

THE ONCOMING STORM

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INT. WEATHER STUDIO - DAY

Television news show. WEATHER REPORTER stands before a green screen that displays a weather map. Across the map are storms and symbols for extreme weather events. News text scrolls across the bottom the of screen, warning of the "Oncoming Storm". The logo for the station looks satanic.

WEATHER REPORTER

And that's all from me for today. A reminder to look out for those storms in the next week. And further afield, the potential for hellfire is high, a warning has been distributed highlighting the disproportionate effect that these storms will have on the elderly. Thanks for watching.

CUT TO:

DIG. CONTINUITY CARD - CONTINUOUS

A Logo of the station takes over below. It reads "Upcoming: Close-up Investigation". At the bottom left there is the oil company's(Flame-Drop Oil) logo with text "Sponsored by". A posh clipped voice speaks over this.

CONTINUITY ANNOUNCER

Next up on LNC: a special look into  
The Oncoming Storm by Judd Zealot  
on Close-up Investigation

CUT TO:

INT. PROGRAM STUDIO - CONTINUOUS

The show's intro plays over images of the JUDD talking and nodding his head, in the studio and on the street. A digital static plays and the camera reveals the weather reporter walking off set. JUDD slumps in a makeup chair, trying to light a cigarette whilst complaining about how hot it is. His matches are not striking: he throws them on the floor and shrugs off the makeup person trying to do his makeup. Over the tannoy, you hear a call for him to be ready for the show. Static returns and cuts back to the opening, pushing in on him. The program titles appear with the oil company logo below reading "presented by", then fade to only JUDD in the studio which has the Flame-Drop Oil company logo in multiple places.

JUDD ZEALOT

(Loudly and confidently)  
Welcome to Close-Up Investigation!  
(MORE)

JUDD ZEALOT (CONT'D)  
 In this evening's special edition  
 of the show, we will be  
 investigating The Oncoming Storm.  
 Is it real? Does it matter? And  
 what do...

The camera moves to a low position as JUDD points down it.

JUDD ZEALOT (CONT'D)  
 ...YOU have to do with it?

The camera cuts back to its usual position, now in the left  
 is a box with the words The Oncoming Storm in a graphic.

JUDD ZEALOT (CONT'D)  
 But what is this so-called Oncoming  
 Storm? Well, before we knew any  
 better, it was referred to as "The  
 Rapture". It was predicted by those  
 boffins at Flame-Drop Oil back in  
 the 60's, who thought it would have  
 happened by now. They were overly  
 concerned with irrelevant factors  
 like "the environment"

CUT TO:

Stock footage of the environment in clearly a bad condition  
 takes over the screen.

JUDD ZEALOT (V.O.)  
 But, as we can see in these images,  
 the environment has never been  
 better!

CUT TO:

The Studio

JUDD ZEALOT  
 Since then we have learnt that the  
 real cause of The Oncoming Storm  
 is...

CUT TO:

Low-angle with JUDD pointing down the camera.

JUDD ZEALOT (CONT'D)  
 (Shouting)  
 YOU!

CUT TO:

Normal Studio Setup

JUDD ZEALOT (CONT'D)  
Those boffins at our wonderful sponsor have now determined that the true cause of the Oncoming Storm is individual sin. The unfortunate truth is that, collectively, we can do nothing to offset this. Everyone contributes to this collective sin through their own individual sin. If we are to combat the Oncoming Storm, Flame-Drop Oil demands that each person on Earth reduces their individual sin.

CUT TO:

Graphic of the footprint of sin with Flame-Drop Oil's logo below it

JUDD ZEALOT (V.O.)  
A project called Footprint of Sin has been introduced to highlight the impact of each individual's contribution to the Oncoming Storm, in hopes that this will help reduce collective sin.

CUT TO:

Back to the studio

JUDD ZEALOT  
I went out onto the street to see just how many people knew about the impact of their sin. Sadly, due to the recent storms causing old people to become a scarce commodity, we encountered the centre of the anti-individual sin rhetoric: young people! But first a message from our sponsor.

CUT TO:

INT. FLAME DROP OIL OFFICES - DAY

MR. LUCIAN  
We sponsor this show because we care, we care about you and your sin. We believe in the power of the almighty and believe that the danger of the Oncoming Storm caused by your sin is serious.

(MORE)

MR. LUCIAN (CONT'D)

We aim to raise awareness of this,  
so that we can all continue to  
exist on earth in peace and harmony  
until we sit beside our Lord in  
heaven (hallowed be thy name).  
Thank You

CUT TO:

EXT. ON THE STREET - DAY

JUDD stands on the street talking to the camera.

JUDD ZEALOT

Walking past me now are hundreds of  
people, and almost none of them  
know the disaster they are  
currently perpetuating. Through  
their thoughts and actions, their  
sins are being emitted all around  
us. This will soon be noticed, and,  
like in the Old Testament, God will  
deliver us a biblical storm to wipe  
away this sin. And most of us with  
it.

JUDD now standing with a member of the public.

JUDD ZEALOT (CONT'D)

Are you aware of your sin in  
causing the oncoming storm?

NORMAN

(Slightly Confused)

No... What, is it my fault?

JUDD ZEALOT

Well, it's more your fault than  
mine, bud, because at least I think  
about my footprint of sin.

NORMAN

Well, is that all I have to do to  
stop it? I could start doing that  
now I suppose...

JUDD ZEALOT

(Turns to Camera)

With that another person is saved!  
But sadly one is not enough. To  
save mankind as we know it, we must  
all do the same.

NORMAN

(Relieved)

Oh so it's not all my fault.

Judd has now moved on to a new person.

JUDD ZEALOT (V.O.)  
Not everyone was as interested in  
being saved.

FRIAR  
(Trying to walk away)  
Do not come near me you satanic  
shill! I don't want anything to do  
with you or what you're pedalling.

JUDD ZEALOT  
(Chasing after him)  
We are trying to save you, and the  
rest of us, did you know your sin  
is causing The Oncoming Storm?

Friar turns around.

FRIAR  
No, I'm not causing that blasted  
Storm! It's all of you lot, my sin  
is nothing compared to yours! And  
anyway, why talk about my sin when  
the sin of that sponsor of yours is  
so much more?

JUDD begins to turn around and run away once he realises what  
FRIAR is saying leaving the FRIAR alone with the camera  
shaking his head.

CUT TO:

JUDD stands alone talking to the camera.

JUDD ZEALOT  
That person will likely be one of  
the first scorched from the earth  
once the Storm hits. These two  
examples highlight that many around  
us are ignorant to their role in  
the Oncoming Storm. Some even deny  
it!

CUT TO:

INT. PROGRAM STUDIO - DAY

JUDD is sitting now with two people beside him.

JUDD ZEALOT  
It's scary stuff. To offset the  
stupid general public, we've  
brought in some experts to discuss  
the Oncoming Storm.  
(MORE)

JUDD ZEALOT (CONT'D)

First, I have the pleasure of introducing Mr Lucian, from our sponsor. Welcome to the show!

MR. LUCIAN

Thanks for having me. I do think this show is important in trying to delay the Oncoming Storm. That piece just then was shocking! It just demonstrates how much work we still have to do to make people understand their impact.

JUDD ZEALOT

How can we make people realise? And if we cannot is there anything else we can do?

MR. LUCIAN

Well, I started the Footprint of Sin campaign myself along with the marketing team headed by Jim, who you know of course.

JUDD ZEALOT

Great guy, who picks up the bill, love you Jim!

MR. LUCIAN

Yeah top bloke. Anyway, we believe that this project will have the substantial impact of making people believe, sorry, I mean realise that they are responsible for the Oncoming Storm. We are already seeing a large number of schools adopting our tools to make children understand their sins and so that they can combat them from an early age.

JUDD ZEALOT

What about those who still don't, is there any hope for those sinful heretics?

MR. LUCIAN

Well, there is some. We have recently developed Sin Capture technology, our pilot scheme was funded by one of the richest men on earth. It has produced very promising results, introducing the possibility that we might be able to continue sinning without facing the wrath of God (hallowed be thy name).

JUDD ZEALOT

Interesting stuff. Thank you kindly, Mr Lucian for agreeing to spread your wisdom on our show. Now, I am repulsed by the sight of our next guest. It is only due to journalistic integrity standards that we have had to invite her onto the show this evening. Dr Axiom is a so-called scientist, who believes that individual sin is not at fault and blames, of all things, our well-respected sponsor. Dr. Axiom

DR. AXIOM

Thanks for having me, I just want to correct some of what Mr Lucian was saying. Firstly, the idea of Sin Capture is utterly ludicrous. The testing has been incredibly expensive and the results are not even accurate. The only real way to stop the Oncoming Storm is for oil companies, such as Mr Lucian's, to...

Judd pulls out a blender and begins to make a really loud noise, Dr. Axiom looks deflated. The presenter puts away the blender and turns to both of the experts.

JUDD ZEALOT

Thank you for that Dr. Anyway now onto the interesting bit. Well, have at it you two, debate!

DR. AXIOM

Well, I don't there's much of a debate here really, considering one of us spent years getting a PhD and researching this stuff and one of us is simply a marketing tool for a company.

JUDD ZEALOT

(Shouting)

How dare you drag his name like that, I knew you were a mad one! Apologise to him at once.

MR. LUCIAN

It's quite alright, Dr. Axiom here is just frustrated by the lack of funding she receives in comparison to my department. Many of her classmates now work for Flame-Drop Oil.

Whispering around the studio



MR. LUCIAN (CONT'D)

They always talk about how bad a student she was!

DR. AXIOM

Um, excuse me, I graduated top of every class, I teach at that university and, unlike them, I have not made a deal with the devil! But that's besides the point, this show should be about the primary contributor to the Oncoming Storm: the very company that sponsors it!

JUDD ZEALOT

Don't be ridiculous you godless heathen. Anyway, that's all the time we've got for your slander tonight! Thank you, as always, Mr. Oil, I look forward to the company's golf tournament this weekend. Now we go back onto the street to see if we can make a difference

CUT TO:

EXT. ON THE STREET - DAY

JUDD is on the street talking to the camera.

JUDD ZEALOT

Besides just being aware of the Footprint of Sin, what must you do? Well, I spoke to some normal people to find out. This person was a good example of what you can do.

CUT TO:

MALONE

Well I always go to church on Sunday, I buy everything I can with the "Made Without Sin" sticker on it. And I love supporting companies like Flame-Drop who follow God and highlight the sinful people around us.

JUDD ZEALOT

That's pretty much exactly what I do. Let me tell you, when the Oncoming Storm arrives, you will be spared.

MALONE

Well, I always watch your show and love it when you shout at those godless people.

JUDD ZEALOT (V.O.)

Some were not as Enlightened.

CUT TO:

A new person is being interviewed.

DOLEN

Well, I have to miss church on Sunday because I look after my mother who can't leave the house. So we have to pray at hers.

JUDD ZEALOT

Well that's not good enough, how is the church meant to collect donations to fix its roof if you are not there?

Suddenly someone interrupts with a banner with the Flame-Drop Oil's logo on it with a cross through it.

JOANNA

(Shouting)

Just stop sin, your sin is nothing compared to Flame-Drop's!

JUDD ZEALOT

(Hisses at protester)

Right another mad one.

He begins to run away the camera follows, as JOANA runs to get on camera again.

JOANNA

This show is a lie, it's meant to make you blame yourself...

CUT TO:

A shot of JUDD walking toward the camera from afar alone.

JUDD ZEALOT

Luckily the police arrested and beat that heretic woman. Events like those are becoming more and more common. Like many others, that person will undoubtedly rot in hell. Back to the studio.

CUT TO:

INT. PROGRAM STUDIO - DAY

JUDD ZEALOT

Sadly we don't have much time left on the show tonight, or likely on Earth. Join me in prayer now and hopefully, like me, you will end up sitting in God's lap once the Oncoming Storm commences.

He stands in the studio alone as the camera pulls back and the credits begin to roll across the bottom of the screen.

Suddenly JOANNA breaks onto the show, and JUDD breaks his prayer to start wrestling her.

The shot goes to static and the test card comes up with Flame-Drops logo on.

**THE END.**