

St. Pontius' gospel instructs Falwell

The Moral Majority, thank heaven, is not resting on its laurels. Its founder, the Rev. Jerry Falwell, says it will continue to work on Capitol Hill for its causes, which include less smut and more defense spending.

May we think Rev. Falwell favors a bigger defense budget simply because he is an expert on global strategic planning. The real reason, however, is that he is a devout

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born-again Christian. He obviously takes his doctrine straight from that little known book of the Bible—"The Gospel According to St. Pontius."

Excerpts follow:

And seeing the multitudes, the Lord went up into a mountain and when he was set, his disciples came unto him. And he taught them, saying:

"Blessed are those most heavily armed, for they shall inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those with the most awesome arsenals, for they shall cause all nations to tremble before them.

"Blessed are they who stand up to our enemies, for they shall enjoy the fruits of the free enterprise system.

"Blessed are the weapons makers, for their missiles shall follow the paths of righteousness.

"Blessed are those with deep shelters beneath the earth, for they shall rise again.

"Blessed are the lawmakers who heed our words, for they shall be re-elected.

"And if one of thy lawmakers offends thee, cast him out; for it is profitable for thee that he should labor not, rather than the whole nation perish.

"For I say unto thee, when whosoever shall smite thee on the right cheek, thou must have a retaliatory second smite capability.

"Ye have heard it said that to give more money to the

weapons makers, we must give less money to the poor and sick. But I say unto thee, what have the poor and the sick ever done for Judea? Verily, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of the needle than for a poor man to get off welfare.

"After this manner therefore pray ye: Our missiles which art in our arsenal, hallowed be thy name. Our kingdom come. Our will be done on earth, as it is in Judea.

"Give us this day our daily security. And forgive us our national debt, as we can never repay it anyway. And lead us not into the United Nations, but deliver us from the commies. For thine is the global strategic authority, the power and the glory, forever. Amen."

And, lo, when the Lord came down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. And they voted as he told them. And the lawmakers kneeled before him, nervously beseeching his wise counsel. As he made of Judea the most feared nation on earth.

And that is why the people to this day call him Our Savior.

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to the editor

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space suits), gas turbines in electric power generation and a structural analysis computer software package called NASTRAN. Mathematica found that by the early 1980s the return to the national economy from the secondary applications of those four examples would be almost \$70 billion. Thus paying for about one and a half years of the space program's existence.

In 1977, the Denver Research Institute conducted a cost-benefit analysis of NASA's Technology Utilization Program, and concluded that the benefit-to-cost ratio is at least six to one—that is, for every dollar invested in the program, there is a net gain of tangible benefits for the economy of six dollars.

The U.S. Space Shuttle is a transportation system for outer space—a reusable spacecraft designed to carry different types of payloads into earth orbit. Space can be utilized as a resource to improve life on earth, and not merely as a frontier for exploration. The goal is increased commercial utilization—commercial utilization that will reduce the cost of the program to the taxpayers. Direct commercial utilization.

We don't have to go into space because of the Russians. However, it is imperative we go in order to use our technology to aid our failing economy and help solve the problems of energy, starvation and climate.

It is inevitable that mankind will journey into outer space, even if functional illiterates attempt to delay the emergence of humanity into a new awareness of its destiny.

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