.A., they began to feel uneasy and moved out of their company house.

Nonetheless, they did borrow company money for their down payment on a private home and the purchase of a condominium, and gave Mr. Koper’s uncle a company loan of \$65,000, among other acts that Mr. May called thefts. The Kopers said the loans were authorized in writing by the elder Mr. Crouch, with clear repayment terms.

TBN says Mr. Crouch’s signature was forged. Mr. May showed a reporter letters from the fall in which Ms. Koper apologized for lying and lending herself company money.

Ms. Koper said that she had never admitted to breaking the law. She said she was pressured by TBN lawyers to show “Christian contrition” and to hand over company property and repay their loans.

In October the Kopers moved to New York. "We just wanted a fresh start," Ms. Koper recalled.

Her father, Paul Crouch Jr., Matthew's older brother, was also forced off the staff and quit the board.

He declined to be interviewed, but he wrote in an e-mail, "Getting caught in the middle of disputes involving my daughter, brother and parents is probably one of the hardest things I've ever had to endure."

As lawsuits and countersuits swirl, the Kopers are living in the basement of his father's modest house in Elmont, on Long Island.

Mr. Crouch and an assistant, Matthew and his family, and two pilots are nearing the end of a six-week world tour in the larger company jet, visiting affiliates, taping programs and scouting new territory for evangelism in Rome, Dubai, Israel, Hong Kong and Hawaii.

"Others may do things differently, and may criticize TBN for how it operates, its look, its doctrine and belief," Mr. May said. "But what is absolutely clear is that TBN, with God's grace, has succeeded where most others have failed."

Alain Delaqu rie contributed research from New York.

### **Suit: 'Cover-ups of sexual and criminal scandals' at TBN**

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Jaw-dropping details about alleged financial digressions at **Trinity Broadcasting Network** were made in [a lawsuit filed Thursday](#) – including the purchase of a **\$50 million** jet through "a sham loan to an alter ego corporation" for the personal use of the **Crouches**; a **\$100,000** motor home purchased by Trinity as a mobile residence for **Jan Crouch's** dogs; "multiple residential estates" falsely reported as guest homes or church parsonages to avoid income disclosures; meal expenses of up to a **half-million dollars** per company director; "personal chauffeurs compensated with Trinity funds under the guise of medical payments;" and "multiple cover-ups of sexual and criminal scandals."

[The suit was filed in Orange County Superior Court by Joseph McVeigh](#) against **Trinity Christian Center of Santa Ana** (which does business as Trinity Broadcasting Network, the largest Christian broadcaster in the world), its **International Christian Broadcasting** arm, attorneys **Davert & Loe** (who do legal work for Trinity) and others.

McVeigh accuses Trinity and its lawyers of malicious prosecution in connection with a loan he received through Trinity companies.

So who is McVeigh? He is the uncle, by marriage, of Crouch granddaughter **Brittany Koper** — [who sued Davert & Loe in federal court last month](#). Koper [accused the world's largest Christian broadcaster of unlawfully distributing charitable assets worth more than \\$50 million](#) to its principals — and of firing her as its finance director, and beginning a campaign of “malicious retaliation” against her and her family (including McVeigh), for refusing to go along with the scheme.

Trinity paints a very different picture — saying it was Koper and her husband who committed financial misdeeds at Trinity.

### **'ABSURD AND CONTRIVED'**

While Trinity has not been served “with this absurd and contrived suit, it is nothing more than a tabloid pleading,” said Trinity attorney **Colby M. May** in an email. “No matter how hard Ms. Koper and her husband try to divert attention from their embezzlement and misappropriation of money, it won't work (regardless of how many Uncle McVeighs they marshal). As I previously reported to you in the context of Ms. Koper's suit against Davert & Loe (of which neither TBN and ICB are not parties), the outrageous, false, and unsubstantiated assertions about TBN and ICB, which are embellished in Mr. McVeigh's suit, are untrue. The claims are nevertheless being echo-chambered in the continuing vain attempt at diversion.

“I simply remind you of the following: (1) Ms. Koper has admitted several times to having embezzled and misappropriated money; (2) the IRS was months ago informed of Ms. & Mr. Koper's conduct, and they face considerable fines and excise by the IRS; (3) in recognition and admission of their misconduct and dishonest acts, Ms. & Mr. Koper have made partial restitution, but that stopped when they fled to New York, and (4) at no time have any charitable assets of the Trinity Christian Center of Santa Ana Inc. or International Christian Broadcasters been 'diverted' to any director, period (except, of course, whatever Mr. & Ms. Koper diverted and embezzled).”

**UPDATE:** To which **Tymothy MacLeod**, attorney for Koper and McVeigh, said this by email:

“TBN's spokesman, Colby May, continues to throw stones recklessly inside TBN's crystal cathedral, but Mr. May needs to be reminded that all of the so-called 'embezzlement' allegations against Ms. Koper and her family were dismissed in both state and federal court, with no finding of liability or wrongdoing whatsoever by Ms. Koper. Nor has Ms. Koper ever admitted to embezzlement, as Mr. May has repeatedly and falsely asserted .... Quite to the contrary, it is Ms. Koper who is blowing the whistle on massive allegations of financial improprieties by TBN's directors. TBN and Colby May's childish 'I know you are, but what am I?' reaction in the press to these allegations is simply evasive of the real legal questions involved in the legal malpractice and malicious prosecution lawsuits that have been filed thus far. We look forward to meeting TBN in court on these charges.”

[ForMacLeod's full statement, click here.](#)

### **SALACIOUS DETAILS**

McVeigh's suit says that Koper was promoted to finance director because Trinity wanted somebody within the family who would keep its "financial 'skeletons' safely in the 'closet.'"

The suit then delves into much more detail regarding the "unlawful and unreported income distributions to Trinity Broadcasting's directors" than Koper's suit does, including:

- "Multiple jet aircraft, including a **\$50 million 'Global Express'** luxury jet aircraft purchased for the personal use of the Crouches through a sham loan to an alter ego corporation set up by the directors of Trinity Broadcasting in Florida, as well as an **\$8 million Hawker** jet aircraft purchased by Trinity Broadcasting for the personal use of director Janice Crouch;
- "Multiple motor vehicles, including a **\$100,000** motor home purchased by Trinity Broadcasting as a mobile residence for director Janice Crouch's dogs; the latest **Bentley** recently purchased by Trinity Broadcasting for director **Paul Crouch, Sr.**; the most recent **Denali** purchased by Trinity Broadcasting for director Janice Crouch; a new **Suburban** recently purchased by Trinity Broadcasting for director Matthew Crouch; and numerous other vehicles;
- "Multiple residential estates falsely reported as 'guest homes' or 'church parsonages' to avoid income disclosures, even though they are maintained by Trinity Broadcasting for Paul Crouch, Sr.'s personal use in **Newport Beach, California**; another mansion purchased by Trinity Broadcasting for the personal use of Paul and Janice Crouch in **Nashville, Tennessee**; residential property purchased by Trinity Broadcasting Florida for the personal use of Paul and Janice Crouch in **Miami, Florida**; residential property purchased by Trinity Broadcasting for the personal use of Paul and Janice Crouch in **Irving, Texas**; **two** homes purchased by Trinity Broadcasting for the personal use of **Matthew Crouch** in Irving, Texas, although one of the homes is used by his sons; **three** more homes purchased by Trinity Broadcasting for Matthew Crouch's personal use in **Costa Mesa, California** (adjacent residential properties occupied by Matthew Crouch, his wife, and his two sons); a cabin in **Lake Arrowhead, California** purchased by Trinity Broadcasting and reserved solely for the personal use of Trinity Broadcasting board members; another mansion purchased by Trinity Broadcasting San Marcos for Janice Crouch's personal use in **Newport Beach, California**; and **two** more mansions next door to one another that were purchased by Trinity Broadcasting Florida for the personal use of Paul Crouch, Sr. and Janice Crouch in Windermere, Florida.





- “Multiple other perquisites, including meal expenses on the order of **\$300,000** to **\$500,000** per year for each director of Trinity Broadcasting; **hundreds of thousands of dollars** in additional credit card reimbursements for each director; personal chauffeurs compensated with Trinity Broadcasting funds under the guise of “medical payments”; fictitious ‘rent’ (and expenses) and other ‘donations’ paid to Paul and Janice Crouch for the fictitious use of a home owned by those directors in Newport Beach, California (even though the residence sits empty); and **tens of thousands of dollars** in ‘redecorating’ expenses paid each year for such items as stain removal in the Crouch mansions;
- “Multiple backchannel distributions, kickbacks, and related schemes, such as **tens of millions of dollars** distributed through a company owned by TBN director Matthew Crouch, called **Gener8xion Entertainment**; a revocable trust account scheme by which Trinity Broadcasting’s directors were paid returns above market rate on invested funds, with Trinity Broadcasting paying the difference as undisclosed distributions to the directors; fraudulent accounting schemes by which Trinity Broadcasting luxury assets (such as the **\$50 million** jet aircraft used by Paul Crouch Sr.) are falsely held on the books of other corporations controlled by Trinity Broadcasting’s same directors; falsely reporting income received and controlled by Trinity Broadcasting as income purportedly received and controlled by third-party corporations to avoid financial disclosures and adverse tax consequences; routine assignment of sham ‘business purposes’ to the use of Trinity Broadcasting’s luxury assets (such as frequent vacations around the world on corporate jets); and fraudulent donation and kickback schemes involving third party ‘ministries’ and entities owned or controlled through Trinity Broadcasting’s directors; and



- “Multiple cover-ups of sexual and criminal scandals, including the cover-up and destruction of evidence concerning a bloody sexual assault involving Trinity Broadcasting and affiliated **Holy Land Experience** employees; the cover-up of director Janice Crouch’s affair with a staff member at the Holy Land Experience; the cover-up of director Paul Crouch’s use of Trinity Broadcasting funds to pay for a legal settlement with **Enoch Lonnie Ford** (a former TBN employee who said he had a homosexual affair with Paul Crouch); the cover-up following director Matthew Crouch’s exposure of his genitals to cleaning staff on multiple occasions; under-the-table payments to avoid liability and punitive damages in the ongoing David Rhodes wrongful death suit, including payments funneled through All American TV, Inc., a nonprofit corporation controlled by Trinity Broadcasting’s general counsel, **John Casoria**; falsification of records transmitted to the **South Coast Air Quality Management District** in California; and the list continues.



(Note: The bolding of names and numbers is our style here on **Watchdog**, and is not in the suit itself.)

Trinity Christian Center is a nonprofit in the eyes of **Uncle Sam**, which means it doesn't pay taxes on its income. It reported revenue of **\$175.6 million**, expenses of **\$193.7 million**, and net assets of **\$827.6 million** at the end of 2010, according to its tax returns. Its highest-paid officer was Paul Crouch, with compensation of **\$400,000**.

Koper (right), the Crouch granddaughter, has filed reports regarding all this with the **Orange County District Attorney's** office, the police, and the **California State Bar** detailing her accusations, her attorney, MacLeod, has said. She is submitting a report to the **Internal Revenue Service** as well.

This is not the last of it, either.

"This is the **second** of **four** lawsuits that we have now been retained to file by individuals who continue to come forward in connection with the alleged public policy violations at TBN," MacLeod told us by email. "There is much more to be said on these important issues, and we look forward to getting each of these cases on file on behalf of our clients."

We'll keep you posted.

- [Koper's lawyer responds to TBN's response](#)
- [Suit: 'Cover-ups of sexual and criminal scandals' at TBN](#)
- [Crouch granddaughter not backing down](#)
- ['God help anyone who would ...get in the way of TBN'](#)
- [Suit: TBN board diverted millions from 'charitable assets'](#)

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# TBN Chronicles: Accused of Deliberately Covering Up Rape of Their Granddaughter To Protect the Network

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## TBN Accused of Deliberately Covering Up The Rape of Their Granddaughter To Protect the Network

Reported by the **OCRegister.com**:

A granddaughter of **Trinity Broadcasting Network** founders **Jan** and **Paul Crouch** filed a lawsuit Monday alleging that she was plied with alcohol and raped by a TBN employee when she was just 13 — and that her family covered up the incident, rather than report it to authorities, to protect TBN's reputation.

**Carra Crouch**, now 19, was distraught after the 2006 assault by a 30-year-old man, and told her grandmother what had happened. *"Jan (Crouch) became furious and began screaming at Ms. Crouch, a thirteen year old girl, and began telling her 'it is your fault,'"* according to the suit.

Carra Crouch then told **John Casoria**, TBN's in-house counsel and her second cousin; he became agitated and told her that he didn't believe her, it says. *"He elaborated by stating he further believed she was already sexually active 'so it did not really matter' and he 'believed she may have propositioned him,' "* the suit alleges.

*"Ms. Crouch, a thirteen year old girl, had not been sexually active and was absolutely devastated about what happened and about how John and Jan responded to her."*



Both Jan Crouch and John Casoria are ordained ministers, and as such, are legally required to report suspected child abuse to authorities under the [Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act](#), the suit says. No report was made, and TBN "*deliberately covered up the incident to protect Trinity Broadcasting from negative publicity,*" it alleges.

Carra Crouch was not permitted to talk to the police about the incident, and was not permitted to seek the counsel of any third parties or sex abuse counselors at the time, and has suffered severe emotional distress as a result, according to the suit. Read the full report [HERE](#).

In the following video, one blog summarized what the video states about the true Jan and Paul Crouch.

Thanks to [Thinking Out Loud](#) and **The Old Black Church** for the updates!!

- \* Paul and Jan have not lived together as a couple for decades
- \* Their relationship on air is a sham
- \* Matthew Crouch is the product of adultery and not Paul Crouch's biological son
- \* Jan, still in her old age, is in an adulterous relationship
- \* Paul, Sr. is a drunk
- \* Jan and Paul are tyrants as bosses at TBN
- \* The U.S. Attorney General's office is investigating potential criminal action...

Listen to the interview for yourself and see how the granddaughter is exposing The Crouches and TBN's deepest secrets

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CLOTHING!!!**

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**Matthew 7:15:** "Beware of false prophets, **which come to you in sheep's clothing,** but inwardly they are ravening wolves."

**II Corinthians 11:13-15:** For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, **transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness;** whose end shall be according to their works.

**II Peter 2:17-19:** "These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. **For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh,** through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. While they promise them liberty, **they themselves are the servants of corruption:** for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage."

**Jeremiah 5:26-31:** "For among **my people** are found wicked men: they lay wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men. As a cage is full of birds, **so are their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxen rich.** They are waxen fat, they shine: yea, they overpass the deeds of the wicked: they judge not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, **yet they prosper;** and the right of the needy do they not judge. Shall I not visit for these things? saith the LORD: **shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?** A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; **The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so:** and what will ye do in the end thereof?"



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## TBN Paid Paul Crouch's Gay Lover (Enoch Lonnie Ford) \$425,000 in Hush Money in 1998

### Televangelist Paul Crouch Attempts to Keep Accuser Quiet

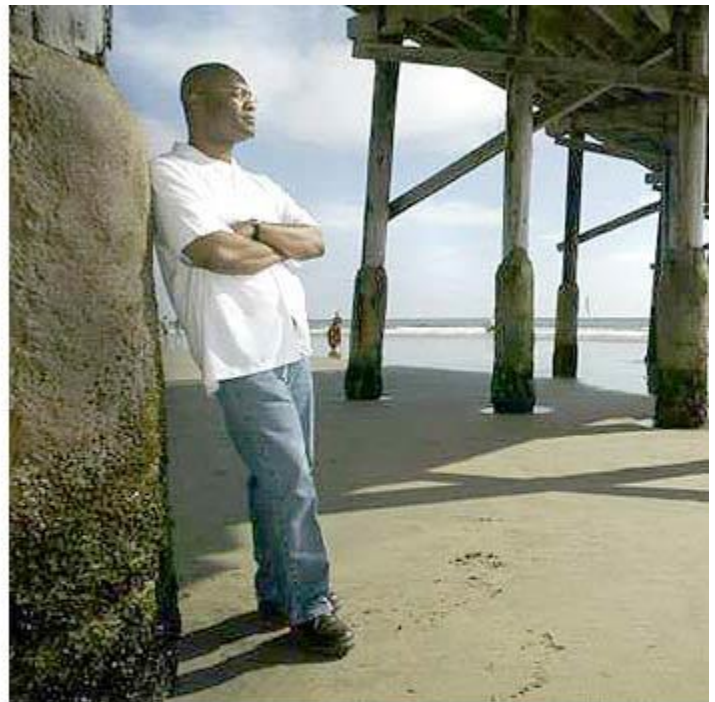
A former worker at TBN threatened to disclose an alleged 1996 homosexual encounter.

*Reprinted from the Los Angeles Times September 12, 2004.*

*Trinity Foundation furnished substantial investigative data for this story.*

<http://www.trinityfi.org/press/latimes03.html>

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**ALLEGATION:** Enoch Lonnie Ford went to work for the ministry after meeting Paul Crouch at a TBN-affiliated drug treatment center, where Ford sought treatment in 1991. His manuscript alleges a 1996 sexual encounter with Crouch at a TBN-owned cabin.  
(Mark Boster / LAT)

**Paul Crouch**

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[The Confused World of Paul and Jan Crouch](#)

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**"TBN's star preacher, Benny Hinn, was also quoted by the *Los Angeles Times*, [which overheard](#) him gossiping about Ford and Crouch's affair on a 1998 bus tour. **"Paul's defense," said Hinn, "was that he was drunk."****

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### [Crouch Time](#)

A holy fire-breather is embroiled in scandal over rumors of a homosexual affair. Meet televangelist Paul Crouch.

Throughout his three-decade-long career as founder and president of the world's largest religious broadcasting company, [Trinity Broadcasting Network](#) (TBN), Paul Crouch has earned a reputation for preaching about the wrath of God, even delivering holy death threats to his critics, as he did in 1991 when he told them, "To hell with you! Get out of the way! I say get out of God's way! Quit blocking God's bridges or God's going to shoot you if I don't."

Yet when [allegations](#) surfaced in reports by William Lobdell of the *Los Angeles Times* last weekend that Crouch had had a gay tryst with a former employee, he stayed out of public view, delegating his eldest son, Paul Crouch Jr., to appear in his place as host of *Behind the Scenes*, a show that focuses on activities within the TBN. Crouch Jr. limited his discussion to an altogether different storm rocking the ministry: Hurricane Ivan, which was threatening TBN affiliates in the Caribbean. Meanwhile, the TBN issued a lengthy [press release](#) calling the gay-sex allegations "salacious" and predicting that "[t]his storm will pass."

**Crouch's accuser is Enoch Lonnie Ford, a former patient at a TBN-affiliated drug rehabilitation center whom Crouch met in 1991 and was later hired as his chauffeur. While working for the TBN, Ford compiled a lengthy rap sheet for crimes including cocaine possession and having sex with a 17-year-old boy, an act that constitutes statutory rape in California. After Ford served a succession of prison terms, the TBN rehired him, provided him with a free apartment, and even lobbied a judge for leniency when he violated the terms of his parole.**

Ford now claims that he and Crouch had sex in 1996, while Ford was a guest at a TBN-owned cabin at Lake Arrowhead, a woodsy southern California resort area.

In 1998, when the TBN fired Ford and he threatened to sue, **the network offered Ford**

**\$425,000 in hush money.** Ford accepted, but he later penned a manuscript about his affair with Crouch and, in 2003, **threatened to make it public unless the TBN paid him \$10 million.** Crouch's lawyers are scrambling once again to keep Ford quiet, this time by requesting a restraining order barring him from seeking a publisher.

But if Crouch's legal and public-relations strategy fails, he could lose his role at the helm of evangelical Christianity's most powerful instrument of global influence, a broadcast leviathan with 43 satellites and more than 10,000 cable and local affiliates worldwide. Crouch may also become a liability to political allies like Attorney General John Ashcroft, his boyhood friend who benefited from the TBN's support during a heated 2002 confirmation fight. The scandal could also jeopardize the careers of some of the world's most popular and influential Pentecostal ministers, who rely on the TBN as a platform for their preaching and as a lucrative marketing vehicle for their books and videos.

So far, Crouch has [vowed](#) to remain in charge of the TBN in order to "answer God's call," though there's no telling what will happen if Ford's memoirs make it into print. Already, the TBN has taken steps to preempt the memoirs' release by personally discrediting Ford; in its press release, the TBN made certain to point out his history of crime and drug abuse.

Even if the TBN manages to silence or discredit Ford, however, it may still have to tamp down on internal dissent. As the *Los Angeles Times* reported on Sunday, Crouch's youngest son, Matt, was so shaken by allegations that his father had an affair with Ford that he told a law partner, "I am devastated; I am confronted with having to face the fact that my father is a homosexual."

TBN's star preacher, Benny Hinn, was also quoted by the *Los Angeles Times*, [which overheard](#) him gossiping about Ford and Crouch's affair on a 1998 bus tour. **"Paul's defense," said Hinn, "was that he was drunk."**

Crouch is not accused of breaking the law like his former business partner, Jim Bakker, who admitted ripping off his own ministry to the tune of \$158 million during the 1980s. Bakker's affair with his secretary, Jessica Hahn, disgraced him in the eyes of his followers and hastened his demise. Though Crouch is far from the only evangelical leader accused of engaging in homosexual dalliances, the charges against him carry additional weight because of his prominence in the galaxy of the religious right, which, through its collaboration with George W. Bush's administration and the GOP leadership, has cultivated gay marriage as a divisive election-year issue.

Over the years, Crouch's TBN has played host to an array of vehemently homophobic figures including Hinn. In 1989, after prophesying that Fidel Castro would die within the next decade, Hinn predicted, "The Lord also tells me to tell you in the mid-90s, about '94 or '95, no later than that, God will destroy the homosexual community of America. He will destroy it with fire."

Crouch has been a member of the [Coalition on Revival](#), an umbrella group for evangelical Christianity's most militantly anti-gay, Dominionist ministers. A 2003 [press release](#) Coalition on Revival member D. James Kennedy's ministry issued on the dangers of "the homosexual agenda" stated, "Thomas Jefferson authorized legislation to penalize

sodomy by castration."

While Kennedy left unstated whether he personally supports castrating homosexuals, another Coalition on Revival member, theologist Gary North, has written that homosexuals should be stoned to death.

Crouch's broadcast empire would not have been possible without his wife and co-host, [Jan](#), who is probably religious television's most recognizable personality. When she steps onto the TBN's set with the demeanor of an oversolicitous Sunday-school teacher -- clutching a lace-embossed Bible, sporting an enormous, purple-tinted hairdo and powder-cake makeup, along with frilly clothes -- it's almost impossible for viewers to turn away. Nor is it easy to ignore the Crouches' gaudy set, which fuses the kitschy style of a 1950s suburban living room with that of a royalty-themed Las Vegas motel. To watch the Crouches is an exercise in visual overstimulation.

For their devoted viewers, their appearance carries a deeper significance. Every aspect of the Crouches' look is carefully calculated as an aesthetic accompaniment to their Dominionist theology, which urges Christians to acquire as much wealth, power, and influence as possible in order to put the world's secular institutions under the control of biblical law.

To earn the blind loyalty of their viewers, who are often poor or working class and whom Jan Crouch routinely calls "you little people," the Crouches have cast themselves as spiritual aristocrats entrusted with handling God's riches. Seated on purple thrones like the king and queen of an alternate universe, the Crouches plead with viewers for their "seed money," reassuring them that their [donations](#) will be planted in heaven and blossom into anything they seek, from material wealth to eternal salvation.

Though it's hard to know how much of this money has actually made it to heaven (especially because the TBN keeps its financial records secret), a good chunk of it has made the Crouches wealthy; in 2001, they [bought](#) a \$5 million home in Orange County, California, described by real-estate agents as "a palatial estate with ocean and city views."

During their 30-year campaign to extend the TBN's signal to the farthest reaches of the globe, the Crouches have cozied up to some of the most repressive governments in recent history. According to Alfred Ross, director of the Institute for Democracy Studies, a New York-based think tank that tracks anti-democratic movements worldwide, in 1988, Crouch met with the president of South Africa's apartheid government, P.W. Botha, to finalize a deal for a TBN affiliate in South Africa. That same year, the TBN completed work on its station in El Salvador, where Crouch had traveled frequently and associated with officials from the "Treasury Police," which oversaw the country's death-squad operations.

And as Sara Diamond reported in her 1987 book, *Spiritual Warfare*, in order to get the TBN's signal into the Middle East in the early 1980s, Crouch forged a close relationship with Israel's Likud Party government, donating millions of dollars to it for unspecified purposes. Crouch also held a joint press conference in 1982 with President-elect Bashir Gemayel, leader of the Israel-backed, right-wing Phalangist militia, which massacred

thousands of Palestinian refugees during Lebanon's civil war.

While the Crouches' transmissions aren't as overtly political as those of fellow religious broadcasters like Pat Robertson and James Kennedy, they have never hesitated to rally support for old allies like Ashcroft, who attended a Pentecostal church with Paul Crouch as a boy in Missouri. During Ashcroft's contentious battle for confirmation as attorney general in 2002, the TBN hosted Doug Wead, who worked with his friend George W. Bush to rally evangelical support for George Bush Senior's 1992 re-election bid.

On the TBN, Wead [promoted](#) Ashcroft's Christian credentials and explained to the audience that the former Missouri senator had been demonized throughout his career "by the whole left" with "very bigoted attacks because of his religion ... ."

In the TBN's newsletter, Crouch later [told](#) supporters to "pray for John [Ashcroft] and pray for our President every day!"

Crouch hopes he can weather the storm over his personal life by attempting to discredit the character of his accuser, to whom he has paid hush money, according to the *Los Angeles Times*. For the religious right -- and, ultimately, for the Bush White House -- a considerable asset is at stake in the outcome.

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## **Crouch, Paul**

### **Head of Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN), Word of Faith movement, Endorses the "Holy Laughter Movement" of Rodney Howard Browne**

1. **Christians are little gods.** (Praise the Lord (TBN), recorded 7/7/86)
2. "Do you know what else that's settled then tonight? This hue and cry and controversy that has been spawned by the devil to try to bring dissension within the body of Christ **that we are gods. I am a little god. I have His name. I am one with Him. I'm in covenant relation. I am a little god. Critics be gone!**" (Paul Crouch, "Praise the Lord" program, July 7, 1986).
3. **Anti-intellectual, anti-doctrine:** "I think God's given up on a lot of that old rotten Sanhedrin religious crowd, twice dead, plucked up by the roots. **I think they're damned and on their way to hell and I don't think there's any redemption for them...the heresy hunters** that want to find a little mote of **illegal doctrine** in some Christian's eye and pluck that little mote out of their eye when they've got the whole forest in their own lives and in their own eyes. I say to hell with you! Oh hallelujah. Get out of God's way, quit blocking God's bridges or God's gonna shoot you if I don't! I refuse to argue any longer with any

of you out there. Don't even call me. **If you want to argue doctrine, if you want to straighten out somebody over here**, if you want to criticize [Ken Copeland](#) for his preaching on faith, or [Dad Hagin](#). **Get out of my life! I don't even want to talk to you or hear you. I don't want to see your ugly face! Get out of my face in Jesus' name."**

(Paul Crouch, "Praise-a-thon" broadcast on TBN, recorded 4/2/91)

4. Paul Crouch said (on the TBN show "Praise The Lord" during their money-raising telethon) "if you have been healed or saved or blessed through TBN and **have not contributed to (the) station, you are robbing God and will lose your reward in heaven."** (Witnessed by Ed Tarkowski, e-mail Mon, 04 Aug 1997 20:34:13 -0600)
5. "Ah, dear Partners, can you see why God has called this TBN ARMY together in these last days? YOU and I are HIS VOICE to this dying generation! Help Jan and me - all of us - to cry out -HELLO WORLD! There is hope; there is help; there is deliverance; there is SALVATION! ... Please let us hear from you this month! The future of Christian Television, as we have known and loved it, is in the balance!" By "let us hear from your this month" Crouch means **"send in your donations quickly"** or "Christian television, as we have known it and loved it" **will go down the tubes and people will have no way to hear about "salvation"**. If TBN and the TBN "Joels Army" **is the only way for people to hear about salvation**, then God help us all. Salvation by signs and wonders is no salvation at all. This kind of appeal for funds is yet another example of the shameful high pressure tactics of this "anointed" television syndicate. (Paul Crouch, Praise The Lord Newsletter, August 1997, emphasis in the original)
6. "The first evidence to many of us was the great stirring of the [Spirit in Toronto](#), Canada, about two years ago. Then, spontaneous revival broke out in [Pensacola](#), Florida. Hungry souls sometimes wait in line all day just to get into the services at [Brownsville](#) Assembly of God Church. Signs, wonders and miracles, just like the Book of Acts, are happening there and many other places at home and abroad!" Here is yet another connection between and endorsement by a Faith Movement guru and the "counterfeit" revivals of Toronto and Pensacola. This should prove yet again that these movements are all connected in one "river". (Paul Crouch, Praise The Lord Newsletter, August 1997)
7. **"God, we proclaim death to anything or anyone that will lift a hand against this network and this ministry** that belongs to You, God. It is Your work, it is Your idea, it is Your property, it is Your airwaves, it is Your world, and we proclaim death to anything that would stand in the way of God's great voice of proclamation to the whole world. In the Name of Jesus, and all the people said Amen!" (Paul Crouch, TBN, 11/7/97)

**Paul Crouch says: 'God help anyone who would ...get in the way of TBN'**  
**February 14th, 2012**





Trinity Broadcasting Network's president and founder Paul Crouch Sr.'s policy of putting family members in positions of power at the largest "Christian" TV network in the world may have come back to bite him. Last week that the granddaughter of Trinity Broadcasting Network's Paul and Jan Crouch has accused the world's largest Christian broadcaster of unlawfully distributing charitable assets worth more than \$50 million to the company's directors.

The charges were leveled in a federal lawsuit filed by Crouch granddaughter Brittany Koper (far left) against her former lawyers, who also do legal work for Trinity; who reportedly instructed her to "shut up" about what she discovered in her position as financial officer. The complaint says that the lawyers intimidated Ms. Koper into returning her own perks which included her house, car, jewelry, life insurance and home furnishings. Failure to do so would result in jail time for her, the attorneys allegedly threatened.

Coincidentally, that same month Koper's father, Paul Crouch Jr, resigned his position from TBN as Chief of Staff, to "pursue other ministry opportunities." His hasty retreat baffled many people. Why would he leave TBN as second in command next to his dad to take a position at a small minority-owned network?

"Observers have often wondered how the Crouches can afford multiple mansions on both coasts, a \$50 million jet and chauffeurs," said Koper's attorney, Tymothy MacLeod to the Orange County Register who broke the story of Koper's lawsuit on February 9, 2012.

**Mat 6:19 ¶ Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:**

**Mat 6:20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:**

**Mat 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**

That same day, Paul Crouch Sr. and his younger son Matthew Crouch made veiled threats at anyone who would try to come against TBN: On Thursday, Feb. 9 — **Paul Crouch** and his son, **Matt**, were having a live chat on TBN's "Behind the Scenes." Paul was reminiscing about how TBN began back in 1973 — God spoke to him as he was driving on MacArthur Boulevard — **and the conversation took a turn that Koper's attorney finds somewhat menacing.**

"You know what's funny Dad?" Matt said (at minute 8:38 on the video). "There have been a few attempts in the TBN history to upset TBN, to stop TBN, to — there have been a few fools in the 38, 39 year history, coming up on 40 years, and you know what, any attempt at stopping TBN — they have no idea who they're actually pushing into the corner. You and Mom get pushed in a corner, God help you. That's a lesson I've learned from you, seriously."

**Pro 17:15** He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both [are] abomination to the LORD.

**Isa 5:20** ¶ Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil;...

**Isa 5:24** ¶ Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, [so] their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

**Isa 5:25** Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against **his people**, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcasses [were] torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand [is] stretched out still.

Paul Crouch responded: "God help anyone who would try to get in the way of TBN, which was God's plan. ... I have attended the funerals of at least two people who tried.... "Boy, anyone that's ever tried to get in the way of this network – don't. Don't try it. Don't try it, I'm telling you. You're playing with fire. God says 'I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.' And TBN, you know what, just plain old TBN as a great network entity is proof of the sovereignty of God and the power of God against hell and high water. This network stands as a monument to the faithfulness of God. **He did it.** Jan and I were just simple little kids — we didn't even know what we were doing. It was God's idea. He did it all."

**Crouch then appealed for donations. "Anyone have a need?" he asked. "Plant a seed. Get to the phone."**

The comments were directed at no one in particular, but they resounded with Koper.

**Tts 1:7** For a bishop **must be blameless**, as the steward of God; **not selfwilled**, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, **not given to filthy lucre**;

**Tts 1:8** But a lover of hospitality, **a lover of good men**, sober, **just, holy, temperate**;

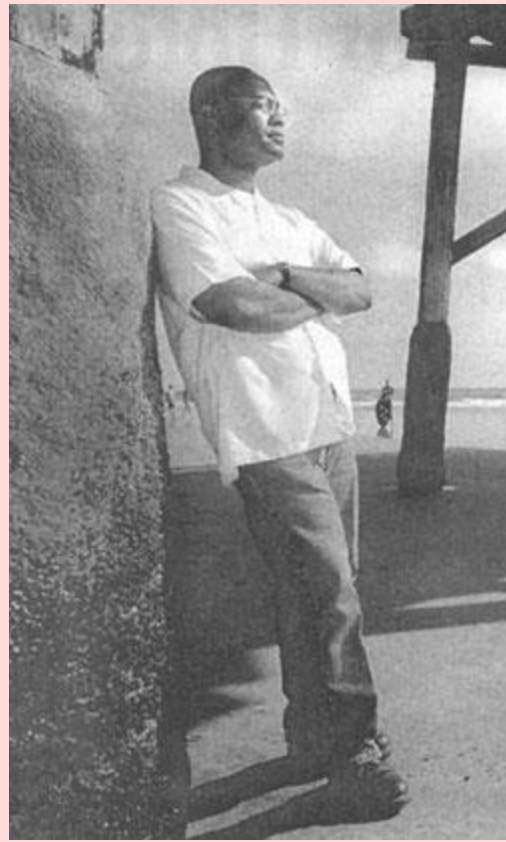
**TBN's Paul Crouch Pays Homosexual Lover \$425,000 Hush Money**

Ford, an ex-convict, drug user and convicted child molester, had been employed by TBN as a limo driver, telephone receptionist, and also as a photographer, even though he had few job skills and did not know how to operate a camera.

Gay lovers Ford and Crouch evidently had a falling out, and a legal dispute ensued. Ford was given \$425,000 in hush money by Crouch, a TBN lawyer says, and he agreed to keep quiet about his and Crouch's sexual relationship.



Paul Crouch and his alleged homosexual lover, Enoch Lonnie Ford (right), as pictured in the *Los Angeles Times*, Sept. 12, 2004, page A29.



However, more recently, Ford came back to demand a staggering ten million dollars from Crouch and TBN, or else! Allegedly, TBN and Crouch then offered one million dollars to Ford in exchange for his not publishing a finished book manuscript that Ford had threatened to publish detailing the gay tryst between he and lover Crouch. TBN and Crouch *admit* that \$425,000 hush money was paid Ford, but, predictably, deny all other charges.

According to *L.A. Times* reporter William Lobdell, when Paul Crouch's youngest son, **Matt**, first learned of his father's sexual transgressions he told TBN lawyer David Middlebrook, *"I am devastated. I am confronted with having to face the fact that my father is a homosexual."*

James Logden, founder of an internet web site promoting the gay lifestyle, said: "Gay people were not taken by surprise. Many of us had always suspected the flamboyant Paul Crouch was queer. After all, he's married to puffy-lipped, pink-coifed Jan Crouch, a drag queen if there ever was one."

**Romans 1:26-28:** For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient...

**Romans 1:32:** "Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

**Lev 18:22-30:** Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is

**abomination.** Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion. **Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you: And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants.**

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**Tts 1:9** Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

**Tts 1:10 ¶** For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision:

**Tts 1:11** Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

**Noah Webster 1828 Definition: LU'CRE, n.** Gain in money or goods; profit; usually in an ill sense, or with the sense of something base or unworthy.

**1Pe 4:17** For the time [is come] that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if [it] first [begin] at us, what shall the end [be] of them that obey not the gospel of God?

**Trinity Christian Center**, which does business as TBN, is a nonprofit in the eyes of Uncle Sam, which means it doesn't pay taxes on its income. **It reported revenues of \$175.6 million**, expenses of **\$193.7 million**, and **net assets of \$827.6 million** at the end of 2010, according to its tax returns. **Its highest-paid officer was Paul Crouch.** Koper's attorney, **Tymothy MacLeod**, said that Koper is readying documentation regarding her charges and will submit a package to the **Internal Revenue Service** for its review.

In her suit, **Koper says that she had been threatened by Trinity officials.**

"After and as a result of reporting and objecting to her employers' unlawful conduct, **Ms. Koper was terminated by the TBN Companies,**" the suit says. "In retaliation, the TBN

Companies also terminated Ms. Koper's husband, **Michael Koper**, who was Trinity Broadcasting's Corporate Secretary and Vice President of Media Services.

"When questioned about the grounds for termination, **Matthew Crouch**, a director at Trinity Broadcasting, began tapping the firearm he had brought to the meeting and asked Ms. Koper what she thought would happen when she wrote a memo to the board critical of Matthew Crouch's financial improprieties. Matthew Crouch continued tapping the gun he was holding to ensure that Ms. Koper recognized the lethal threat being made."

Several years ago, someone who was suing TBN for plagiarism told this reporter that after filing suit against them, **her brake lines were cut on her car and she was being tailed wherever she went. If these allegations are true, then TBN cannot point the finger at God for their protection. They seem to be taking matters into their own hands.**

<http://www.forgottenword.org/tbn-corruption.html>

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### **Paul Crouch, TBN and Rome**

*The following is from the editor's newly published book **Flirting With Rome: Volume 4--The Charismatics**. Volume 1 traces Billy Graham's relationship with Rome from 1950 to present. Volume 2 covers other key Evangelical men and organizations. Volume 3 deals with the Southern Baptist Convention's Rome connection. Volume 4 deals with the Charismatics. These volumes can be ordered from Way of Life Literature in the States (P.O. Box 610368, Port Huron, MI 48061-0368, [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org)). All four volumes US\$10.00. Single volumes are US\$2.50. Add \$3.00 S/H.*

Few Charismatic leaders have more influence than Paul Crouch, head of the popular Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN) which has a worldwide audience through its satellite system. **Crouch is a staunch supporter of Charismatic-Roman Catholic relationships.** In 1984 Arthur Blessitt was interviewed by Paul Crouch on TBN. **"Blessitt described how he had received the eucharist (mass) while participating in a rally of 600,000 Roman Catholics in Poland. He said he first registered an objection when the priest came toward him for he knew that Catholic doctrine forbids giving the wafer to a Protestant. The priest said, 'You're one of us,' and Blessitt accepted it. At that point the studio audience cheered and Crouch said, 'The walls are coming down. His body is one. There's no difference.' He went on to say that he was erasing the word 'Protestant' from his vocabulary. 'I'm not protesting anything,' he said (Plains Baptist Challenger, June 1984).**

On his "Praise the Lord" show, Friday, May 31, **Paul Crouch announced that Benny Hinn was arranging a private meeting for him with Pope John Paul II. Crouch said that he would be asking "his holiness" when the walls between Protestants and Catholics would come down and the church would be one as Jesus asked the Father** (*CIB Bulletin*, July





1991).



Paul and Jan Crouch met with **Mother Teresa** in 1992, and Jan testified: "It was a dream come true. I had my questions all prepared, but when this precious tiny lady came by, all I could do was fall to my knees. What will it be like when we see **Jesus Himself, face to face? I felt I had a little foretaste that day!**" (*Plains Baptist Challenger*, June 1992).

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