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04 08 2016 at 1600 Kresta in the Afternoon 120 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. In segment one of the first hour Al interviews Matthew Bunson, a Senior Correspondent for *Our Sunday Visitor* and a Senior Fellow at St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology. He is the author or co author of more than 50 books including the first English language biography of Pope Francis and the encyclopedia of Catholic History and is also a contributing editor for *This Rock* magazine and moderator of Church History forum for EWTN.com. Matthew is on the Faculty at Catholic distance University. Al interviews Matthew regarding Pope Francis Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia* which was released today at noon Rome time and draws heavily from the final documents of the last two Synods. Does the document provide any insights into the debate over giving the Eucharist to divorced and remarried couples? What other issues are addressed in the 264 page document?

04 14 2016 at 1600 Kresta in the Afternoon 120 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. In the first hour we hear from Robert Muise, who has an update on the joint lawsuit against the HHS Mandate. Robert will talk about a public school teacher in New York, who likes to keep small inspirational posters and paraphrases of St. Paul's love chapter on her desk. She is being told to hide these quotes or face termination. In the second segment of the first hour, Al talks about how April 13th was the 67th birthday of the late Christopher Hitchens, who died in 2011. Hitchens popularized the term antitheist and noted that while some atheists could wish there was a God, antitheists were relieved there was no God. Al debated Hitchens several years ago and he played some highlights of their conversation.

In the second hour Al covers the following news: Nebraska judge rules divine flying spaghetti monster is not a religion, throws out inmates 5 million dollar lawsuit. Little Sisters and others say they would accept Supreme Courts offer on contraception mandate, and the government concedes that the HHS Contraceptive Accommodation Could Be Modified. In the second segment of the second hour, Al talks about four sitting U.S. presidents that have been assassinated. At least 20 assassination attempts have been made on 16 presidents, including an attempt on President Nixon on April 13, 1972. Today is the anniversary of the most famous presidential assassination: Abe Lincoln, who was shot on Good Friday 1865 and died the following morning. We will talk about it with Mel Ayton, author of *Hunting the President: Threats, Plots and Assassination Attempts from FDR to Obama*.

05 08 2016 at 1600 Kresta in the Afternoon 120 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. Bob Fu, Founder and President of China Aid, talks with Al about Christians worldwide. Last week Ding Cuimei, the wife of a Chinese pastor, had been buried alive as she and her husband attempted to prevent their church from being bulldozed by developers. This is just the latest story in a disturbing trend that is developing in the Communist nation. On April 23, Chinese president Xi Jinping on party leaders to take the initiative in reasserting control over religion. What does this mean for a growing Christian population. In the second segment of the first hour, Mindy Belz, the editor of *World Magazine*, talks about Rome Trevi Fountain that was dyed red last week to raise awareness of Christian persecution. It's been nearly two years since ISIS came to power and we are still hearing daily stories of its horrific treatment of Christians. In the second hour, Mary Healey, an Associate Professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary who frequently talks about the essentials of areas like Bioethics, Religious Liberty, books of the Bible and much more. Today, Mary talks about *Where Do I Start With Matthew?* What makes Matthews Gospel unique?

05 18 2016 at 1600 Kresta in the Afternoon 120 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. Bruce Fleury, the Author of *The Negro Project, Margaret Sangers Diabolical, Duplicitous, Dangerous, Disastrous and Deadly Plan for Black Americans*, talks about his research. Margaret Sanger was hailed as a champion of womens rights and seemed to skate over her support of eugenics. Sanger frequently commented on the need to rid the world of undesirable people. In the last segment of this first hour, Raymond Ibrahim, author of several books including *Crucified Again, Exposing Islams New War on Christians* joins Al. They talk about a Christian church tent that was torched to the ground in Egypt.

The parishioners had been meeting in a tent because the church they had built in 2009 was sealed off by authorities after local Muslims protested. This is just one of several churches that have been destroyed in various countries in the last few years.

In the second hour Al talks about a New Age priest. Fr. Jay Samonie was a priest who believed, among other things, that he had lived past lives and that there was no devil. Al contrasts Fr. Samonies teachings with those of the Church.

06 08 2016 at 1600 Kresta in the Afternoon 120 minutes Jerry Usher hosts the show today. In the first hour, Jerry interviews Amy Brooks, a former teacher turned stay at home mom. They talk about how the media loves to portray the Catholic Church as anti woman and anti science for its stance on human sexuality and reproduction. Few seem to realize that Catholic nuns have been called the first feminists and were instrumental in shaping healthcare in the U.S. Jerry also talks with Attorney Martin Cannon. Charges have been dismissed against an Iowa prolifer who was accused of trespassing while protesting at a local Planned Parenthood. Thomas More Society lawyers successfully defended Steve Bellers First Amendment rights. In the last segment of this first hour Dr. Edward Sri, a theologian, author and speaker, talks about following Christ which takes more than simply believing in him or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer, he wants you to be his disciple and friend, and often that takes a persona encounter with Him.

In the second hour, Don Johnson who is an author, speaker, radio show host and filmmaker talks about why intelligent, successful people give up careers, alienate friends, and cause havoc in their families to become Catholic? As he was considering his own journey into the Church, Don traveled around the country to find out, visiting with some of our cultures most interesting and articulate Catholic personalities. He will discuss his findings in his new film.

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