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Chris:

Here's the text and memo. Several points:

1) P. 1, last graph. It's indeed true that "no society is more religious than the United States of America." Talked with Mrs. George Gallup from Princeton, N.J. -- Gallup Poll has run numerous polls to this effect in last several years. Gallup himself makes this point in speeches.

2) P. 2, 4th graph. Doug Wead had substituted "upheaval" for "change" -- but to go better with last part of sentence ("these values haven't changed"), he and I thought it might be better to leave the first "change" intact. If you disagree, change back!

3) P. 3, 2nd graph. Doug looked at reference to "Saul" and "conversion." Said they're fine -- should play well with born-again.

4) P. 5, 2nd graph. Again, Wead. He looked at Graham material, and said it's absolutely correct.

4) P. 5, last graph. I changed "no blood" to "no violence" -- where you had a question mark. You're right -- "blood" was confusing.

Any questions, give me a call. Have a great weekend.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be 'CWA', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

1/29/90

(Smith/Blessey)

11:00 P.M.

January 28, 1990

CAST

I like it!
GAB

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS
SHERATON WASHINGTON HOTEL
MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1990
2:00 P.M.

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This afternoon, I'd like to talk to you about those moral values. I speak of the qualities of tolerance and decency, courage and responsibility, and of course, faith. Values which remind us that while God can live without man, man cannot live without God. //

Today, amid political and economic upheaval, these values haven't changed. Nor will they be more crucial than in the 1990s.

Now, you know me. I'm an optimist. ((After all, last year I had an experience that renewed my faith. I was running out of prayers and had almost given up hope. Then a miracle occurred. // I caught a fish.)) // So it won't surprise you that I'm convinced we can -- and will -- uphold the values I'm referring to. For as Americans, we always have.

Consider that for more than two centuries, America has endorsed the separation of church and state. But it has also shown how religion and government can co-exist. // And that -- to paraphrase our founding document -- all men are ~~created~~ ^{endowed} not by government but **by their Creator** with certain unalienable rights.

These rights include the freedom of expression. And to think, dream, and worship as we please. Equal protection under the law. And the right to choose our leaders and our destinies.

The inherent dignity of the individual. // And we must manifest that dignity by the policies we pursue.

For example, I believe that we should help parents obtain the best child-care for their kids. // So we have sent legislation to Congress to make good that goal. I want to ensure that parents, not bureaucrats, are the ones who decide how to care for their children. And I will not see the option of religious-based child care restricted or eliminated. //

Next, there's the concern of every child: the quality and diversity of America's schools. // Our pioneering legislation -- the "Educational Excellence Act of 1989" -- will spur excellence and demand accountability. For our kids's sake, let's help American education make the grade. //

We come next to an issue on which Americans ~~of conscience~~ can, and do, disagree. For my part, ^{let's we be clear,} I support the sanctity of life. We need policies that encourage adoption, not abortion. //

Finally, I continue to support a belief held by the overwhelming majority of Americans: The right to voluntary school prayer. So I support a Constitutional Amendment restoring voluntary prayer. We need the Faith of our Fathers back in our schools. //

~~These~~ ^{with} policies reflect the rights of the individual -- a concept as old as the Scriptures. Rights which form the essence of America. And that to other Nations, have become the message of America -- for our freedoms have been carried to every corner of the earth. //

As we ~~continue~~ ^{struggle} to find answers to our pressing social problems, I will endorse policies that reflect

One year ago in my Inaugural Address, I said, "The day of the dictator is over." // And indeed, the last year has been a victory for the freedoms with which God has blessed America. We have seen the rights of man move mountains or -- as in East Berlin -- even move a wall. //

Think of Central America, where men and women -- facing great personal risk -- work for human rights and against tyranny of any ideology. And let me add: I am especially proud of our troops in Panama. Americans supported "Operation Just Cause" because democracy is a noble cause. // And to the young soldiers who served this country, every American thanks you. // Think, next, of South Africa and the Philippines, where the values of church leaders have been a force for democratic change. // And, yes, in Eastern Europe, too. Where for centuries faith has sustained those striving for freedom amid adversity.

You know, eight years ago one of the Lord's great ambassadors, the Reverend Billy Graham, went to Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. And upon returning spoke of a movement there toward more religious freedom. Perhaps he saw it before many others because it takes a man of God to sense the early movement of the hand of God. // Yet who could predict that in 1989, freedom's tide would also be economic, political, and intellectual? Or that the walls of bayonets and barbed wire -- the walls of tyranny -- would come tumbling down.

Look, first, at East Germany -- where in 1982 -- long before last November's mass demonstrations -- members of

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Leipzig's St. Nicholas Church began a weekly "prayer for peace." At the services, students were taught non-violence. And started the candle-light vigils that would one day rouse a continent. The police came and threatened them. But the students vowed to stay, and did. Becoming a light unto the world.

Ultimately, that light spread to Dresden and East Berlin. And as it shone, a Wittenberg pastor said, "I would rather see 1,000 drops of candle wax on the market place than one drop of blood." // And there was no blood. Only the stirring sight last October of 70,000 workers in the streets and squares of Leipzig. Weapons? They carried candles. And their light was likened to "a blizzard of fireflies in the night." Ask anyone that evening. They sought what we Americans enjoy: Free markets, free elections, and the exercise of free will unhampered by the state.

They were propelled by many things -- faith not the least of them. And as they and others marched across Eastern Europe, the day of the dictator did end. The day of democracy began.

Look at Bulgaria. Where last month the State Press Agency conceded: "People [were] wishing Merry Christmas to each other maybe for the first time without fear they would be accused of being 'religious.'" // And Czechoslovakia. There, too, a victory for the rights of man. For years, police chased carolers from Prague's King's Road. This Christmas, carols warmed the heart of the city. There was wonder in the air. // In the Soviet Union, last year Moscow hosted the first nationwide

gathering of Jews since the fall of the Czar. And in Romania: Still further victories. Christmas songs on the radio for the first time since 1946. And heroes who showed that you can't lock people behind walls forever -- when moral conviction uplifts their hearts. //

Let me close, then, with the story of two such heroes -- both Romanian. And how their example illumined decency, courage, and love.

The first was a Lutheran minister, Laszlo [LAZ-low] Tokes [TO-kesh], who dared to speak of freedom. So last November in Timisoara [Timmy-SCHWA-ra], masked thugs broke into the small apartment of Tokes and his pregnant wife. They beat and stabbed him. The government allowed them no food. // Even parishioners were not permitted to bring bread; finally, the police arrived to deport the pastor. But the flock protected him -- forming a human chain around his apartment. In time, the chain grew across the land. Until -- as we celebrated Christmas -- Romania's quest for freedom summoned "lightness against the dark." //

Today, Laszlo Tokes ministers to ever-larger numbers -- preaching his faith without fear. // As does Gheorghe [George] Calciu [CAL-chew] -- a Romanian Orthodox minister. His story proves you can't kill an idea -- or destroy the human will. //

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For my own part, I know that this is true. For although I've been President for barely a year, I believe -- with all my heart -- that one cannot be America's President without a belief in God.

Another President, Dwight Eisenhower -- beloved Ike -- once said, "Free government is the political expression of a deeply-felt religious faith." Let each of us use his faith to express

the noblest values of America. So that, together, we can serve the inalienable rights of man.

Thank you for your work, and for your kindness. God bless you. And God bless our beloved land -- the United States of America.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 1/27/90 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ----

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SHERATION WASHINGTON HOTEL
MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1990

SUBJECT: (1/26 - 7:30 PM draft)

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff
Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 26, 1990

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INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *aw*
FROM: CURT SMITH *CS*
SUBJECT: NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS' SPEECH

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(Smith/Blessey)
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Today, amid political and economic upheaval, these values haven't changed. Nor have they been more crucial than in 1990. They can help build a more decent America -- and help America build a more decent world. But only if while endorsing the separation of church and state, we also endorse the union of conscience and government. //

At home, this means -- I believe -- that we must support that most basic value -- the sanctity of life. // We need policies that encourage adoption, not abortion. //

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What, after all, does religion cherish? The dignity of each human being. // And what does such dignity require? Inevitably, the triumph of individual freedom. // Well, the past year has been a victory for the freedoms with which God has blessed America. A true season of miracles. // We have seen

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democratic change. // And, yes, of that miracle called Eastern
Europe. Where for centuries religion has sustained those
striving for freedom even amid adversity. And where men and
women of faith braved persecution to renew the faith which makes
us free.

More than five centuries ago, the Hungarian patriot Janos
Hunyadi (YAHN-osh HOON-yah-dee) stopped a would-be invasion. In
his honor, the Pope ordered each Catholic church to ring a bell
at the time of day the battle ended. Since then, Catholic church
bells around the world ring precisely at mid-day. // And
Eastern Orthodox, Lutheran, Reformed, and other Protestant
churches and Judaism -- they, too, have renewed our faith. Few

will forget heroes like Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Raoul Wallenberg, who stood against Nazi evil. All were servants of God. //

Recall, more recently, this last miraculous year. And one of the Lord's great ambassadors of this or any time, the Reverend Billy Graham. // Eight years ago, Reverend Graham went to Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. And upon returning spoke of a movement there toward more religious freedom. Perhaps he saw it before many others because it takes a man of God to sense the early movement of the hand of God. // Yet not even Reverend Graham could predict how in 1989, the walls of bayonets and barbed wire -- the walls of tyranny -- would come tumbling down.

Alongside Eastern Europe's democratic revolution was a religious reawakening -- testimony to the indomitable spirit sustained by faith.

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As with the disciples, that light spread to Dresden and East Berlin. And as it shone, a Wittenberg pastor said, "I would rather see 1,000 drops of candle wax on the market place than one drop of blood." // And there was no violence -- just as Christ

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If you doubt it, think of this past holy season of miracles. And of miracles we pray are yet to come. // Miracles that will occur in Eastern Europe, in America, and around the globe. Wherever one finds the truth that comes on one's knees.

For my own part, I know that this is true. For although I've been President for barely a year, I believe -- with all my heart -- that one cannot be America's President without a belief in God and in prayer. I, too, believe in miracles.

Thank you for your work that spreads the Word -- and thank you for your kindness. God bless America. And let me leave you with the words of a favorite hymn, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

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Chris

I am troubled about equating all the changes around the world with God's will.....eastern europe being miraculous in the biblical sense.

I hate to equate freedom of expression only with Christ Himself's teaching. As president I must maintain a broader perspective....many americans have faith but not Christian Faith

I think the examples of what religious freedom renders are good.. end of speech.....

the big thing is to keep separation of church and state and not equate all the change in europe or elsewhere with the Christian value that I believe in, but that must not be the only standard for others.....

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FOR COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: FREDERICK D. NELSON *F.D.N.*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Religious Broadcasters

Counsel's Office offers some comments on the draft Presidential remarks to religious broadcasters.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS
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Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston by 11:00 a.m. on Friday, 01/26, with a copy to my office. Thanks.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS
SHERATON WASHINGTON HOTEL
MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1990
2:00 P.M.

President Rose, Director Cook -- and I want to salute your leadership of the NRB. Ladies and gentlemen. ((It is often said of a group or individual that "He hasn't got a prayer." Today, I am pleased to be with an audience about whom that will never be said.)) //

((Two years ago, I had the honor of addressing this annual convention of the National Religious Broadcasters. And now, I'm back again. Even though I know this isn't what you had in mind when you talk about the Second Coming.)) //

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Sure, differences exist over sect and theology. ((Some, for instance, claim the stairway to heaven is climbed through good works. // Some, that faith ensures that when the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. // Others think the Pearly Gates welcome only those who like horse shoes and country music. // These beliefs aren't mutually exclusive.)) // Yet we know what unites us eclipses what divides us. // For we believe that political values without moral values cannot sustain a people. //

This afternoon, I'd like to talk to you about those moral values. Values which reflect the eternal teachings of the Sermon on the Mount. I speak of the qualities of freedom and responsibility, generosity and faith. Values which remind us that while God can live without man, man cannot live without God.

Today, amid political and economic change, these values haven't changed. Nor have they been more crucial than in 1990. They can help build a more decent America -- and help America build a more ennobling world. But only if while endorsing the separation of church and state, we also endorse the union of conscience and government. //

At home, this means -- I believe -- that we must support that most basic value -- sanctity of life. // We need policies that encourage adoption, not abortion. //

Conscience and government also dictate that we must help parents obtain the best child-care for their kids. // So we

have sent legislation to Congress to make good this pledge: I want to protect the right of every parent to send their kids to the care center of their choice. That includes -- especially -- church-sponsored centers. //

Next comes an issue that concerns all children: the quality and diversity of America's schools. // Our pioneering legislation -- the "Educational Excellence Act of 1989" -- will spur excellence, demand accountability, and allow our kids to learn. Remember Saul on the Damascus Road. We need a conversion in American education. //

Finally, moral values support a belief held by the overwhelming majority of Americans: The right to voluntary school prayer. I share that belief. So I endorse a Constitutional Amendment restoring voluntary prayer. We need the Faith of our Fathers back in our schools. //

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What, after all, does religion cherish? The dignity of each human being. // And what does such dignity require? Inevitably, the triumph of democracy. // Well, the past year has been a victory for the freedoms with which God has blessed

America. A true season of miracles. // We have seen how moral values can move mountains or -- as in East Berlin -- even move a wall. //

It was Christ Himself, of course, who said, "Be a light unto the world." // So let us carry that light to every corner of the world -- freedom of expression. And to think, dream, and worship as we please. The freedom of equal protection under the law. And to choose our leaders and our destinies. Our Administration has reaffirmed these freedoms. What's more, we have -- and we will -- support those individuals, and movements, who proclaim: Let my people go. //

Think of Central America, where men and women of God -- facing great personal risk -- condemn terrorism whatever the ideology. Think, especially, of Panama -- and let me say to the Vatican: Every American thanks you. // Think of South Africa and the Phillipines, where church leaders are fighting against oppression and tyranny. // And, yes, of that miracle called Eastern Europe. Where for centuries religion has been a catalyst for democracy. And where men and women of faith braved persecution to renew the faith which makes us free. //

More than five centuries ago, the Hungarian patriot Janos Hunyadi (YAHN-osh HOON-yah-dee) stopped a would-be Turkish invasion. In his honor, the Pope ordered each church to ring a bell at the time of day the battle ended. And since then, Catholic church bells around the world ring precisely at mid-day. // The Catholic Church has been an apostle of God. // And so

have the Protestant, Reformed, and Jewish churches of Eastern Europe. Few will forget heroes like Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Raoul Wallenberg, who led the anti-Nazi resistance. They, too, were apostles of God. //

Recall, more recently, this last miraculous year. And one of the great soldiers of God of this or any time, the Reverend Billy Graham. // Four years ago, Reverend Graham went to Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. And upon returning foretold a movement there toward more religious freedom. Perhaps he saw it before many others because it takes a man of God to sense the early movement of the hand of God. // Yet not even Reverend Graham could predict how in 1989, the walls of bayonets and barbed wire -- the walls of tyranny -- would come tumbling down.

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Washington, D.C.

2:13 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all very much. Thank you President Rose. Thank you very much. Thank you for that warm welcome and President Rose, Director Cook, new Director Gustavson, friend Pat Robertson, Dr. Robertson. My greetings to you all, and I certainly want to salute your leadership -- all the leadership of the NRB. And ladies and gentlemen. It's often said of a group or individual that he hasn't got a prayer. Well, I'm pleased to be with an audience about whom that will never be said. (Laughter and applause.)

This marks the fourth time that I've had the honor of addressing the annual convention of the National Religious Broadcasters. And once again, it is a delight to be back and I know I speak for Barbara in that regard as well.

In the spirit of the occasion, I want to make two vows. First, I'll be brief. And I know there's a mention in the Bible about the burning bush. (Laughter.) But I also know -- and I say this not with humility, but with objectivity -- compared to most around me here, I'm not that hot a speaker. (Laughter.) So I won't burden you.

But the second promise is for those of you way off in the back of the room, I'll try to speak up. Pat Robertson warned me that the agnostics in this room are very bad. (Laughter.)

Let me begin with some good news for modern man. There is no denying that America is a religious nation. And sure, differences exist over sect and theology. I'm reminded of what that French statesman Talleyrand once said of America, "I found there a country with 32 religions and only one sauce." (Laughter.) Well, yet we know -- you know these Frenchmen. (Laughter.) And yet, you know that what unites us, eclipses what divides us. For we believe that political values without moral values -- a moral underpinning -- cannot sustain a people. (Applause.)

And this afternoon I'd like to talk to you about those moral values. I speak of the qualities of tolerance and decency, courage and responsibility and, of course, faith. Values which remind us that while God can live without man, man cannot live without God. (Applause.) And today, amid political and economic upheaval, these values have not changed, nor will they be more crucial than in the 1990s.

I hope you know by now -- you know me -- I am an optimist, and after all, last year I had the experience that renewed my faith. I was running out of prayers. I had almost given up. Then a miracle occurred -- I caught a fish. (Laughter.) So, it won't surprise you that I'm convinced we can and will uphold the values that I'm referring to. For as Americans we always have. Consider that for more than two centuries America has endorsed -- properly so -- the separation of church and state, but it has also shown how religion and government can coexist.

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Finally, I continue to support a belief held by the overwhelming majority of Americans -- the right to voluntary school prayer. (Applause.) And so I continue to support a constitutional amendment restoring voluntary prayer. You see we need the faith of our Fathers back in our schools. (Applause.)

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One year ago in my inaugural address I said, "the day of the dictator is over." And indeed, the last year has been a victory for the freedoms with which God has blessed the United States of America. We've seen the rights of man move mountains or, as in East Berlin, even move a wall. (Applause.) And think of Central America where men and women facing great personal risk work for human rights and against tyranny of any ideology.

And let me add, I am especially proud of our troops in Panama. (Applause.) Americans supported Operation Just Cause for a lot of reasons, but because democracy is a noble cause. And to the young soldiers who serve this country, every American thanks you. (Applause.)

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For my own part, I know this is true. For although I've been President for barely a year, I believe with all my heart that one cannot be America's President without a belief in God, without the strength that your faith gives to you. (Applause.) Another President, Dwight Eisenhower -- beloved Ike -- once said, "Free government is the political expression of a deeply-felt religious faith." Let each of us use his faith to express the noblest values of America so that together we can then serve the inalienable rights of man.

Thank you for your work, for your kindness to Barbara and me, and God bless you. And God bless our beloved land, the United States of America. Thank you very, very much. (Applause.)

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His two executioners called to him. Surely, he thought, this was the end. But instead they said, "Father" -- that was the first time they called him that -- "we have decided not to kill you." Three weeks later, he asked permission to celebrate the Divine Liturgy. And while making preparations, heard these same two men approach. He turned around, and was astonished. His would-be executioners were on their knees on the cold concrete of the cell.

Father Calciu is with us today. Father, it's an honor to salute you. I know you're glad to be here. But I know, too, you hope to return to your native land. And in this season of miracles, who can doubt you will? For today, the times are on the side of peace. Because the world, increasingly, is on the side of God.

For my own part, I know that this is true. For although I've been President for barely a year, I believe -- with all my heart -- that one cannot be America's President without a belief in God.

Another President, Dwight Eisenhower once said, "Free government is the political expression of a deeply-felt religious faith." Let each of us use his faith to express the noblest values of America. So that, together, we can serve the inalienable rights of man.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 01/25/90

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 11:00 AM Friday 01/26

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS

SUBJECT: (01/25 7:00 p.m. draft)

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REMARKS:

Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston by 11:00 a.m. on Friday, 01/26, with a copy to my office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

January 26, 1990

TO: CHRISS WINSTON

NSC clears with the changes indicated.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS
SHERATON WASHINGTON HOTEL
MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1990
2:00 P.M.

President Rose, Director Cook -- and I want to salute your leadership of the NRB. Ladies and gentlemen. ((It is often said of a group or individual that "He hasn't got a prayer." Today, I am pleased to be with an audience about whom that will never be said.)) //

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((Two years ago, I had the honor of addressing this annual convention of the National Religious Broadcasters. And now, I'm back again. Even though I know this isn't what you had in mind when you talk about the Second Coming.)) //

Still, I'm delighted to be with you. And in the spirit of the occasion, I intend to keep two vows. First, I'll be brief. ((I know there's a mention in the Bible about the Burning Bush, but I also know I'm not that hot a speaker.)) //

The second promise is for those of you in the back of the room. I'll try to speak up. // ((Jerry Rose warned me that the agnostics in this room are very bad.)) //

Let me begin with some good news for modern man. According to the Gallup Poll, no society is more religious than the United States of America. // Seven in ten Americans believe in life after death. Eight in ten in a final Judgment Day and that God

works miracles. Nine in ten Americans pray. And 94 per cent believe in God. // To which I say: Thank God. //

Sure, differences exist over sect and theology. ((Some, for instance, claim the stairway to heaven is climbed through good works. // Some, that faith ensures that when the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. // Others think the Pearly Gates welcome only those who like horse shoes and country music. // These beliefs aren't mutually exclusive.)) // Yet we know what unites us eclipses what divides us. // For we believe that political values without moral values cannot sustain a people. //

This afternoon, I'd like to talk to you about those moral values. Values which reflect the eternal teachings of the Sermon on the Mount. I speak of the qualities of freedom and responsibility, generosity and faith. Values which remind us that while God can live without man, man cannot live without God.

Today, amid political and economic change, these values haven't changed. Nor have they been more crucial than in 1990. They can help build a more decent America -- and help America build a more ennobling world. But only if while endorsing the separation of church and state, we also endorse the union of conscience and government. //

At home, this means -- I believe -- that we must support that most basic value -- sanctity of life. // We need policies that encourage adoption, not abortion. //

Conscience and government also dictate that we must help parents obtain the best child-care for their kids. // So we

have sent legislation to Congress to make good this pledge: I want to protect the right of every parent to send their kids to the care center of their choice. That includes -- especially -- church-sponsored centers. //

Next comes an issue that concerns all children: the quality and diversity of America's schools. // Our pioneering legislation -- the "Educational Excellence Act of 1989" -- will spur excellence, demand accountability, and allow our kids to learn. Remember Saul on the Damascus Road. We need a conversion in American education. //

Finally, moral values support a belief held by the overwhelming majority of Americans: The right to voluntary school prayer. I share that belief. So I endorse a Constitutional Amendment restoring voluntary prayer. We need the Faith of our Fathers back in our schools. //

Now, you know me. I'm an optimistic guy. ((After all, last year I had an experience that renewed my faith. I was running out of prayers and had given up hope. Then a miracle occurred. // I caught a fish.)) // So it won't surprise you that I'm convinced we can -- and will -- uphold these values. And as we do, we will help do God's work. Yet that work must not be for America alone. //

What, after all, does religion cherish? The dignity of each human being. // And what does such dignity require? Inevitably, the triumph of democracy. // Well, the past year has been a victory for the freedoms with which God has blessed

America. A true season of miracles. // We have seen how moral values can move mountains or -- as in East Berlin -- even move a wall. //

It was Christ Himself, of course, who said, "Be a light unto the world." // So let us carry that light to every corner of the world -- freedom of expression. And to think, dream, and worship as we please. The freedom of equal protection under the law. And to choose our leaders and our destinies. Our Administration has reaffirmed these freedoms. What's more, we have -- and we will -- support those individuals, and movements, who proclaim: Let my people go. //

Think of Central America, where men and women of God -- facing great personal risk -- ^{work for human rights and against tyranny of any} ~~condemn terrorism whatever the~~ ideology. Think, especially, of Panama -- and let me say to the Vatican: Every American thanks you. // Think of South Africa and the Phillipines, where church leaders ^{have been a force for} ~~are fighting against~~ _{democratic change.} ~~Oppression and tyranny.~~ // And, yes, of that miracle called Eastern Europe. Where for centuries religion has ^{sustained the will} ~~been a catalyst~~ _{to freedom even amid adversity.} ~~for democracy.~~ And where men and women of faith braved persecution to renew the faith which makes us free. //

Churches have ambiguous history over the centuries

No
1) Don't knock Turks!
2) Sounds wrong. Isn't it the Angelus anyway at mid-day?

~~More than five centuries ago, the Hungarian patriot Janos-Hunyadi (YAHN-osh HOON-yah-dee) stopped a would-be Turkish invasion. In his honor, the Pope ordered each church to ring a bell at the time of day the battle ended. And since then, Catholic church bells around the world ring precisely at mid-day.]~~

// The Catholic Church has been an apostle of God. // And so

have the Protestant, Reformed, and Jewish ^{Communities} ~~(churches)~~ of Eastern Europe. Few will forget heroes like Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Raoul Wallenberg, who ^{stood against the Nazis and their evil deeds.} ~~led the anti-Nazi resistance~~ They, too, were apostles of God. //

Recall, more recently, this last miraculous year. And one of the great soldiers of God of this or any time, the Reverend Billy Graham. // Four years ago, Reverend Graham went to Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. And upon returning foretold a movement there toward more religious freedom. Perhaps he saw it before many others because it takes a man of God to sense the early movement of the hand of God. // Yet not even Reverend Graham could predict how in 1989, the walls of bayonets and barbed wire -- the walls of tyranny -- would come tumbling down.

Look, first, at the miracle of East Germany -- where in 1982 -- long before last November's mass demonstrations -- members of Leipzig's St. Nicholas Church began weekly prayers for peace. At Bible Study, students were taught non-violence. And started the candle-light vigils that would one day rouse a continent. The police came and threatened them. But the students would not be moved. They vowed to stay, and did. Becoming, yes, a light unto the world.

As with the disciples, that light spread to Dresden and ^{East} Berlin. And as it shone, a Wittenberg pastor said, "I would rather see 1,000 drops of candle wax on the market place than one drop of blood." // And there was no blood -- just as Christ taught us. // Only the stirring sight last October of 70,000

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Alongside East Europe's democratic revolution was a religious reawakening, testimony to the indomitable spirit sustained by faith.

workers -- brave, defiant -- in the streets and squares of Leipzig. Weapons? They carried candles. Their march rivaled "a blizzard of fireflies in the night." Ask anyone that evening. God was moving in miraculous -- not merely mysterious -- ways.

Look, next, at Bulgaria. Where last month the State press agency conceded: "People [were] wishing Merry Christmas to each other without fear they would be accused of being 'religious.'" // And Czechoslovakia. There, too, a miracle. For years, police chased carolers from Prague's King's Road. This Christmas, the cold night of Charles Bridge echoed with young voices. Their carols warmed the heart of the city. There was wonder in the air. // And in Romania: Still further miracles. Christmas songs on the radio for the first time since 1946. And heroes who showed that you can't lock people behind walls forever -- when they have religious faith locked in their hearts. //

Let me close, then, with the story of two such heroes -- both Romanian. And how their example -- and miracle -- illumined Christ's special mission to mankind.

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The first was a Lutheran minister, Laszlo Tokes, who dared to speak of freedom. So last November, masked thugs broke into the small apartment in Timisoara of Tokes and his pregnant wife. They beat and stabbed him. The government allowed them no food. // When parishioners brought bread, police arrived to deport the pastor. But the flock protected him -- forming a human chain around his apartment. In time, the chain grew across the land.

was democratic revolution, not just a religious event

Until -- as the world celebrated Christmas -- Romania's morning star of freedom summoned "lightness against the dark." //

Today, Laszlo Tokes preaches his faith without fear -- ministering to ever-larger numbers -- truly, an apostle of the Lord. // As is that second man I spoke about -- a man who's with us here. His name is Gheorghe Calciu [CUL-chew] -- a Romanian Orthodox minister. His story proves you can't slay an idea -- nor destroy the human will. //

Reverend Calciu has spent 21 of his 61 years in jail. In fact, he found God there while imprisoned for opposing the government. Released, he risked his freedom by preaching a series of Lenten sermons. And for that he was imprisoned again -- tortured beyond belief. // Yet Reverend Calciu had faith. He refused to break -- and was sentenced to death. So he went to a corner of the prison yard, and began to pray for his wife and for his son. // It was then that the miracle occurred. //

His two executioners called him over. Surely, thought Reverend Calciu, this was the end. But instead they said, "Father" -- that was the first time they called him that -- "we have decided not to kill you." // A few days later, he asked permission to celebrate the Mass. And while making preparations, heard these same two men approach. He turned around, and was astonished. // His would-be executioners were on their knees on the cold concrete of the cell. //

In 1985, Father Calciu was exiled to America. But he hopes to return to his native land. And in this season of miracles,

who can doubt he will? // For today, the times are on the side of peace. Because the world, increasingly, is on the side of God. //

If you doubt it, think of this past Christmas of miracles. And of miracles yet to come. // Miracles that will occur in Eastern Europe, in America, and around the globe. Wherever one finds the truth that comes on one's knees.

Thank you for this wonderful occasion. God bless America. And let me leave you with a favorite hymn, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

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