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SCOTT ROSS

Sex Roles

"We had talked previously about some of the distinctions that are very important to recognize between male and female and you recited, of course, the biblical reasons why God did it that way and why God Himself had determined why male and female. He made them both. But there are some ongoing differences that we need to recognize. What are some of them?"

JAMES DOBSON, president, Focus on the Family

"Well I really resent that one of the fallouts, byproducts, of the women's liberation movement is the notion that males and females are identical except for the ability to bear children. Scott, that's ridiculous. We've been told that one hundred ways in the last fifteen years, but it's nonsense. Males and females are different in infinite ways. We don't even understand all the ways we differ. We are different obviously anatomically. We're different emotionally, we're different psychologically. One has a menstrual cycle, the other does not. That affects the mood throughout the month...We're different in every cell of our bodies because one carries a different chromosomal pattern. So even with a sex change, which we hear a lot about, a female is still a female. Maybe a mutilated female, but a male is still a male and you can't change that."

ROSS

"What are we doing to our children when we say to the little boy, here's a doll and here's a dollhouse and we're saying to the little girl, here's a truck and here's a shovel. Are we confusing their identity at a young age?"

DOBSON

"...A girl should know she's a girl and a boy should know he's a boy and a boy should identify with his father and a girl should identify with her mother and you get too far from that ideal and you really have problems... little girls are better at language than little boys, from two years of age on, the girls just wipe the boys out. They can talk better, they talk more, they talk with better diction...you take a second grader, a third grader, a fifth grader, you give them tests, the boys will do better in math and science, abstract reasoning. The girls will do better in areas of language and some creative areas. Now when you carry that on through to the marital relationship, it's very interesting. God has apparently assigned women a larger number of words per day than men... just take round numbers. He might be given 25,000 words a day and she might have 50,000 words a day and he spends 24,992 at work and he's got eight left. U huh,

maybe and uh uh and goodnight and she's got 25,000 left and a very common source of frustration in a husband and wife relationship is that she accuses him of not talking to her...well he can't. He's not made that way. She is given more words than he is and a greater desire to express them and both sexes have to come to terms on this variable...[referring to advice in the book] and you say to the wife, this man can never be like you are. He'll never talk like you do. He doesn't want to, he doesn't feel a need, he's different from you. You married him because he was the strong, silent type, that's what drew you to him in the first place. Accept him like he is, take the best he can do and be glad you have it."

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TIM ROBERTSON
Freedom Council

"You know the ministry of CBN has consistently provided support to numerous Christian educational and charitable organizations that share CBN's Christian and educational goals. In fulfilling our religious mission over the years, our ministry at times has been criticized by some who disagree with or misunderstand our Christian values and goals. The most recent criticism came Tuesday night when NBC news unfairly and inaccurately reported on CBN's legitimate efforts to educate and inform Christians about important moral issues that face our society by providing financial support to an IRS approved, tax exempt organization called the Freedom Council. The Freedom Council was organized to educate Christians and others about our country's political process. CBN partners were fully informed that CBN actively contributed to and solicited funds for the Freedom Council. Our ministry at CBN despite this criticism continues to support and encourage the education of Christians regarding important issues that face Christians everywhere and we continue to believe that the education of Christians in the political process is important to the protection of our religious freedom and principles."

OLD TIME GOSPEL HOUR 4-10-88

JERRY FALWELL
Oliver North

"I respectfully call for an immediate and unconditional pardon. Colonel North is a true American. He served his country without question or regard for his personal welfare yet our government is using him as a scapegoat instead of honoring him for what he

really is, a hero. Colonel North fought against communism, against Central America, obeyed every order, became the target of death threats by international terrorists. The least our country can do is to free him from the cloud of persecution that hangs over his head and that of his family. President Reagan has the power to pardon Colonel North today, past, present, future, he has that power, tomorrow or at any time he wishes. I'm not saying that this will cause the President to do it, but if you in this audience and those of you watching by television will put your name right down with mine, if you'll sign this with me, I will personally deliver it to the White House and I have a feeling two or three million signatures of voting age Americans calling for an unconditional pardon for this national hero, Ollie North, would have an impact upon our beloved President. Now, I'm not asking you to do it if you don't care,...and I somehow believe that I heard the President say this week that the man's a national hero and should be acquitted. That's strong language. I'm not sure he will be acquitted, I have to say that I don't know about this kangaroo court that's been set up. But I know there's one man who has the power to set him free. His name is Ronald Reagan and if you and I make this appeal, it will make a difference."

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KATHY BULLOCK

Dial-a-Porn

"The House of Representatives put a ban on dial-a-porn telephone services on a vote on Tuesday. Dial-a-porn provided a way for phone callers to get recorded or even live sexually explicit messages. The messages sometimes included incest, child molestation and worse. The ban passed by the House was part of a major bill on education which will now go to the Senate. Critics on the ban of dial-a-porn say the court may strike it down as limiting free speech and therefore unconstitutional."

TIM ROBERTSON

"Very interesting stuff. We'll have to be watching that of course, because one fear that supporters of that particular bill have is that many people in Congress voted for it just because they felt that the courts would strike it down, but we'll have to see. In many ways it is a victory for those who say we need to see more morality in government and in the various laws that are passed. This particular bill was shelved, was completely dead in the water about two or three weeks ago, but it's been brought back up, they voted and passed it and it looks like the Senate will indeed ratify a similar measure today. Good things are looking up. You know the Grove City bill was one where many conservative Christian forces were defeated so we're happy that

this is the beginning of the victory."

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College Curriculum

"The American college campus of the 1960's. The battle was outside the classroom, as students protested the college establishment and the war. Twenty years later a new battle is looming. This one inside the classroom. Once again, the left kids squared off against the right."

WILLIAM MARSHNER, Institute for Cultural Conservatism

"I'm afraid that what is being produced today in America's colleges and universities is a harsh negative atmosphere in which the real multifarious voices of the great philosophers and the great debate are being frozen out and a narrow range of opinion, far left opinion, Marxist opinion, angry opinion, is all that remains."

They discussed the case at Stanford where they will be revising the reading list of a required western civilization course. Several classics are being eliminated and will be replaced by non-western literature; writings by women and minorities. These were a result of some minority students who claimed that the western civilization reading list was racist and sexist. Secretary of Education William Bennett criticized Stanford for bowing to the pressures of a vocal minorities. He said the west is under attack.

They discussed the teaching methods of Dartmouth music professor, William Cole who calls his students honkies and discusses his life as a poor child. Some of the students oppose Mr. Cole's teaching and printed it in the Dartmouth Review. As a result, there was a scuffle between Cole and students. The college charged the students with harrassment, violating the right to privacy and disorderly conduct. The students said the administration was trying to silence the Review. They're expecting to bring suit against the college.

NARRATOR

"For the Dartmouth Review, the Cole incident has quickly become a freedom of speech issue. But there's much more involved here. Like, what are Dartmouth students being taught and what do they know?"

WILLIAM MARSHNER

"...The truth is, unless you hold students to standards, you cannot inspire in them a love of learning or a respect for learning...the quality of writing in newspapers and periodicals that most of us read is going to start going more and more downhill until our verbal communication in society is reduced to a childish level. And then we will indeed be a t.v. society or a mass media society and then we'll really and totally be dependent on what a few people, sitting behind a few lights, making decisions about what to put on the screen, think is good for us. So I think even liberty is in jeopardy."

DOUGLAS ALEXANDER, director, Citizen for Educational Freedom [former director of American Education Coalition affiliated with Free Congress] came on the show discussing education on college campuses. Essentially what he says is that colleges have become politicized, using the example of Jesse Jackson at Stanford leading a group of students chanting 'Hey, Hey, Ho, Ho, western culture's gotta go.'

"The United States is based on what we used to think of as self-evident truths which we could talk about, analyze and discuss; use our minds together as gentlemen and ladies; discussing the truth about things and coming to decisions. That is no longer possible since education is no longer possible, public discussion is no longer possible and we're left with politics always tending to become warfare. It's an utter disaster."

TIM ROBERTSON

"At one point education was based on the discussion of self-evident truths. Has the college education become strictly an issue of relativism now in terms of relativity as to whatever group says truth happens to be at the time?"

ALEXANDER

"The old curriculum at Harvard, before the change, before electives, was the great tradition of western civilization which is deeply religious but it included people who didn't like religion, objectors, dissenters of various kinds. The change to an elective system at the turn of the century means the rejection of that whole discussion about God and man and nature and it leaves people in a situation where they are really divided, alienated from one another. The entering student is told no one knows anything. All he must learn is to be skeptical and in this alienation that they teach to our students, the only forces of union that are left to try and pull us together are political. But the student is left helpless. His mind is left unliberated, he is left unable to distinguish one thing from another, he simply finds a leader to follow and that is what we'll all be called to do, find a leader to follow."

ROBERTSON

"...Is there a solution to it?"

ALEXANDER

"I think the solution would be to go back to the original deep purposes of education in a western civilization in general, to know reality in it's deepest sense and to share it by talking about it and teaching it to our children, to go back to basically a religious attitude towards life and religion in the broad sense. That there is a reality, a deepest reality and our greatest purpose as human beings is to know it and share it with one another and that the books of western civilization are the great minds that have most directly been able to do this by following them, going back to them; reading Aristotle seriously, reading Plato seriously, reading Newton seriously, we can attain truth once again. This is a claim the university no longer makes and it must once again make this claim."

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TIM ROBERTSON

Secular Humanism

"You make a statement that secular humanism has been a guiding force in this country for the last 30 years and that it's not working. What can be done to change it?"

HERBERT SCHLOSSBERG, Ph.D, author, Turning Point

"Actually, I don't care much for the term 'secular humanism,' although I know it's in widespread use...the trouble with saying secular humanism is it can be misleading because it gets people to think that there is a non religious way of looking at things which people have adopted and this is opposed to a religious way of looking at things. It's natural for them to think that this non religious way of looking at things is somehow intellectually more respectable, perhaps as scientific warrant and so they tend to think that we're opposing a religious non rational, irrational point of view as opposed to a scientific and rational point of view. The trouble with this is, and the reason it's so misleading is, because so-called secular or rational point of view is itself based on assumption, on faith positions that can't be proven. So what we have here is really a clash of two different faiths. And if we don't look at it this way, I think Christians are likely to give up too much to the other side."

ROBERTSON

"That's very interesting, that point you raised. In fact that was a point that was raised in a recent Alabama textbook decision where the judge said, really what's happening in these textbooks is that there has been an imposition of a religion in these things under the guise of rationalism."

Smith v. Mobile

SCHLOSSBERG

"That's right, and that ruling was reversed by a higher court. But still a lot of the testimony that was given before the judge is very interesting, testimony by sociologists and other scholars, showing from a scholarly point of view, the fact that what's called humanism really is a religion and ought to be regarded as such. And therefore, in competition with the religion of those parents that were bringing suit, that is Christianity."

ROBERTSON

"Let's talk about what you call Christian world view then...you use the term secular humanism and you pointed out it's really not purely let's say, paganism perhaps or belief in a religion other than Christianity. What can Christians do and how does this Christian world view then play itself out in terms of society and how we move forward in society.?"

SCHLOSSBERG

"...The problem is that in the last 60 or 80 years especially, too many American Christians have thought that Christian faith pertains to two things: One is doctrine, such as the doctrine of God...and also ethics, the things we ought to do and ought not to do to be faithful to the scriptures. The trouble is, while all of this is true, it's not sufficient...it was assumed that this Christian world view, that is these doctrines and these principles of ethics, ought to encompass more than just the way I live as an individual or the way my family lives...but ought to have an impact on all of society so that such things as education, as economic life and social life, communal life, political life and so on, every aspect of society ought to be informed by a biblical perspective."

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NARRATOR

Washington for Jesus

"Christians who came to Washington for Jesus 1980 said they simply came to pray and as a nation, repent and if they're prayers brought change, so be it, and if that change happened in the game of hardball politics, Christians were ready to come out on the field after years of watching from the bleachers. A visible change in the political climate of America began with the 1980 nomination of Ronald Reagan and an administration strongly

supportive of pro-family, pro-America and pro-life values. For a nation caught in the clutches of minority special interest groups [showed a gay rights group demonstration], the change sparked a fire in the majority. Abortionists, comfortable with their 1973 victory which legalized the murder of our nation's unborn, found themselves on the defensive again with an onslaught of pro-life groups intent on reversing Roe v. Wade. Pornographers, protected by a 1970 President's Commission Report, minimizing the social damage of obscenity, had the book thrown at them in the form of a 2,000 page Attorney General's Report on Pornography released in 1986. The new report drew a hard line on obscenity saying pornographers should be pursued with a vengeance and prosecuted to the hilt. Women in America, tired of being represented by a liberal faction feminist [showed Eleanor Smeal from National Organization of Women] mobilized the majority with their own pro-family agenda represented by such groups as Concerned Women for America. And students who wanted God back in their classrooms scored a major victory with the 1984 Equal Access Law, permitting Christian student groups to meet on campuses. Across the nation, parents increasingly moved their fight to the courtrooms to insist on an historically accurate recounting of our nation's religious roots in their children's textbooks...[discussing 1987 as a bad year for Christians] The script reads like a bad soap opera. Television evangelist Oral Roberts made headlines with the claim that God was going to take his life if he did not raise \$8 million before the end of the month. Then Jim and Tammy Bakker tragically drew their biggest audience with rumor of illicit sex, hypocrisy and the pillaging of PTL coffers. Jerry Falwell was called in to save the toppling PTL ministry but resigned months later in what Newsweek called 'An Unholy War.' And as we come into 1988, Jimmy Swaggart is seeing his ministry dangerously close to collapse after his own tearful confession to sexual immorality. All told, it was a bad year for evangelicals and it was a sobering year for Christians. And as we approach Washington for Jesus 1988, there are parallels to our nation's political climate of 1980. The United States is once again engaged in conflict with Iran, the stock market crash of October 1987 has left economists talking of a coming depression, and the passage of the Civil Rights Restoration Act in March of 1988 threatens to reverse religious liberty gains made earlier in the decade."