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Televangelist Broadcast Summaries

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THE COURTS

11/23

Louisiana evolution decision.

Robertson spoke of the Louisiana court decision prohibiting the teaching of creationism. He said,

"Once again the courts are overriding, on a very, very egregious basis, the elected officials of our government. We are setting up...an oligarchy that Thomas Jefferson warned us about, a non-elected small group that is fastening itself on the public life and dominating us to the exclusion of the will of the people."

11/23

Lubbock, TX case.

Robertson announced that a circuit court had decided that students cannot have religious meetings on school property. Robertson said this means that, "No longer do we have freedom of religion in America." A CBN report from Lubbock concluded with this sentence, "The question is whether the federal government will inject itself in the conversations of high school students to determine what can or cannot be said in meetings on school property." Robertson then said,

"You are seeing, ladies and gentlemen, before your eyes, this country change from what used to be Christian nation, based on Judeo-Christian principles, to a humanist nation in which the humanists are running [things] even though the majority of the people are very deeply committed to their faith in God and a very small non-elected minority is dominating the people."

Robertson said that one of two things had to happen; either the courts will break, or "we ought to set up a counter-school system." He said,

"The people are going to have to revolt. If you take it quietly and just sit back...Naziism, Communism is [sic] just down the road."

11/23

ACLU.

Robertson said this about the ACLU in his discussion of the Lubbock case:

"The ACLU doesn't like freedom of speech. They don't want freedom of speech. They want to restrict speech and so they say, 'We are going to oppose you in the courts'.... The ACLU is trying to bring the U.S. into conformity with the Constitution of the Soviet Union."

12/9

ACLU.

Robertson reported on the ACLU suit against the city of Providence, RI, for placing a nativity scene on the steps of City Hall. Robertson said, "The ACLU is at it again, challenging the right of communities to celebrate Christmas." Robertson then read a quote from the Providence mayor: 'The reason the ACLU is suing Providence is because they're jealous... They don't have three wise men or a virgin in their whole organization.'"

## EDUCATION

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Teacher  
Certi-  
fication

Robertson introduced a CBN report on Rev. Bruce Turner of Temple Christian Academy in Quincy, Mass., who refuses to turn over his church school's enrollment records as required by the state. The Reverend said he was taking a stand here because he didn't think the state should be involved in schools at all. Robertson said,

"Does the right to freedom of religion extend to public education? I think it does. I think the government ought to keep its cotton-picking hands off the churches, very frankly.... They ought to get out of the churches and the church schools.... Either separate the church from the state and get the state out of the church, or let the church get involved in the government process.... Politicians are forcing the churches to get political."

Robertson then interviewed CBN University teacher Herb Titus. Titus suggested that abandoning the public schools is one answer to this question, an answer that Titus said our forefathers would favor. Robertson added, "We as Christians are supporting a system that is antithetical to our beliefs, and as taxpayers, we're paying for it."

11/23

Teaching of  
Evolution/  
Creationism.

Robertson discussed the Louisiana court decision stating that the teaching of creationism is a violation of the separation of church and state. Robertson said,

"The way these cases are coming down, it says that we have now only one theory of the origin of man that can be taught in the school and that theory is that man evolved from the ooze of the ground. We can't even give children the option any longer of understanding about creationism."

11/23

Public  
Education.

In discussing the Lubbock, Texas case [see The Courts, 11/23] Robertson made this sweeping denunciation of the public school system.

"No nation has the right, according to the freedom we enjoy, to take tax money to inculcate the people with a repugnant philosophy. They're going to take your tax money and insist on forcing your children to learn a

philosophy that is contrary to what you believe very deeply. That goes to the very heart of freedom. And if the public schools are going to do that, then the public schools are illegal, nationwide, and we're going to start lawsuits, saying the whole public school system, if that's the way they're going to have it, is illegal.... The whole system is illegal because it goes to the root of the freedom we have to believe as we want to in a free land."

Robertson followed up this discussion by presenting the story of a Connecticut family that moved to North Carolina so they could teach their four children at home. The father, a public school teacher for 13½ years, said he didn't want his children to be indoctrinated with secular humanism. Robertson said Horace Mann started public schools to take education away from Christians, and that if allowed, the state will "indoctrinate kids in humanism and socialism... It's happening here and now."

11/29

Violence in Schools.

Robertson said that the public schools are more dangerous than "any place else." Robertson then made the connection between danger in the public schools and the need to move away from public education altogether. He said,

"There's a reason that people are putting their children in private school. And the reason is equally split between getting a better education and more discipline.... They [parents] feel the discipline is lax and consequently their children aren't learning anything."

The CBN report on violence in public schools said more money is being spent to repair vandalism against public schools than to pay for textbooks. The reporter said, "Many experts, including the Attorney General, say that crime and violence threaten the very existence of public education."

Robertson then interviewed Dr. B. David Brooks, an expert on school crime. Brooks said that 113,000 teachers were assaulted in the '80-'81 school year, and that 250,000 students report assaults each month. Brooks traced the problem to lack of discipline and a lack of teaching of basic values in school.

12/4

Values.

Robertson read parts of the 13th Annual Survey of High School Achievers. He said today's top high school students are moving back to traditional values. He said surveys showed that these students used less alcohol and pot; expressed more anti-abortion, anti-pre-marital sex, anti-living together, anti-volunteer army sentiment; and were far more in favor of prayer in schools and the teaching of creationism along with evolution than students surveyed in previous years.

THE FAMILY

11/24

Marriage.

Robertson interviewed a couple, Jerry and Barbara Cook, who have written a book about marriage from a religious point of view. Jerry Cook said that couples should let Christ settle disputes, and that neither marriage partner should be the boss. Robertson quietly objected, saying, "The husband ultimately has to make the decisions about the major issues."

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Day Care.

Robertson announced that there was a new outbreak of deadly diseases among preschool children. One cause of this epidemic, he said, was overcrowded day care centers. A CBN report on the subject of day care was fairly sympathetic to the plight of working mothers, especially those who are sole heads of households. The report stated that churches are the single largest provider of day care and stressed that the quality of a day care center can be good or terrible, or somewhere in between.

Co-host Ben Kinchlow then interviewed Linda Burnett, author of A Mother's Choice. Burnett said,

"If women knew what was happening to their children emotionally and psychologically....it would be the absolutely last option to put that child in a day care center."

Burnett said "day care centers are institutions," that children are not happy there, that they "don't have a chance to grow individually," and that they will be affected for their entire lives. Ben Kinchlow said,

"The Soviets have begun to raise clones or drones as a result of their being in day care center."

Robertson then gave a short taped lecture on child rearing. He recommended love, loving discipline and occasional punishment, as stated by the Bible.

12/8

Divorce.

Co-host Ben Kinchlow presented a CBN piece on a marriage that was saved from divorce. He commented, "About 90% of the divorces that take place in this land are just absolutely unnecessary. I mean you don't have to get a divorce. There is a better way than getting a divorce."

12/10

Role of Women.

In a discussion on religious experiences, Robertson said,

"But women, one little remark. Please don't make your husbands think that in order to accept Jesus Christ, they have to submit to you because no macho man wants to do that. They'll submit to Jesus, but they kind of like to be the head of the household. And that's scriptural. And that's the way it should be."

ABORTION

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Robertson interviewed Patti Haywood McKinney, the national vice president of Women Exploited by Abortion. McKinney recounted her abortion experience, her post-abortion depression, and her born-again religious lifestyle. She said women are "often incapable of making rational choices about abortion when they are pregnant, as "hormones are wreaking havoc on her body." She said, "Many of us are in ignorance when we make that choice," and "confuse what is legal with what is right." Robertson said, "If you're planning an abortion, don't, don't.... One human life. We shouldn't kill them [sic]. They're very precious."

## THE MILITARY

12/2

B-1 Bomber. Robertson introduced a discussion on the B1 bomber by saying, "If you don't have a defense, you don't have a country." A CBN report on the subject quoted statistics about how far ahead the Soviet Union is in the arms race. The report stressed the dramatic Soviet arms build-up over the last 10 years, and stated that the B-52 could not compete with new Soviet weapons. According to the report, there was "general agreement" that the B-52 would have to be replaced, but there was a question as to whether the B1 would be the best replacement.

Defense Budget. Robertson then interviewed Vietnam pilot Steve Ritchie. Ritchie said the U.S. is spending only 25% of its annual budget on defense now, as compared to 50% just 25 years ago. He also said defense spending creates jobs and has technological payoffs to society. He added that the "space program has provided more jobs than any poverty program ever has."

## THE OLD TIME GOSPEL HOUR

November 28, 1982

"Neutrality". Falwell introduced Franky Schaeffer, Jr., author of A Time for Anger, as a guest speaker. Schaeffer spoke for less than five minutes on two topics. First, he praised Falwell and spoke of Falwell's place in history. Then, he spoke very briefly about the media and the subject of his book -- media bias against religious fundamentalism. Schaeffer said there was no such thing as neutrality, especially not in the media coverage of issues including "school prayer, abortion, feminist censorship of textbooks, the media's treatment of your pastor, euthenasia and infanticide."

Immorality. The topic of Falwell's sermon was "The Wasting of a Life." He focused mainly on "immoral" sexual relationships, herpes as the "judgment of God on America today," and on alcohol abuse.

December 5, 1982

Fundraising. Falwell made a special announcement on this show regarding fundraising for the Old Time Gospel Hour. He said that if his supporters would contribute \$5 million between now and the end of 1982, he could get \$5 million in matching funds from an anonymous donor to put the gospel on prime time all over the country once a month.

Social Security. In a discussion on business from God's perspective, Falwell said,

"I'm certainly for social security...but we have a crowd in this country that wouldn't work in a pie shop eating holes out of doughnuts.... We've trained them to be professional bums.... What do you mean manual labor? [they ask]. These people think Manual Labor is the President of Mexico."

Nuclear Weapons. In a discussion on military policy from God's perspective, Falwell said,

"I certainly wish the nuclear bomb had never been created.... I certainly do not for one moment believe in the efforts of the nuclear freeze people that would unilaterally freeze America in a position of inferiority and possibly cause our children to grow up in slavery. I'm against that.... I support the President...because I believe the best deterrent to war is a strong defense.... There's something worse than war---that's slavery. I'd rather be dead than red."

Abortion. Falwell said that God will judge people if they do not speak up to defend the "helpless, voiceless, defenseless unborn babies" that are aborted each year.

December 12, 1982

School Prayer. Falwell said 90% of the American people support President Reagan's proposed school prayer amendment. He urged his viewers to call an 800 number to voice their opinions on this issue, saying, "If you feel America's children should have the right to pray in the public schools in this country -- voluntarily, of course -- I would like you to vote your convictions by calling our toll free number."

Prime Time. Falwell again discussed his plan to put the gospel on prime time once a month on 208 stations across the country. He said there is 10 times the audience in prime time than there is in the Sunday morning slot.



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CHURCH/STATE SEPARATION

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Nativity  
Scene.

In Pawtucket, Rhode Island, a court battle was won by the ACLU last year that prohibited the town government from paying for a nativity scene as part of its Christmas decorations. This year the scene was sponsored by a group of private citizens. In a film clip, the mayor of Pawtucket said that he will take the issue of state sponsorship all the way to the Supreme Court, because, "Christmas itself...is a constitutional, valid part of our life." A spokesman for the ACLU said: "The crèche [i.e., nativity scene]...serves no legitimate secular purpose," also Jews and people of other religions celebrate their faiths without this symbol.

Pat Robertson stated:

"There's nothing in our Constitution that said everything that you do has to have a secular purpose; there's nothing in our Constitution that says that. That's the interpretation of the Supreme Court, and, then, it's been distorted by subsequent court findings. And, if we don't do something about it, we're in for a bad time. And it looks to me that it's time that the people joined with those in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, Providence, Rhode Island, other places around the country, to say: 'We've had enough!' And if it takes a Constitutional amendment, let's get one, if it takes the impeachment of judges, let's impeach a few judges. I don't really care what happens, but let's not let them take all of our Christmas and all of our sacred traditions and all of our religion out of our life, in favor of an organization [the ACLU] who, by the admission of it's founder, was dedicated to turning this country into a socialist state. I mean, let's face it, let's go back and say who it is who's after us, and it's time that the judges opened their eyes and admitted it."

Robertson paraphrased the opinion of the dissenting judge by saying: "If we make Christmas illegal, then everytime somebody says 'Merry Christmas' in a public building, he is violating the Constitution." Robertson compared this to Moslem countries, and in particular, praised "the Jewish society of Israel [where]... religious holidays are 100% government-backed."

12/22

Providence. Pat Robertson announced that citizens in Providence, RI, had won the right to sponsor a nativity scene as part of the city's Christmas display. The judge said that the ACLU had no basis for a complaint, because no public funds were used this year.

Milwaukee. Pat Robertson also said that the Confederation of Catholic Mothers had won its case, allowing it to place a sign on City Hall. Each year they had posted a banner saying "Keep Christ in Christmas," although now they must also place the name of the sponsoring organization on the display.

#### EDUCATION

12/15

Tuition Tax Credits. In an interview with Robert Baldwin of Learn, Inc., Pat Robertson stressed the importance of tax breaks and other support for parents who send their children to private schools. He said:

"I'm sure there are Southern Baptists who think, well, we don't like parochial schools run by Catholics, and they'll benefit; and maybe the Catholics say something else. But this is a freedom issue, not a sectarian issue."

Baldwin stated that parents who choose to pay for their own children's education are "doing a public service." He stated that parents are "excluded from the decision-making in the education process," so that schools are not "functioning in such a fashion that they are supporting the views of the parents, [but are] subverting the views of the parents." Baldwin said that the present system of state-supported schools is analogous to the government requiring that food stamp recipients buy their groceries at state-run stores.

NEA.

Robertson said:

"Of course, the NEA has been the great lobby [for public education], I suppose; the National Educational Association which has a million, 7 or 8 hundred thousand [members]. They're very much against any kind of private education, because that would put free enterprise and competition into the education system. And, generally, when we have it we get cheaper prices and a better product, when you have competition in the marketplace. But they don't want it in education."

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Communists in Schools. Ben Kinchlow interviewed B. J. Weber, a former member of "that infamous radical, radical group of the 60's, the SDS," Students for a Democratic Society. He told how a professor had introduced him to the attitudes of



Communism and Anarchism. Weber described the techniques they had used to try to break down the structure of society and "to manipulate young minds toward the Communist philosophy."

Kinchlow said:

"Does any of that sound familiar to some of you listening at home? Is that the sort of thing that your children are coming home with? And you wonder,...this is not what I learned in school. Is it any wonder that they are doing behavior modification and values clarification in your school? It has a very clear cut purpose behind it."

## THE FAMILY

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Child Deve- Ben Kinchlow interviewed George Rekers, the author of Growing Up lopment. Straight and Shaping Your Child's Sexual Identity. Rekers said that prostitutes, homosexuals and lesbians are more likely to have had a poor relationship with their fathers or have had no father figures while growing up. This caused them to have gender role problems and to be insecure in their masculinity or femininity, Rekers said, adding:

"The unisex philosophy which is so popular now in the media, and TV, and magazines, is confusing a lot of people. As a matter of fact, the National Organization of Women, for example, has set out, as one of its goals, to eliminate all distinctions based on sex.... Macho is promiscuous, but true masculinity would protect a woman, and not expose a woman to pregnancy, for example, unless you're married to her.... Severe cross-gender identity problems, more than just a tom-boy phase,...can develop in puberty if,...[a girl] doesn't want to be a girl, [if] she doesn't want to grow up and have babies."

## GOVERNMENT POLICIES

12/13

Presidency. Pat Robertson interviewed newspaper columnist Jack Anderson. Anderson compared several presidents; he described President Reagan's administration as one of the most effective, because Reagan delegated authority.

Defense. Anderson criticized Reagan for "throwing money at defense." He declared that the United States could achieve a stronger defense if we concentrated on less expensive, less complicated weapons systems. In Israeli hands, Anderson stated, our weapons have been shown to be the best in the world; however, due to our defense contracting methods, we are producing weapons which are too complex for our military to operate in the field.

12/15

Government Salaries. Pat Robertson said that he wanted to take what was, perhaps, an unpopular position on the proposed salary raise for Congress. He claimed that we are not paying our chief executive, his cabinet, or our representatives enough in comparison with positions of comparable importance in the business world. Robertson feared that soon only millionaires would be able to afford to be elected to government office.

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Prisons.

Pat Robertson and Ben Kinchlow discussed the problems of our criminal justice system: overcrowded prisons, high recidivism rates, and full court dockets. Robertson said that it would be cheaper to send convicts to Harvard Law School or hire someone to watch them or just pay them \$15,000 a year to sit at home, than to send them to prison.

#### FOREIGN AFFAIRS

12/17

Russia.

Pat Robertson interviewed John Rees, a news correspondent for a French paper and conservative columnist for an American journal. They discussed the new Soviet leadership of Uri Andropov, and KGB infiltration of peace movements throughout the world. Robertson criticized the press for being influenced by Soviet propaganda and printing "gushy things like 'closet liberal'" in describing Andropov's, supposedly, more Western views. Rees illustrated the relationship with this potential scenario: when the more conservative press begins to expose the truth about the oppression of Eastern European people under the direction of Andropov; then, the KGB will begin to disseminate "disinformation," that denounces accusations of oppression as the work of "religious fanatics on the right," or part of a CIA plot. Other reporters will then print the KGB's side of the story.

Peace  
Groups.

Robertson said:

"The press has turned on [senator] Denton's Committee [on Security and Terrorism], and they call it a witch hunt and all that. Now how much of that public laughing and scorn on conservative causes, or at least patriotic causes, is orchestrated by the KGB, do you think?"

Rees replied:

"...In both the Reader's Digest and our own books, we show how the KGB had their people at the Georgetown conference that launched the nuclear freeze movement. We've got documents that come from the Communist Party, where they claim credit for the June 12th march in New York, and for the freeze movement in Connecticut. And we've got to remember that in the House Committee hearing that came up last week, there were several times that the FBI and CIA gave testimony that the Communists were running the nuclear freeze movement. And, after all, this is one of the things that President Reagan has said, and who is the press to challenge the president!"

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"Love  
Lift" to  
Guatemala.

Ben Kinchlow showed a clip of the "Freedom Boat" of the international ministry of Youth With a Mission. The director of that program said that there are 250,000 Indians who have been displaced by the fighting in Guatemala. These refugees are not receiving enough aid from the United States, he said, because of Guatemala's reputation as a human rights violator. He said that the situation is improving under the government of Rios Montt.

Old Time Gospel Hour

December 26, 1982

Media  
Image of  
Fundamen-  
talists.

Jerry Falwell included in his sermon an indictment of the press in America. He told members of his congregation not to fear identifying themselves as fundamentalists, even though "the press and liberals besmirch" that name. He said:

"The national media has done a very good job of making conservative Christians, fundamentalists, or whatever they want to call us, to make us snake-handlers, misogynists, women-haters, and racists; you name it, every bad thing they can think of, to make that us.... You know it's so hypocritical, the way the press handles conservative Christians, and even conservative anything: political people, economists, and so on. Any time you see Jerry Falwell's name in the media, it will be 'extreme, right-wing, fundamentalist Jerry Falwell.' You'll never see 'extreme, left-wing, liberal, leftist William Sloan Coffin', or National Council of Church leaders, and so on; never, because they don't want to demean that crowd, just us. When you see Senator Jesse Helms's name in print, it's always 'extreme, right-wing Senator Jesse Helms.' Have you ever seen 'extreme left-wing, liberal Ted Kennedy'? Why? Because it isn't to their purpose, it doesn't fit the stereotype. They just want to slay those they don't agree with, but be kind to those with whom they agree, no matter what they do, or where they do it."

January 2, 1983

Unemploy-  
ment.

In a sermon on Proverbs 26, Verses 13-16, Jerry Falwell described the bum as a slothful person who does not work, but who is full of excuses about why he cannot work. Falwell said:

"If you could take out of that ten point something percent unemployed, if you could take out of that number, all the persons who really don't want a job, they just want to draw a paycheck.... Who are just running from this job and working it long enough to get back on the rolls of unemployment, so they can draw their rocking chair money.... Who are claiming to be sick, but you can find them playing golf on Monday, riding the boat on Tuesday, running all over the country, driving, vacationing. But when you talk work, they are lying down in a wheelchair suddenly. If you take that group out of that 10.4%, it might be 5.2%. Just might be, I'm just throwing that out. I've met a few, maybe they just live around here, I don't know. But I think they are all over the country. And I think that we have raised up a generation of bums, who are full of excuses, in this country.... Some of these young men think that manual labor is the president of Mexico."

Taxes.

Jerry Falwell talked about taxes and registration for the draft, in connection with a discussion of the authorities God has ordained and placed above each citizen of the United States. He said that people have no grounds for not paying taxes, even if they object to what the money is used

for, because "God doesn't hold you responsible for where [your tax money] goes." He also stated that there is no reason not to register for the draft, even as a conscientious objector, because "you don't have any right to be a rebel against your government and the authorities."

Drugs and  
Herpes.

Falwell asked: "Why so many drug addicts today? Why a herpes epidemic?" Then he answered: "That rebellion of the 60's and the 70's has brought the judgement of God upon this nation in the 80's."

January 9, 1983

The Freeze.

Jerry Falwell told about a "Peace Through Strength" march which had occurred in Lynchburg. Gen. George Keegan, U.S. Air Force (ret.), had led the local Young Americans for Freedom group and students from Liberty Baptist College. Falwell praised the example they set as free-born Americans, who have a duty to be "a beacon of freedom to...those people imprisoned by the hammer and sickle." Falwell said:

"You know America's cocky. We have that crazy idea that we're going to run this country the way we please. We're powerful, we're wealthy. Oh, I know that most people are not saying that, but we prove it; we've developed a welfare state. And now, now, there are those persons out there marching in the streets telling us that we ought to unilaterally disarm.... Thank God, we have a president and some people in leadership who are willing to defend this land and to build our defenses against the national media's promotion and against the people who are marching in the street.... And that movement, I repeat, for the most part was spawned in Moscow. This nuclear freeze thing was spawned in Moscow."

Fund-  
raising.

Falwell announced that, due to the generosity of God's people, the Old Time Gospel Hour will be seen on prime-time television, once a month, in 1983. [According to newspaper accounts, Falwell raised \$14 million in his December, 1982 campaign.]