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Secular Humanism

"...last year, as you remember, the Supreme Court ruled against Alabama's silent prayer law. Supporters of school prayer then sued the Mobile County school board, charging religious discrimination because the current curriculum then taught in the school excluded the contribution of Christianity in American history, and Alabama Governor George Wallace apparently agreed and in a compromise attempt issued a statement saying humanism is a religion propagated in public school textbooks. The Mobile County school board and the state school board have yet to agree to the statement, but if they do it would set new educational guidelines in Alabama and a new pool of textbooks free of what is called "secular humanism," which is the equivalent of atheism in the teaching and opponents will almost certainly try to block the agreement."

"...we just don't want to focus on Alabama because this is just something, the case happened to be against, it was brought against Alabama who asked people to pray."

BOB SKOLROOD

"We've intervened on behalf of 640 parents, teachers and students and we've maintained that secular humanism is being advanced, there's not strict neutrality here."

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"OK, and that (secular humanism) is a religion, cause the Supreme Court has declared that is a religion."

"If the Legal Foundation, the National Legal Foundation, Bob Skolrood, us, if we prevail, that will be a landmark case, a landmark case!"

"Mr. (A. James) Reichley (author of Bookings Institute study, Religion in America) just said today that the founders of this country...no way intended a separation of Church and State such as is being imposed on us today any more than they intended to limit free speech or free press."

"...the textbooks have been expunged of all Christian references and there's no question about that; a study by Professor Paul Vitz at NYU has established that beyond a shadow of a doubt. He studied 40 textbooks, representing 60% of all textbooks in America, grade 1-4 social studies, and didn't find one primary reference to religion in the contemporary American life in any of those books."

People For Promotes Atheism

"And so you're facing expunging the truth...censorship...and the second thing is that they're imposing a religion on the students, but it's not Christianity, it's essentially atheism, it's secular

humanism."

"You ask yourself why would the People for the American Way want to impose atheism? I mean, that would unmask those people like nothing that's ever been done, if they come in on the side of atheism, saying we're going to impose on 640 students and teachers the teaching of atheism, we're going to make our social system teach atheism, I mean, that's really bad."

"That would strip them of their intellectual credibility -- both groups (the ACLU and PFAW) -- if they come in..."

In reference to Judge Bill Bontrager who was found in criminal contempt of Court and given a suspended jail sentence: "I must say, in relation to the legal foundation to give a judge whose only crime was to try to help a person before his bench to be rehabilitated a little faster, even though he went a little outside judicial guidelines and out of the way, to put him with a month jail sentence seems to me to be an absurdity."

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ROBERTSON

The Effects of Divorce

"...the amount of teen-age suicides have gone up something in the neighborhood of 300%, primarily these are teen-agers who are children of divorce because of the trauma that comes about with the alarming divorce rate in the country."

"We've got to take a stand against the rising trend of divorce...if children do not have a father...It makes them, in a sense, listless, lacking in ambition, it makes them self-destructive, it make them want to take drugs, it makes them subjected to peer pressure and it also makes them often effeminate. This is according to Nikolai (Armand Nikolai, Harvard researcher), if they do not have mothers close with them it causes other types of distress and the suicide rate of those being brought up in this condition -- they are permanently scarred..."

Teenage Sex

"If we're going to have a Revival, one of the things we're going to have to do is demand sexual chastity again."

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Corazon Aquino/Philippines

"This thing is very, very serious, we just can't have another Shah of Iran...in Cuba, we went against Batista, saw him overthrown, we brought in Fidel Castro, in Iran we went against the Shah and allowed this..."

against Samozza and now they have a major Communist dictatorship.

I don't think Corazon Aquino very frankly has the capacity to govern. I was with, this past weekend, a Spanish contessa who went to school with Corazon Aquino, and she said frankly Corazon Aquino does not have the ability to run a major corporation-- company -- I mean country, excuse me, she couldn't run a major company either -- she has no business training, now training in state's affairs whatsoever, ...she's the wife of a man who was shot and essentially a housewife, I don't mean to downgrade housewives but I mean she has no training in state affairs but mean she'll be manipulated by her advisors. She's a very dynamic lady, obviously, and a very popular lady."

"It's been suggested by somebody that we might go over, be forced to go over in essence, and hold the power together until there's some honest elections."

Connaught Marshner appeared today saying "I think increasingly as NOW has gotten itself more and more arm-in-arm with the abortionists -- I should say pro-choice lobby -- and the lesbians, the homosexual lobby, that they have really distanced themselves even from ambitious feminist-thinking professional women who just find that distasteful."

ON EVOLUTION: We've got to look at Creation, obviously you cannot ignore geological data and other data that indicates that the Earth and the Universe is old, I mean its old...Now, the first concept would be, well, God made it aged -- he could have done it in 7 days and made everything aged a billion years...I believe in a very powerful God. He could do anything he wants to do, however let us keep in mind that there is also a Law that I don't question that clocks slow down in relation to their speed, and the whole concept of relativity is that time is not a fixed thing but is relative to the speed of the body which is traveling...that's just the way the world is...In God, time is nothing, so he could have slowed the world down, the first 7 days could have been galactic days; they could have been solar days; they could have an evening and a night day one, but an evening and a night traveling around the galaxy and traveling around the universe are two entirely different things from a day and a night which are 24 hours turning of the earth. So in essence it really doesn't matter...The Book of Genesis is not a scientific textbook, it is phenomenal, we use terms like the sun rose-- does anyone think the sun rises? Does the sun rise?...The sun doesn't rise, the Earth rotates on its axis and it doesn't...you see a sunrise...When you are writing for people through the ages, you use phenomenal language. And the Bible is phenomenal. And the first ten to eleven chapters of Genesis are meant to set the stage for the next 39 chapters; this is to say the God who made the Universe also made Abraham and Abraham is the one through whom God is going to bring redemption, let us tell you now about Abraham and his family...

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ROBERTSON

'The Crisis in the Black Family'

"...like it or not, ladies and gentlemen, fornication is a sin and fornication is sex outside of wedlock and adultery is a sin...That's the major problem, these men are not responsible for their acts...If (the women) have a baby, there's a program, Aid for Families with Dependent Children, which can say 'young teenage woman, you are pregnant, now you can have the choice, you can stay at home, and get money, you can get married, and get money, or you can get an apartment by yourself. And get money.' And that's exactly what they want to do...they want to get out of their own families, which is kind of bad and this is a way they can get independent, so they have a baby and the government begins to pay for it and it's bad."

"Many times the role model is the local pimp, because he drives the big car, and he wears the flashy clothes, or the drug pusher or something like that. We must develop role models, like Bill Cosby for example..."

"We can teach a child to read and write and guarantee it for \$24.00, that's all it costs and we have the Department of Education spending about 13 billion and we could, with the program we have, with about 650 million dollars, we could pretty much stop illiteracy in the United States."

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ROBERTSON

Arms Race

"The Soviets have somewhere between eight thousand and 9 thousand missiles and these are very precise missiles that can wipe out our land-based forces. They're accurate, as I understand, within about 200 yards; ours are accurate within about 600 yards and some of the sea-based missiles are very imprecise. They're essentially aimed at big cities and it's very hard to target them -- maybe 600 yards -- but we're not sure exactly how precisely our missiles can come in. So the thought is the Soviets have got a whole new generation of missiles, an SS-27, an SS-28, I believe a 29 too, which were very modern missiles, ours are much older and with the MX we're beginning to get a new generation of missiles, but the thought was that the Soviets have truly been creating first strike capability."

"Well, as the President said, the only anti-ballistic missile defense system in the world is around Moscow. We don't have one, we're using what's called MAD, mutually assured destruction..."

nuclear umbrella, horrible as it is, has kept an uneasy peace since WWII. The thing that we won't want to have is that one side would get a disproportionate advantage over the other because they might be tempted to something foolish that they wouldn't ordinarily."

ON THE SUPREME COURT AND JUDICIAL ACTIVISM, ROBERTSON said: "Don't you agree that...its been happening, the people who are in [the Supreme Court] have been changing the Constitution regularly and what the conservatives in this country -- Ed Meese, for example at Justice -- wants to put back people who say want to go to the original intent of the framers of the Constitution and if we want to amend it, amend it by the process of, the political process of the states through the ratification and not let it be done by the judges...Charles Evans Hughes said the Constitution is what the Justices of the Supreme Court say it is, and I don't think that's right, I think we should have a system of laws and not men..."

ROBERTSON on PODESTA: "Tony Podesta was at a hearing about a friend of mine named Herb Ellingwood who was going up for the United States Assistant Attorney General position. (Showed video clip of ATP testifying). I went to speak to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, they had a meeting of their national group and I went to Dallas and I addressed them, would that make me unfit to hold public office?"

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ROBERTSON ON NICARAGUA: "The publisher of that newspaper, he was the publisher of La Prensa which was the leading opposition paper in Nicaragua to Somoza...the interesting thing is Somoza never shut his paper down; they may have murdered his father [then publisher of the paper] but they, they allowed an opposition press in the headquarters of Managua..."

ROBERTSON quotes Meese as saying the absence of military aid has hampered the ability of freedom fighters to battle a dangerous regime in our own hemisphere.

Interview with House Minority leader Robert Michel. ROBERTSON said: "...the aid that is coming in, I understand, from the Soviet Union and Cuba into Nicaragua is probably in the billions of dollars, not the tens of millions over a protracted period of time; let me ask you; why do your colleagues want to see a Soviet satellite on the mainland of our hemisphere?"

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Falwell, The Old Time Gospel Hour February 9, 1986

Highlights from Jerry's sermon on "The State of the Nation":

The Press

"Nothing makes me happier than making the press swallow anything."

National Politics

"Politically, we are doing quite well, we are moving to the right, there's no question."

Abortion

"And then we have the unborn being massacred at the rate of 4,000 every day."

National Morality

"There's a moral permissiveness in the United States that is spreading like wildfire. And we're, in the public schools, passing out contraceptives, birth control pills to junior high and senior high young people because we've assumed they're going to live like animals so let's just keep them from having babies."

"We have a drug epidemic that's raging."

"But our lifestyle as a nation is in a troubling condition and we need a Holy Ghost revival to change that. Only a baptism of fire from heaven, a spiritual awakening that convicts men of sin, but that can't happen until our preachers start preaching again."

State of the World

"You know, I hear all the comments on Mr. Marcos, Mr. Botha and others, they are Sunday school teachers compared with Gorbachev and Castro and Ortega, nobody talks about them..."

"...there's an anti-Christian, anti-American philosophy out there in the leftists world, Khaddafi, for example, Arafat, the IRA, the African National Congress, the United Democratic Front, and all these terrorist groups that hate Christ, they hate Christians and they hate what we're trying to do."

FALWELL, THE OLD TIME GOSPEL HOUR, 2-16-86**Preachers in Politics**

"I'm often asked if I'm planning to run for President, run for political office. I'd have to step down to do that! I'm a preacher of the Gospel! And I'm not against others who want to do that. I mean, God has to lead everybody differently."

Liberal Theology

"If Jesus Christ came down to this earth again as he did 2000 years ago, he'd be nailed to the cross again or worse. And it'd be the same religious crowd of liberals who hate an authoritative Bible and a Christ who is God and who demands submission to authority who would nail him to the cross saying we'll not have him rule over us."

People For, the ACLU, the Liberty Federation

"I think of our Ministry, you know there never was a **People for the American Way** until we came around. **Norman Lear** created that to oppose these Gospel ministers on television. And the ACLU didn't have much to do until we came around and added to that all these other left-wing outfits, lots of them, they're having a what-do-you-call-them Fundamentalist Anonymous and all these militant gay groups and the American Atheist Society -- Madeleine Murray O'Hare'd be out of business except for us; she's stayed alive just to fight us and that's alright. And then there's the national media, you know, the press has always been a problem to the cause of Christ. Zacharus couldn't get to Jesus because of the press. That's what it says. Read that, it's in there. And I remember 1979 -- in 1979 we started the Moral Majority, I didn't even know what politics was, how to get these things put together. and Charles Stanley, at First Baptist in Atlanta helped me, and Jim Kennedy down in Ft. Lauderdale, the Presbyterian preacher, helped me, and Tim LaHaye down in San Diego helped. we put a little group of preachers together and got this thing going, and the next thing you know we had millions of people involved and scared the Left half to death. And we started the Liberty Federation and just about the time they thought they had us cornered, they got something else to deal with."

FALWELL, THE OLD TIME GOSPEL HOUR, 2-23-86

The sermon was entitled "Questions I Am Most Often Asked."

Abortion

"Did you know that all of civilized society is civilized because of the legislation of morality by consensus...Thank God for that, I'm glad our founding fathers said that killing is wrong ...because someone legislated morality and made that the law of the land. That's why we're trying to legislate "Thou shalt not kill the unborn." It's not really a legislation of morality, it's a guarantee of civil rights to the unborn."

Biblical Inerrancy

"Let me say that the Bible is open to interpretation...by that I mean that one can take the 66 books called the Bible, 1189 chapters, and make the words say what you want them to say...but in reality the Bible interprets itself...And if we look at the Bible believing it to be the inerrant word of God, and if you know anything about fulfilled prophecy you have no problem believing in inerrancy; if you know anything about the translations and how we received that scriptures as we now have them, you have no problem believing that this is the reliable, infallible word of God. If you know anything about the 40 different authors who over 1500 years of time wrote from different perspectives and yet never contradicted..."

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God...it's not that we're dogmatic, it's just that we believe the Bible is the word of God..."

EVOLUTION: "Can Christians believe in evolution? Scientifically, evolution is unscientific, its science falsely so-called...evolution flies in the face of salvation."

AIDS: "I do believe that all sin -- and homosexuality is sin, there's no other way to term it -- all sin, all sin...produces detrimental effects. And I believe that when you live immorally, you violate the laws of God -- and homosexuality does -- you become wide open to every kind of sin and sickness and health and hygiene problem or lack of it. And I believe that...we need for the networks and the social engineers to...say that while AIDS is at the moment incurable it is also at the moment, totally preventable: stop doing the dirty things that cause it and you will not be victimized by it..."

"And while I do not believe that AIDS is God's specific judgement any more than syphilis and gonorrhoea and all the rest are God's specific judgement, they are by-products of living a vulgar and obscene life-style."

RELIGION AND POLITICS: "I believe in pluralism in the sense that no matter who you are you should be able to worship no God if you please. No we don't want a theocracy."

CENSORSHIP: "The left censors us out on a regular basis."

ABORTION NO, TERRORISM, YES: "It is because of the dignity of unborn life that we oppose abortion and it's because I support the dignity of unborn life that I believe the freedom fighters in Central America and in Afghanistan and Jonas Savimbi in Angola, are opponents to the killers and the slave-holders of Marxist-Leninism who have no respect for human life."