

Pat Robertson is cashing in on Bush's 'new world order'

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The New World Order

by Pat Robertson

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This latest in televangelist Pat Robertson's regularly churned-out tracts for the gullible has apparently got a bigger audience than usual, probably because he's using a lot of material previously put forth by Lyndon LaRouche and *Executive Intelligence Review*—so it's good reading, in part. However, Robertson's purposes in compiling an indictment of the Eastern Establishment's new world order, and the alternatives he presents, are far from what one would expect from an honest Christian, evangelist or otherwise.

Robertson wrote this book, he says, in response to the declaration by President Bush to the U.S. Congress on Jan. 29, 1991, that establishing a "new world order" was the true goal of the Gulf war. Robertson sought to answer the question: "Will indeed the new world order be a mechanism to enslave, control, and loot vast portions of the world's populations, rather than a mechanism to give them economic self-sufficiency and freedom?" His answer, well documented in 319 pages, is an unequivocal yes! But his answer to the question that naturally follows—What should we do about it?—is, to put it bluntly, "Play by the rules, don't rock the boat, and look out for your own behind."

Robertson's relationship to George Bush leaves the most telling scent of the hypocrisy involved in his preaching. After identifying George Bush as a leading member of the Council on Foreign Relations and Trilateral Commission—the principal purveyors of what he rightly identifies as the "satanic" new world order—Robertson admits that he campaigned for

Bush, after losing to him in the 1988 Republican primaries!

Apparently the friendship goes back at least a generation: Robertson mentions that his father was a U.S. Senate cohort of Prescott Bush, the President's father.

Why did Robertson campaign for Bush, knowing full well who he is? He offers the following explanation: "It may well be that men of goodwill like Woodrow Wilson, Jimmy Carter, and George Bush, who sincerely want a larger community of nations living at peace in our world, are in reality unknowingly and unwittingly carrying out the mission and mouthing the phrases of a tightly knit cabal whose goal is nothing less than a new order for the human race under the domination of Lucifer and his followers."

By this reasoning, in fact, Bush is either very evil or very stupid (though I'm certain Robertson doesn't recognize the logic of his own argument). Robertson never tells the reader whether, in his opinion, Bush is really a knowing partner in the "conspiracy." Instead, he covers for Bush on the political right, while maintaining his own conservative base, by denouncing just about everything Bush's new world order stands for! (Parenthetically, it should be said that Robertson repeatedly lauds Bush's conduct of the genocidal war against Iraq as "masterful" and "dynamic," at the same time that he cautions that Bush's purpose in conducting the war was solely to establish his evil new world order.)

Another stench

There is another, unmistakable stench emanating from this book: It's not the unsubtle racism of a David Duke, but the "genteel" kind that Virginians like Pat Robertson practice so well. Take, for instance, his passing comment about the Civil War. "The most devastating conflict of the period was not between nations but within our own nation. This was, of course, what historians now call the Civil War and what we in Virginia call the War of Northern Aggression!"

The brown and black parts of the world, dubbed the "Third World" by the Anglo-American establishment, receive the same kind of subtly racist treatment from Robertson. While claiming to be a great champion of their freedom, he denounces those in the Third World who have used the United Nations—rightly or wrongly—to try to right the wrongs of imperialism: "[T]he Third World in the United Nations has already voted to take away by decree the wealth of Europe and America and give it to themselves."

Indeed, he lashes out at the poor of the developing nations for *ruining the possibilities for tourism in their lands* in their quest for food! Quoting a former assistant minister of commerce in his beloved Israel, Robertson tells the following story: "[W]hen the Israeli government gave back the Sinai, he said, the unlettered Egyptian fishermen in the Red Sea would position their boats over schools of fish and toss sticks of dynamite into the water. The edible fish that floated to the top after the resulting explosions would be sold. Everything else was wasted. . . . Gorgeous, priceless species of fish—which, incidentally, are totally inedible—and the beautiful natural paradise that existed there was devastated by these thoughtless marauders. . . . Not only were they ruining the food chain and destroying the breeding grounds of edible species of fish, they were destroying a major source of hard currency for their economy."

"The Red Sea waters were a mecca for European and American tourists because they offered probably the finest scuba diving environment in the world."

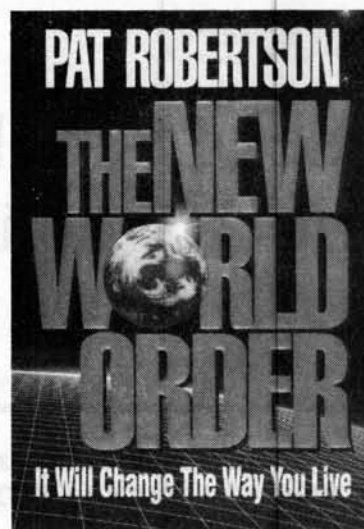
Free market idolatry

Perhaps the worst part of Robertson's book is what he puts forth as an alternative to the new world order. Following LaRouche, Robertson both identifies the Federal Reserve System as the root of evil in the United States, and forecasts that a global depression necessarily results from the Bush-Reagan economic policies.

Unlike LaRouche, however, Robertson offers only more of the same poison in its stead. First, he denounces Alexander Hamilton as a royalist, and his First National Bank as a British plot! In fact, as LaRouche and his associates have documented, Hamilton is the true father of the American System of Political Economy, and his National Bank the best available model to replace the Federal Reserve System.

Next, Robertson identifies the "wisdom of the market" and "free enterprise" as among his most cherished beliefs, virtually equating them with his belief in Jesus Christ! "I believe in freedom. I believe in equal opportunity for all people. I believe in free enterprise capitalism. I believe in the wisdom of the market. . . . More than anything I believe in Jesus Christ, and I do not think that a man-made new world order is His will for mankind. I believe that God has never given anyone other than Jesus Christ enough wisdom to run this world. . . ."

What, then, does Pat Robertson counsel his readers to do, in the face of the collapse? "I am strongly urging readers



"Riveting . . . chilling . . . a veritable gold mine" gushes the cover blurb of the latest book by erstwhile presidential candidate and media preacher Pat Robertson. But when it comes to prescribing action, the book appeals more to worshippers of the Golden Calf than the Gospel.

of my newsletter, *Pat Robertson's Perspective*, to pay off debts now, take stock market profits by summer 1992, and place the bulk of their holdings in short-term Treasury bills until the dust settles."

Contrast this to the advice which Jesus gave to His followers—to give up their worldly possessions and follow Him—and you will see why it is not unreasonable to say, that Pat Robertson is a strange kind of Christian.

Pat Robertson is, in fact, a *free enterprise Christian!* Toward the end of the book, he makes clear that he is building his own worldly empire, cashing in on the collapse of communism in the East and expanding his white middle-class base in the West through appealing to selfish fears. For instance, in the former Soviet Union, Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network sold the government a program for broadcast of animated Bible stories to teach moral values. As a result, CBN's Moscow office recently received more than 2 million handwritten letters from Soviet children and their parents, asking for more information. In the United States, he says, his goal "is to see a pro-freedom majority in the United States Senate in 1992, and a reversal of leadership in the House of Representatives by 1996. My associates are now publishing a newspaper called the *Christian American*, which is slated for a circulation of 10 million during this decade."

Let it be said in all fairness, that Pat Robertson does a service by identifying in detail important aspects of the conspiracy which has taken over the American government and is steering it in the direction of the new world order. The book is worth reading, if only for this information. On the other hand, readers of *EIR* already know everything in this book, and also know what to do about it!