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FALWELL

National Defense

"Is the United States headed for nuclear war?...So now the greatest nation on earth appears to be in the process of surrendering to the greatest evil on earth, and in so doing, endangering the lives and freedoms of the rest of the world...Communism already has forcibly enslaved much of the world. Will the United States be its next victim?"

Nuclear Freeze

"Hey, this earth has a long, lengthy plan in God's hands, yet to be outlived. So don't be frightened all the time by what Mr. Andropov is saying, or what the 'freezeniks' are saying as they march up and down the streets. I believe we should negotiate for peace, we should build our military defenses of this country; I support what the President's trying to do. I believe that we have human responsibilities, but I'm talking to you from a Biblical perspective. Thank God we can pillow out heads at nights and go to sleep without fear, because God has promised that there is a future for us on this earth."

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Politics and Teacher Unions

Pat Robertson interviewed Howard Carter, head of the Association of Christian Churches of the Pacific. Carter stated that the government schools in Australia are administered in a manner that gives "free reign to humanism," and that their teachers' union is "strongly Communist." Even the association of private schools is "militant" and many "so-called church schools are Marxist in their position." Robertson agreed teachers shouldn't be getting involved in politics, yet the teachers' union in the United States "is a very, very highly organized lobby." Humanists, Robertson continued, have take control of education since the 1930s; their goal is to "shape the future generations."

FAMILY ISSUES

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Divorce.

Robertson interviewed an attorney, John Deal, who has stopped handling divorce cases; instead, he offers free counseling to couples considering separation. Deal said that in today's moral climate, attorneys have become "accomplices" to divorces, and "advocates against the marriage." Deal continued:

"The crime about it all is that in God's eyes, in my opinion, [He] sees filing suit for divorce no better than committing an abortion, ... separating the union [of] one flesh, like fetus and mother.... Marriage is not of man, ... God ordained marriage, but the legislatures and the courts are tearing it apart.... The legislators really believe that they ordained divorce, and the courts believe they ordained marriage."

Deal concluded that the Scriptural command: "What God put together, let no man pull asunder," prohibits Christian lawyers from assisting couples to get divorced.

Deal described one husband he counseled who complained that his wife spent too much time at church during the week. Robertson agreed that the Southern Baptists are so well organized that they have programs every night of the week. This, he said, can actually destroy the home and the marriage.

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"Real Women."

Ben Kinchlow interviewed Mary Crowley who had formed her own company, Home Interiors and Gifts, and had written several books, including: Women Who Win: The Proverbs Way to Successful Living. She stated that the key to leading a satisfied life is to strive to become a Godly woman, and to express oneself in the domain of the home. She said that a woman's role is to inspire mankind with the standards of beauty and character exhibited by the appearance of the house. Kinchlow said:

"You know, that doesn't sound like the kind of thing the world is really jumping up and down about, because it's not popular to become a woman, I mean a real, feminine woman. You have to be, like, competitive with your mate, or 'beat the man at his own game' sort of thing."

2/7

Christian Relationships.

Pat Robertson commented that very few people are called to be single, and that God has a mate for each one of us. Therefore, Christians should wait until they meet a Christian before rushing into relationships. Robertson reiterated that Christians are strictly forbidden to have sex outside of marriage and that, once married, there are no spiritual or biblical grounds for two Christians to get divorced. Even if, he said, a nonbeliever leaves the home and the marriage cannot be restored, the Christian should not remarry.

2/9

Sexual
Revolution.

Pat Robertson said that our country is facing a sexual revolution which, "as anyone who knows the Bible will realize," is bringing many problems along with it. The most serious of these is the increasing numbers of teenage pregnancies, but, he said, this sexuality has also brought a "whole new set of venereal diseases," emotional problems, children born out of wedlock and abortion. Robertson asked:

"What should you do though, if you're a parent and your teenage daughter finds that because of the liberation that she has been given, because of the literature and magazines, she becomes pregnant. Because, after all, the result of human procreation is birth; I mean, with sexuality, you begin to have children, that's just the reason it's all there.... You know, the magazines make it sound so glamorous, and we see the movies that sex is glamorized, and everyone thinks it's the thing to do. And the TV networks are almost on a crusade to make sure that people sleep together, and it's getting to be so fashionable.... But, it isn't glamorous to find out that you've got a boy that's 16 or 17 that's the father. And what are you going to do? [Are] you going to get married, [are] you going to get an abortion, [are] you going to tell your mother and father, [are] you going to bring shame to your family? It's going to be a wrench, your friends are going to make fun of you. You can go on and on with the problems. They don't tell you any of that when you start."

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Sickness
"earned."

Robertson asserted that people "earn our diseases" by violating natural laws. He said that the further one is from God, the more subject one is to sicknesses. At some point, there comes a time, in the course of an illness, when medical science can do nothing more, and, Robertson states, only God is able to heal and give life. He said that not all people who suffer from disease are sinners, that anyone can be overcome by contagion.

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Live-in
Relationships.

Pat Robertson talked about the defiance of traditions by the youth of the '60s and '70s. He said that a large number of men and women are still living together, out of wedlock, today. Robertson said that this sort of live-in relationship is just as bad as what they used to call "shacking-up" in the "old days." Robertson warned:

"Some of you, especially young women, are in this audience watching, and you're really in that kind of relationship. You may call it living together, whatever you want to call it; it's wrong, you know! Unless you committed for life, under what God has joined together, let no man put asunder. But you haven't really gotten joined together, except temporarily, and you're going to be middle-aged and you're going to say: 'What happened to it all?' Well, it's all going to be gone, and you won't know what to do then. And, instead of having children, instead of having a husband who loves you, instead of having the security of a home; you're going to wind up having nothing. But, beyond that, you're going to wind up standing before the Lord. And, you won't be happy, there's not happiness

apart from God's way of doing things. And, if you do it His way, things work out, and, if you don't do it His way, you make a shipwreck of your life. You can't break God's laws, successfully. Oh, you can get away with it for a time; you can maybe get away with it for a long time, but sooner or later you're going to pay the price. Because, implicit in the laws of God, are built in certain punishments."

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Abortion.

A piece was aired on the "squeal law." The CBN commentator stated that the sexual revolution has given rise to an epidemic in the number of teenage, unwed mothers. Abortion, he said, is chosen by one third of these teens and encouraged by the medical profession because it is a "highly lucrative" business. Pat Robertson said:

"The thing that we want to encourage young people to do, whether they're young or old, who are having children.... We counsel people, particularly if you're having a baby and you're a young girl, you got pregnant out of wedlock; have your baby, don't have an abortion. And don't jump into some foolish marriage with somebody who a) you don't love and b) isn't a Christian, just because you think that's the right thing to do. And [you] wind up 3 or 4 years down the road with just Hell on Earth, and you're going to get a divorce, and so you've compounded the thing. Have the baby; if you want to keep it, keep it. If you want to give it up for adoption, do that. There are many people, more and more, who are realizing that there's just a desperate need for babies. There are wonderful loving couples who'll look after children, and they want the thing that you want to throw away, so don't do it. So you've made a mistake,...so you can live through that, but don't compound it."

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Government
Control.

In a further discussion of the new HHS "squeal law," Robertson's co-host asked: "Doesn't this take all the authority away from the family completely? Robertson replied:

"You know, when you get a dictator, when you get an Adolf Hitler or a Stalin or somebody, that's what they try to do; they try to centralize the family relationship in Washington, or not in Washington, but in Moscow or Berlin or something. And if they can override the family, then, of course, the young people can become the ward of the state; and when that happens they can manipulate them to suit themselves. I'm sure there's not some devious plot on this one; I mean, the good guys in this one are just saying: 'Hey, we want the little girls to have birth control information. They aren't going to get it through their parents; so therefore, we want to have them. But, you know, it gets into these big courts fights.... [But] it's a common sense matter, primarily, either that or it's a Judeo-Christian matter; but, it's not a court matter.... The Federal Courts are finding Constitutional rights that don't ever exist."

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State Interference. Robertson continued his denouncement of the actions of the courts in the matter of birth control dispensement. He said:

"The question is: What is the government doing handing out birth control pills or devices to start? Secondly, why are they interfering with the family? And what are they doing with our tax dollars? What in the world are the courts doing, finding Constitutional rights to birth control? Can you imagine Thomas Jefferson or George Washington saying: 'Well, little teenage girls should have birth control devices'? They just didn't even think about it; it's just not in there. And neither was it in the 14th Amendment. It was horrible, we didn't conceive of this flood of human sexuality that's going on. So, the Supreme Court's making up law; and that's one of the great problems that we have."

GOVERNMENT POLICIES

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National Religious Broadcasters.

A report was aired on the National Religious Broadcasters Conference in Washington, D.C. A clip was shown of Pat Robertson, who gave the prayer and introduction for the keynote speaker, President Reagan. Robertson stated that Reagan had been specially appointed by the Lord to be the leader of this nation. In his address, Reagan expressed very strong support of the School Prayer Amendment and Right-to-Life legislation. He said that he would fight for these measures and others that "promote religious freedom" and encourage America to "return to" much-needed spiritual values. Reagan stated that within one book, the Bible, were contained "all the answers to all the problems of today." If we followed Biblical Commandments, Reagan claimed that the government would be able to balance the budget, because spending on drug rehabilitation, alcoholism and disease control could be cut. He praised the efforts of CBN and its Operation Blessing program.

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Mandatory Retirement/ Supreme Court.

Co-host Ben Kinchlow gave some statistics on the state of the Social Security system and commented that he thought it would soon be bankrupt. Kinchlow claimed that the solution to the financial problems of Social Security is to lift the retirement age to 70 years, or as long as each person is productive. In addition, Kinchlow said:

"If everyone was forced to retire, if the law was equally enforced across the board, we'd wipe out the great majority of all the Senate chairmanships, the President would have to go, the Supreme Court would have to go, half the judges. Hey, you know that's not a bad idea!... We could change the Supreme Court, couldn't we."

2/2

Government Programs.

Ben Kinchlow discussed the state of the economy and the need for Christian groups to help those who are poor or jobless; however, he quoted

from the bible that "the slothful person shall be put into forced labor," but the diligent will be rewarded. Kinchlow continued:

"The problem has been for too many years, people have looked to the government as...God [saying]: We don't need anything except more government spending, more government intervention, and if we've got a problem, call the feds, and the feds will begin to take care of it.'...Some people feel the real problem with our present economy, is because there's been so much government intervention, so many government regulations; that, literally, the private industry has been throttled, initiative has just been choked.... And socialism and excessive government trying to save people from themselves is what's causing a great deal of the problem. The recession or the depression, as the case may be, is deepening, and many inner-city government projects are closing down simply because the government is not a millionaire; the only place the government gets money from is out of your pocket."

2/23

EPA Controversy.

Pat Robertson reported on the current stage of the controversy over the possible mismanagement of EPA's Superfund for toxic waste clean-up. He said that the "Sewergate" scandal, as it is being called, "may be a chink in Ronald Reagan's armor; or, at least, his opponents are trying to make it so." Robertson said that the tug-of-war which has developed between EPA and Congress can only hurt the public. He stated that the real losers are the people who have been affected by the apparent non-enforcement of laws that required the clean-up of carcinogenic chemicals. Robertson criticized the "business orientation" of the EPA. He said the basic problem of American business is its focus on making money so fast that it does not take responsibility for its actions. Until God's laws govern business practices, Robertson urged that government's regulations be stringently enforced.

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Federal Deficit.

Pat Robertson criticized the federal government for allocating in its budget so much money for "socialistic types of things for the benefit of monopoly capitalism." He pointed specifically to the Federal Reserve Bank and the Social Security system, and the institution of income and FICA taxes. Robertson maintained that the only way to begin to reduce the deficit is to make a \$100-200 billion cut in government spending. In order to do this, he said, the enormous growth of entitlement programs must be slowed.

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Banks.

Pat Robertson asserted that the American banking community is "blackmailing" the federal government, and that President Reagan is going to be the "Hoover of 1984." Robertson demonstrated that the largest banks in the country are worth next to nothing because of the heavy load of non-performing loans they carry. He said that the banks are putting pressure on international lending institutions to continue to extend debts of third-world countries, when those loans are actually in default. Robertson also stated that the Federal Reserve is a "tool of the bankers"

and that its policy of tight money supply is hurting industrial companies that need to borrow money to pull themselves through the recession. The last time these economic conditions existed, Robertson said, was just before the Great Depression.

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Jubilee.

Robertson interviewed Julian Snyder, the editor of Bank Crisis Bulletin, from which Robertson had taken his figures on the actual net worth of the top banks in this country. Snyder claimed that the banks and Congress are "out of hand" and should stop spending more money. He said that all bad loans to foreign countries should be written off immediately and not renewed. If the situation is left alone, Snyder predicted that the next stage will mean "the loss of American freedom and democracy." Robertson restated these ideas as the Biblical concept of the Jubilee, which he said, is the only solution to our economic problems.

FOREIGN POLICY

1/31
Guatemala.

Pat Robertson reported, again, on the situation in Guatemala under the leadership of Rios Montt. He said that Operation Love Life, which was sponsored in part by CBN, delivered needed supplies to the 250,000 Indian refugees in the mountains. Robertson claimed that the Indians have been driven out of their villages by rebels and officers of the former government, and that the Montt government needs aid from the United States to keep the peace. He praised President Reagan for lifting the sanctions against the shipment of helicopter parts, which, Robertson said, would enable the Guatemalan military to transport materials into the mountains. Robertson said:

"I just feel that the world press, in many instances, has done tremendous disservice, you know. Rios Montt, I know absolutely, without question, is a man who loves God and loves people, and he's not about to be engaged in all kinds of repressive measures. As President Reagan says, he's [Montt's] had a bum rap, and he's absolutely right. And you see men like Amnesty International and others raising this big hue and cry about all these human rights violations in Guatemala, and it's just not so.... Now you're going to have in Central America one of two things, you're either going to have a repressive right-wing dictatorship,...or you're going to have a Communist dictatorship like Nicaragua, where the repression of human rights is getting so bad that members of the ruling junta are leaving.... Rios Montt is the only hope, the hope is in Christianity. There's been a concerted effort, primarily by the KGB, to turn the West against him.... We [CBN] intend to continue to bring the truth to you and to show you the situation, and to get you to pray. Please remember to pray for Rios Montt. He's a man who needs help, because he's had any number of attempts on his life.... And General Montt could be a model of what God can do in a deeply divided nation."

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Middle East
Peace Plan.

Pat Robertson claimed that President Reagan's negotiating stance is "playing into the hand of the Soviets" by allowing the take-over of Jordan by pro-Soviet, PLO forces. He stated that the United States can't "guarantee" Isreal's northern border, and the Isrealis are justified in not trusting that the PLO and Syria would refrain from rearming themselves and re-establishing Lebanon as their basis for Soviet-supplied, international terrorism. Robertson said:

"Every time somebody says: 'We'll guarantee you,' the Jews have been disappointed, through history. They don't trust people's guarantees; they don't trust Nazi guarantees, Russian guarantees, Polish guarantees; and the United States' guarantees. We've guaranteed a lot of leaders: we guaranteed Shambio in the Congo, and then he got kicked out and assassinated. We actually had President Diem of South Viet Nam assassinated, and he was our friend. We dumped Taiwan. The United States has not been a faithful ally, and if I were the Israelis, I wouldn't trust our guarantees either. I mean, frankly, nobody's going to fight for the Jews like the Jews will. So, Menachen Begin says: 'Hey, we're going to make sure that our borders are secure, because we've been through this too many times. And we've trusted your peace treaties, and you've broken them and violated them, and we're not going to [anymore].'"

Old Time Gospel Hour

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New
Magazine.

Jerry Falwell advertised, for the first time on his program, a new publication called Fundamentalist Journal. The magazine, sponsored by Falwell, is published monthly and deals with the same sorts of issues that Falwell addresses in his broadcasts. The November issue, for example, discusses the rise of secular humanism, and January's issue tells about the Supreme Court's abortion ruling. Falwell said that this magazine is comparable to anything sold on the newstand, except that it is totally Christian. The price of a subscription is \$10.95/year; this is not a fundraising or political appeal, Falwell said, but is a special half-price offer for his viewers.

Gay Atheist
Society.

Falwell said that he had been harassed by the Gay Atheist Society and other groups who wanted him to stop preaching against sin and "stop calling homosexuality sin." Falwell stated that he will not water down his message, because he is "fighting the battle for every Christian and preacher, against those who would take God, prayer, and the manger scene out of public life. He called ministers who criticize him, and "nip at our heels," failures who out of jealousy tear down preachers who have succeeded.

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Legal
Defense
Fund.

Falwell spoke to his television audience from a room behind the pulpit. He appealed to supporters to contribute to a new legal defense fund. Falwell claimed that he is currently being sued for \$50 million by

rooms all the time. And I hope that somebody in the advertising industry and the major sponsors, who pay for that time, and somebody in the three networks will develop some sense of responsibility to the young people of this country, so that this herpes and all other epidemics will at some time stop, because some decent, responsible people said this is enough."

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Nuclear War. Rev. Falwell addressed the question that he felt is most often in the minds of Americans: Will there be a major nuclear war or confrontation? Falwell said: "The answer clearly, if you believe the Bible, is no." He said that the earth may end in a nuclear holocaust, but that it cannot happen until after 1000 years of Christ's rule and the departure of all the Christians from this world. Falwell assured his listeners:

"Hey, this earth has a long, lengthy plan in God's hands, yet to be outlived. So don't be frightened all the time by what Mr. Andropov is saying, or what the 'freezeniks' are saying as they march up and down the streets. I believe we should negotiate for peace, we should build our military defenses of this country; I support what the President's trying to do. I believe that we have human responsibilities, but I'm talking to you from a Biblical perspective. Thank God, we can pillow our heads at nights and go to sleep without fear, because God has promised that there is a future for us on this earth."

Racism and Anti-Semitism. Falwell said that the rise in racism in this country and anti-semitism in Europe indicates that the end of this world is near. He asked:

"Have you ever seen and talked and heard about so much racism as you hear today? You know, we've been through the civil rights struggle in this country; and yet, with a good bit of that behind us, I would submit to you that on this earth today, there's as much racial hatred as there's ever been. Whether it's Arab against Jew, black against white, white against black, Jew against Arab; whether it be that which is going on in the Orient, or whether it be that which is going on in Europe; we find it everywhere."

False Prophets. Falwell said that a sure sign of the Second Coming is the growing numbers of "false Messiahs and false religions." He continued:

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"We've always had these; but I suggest to you, we've never had a time when there were more false Messiahs than today. Whether it's Sun Yung Moon, whether it's Scientology, whether it's this '-ism' or this 'wasm' or that 'wasm.' Everybody [says]: 'I am Christ, you must worship me, you've got to come my way. There's no church but our church; you've got to join ours. We have the only message; we have the only truth.' Thank God, He's not exclusive. Thank God, He's not nationalistic. Thank God, he has not restricted his salvation to any particular group, whether anglo-saxon, or Asian, or black, or whatever."

Hunger.

Falwell compared abundance in the United States to hunger in the rest of the world. He offered help to anyone in this country who is hungry, saying:

"Isn't it hard to believe, when you and I are throwing food out the back door, when America is so blessed, our coffers are so full; I hear all this recession business. But I say to people everywhere, if you're hungry, please write us a letter, get in touch with us here. If you really are hungry, I mean, you don't have food to eat, you'll go to bed tonight hungry; you write us a letter. By God's grace somehow, someway, we'll find a pastor or a Christian friend in your area; or we will do it ourselves, we'll get food in your mouth.... I believe, in America, if a person goes to bed hungry; it's because we've failed to inform somebody that they were hungry; I really believe that. That's not true in much of the world; half the world went to bed hungry last night. Look at Haiti, look at Bangladesh, look at Somalia, look at Kenya, look at our world today -- people are starving to death."

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Meeting with Reagan and Heckler.

Falwell recounted his recent meeting with President Reagan, Vice President Bush and Health and Human Services Secretary Margaret Heckler. Heckler told Falwell that God had placed her as the head of HHS for a purpose. Falwell said Heckler told him that:

"If there's one thing I'm dedicated to in life, [it] is stopping abortion, the destruction of human life. And to think that God let me sit in the most important spot in the world to do that.... Jerry, we're going to see to it that those government-funded agencies out there that are dispensing abortion information, contraceptives, birth control; that they notify the parents when they're distributing to teenagers. And we're going to everything we can under God to stop this biological holocaust."

Evolution vs. Creationism.

Falwell compared the history of the "two competing theories" of the origins of man. He claimed that, today, many scientists (although he did not have time to name them) have decided that there is no scientific basis for Darwin's theory of evolution; which, he said, is the foundational belief of secular humanism. Therefore, the alternative view of a "direct, special creation" must be the correct interpretation of the evidence. Falwell said:

"There's no question that there's no scientific basis for evolution, there's got to be some other explanation.... Evolution has had its day, has blown it, and credible people today are disavowing a commitment to it. No wonder the American Civil Liberties Union and others, who are trying to jerk manger scenes out of public life, want evolution taught -- because it purges God from the very universe and any connection with it.... The evolutionists...want to create a universe that has no need of God Almighty."

various groups, including the American Atheist Society and The Virginia Association of Atheists. Falwell said there are also suits pending against Liberty Baptist College, accusing the school of discrimination in only hiring born-again teachers and excluding anyone who has had any dealing with pornography. Falwell asked his Faith Partners to set aside as much money as possible, specifically for the legal defense fund, which was tax-deductible. He said that he would need several thousand dollars to keep fighting these court battles. Falwell explained:

It costs you something to stand up against the tide and not go downstream with the rest.... Anyone can sue you, but you have two alternatives. One is just to capitulate and settle out of court, make peace, and leave yourself open for every atheist and homosexual and Nazi and Communist in the world to come after [you]. And get quiet, stop preaching the truth that you've been called of God to preach.... Or to keep preaching until Hell freezes over."

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Christian
Schools.

Falwell told the school children in the audience to be grateful to be getting a Christian education, rather than a public school education. He said:

"It is a great heritage and blessing to have parents that love you enough to put you in a Christian school, to sacrifice when they could have sent you to public school for free. They spent money to put you in a Christian school; so you have a saved school teacher 30, 32 hours a week, and where you are fellowshipping with saved kids. I want you to know that you should be grateful to those parents."

NCC-funded
"Revolution."

Falwell referred to the January issue of Readers Digest, and thanked God for Readers Digest and for the particular article on the NCC and WCC. He said:

"It is an expose of the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. And the article says that they are involved in revolution, not religion. And if you're giving money that's going to the National Council of Churches, you are funding revolution, on the left side of the spectrum. It's an excellent article. Get the January issue, print it in your church bulletins. Get the word out to everybody. They [The NCC] need to have the veil pulled back."

Hit List.

Falwell described an article in People magazine in which Morgan Fairchild claimed that the Moral Majority had made her number one on its hit list. Falwell refuted this by saying, first, that he did not know who Morgan Fairchild was, nor whether this person was male or female. Second, he stated that he had never heard of her television show which had been cancelled. Falwell continued, saying: "We've never had [a] hit list of programs, hit list of candidates; we just believe that we deal with the sin, the issue -- not people."

National
Organization
of Women.

Falwell referred to Gallup poll, published in Readers Digest, which found that 75% of the women of America consider the ideal lifestyle for women "to be married and to have children." Falwell said:

"What a wonderful thing it is, in this age of feminism, in this age of 'anything goes.' Did you read in the paper where the president of the NOW Chapter in California was arrested for murder the other day? That doesn't mean they're all guilty of that; but I want to tell you that there are some real problems in the feminist camp. You know and I know it; I mean, some real deep problems. And in this age, when the whole world is trying to debase Biblical womanhood and motherhood, and the role of the householder, and the role of the mother and wife, the Biblical role; thank God there are those people still preaching [the Gospel]...."

Women
Working.

Falwell said:

"You know, we never said that it's wrong for a women to work outside. My wife worked in a local bank here until we had our first child. And as soon as Jonathan, who's 16 now, gets out and is gone, she may go back and do something again. I think it's great for a woman to work; but I also think that it's great for a woman to put her children in front of everything else.... You wives at home, don't let the feminists put you down. You're not dumb and stupid and out of step; you happen to be in step! You know, some of our wives have worked, and I don't object to that, but if you ask me what is the ideal for a family with children; it is that Mom would have a maximum amount of time to be a role model and a teacher and an example to those children, not the babysitter. To bring those children up, along with Dad's investment as well, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

Herpes
Epidemic.

Falwell told about a Reader's Digest article his wife had read him, which stated that the epidemic of herpes that has affected 20 million Americans has helped to abate "the terrible moral permissiveness that is pervading our society." It said that by "revealing the guilt at home, God has done in one, fell swoop" what preachers have been trying unsuccessfully to do for years. But, Falwell said:

"It is amazing to me, it's even appalling, as I listen to prime time television talking about these problems like herpes and so on, how to deal with them. And they're saying: 'Well, you know, one is going to have to be more careful about his bed partner.' That's a stupid statement to make. One must be more aware of the fact, if that's the case, that you've been sinning against God, living immorally like an animal, and your sins have caught up with you. And you're never going to be happy until you obey the laws of God."

Soap Operas.

"That's why the soap operas are such a vulgar, horrendous thing in our society today.... The soap operas in the afternoon are just from one bedroom scene to another. Teaching the wives of America how to have illicit affairs in a sophisticated way, without their husbands knowing it. It's a dirty thing to be dumping garbage into living