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Personal from. . . *Ronald L. Dart*

An End to Terror

I hope that's thunder," I said, slipping off my shoes and looking out the open window. There had been plenty of rain the last two days, but the sky was clear when we came in from the theater, and there was no sign of rain now.

I hoped it was thunder, because we were in London. There had already been one bomb on the day we arrived, and the news was full of a manhunt for two terrorists who had shot and killed an unarmed police officer.

It wasn't thunder. A few hundred yards away, a large bomb in a trash can had shattered windows over a wide area. The sound had echoed around and through our hotel like a massive peal of thunder. The Irish Republican Army (the IRA) was sending a midnight message to the House of Commons, less than a mile up the road.

Only the night before I had stood in the same open window, looked out over the roof of Victoria Station and thought about the futility of IRA bombings. Hitler had thought he could destroy English morale by bombing London. He destroyed much of the city in the process. In those days, I could have stood in that same hotel window and observed hundreds of fires burning across the

city. In the long summer of 1940, 26,000 Londoners died under German bombs. I suppose the IRA imagines it can succeed where Hitler failed.

In London, as in most of England, one is never far from reminders of war. A person would have to be totally innocent of history not to see it. I wasn't looking for war reminders on our one day excursion to Canterbury, but I found them. Actually, they crept up on me.

We had wandered through Canterbury Cathedral, by the tombs of soldiers and sailors of many wars. I had seen the place where Thomas a' Becket had been killed, and was standing awestruck before a magnificent stained glass window when it hit me. The window next to it was gone. There was a window there, but it was plain leaded glass. I had walked by several windows like it without thinking.

It took a moment to sink in, but I remembered we had seen little posters in town advertising a show called "Remembering the Blitz." Canterbury had been bombed during the war. It lay on a direct line between London and German air bases in France. The windows I was staring at had been blown out by German bombs.

As I walked on through the cathedral, I saw more windows that were partly there and partly gone.

One had a small diamond of stained glass in the middle of a tall window of plain glass. Why, I wondered, had they not replaced those great windows in all these years. On reflection I thought that maybe the windows of Canterbury Cathedral made a more eloquent statement just as they were. It turned out that was the very reason they had left the windows as they were.

The next day, we encountered the same thing in the Temple Church in London. Here there were effigies of the Knights Templar, lying above their tombs in the stone floor of the church. Some of the effigies were broken and blackened by fire. The wooden vaulted ceiling above them was relatively new. Once again there were plain windows next to magnifi-

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cent stained glass. In this place, there had been earth shaking blasts as German bombs fell nearby. Then there had been the fire. The stone knights had lain undisturbed since the twelfth century - they had even survived the Great Fire of London. Now they were assaulted, broken and burned by the Junkers and Messersmitts of Adolf Hitler.

The next day, we visited the RAF Museum. Next to it was the Battle of Britain Museum. Once again there were the reminders of war. They had reconstructed sandbagged bunkers, anti-aircraft emplacements, and communications centers. There were recordings of broadcasts, newsreel footage, and chatter between fighter pilots. I left the building sobered by the reality of the blitz and the horror unleashed upon British cities.

We left London, but even in the countryside there were reminders. We checked into a little hotel in the Cotswolds, west of London. It was quiet. Cows grazed in a pasture outside my window. Then I noticed, on the hill opposite, a small control tower. We got in the car and drove over. There, we found an old airfield, abandoned after the war, but still serving as a reminder that warplanes came and went from this place every day. Was it fighter command, or a base for American bombers?

We learned that the Cotswold hills had been the place to which most of the children of London had been evacuated during the blitz. The bombs did not care that there were children underneath. The bombs tore apart buildings, rail yards and children with equal dispassion. Here, in the beautiful countryside, children went to school and played while their homes in London, Birmingham and Coventry were blasted to rubble.

I must confess I find the whole thing hard to grasp. How can men do such a thing? How can they sit in their bunkers and deliberately plan the destruction of a great city? Do they care that children and old women will die horrible deaths in the fires they start? Does it even matter that the economy of a people can be destroyed – that people will starve because of what they have done?

Maybe they are just insane – at least that is what they said about Hitler. But if that is true, is society to bring in a verdict of “not guilty by reason of insanity”? World War II, then, was a cruel accident of nature. One man lost his mind, and the whole world went up in flames.

If only it were true. But for that verdict to be true, there had to be hundreds, even thousands, who went insane at the same time. No one man, however mad, could have accomplished such evil in the midst of a nation or a world of good people.

The truth is that Hitler and his minions were worse than insane. They were *evil*. They had bought into the source of evil—had become the malignant offspring of the architect of all evil.

If Hitler had merely been insane, we could hope never to see his like again. But he was not merely insane. He was the embodiment of a spiteful, evil spirit, and it is only a matter of time until we see it again in another form, another system, another *beast* of a man.

Evil festers in nasty little pockets all over the globe. When I look at the IRA, I am left to wonder—why do they carry on when they accomplish nothing

except the loss of life and property. There has been no evidence that terrorism has moved any of them appreciably closer to their goals. Why then do they carry on?

Someone suggested that most terrorists are no longer devoted to a cause. Violence and destruction have become a way of life with them. They are addicted to what they do. They are hooked on the danger and excitement. They no longer do it for a cause, and the sickest of them no longer do it for the money. They do it for the high. And without a doubt, there are those who do it solely for the evil.

One cannot but ponder how long it will be until the evil begins to coalesce into something large and hateful—something that will once again snuff out millions of lives in a terrible apocalyptic orgy of hatred. You don’t have to know much about the Bible to know that it is coming. You can smell it in the air.

There was a short time a few years ago when we thought a “New World Order” might be on the way—an end to the cold war, an age of international cooperation, disarmament around the world, swords into plowshares, and all that. We will have to wait a while for the leader who will put an end to war, who will stop the fountain of evil once and for all. There is at least one more great war to fight. When the Son of God returns to this earth in power, the forces of evil will fight. The destruction of that war will surpass anything this world has ever seen.

But evil will lose in the end:

“And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD’S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many

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Is Hitler Dead?

Strange question? After all, he would be 115 years old by now, if he had survived somewhere in Argentina. In the late 1940's there was a lot of speculation that the arch villain had escaped after all, but he was dead and his body burned outside his bunker in Berlin.

So why did The New Republic feature a cover article recently proclaiming in blood red letters on a black background, "Hitler Is Dead"? It wasn't because they were just now catching up. It was to feature a reassuring article to American Jews that they didn't need to keep thinking they were destined to extinction in yet another holocaust.

But though Hitler's body is dead, his spirit lives on. There is yet great evil present in the world, and it erupts from time to time in horrendous loss of life and destruction. Hitler was only one manifestation of this great evil, and probably not the worst in history. And there is yet another on the way.

In a recent message, Ronald Dart spoke of that evil and what we can expect of it in the weeks and months ahead. This message is available on audiotape and you can have a *free* copy by simply checking a box on the enclosed card and returning it. Don't miss this important message. It costs you nothing and there is no obligation now or ever.

FABULOUS FUN SHOW

Many were disappointed that there was no "fun show" in 2001 at the Niceville Feast site. We are pleased to announce it is back by popular demand.

The 2002 Festival Variety Show is designed for old and young alike. The theme will be "Noah's Ark." Any type of act (within reason) is acceptable and it does not have to follow the theme necessarily.

If you would like to participate in the show, please contact us as soon as possible with the following information: Name, address, phone and e-mail, type of act, who will be in the act and how much time it will take.

There is limited time for the variety show. So anyone wishing to participate in the entertainment should contact us immediately. It will be virtually impossible to include anyone who asks at the festival site in September. So get your act together! We look forward to a great show.

- Jeff and Joan Osborn

Phone: 765-246-5582 or jmosborn@crtc.com

MAKING MUSIC

From the dawn of creation, when "the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy," psalms, hymns and spiritual songs have been vehicles of the faith, hope, love and joy of God's people. Music exalts the praise of God; song celebrates His plan and rejoices in His truth.

The music program at CEM sponsored festivals is always exciting, inspiring, emotional and fun. This is due mostly to all of you talented volunteers. This year is shaping up to be no different. But we are still looking for singers for this year's feast! Currently, we have several special music slots open. If you are interested in singing special music or performing special music in other ways, please let me know. I will be finalizing the schedule around the end of August.

The choir is looking for a few more volunteers in any voice part. Until you have experienced a rehearsal with this group, you have no idea what you are missing. It is challenging, but most important, we have a good time. We work on music that is easy enough to learn quickly, but difficult enough to inspire the audience and keep the choir's energy level high. The number one key to our success is the unified celebration of God and Jesus Christ. Why don't you make this your year to join the festival choir and exalt Him in song?

The Feast is almost here, and we need your help. You can contact me through CEM or by using the information below. God Bless!

- Brent Kern

Phone: 972-335-7163 or brent.kern@eds.com

SPECTACULAR SEMINARS

All seminars begin at 9:30 a.m. Rooms to be announced.

Sunday, September 22 -

Vacation Bible School

Joe & Sandy Weicks

This seminar will help you understand how Vacation Bible Schools help the children of the church, how it can be an effective outreach ministry to your community and how to plan and run a Vacation Bible School.

Living a Fulfilled Life as a Single

Reinhard Klett

A longtime single, now married, tells how he found fulfillment as a single. This seminar is a message of encouragement based on personal experience.

Monday, September 23 -

All Things To All Men And Women: Part 1, Finding Common Ground

Pam Dewey

This two-session seminar will explore ways in which Paul's principle, "become all things to all men that we might by all means gain some," can be applied to evangelism efforts today. Part 1 will help you learn how to effectively share your faith and answer questions from a wide variety of religious groups.

The Bible, Christianity and the Environment

George Alph

How should a Christian respond to the radical environmentalist movement? This seminar will explore both our use of the environment and our responsibility to care for it, as taught in the Bible.

Tuesday, September 24 -

All Things To All Men And Women: Part II, Understanding Spiritual Hunger

Pam Dewey

Part 2 will profile some of the most surprising elements that are attracting people to aberrant groups. You will be equipped to help you share the true Gospel and the answers to spiritual hunger with those who are searching.

Our Awesome Universe is for LIFE!

Terry Gray

Deep space photographs taken by the Hubble telescope reveal galaxies and star systems far beyond our wildest imagination. This seminar will review relevant Biblical passages, along with a slide presentation of the universe.

Wednesday, September 25 -

Steps to Surrender: Bringing People to Christ

Sylvia Harris

We all know we are to surrender our life to Christ, but we all struggle with just how to do that. This workshop will take you through a program that has helped many Christians more fully surrender their lives to Christ.

Simplify Your Life

Reinhard Klett

Is life often hectic for you? Are you sometimes overwhelmed by all the things you need to do and feel that you do not have the time to do them? Is life dull, even though it is very busy? If so, this seminar will provide help.

Thursday, September 26 -

History of Christian Music

Jim Ross

Where did our custom of singing hymns originate? What was the earliest Christian music like? This seminar will take a look at the use of music and poetry to praise God from ancient Israel to modern Praise and Worship music.

Is God the Author of Sexuality?

Larry Watkins

God and sex are not too often mentioned together and the subject is generally avoided. Yet scripture shows us that God designed and created human sexuality for marriage. After all, God did say, "...behold, it was very good."

Friday, September 27 -

The Sabbath, Holy Days and Our Children

Joe & Sandy Weicks

When you look at the past record with our kids, it is not always good. Many kids grew up disliking church and eventually left. We must learn to "celebrate" the Sabbath and the Holy Days and make it a time our kids enjoy and look forward to.

Why Teens Do What They Do

Rory Ries

Learn more about why teenagers do some things that just don't seem to make any sense? This seminar, conducted by a licensed counselor, will help you understand the teen years that are sometimes called "the years of turmoil."

SPEAKING SCHEDULE

September 20	Friday	7:30 p.m.	Ronald L. Dart
September 21	Sabbath	10:45 a.m.	Ronald L. Dart
		2:30 p.m.	Ron Smith
September 22	Sunday	10:45 a.m.	John W. Reedy
September 23	Monday	10:45 a.m.	Larry S. Watkins
September 24	Tuesday	10:45 a.m.	Ronald L. Dart
September 25	Wednesday	10:45 a.m.*	Steve Sanders
September 26	Thursday	10:45 a.m.	Dave Havir
September 27	Friday	10:45 a.m.	Youth Day
September 28	Sabbath	11:00 a.m.	Ronald L. Dart

* This song service will be predominately Praise and Worship music.

AWESOME ACTIVITIES

Date	Time	Activity/Place
Saturday, September 21	7:00-10:00 pm	Lazer Tag for Kids
Sunday, September 22	1:00-5:00 pm	Teen Beach Party - Eglin Beach Club
	7:00-10:00 pm	Festival Dance - Destin CC
Monday, September 23	1:00-5:00 pm	Singles and Seniors Luncheon - Giuseppe's
	2:30-5:30 pm	Summer Camp Reunion - Beach Club Pavilion
	7:00-10:00 pm	Family Game Night - TBA
Tuesday, September 24	2:00-4:00 pm	Pre-teen mini golf - The Track
	7:00-10:00 pm	Pie and Ice Cream Social - Destin CC
Wednesday, September 25	7:00-10:00 pm	Variety Show - Destin CC
Thursday, September 26	1:00-5:00 pm	Family Picnic - Clement Taylor Park
	2:00 pm	Golf - TBA
	7:30-11:30 pm	Teen Dance - Eglin Beach Club

HELPFUL HOUSING OPTIONS

Two new hotels are now available with discounted prices. If you want to stay in Niceville, the Hampton Inn at Bluewater Bay has discounted their rate to \$68 for one or two adults. Kids stay free. There is also a free continental breakfast for the guests. This is located at 4400 Ansley Drive, Niceville, Fl. off State Road 20 about two miles west of the Midbay Bridge, just east of the Rocky Bayou Bridge. To make reservations call 850-897-4675 and tell them you are with the CEM group. If you encounter any problems getting this rate, ask for Pat Smith.

The Holiday Inn and Suites Express is new as well. It is located at 108 Hutchison Street, Destin, Fl where the Midbay Bridge meets the Emerald Coast Highway (Hwy 98). The discounted rate is \$86 and comes with a free continental breakfast. You can make reservations by calling 850-654-9383. Be sure to tell them that you are with the CEM group so that you can receive the discount.

- Horst Obermeit

CAPTIVATING YEA CLASSES

Bring your kids, grandchildren, friends and teens at 9:30 a.m. Sunday through Friday to celebrate the Feast with captivating classes. Action packed classes involve everyone. Interactive learning develops healthy self-concepts and relationships producing better kids. Filled with surprises, awards, and festive decorations, classes are fun and relevant from the word go. Here's what your kids will learn each day:

Beginners (ages 3 to 5) – All Aboard!

- Lesson 1: Aboard For The Feast
- Lesson 2: Our Leader
- Lesson 3: Talk To Him!
- Lesson 4: It Costs Money
- Lesson 5: Sharing
- Lesson 6: Last Stop

Primaries (ages 6 to 8) – Ready for Take-Off?

- Lesson 1: A Joyful Trip
- Lesson 2: Safety First
- Lesson 3: The Pilot's Orders
- Lesson 4: Got Troubles?
- Lesson 5: Fellow Passengers
- Lesson 6: Final Destination

Juniors (ages 9 to 11) – Be a Winner!

- Lesson 1: The Assembly
- Lesson 2: Team Spirit
- Lesson 3: Banner of Truth
- Lesson 4: Keep Your Focus
- Lesson 5: Who's The Greatest?
- Lesson 6: Closing Ceremony

Intermediates (ages 12 to 15) – Zero In!

- Lesson 1: On Loving The Feast
- Lesson 2: On A Clean Heart
- Lesson 3: On Personal Power
- Lesson 4: On The Consequences
- Lesson 5: On Worship Music
- Lesson 6: On The Greatest Day!

Senior Teens (ages 16 through high school graduation)

– Plan-It on Planet Earth!

- Lesson 1: Plan A Great Feast!
- Lesson 2: Plan to Be Free
- Lesson 3: Plan to Believe
- Lesson 4: Plan to Receive
- Lesson 5: Plan to Win!
- Lesson 6: Plan Your Reward

- Toni Coffee
YEA Feast Class Director

YOUTH DAY

You Won't Want to Miss It!

One of our most important and precious gifts that we have is our youth. As an indication of their importance, a day is set aside each year at the Feast called Youth Day. During this special service, the youth display the many talents that they have been given.

Youth perform special music, sing in a youth choir, give testimonials, or even perform a skit all to make a special service. The youth work hard to develop their talents all year long, and this is their opportunity to display them. It's not easy performing in front of a large audience, but these kids look forward to it. Our youth truly are a precious gift. Give them your support, come see them perform on Youth Day 2002 in Niceville, Florida.

- John Vonderhaar
Youth Day Director

FESTIVAL QUIZ



We have a couple of important questions about the 2002 Feast of Tabernacles – but this quiz is easy, because we’re also providing the answers!

Question: Where do young people like to go for the Feast?

Answer: Wherever there are lots of other young people! And there will be hundreds of young people attending the Feast of Tabernacles in the Niceville area. Niceville is the perfect site for celebrating the Feast. Enjoy a beautiful coastal location while making new friends, renewing old acquaintances and visiting others observing the Feast in the surrounding area.

Question: What do young people like to do at the Feast?

Answer: Enjoy activities with their friends! And that’s just what CEM’s Feast site offers. CEM sponsors fun-filled interactive Youth Educational Adventures classes staffed by dedicated, enthusiastic teachers. Activities are planned especially for young people along with other activities for the whole family. One entire worship service is dedicated to and led by the youth in the church. CEM values the involvement and participation of young people in its Festival!

Hear what others said about last year’s YEA Feast classes and Youth Day:

“YEA is a great opportunity to build friendships with teens of like faith. I really enjoyed hearing other teens speak openly about their opinions and beliefs. It makes you realize you’re not the only one confronting issues in the real world.” – K. S., Florida, age 17

“I really had fun being *the tree that shed its leaves* in the Youth Day Program and enjoyed working with the younger kids for Youth Day, too. I also thought it was a terrific idea to give out prizes during the YEA Senior Teens classes.” – B. R., Tennessee, age 19

“I was really nervous the first day. . . but the YEA Teachers really made you feel comfortable and they made you feel like you belonged there. The rest of the week just got better. They made the classes fun and exciting. They were never boring or drawn out. You always went away with something to think about and how God put his plans into place.” – A. S., Arizona, age 13

“Caleb is eager to participate and is always full of enthusiasm when he comes to the YEA Feast classes. He knows we have activities and crafts each day. After one particular class (marching around Jericho with the walls falling down and then making bird feeders by stringing popcorn and blueberries), he said, ‘This has been the most fun of all the classes!’” – J. O., YEA Primaries Teacher, Festival 2001

“My favorite part was getting to sing for everyone at the Feast.” – M. C., Tennessee, age 3

Question: Where can the whole family go for an inspirational, informative, enjoyable and most memorable Feast of Tabernacles?

Answer: CEM’s Festival 2002 in Niceville! See you there!

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people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation, neither shall they learn war any more” (Isaiah 2:2-4).

One day, descending the escalator into the London Underground to catch a train, I remembered the pictures I had seen of Londoners sleeping in these subways, row upon row. They could often hear the crump of bombs overhead as Hitler tried to break their morale by destroying their city. A friend of mine had slept here as a little boy.

Then I recalled the sweet refrain of a song of those years. I wasn't sure I remembered the words correctly, but I sang it to myself as I waited for the train:

“There'll be blue birds over
The white cliffs of Dover
Tomorrow, just you wait and see.
There'll be love and laughter
And peace ever after,
Tomorrow, when the world is free.”

Ronald L. Dart

Don't miss the *FREE* tape offer, “Is Hitler Dead?” on page 3 !

Calendar Of Events

September 7th - Terrell, Texas 2002 Feast of Trumpets Services

Ronald L. Dart will be speaking in Terrell, Texas for The Feast of Trumpets services on Saturday, September 7th. Services will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist church, 503 W. College, in Terrell. Services will begin at 2:00 and there will be a Pot Luck Meal immediately following services. For more information, please contact either Ralph Collins at (817) 246-1874 or Faye Brown at the CEM office at (903) 509-2999.

September 16th - Destin, Florida 2002 Day of Atonement Services

Ronald L. Dart will be speaking in Destin, Florida for services on the Day of Atonement, Monday, September 16th, at 1:30 pm at the Destin Community Center, 101 Stahlman Ave. Contact Gary or Shirley George (850) 837-0485 for more information or for directions.

September 20th - 28th - Niceville, Florida 2002 Feast of Tabernacles

All services will be held at the Okaloosa Walton Community College.

Radio Update

Please note the following new stations:

Phoenix, AZ

KPXQ 1360 AM
Sundays at 10:30 am

Crossville, TN

WAEW 1330 AM
Sundays at 9:00 am

Norfolk, VA

WKGM 940 AM
Saturdays at 2:00 pm,
Sundays at Midnight

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