

A PETITION TO CBS REGARDING NORMAN LEAR'S NEW RELIGIOUS PROGRAM "SUNDAY DINNER"

We the undersigned understand CBS has agreed to run a new "religious" program by Norman Lear entitled SUNDAY DINNER. Mr. Lear plans to use SUNDAY DINNER to preach on the social issues he is concerned about and promote his New Age/Secular Humanist religion.

Lear, with help from a major financial gift from Playboy, founded People for the American Way, a leftwing political group which opposes Christians who promote traditional family values. Mr. Lear says that the concept for SUNDAY DINNER came from his own "spiritual" growth. "I took it from my life," he told the Los Angeles Times.

In an interview with the Times, Mr. Lear described what SUNDAY DINNER will be like. The key character will be a young woman who talks to God. Sometimes she refers to God as "He," sometimes as "She," sometimes as "Someone" and, when personal, "Chief."

Mr. Lear is also including a Christian in the program. He plans to stereotype her as a “strict Bible-believing Christian woman.... Amusing, interesting but very straight in the way she reads scripture.”

He also uses Ben, the series hero, to blame Christians for the

Holocaust: “(Ben) became too upset as he studied history with the amount of wars started for religious reasons. With the Crusades and the Holocaust,” Lear said.

Lear also plans to use SUNDAY DINNER to proclaim his belief that we should put aside our Bibles: "I think we should take the Bible and the Koran and the Talmud, put those holy symbols aside until we remember what we find sacred in that tree, in that butterfly and in each other," he said.

Lear says his own spiritual odyssey began when he examined the claims of evangelicals and found that “born-again followers were missing something.... And it touched off something in me, which has always been in me, which is my own spiritual bent. Which I would identify largely as love.”

Since CBS refuses to air any Christian programs, we ask that CBS be consistent in their policy and refuse to help Mr. Lear promote his New Age/Secular Humanist religion.

Futhermore, should CBS decide to disregard this request and help Mr. Lear promote his religion, we request that CBS make available to the public a list of the sponsors of SUNDAY DINNER.

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Duplicate this petition and distribute it among your church members, family, friends, etc. Run it as a paid ad in your local paper. When completed, mail to Chrm. Laurence A. Tisch, CBS, 51 West 52 Street, New York, NY 10019.

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