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To Fight or Not to Fight

As I write this column, I have to realize that the nation may be at war by the time you read it. Or not. It is possible that Saddam Hussein will have seen the handwriting on the wall and headed for exile ushering a whole new era in the Middle East. Or bombs may already be raining on Baghdad, or everyone may still be waiting for the inspections to prove something. There is an irony in the use of the “handwriting on the wall” simile, because the original hand that wrote on the original wall did its writing somewhere in what is now Iraq (see Daniel 5:5, etc.).

There is a lot of apprehension about, even among those who favor the war. What concerns everyone is that a war in Iraq will be like kicking over an anthill in the Islamic world and that the situation we will face then will be worse than we face now. I think there is a simple error in that line of thought. It is not whether the situation will be worse than what we face now. It is whether it will be worse than what we will face in five years if we do nothing.

For example, there is a fear that Iraqi spies will set off a dirty nuclear bomb in the U.S. in retaliation to

any bombing of Iraq. But consider what that would mean. It would mean that the dirty bomb is already here, and can be used for blackmail anytime they choose.

It seems to me that since the early 50’s, a kind of golden age for this country, that the world has become progressively more dangerous with each passing decade. I have said I am not sorry to see 2002 behind us, but I fear we may wish for it back before this year is over.

So what about us? Should we be fearful?

I don’t think so. I think we should be alert and careful. We should do our part in the national “neighborhood watch.” But the odds of any one of us being hurt are much like the odds we have when we step on an airliner or go out on the highways. We have to get on with life.

This month, Allie and I celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. And while we feel the nation may well be at war, we intend to celebrate anyhow. There is nothing to be said for cowering at home. This month might be a good time to read the book of Ecclesiastes

again. Solomon said that there is a time for everything under the sun, including a time to be born and a time to die. He went on to say: “Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun. Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest” (Ecclesiastes 9:9-10).

This is what winners do, and after all, we were *Born to Win*.

Keep in touch, and let’s pray for one another in these perilous times.

Waiting and watching,

Ronald L. Dart

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New Location! Better Feast Planned for 2003!

The 2003 Christian Educational Ministries' Feast of Tabernacles will be held in the new Emerald Coast Convention Center (ECCC) on Okaloosa Island in Ft. Walton Beach. As much as we've enjoyed the Niceville venue, the ECCC looks like it was tailor made for our festival. It is a much larger facility providing enough spacious rooms for the growing YEA classes, seminars, and other activities – *all under one roof*. Ample, convenient parking is also available. And you won't have to cross the Mid-Bay Bridge to meet with us.

Housing is plentiful near the convention center to meet just about any budget. There are plenty of houses, large and small, condos, motels, and spaces for campers that are convenient to the ECCC. The Festival Association Housing Team has done an excellent job negotiating great discounted rates to make the Feast affordable for everyone. To receive these discounts you must mention when you call to make reservations that you are with the CEM group. Check out CEM's website, www.cemnetwork.com/feast/accom/htm, for additional information or call 1-888-BIBLE-44 for a housing, air travel and car rental information package.

"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.'" Great, inspirational, congregational and special music exalts the praise of God at the CEM Feast. The gifted and trained voice of Brent Kern will again lead the singing and provide much of the special music.

Our greatest assets are our children and youth. Again this year excellent YEA classes will be held for five different age groups before every morning service except the holy days. Young people from the age of three through 19 have outstanding classes kids love! Issues kids face at each stage of their development are addressed as they discover that God's way is best for them. Active forms of learning are the order of the day. So every class begins with *action!* On the opening night of the Feast or the first day's service, all YEA students should pick up their *FREE* full color lesson book at the YEA table in the lobby.

In addition to the YEA classes is a full schedule of youth activities to provide the opportunity for kids to make friends, renew friendships and bond in relationship with others of like faith. Activities such as laser tag, teen beach party, and dance are provided just for the kids. In addition to that there will be the skating party, festival dance, pie and ice cream social, a variety show, family picnic with a clown to entertain our little ones, and numerous other activities kids and adults will enjoy together. Many of these activities are *FREE*.

Youth Day is the highlight of CEM's Feast. That day is dedicated to our youth and that worship service is completely conducted by them. This year we're looking forward to having all of our kids who have a desire, participate in an innovative program with lots of special music, youth choirs, testimonials, recitations, prayers, and a sermonette. Youth Day provides our kids with an opportunity to develop poise and confidence in front of an audience while sharing their talents and gifts with others. CEM has been told many times that Youth Day is not only the best day of the Feast, it is the best day of any Feast. Any child or teenager who would like to be a part of this day, or any adults who would like to direct a youth choir, should contact Billy or Sharon Richardson at Shay100@bellsouth.net or 901-366-2781.

Seminars for adults on a wide variety of topics will be offered before the daily worship service, during the same time the YEA classes are held. There will be no logistics problems this year with the additional seminar rooms in the ECCC. You are invited to submit a proposal for a seminar session. The focus of seminars can be on information, inspiration, encouragement, equipping people to action. . . or all of the above. Men and women of all ages are welcome as presenters. Topics can have a broad appeal to a general audience, or be targeted to a specific group such as single

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parents, home-schooling families, young adults, or senior citizens. Send your e-mail proposal for a seminar to Pam Dewey at Oasis@chatermi.net or by regular mail to: Pam Dewey, 3508 Babylon Road, Allegan, MI 49010.

We're hoping the move to the ECCC will not only add to your convenience, but greatly increase the number of excited people who make their way to every service and activity. The CEM Feast of Tabernacles will begin the evening of October 10, 2003 at 7:30. Each morning for the next seven days we will hear such speakers as Ronald L. Dart, providing insightful, uplifting and inspirational messages. The Feast culminates eight days later with Mr. Dart's Last Great Day message of hope for all of mankind. Come join us in a joyful celebration of God's plan. Everyone is welcome with no preregistration. We hope to see you there.

Allie Dart

Calendar Of Events

February 22th - Irvine, California **Meet The Teacher**

Ronald L. Dart will conduct a "Meet the Teacher" session, sponsored by the Orange County Fellowship of God, in Irvine, California. The meeting will be at 2025 Alton Parkway, in Irvine, and will begin at 1:30 in the afternoon. For more information or directions please call Bill or Terri Lussenheide at (909) 672-7225 or Larry Watkins at the CEM office 1-888-BIBLE-44.

Coming in June!

A New Internet Bible Class - Old Testament Survey Taught by Ronald Dart and a team of instructors

The objectives of this online Bible class will include reading the entire Old Testament in one year, learning the most basic background material of each book, putting together a chronology of Old Testament History, and discussing the most often asked questions from each book. Twice a week you will be given specific reading assignments in the Old Testament books as well as some Internet resources. Then, beginning on the day the assignment is due, an interactive discussion will begin on the CEM web site (but will be available only to registered students of the class).

Watch the CEM web site in April for registration instructions. In the meantime, you can register your intention to enroll in the class by sending an email to ronalddart@cemnetwork.com. All you need is the most basic Internet access and a browser like Internet Explorer. Enrollment may be limited, so let us hear from you early. This will be one of the most fulfilling Bible learning experiences of your life.

Radio Update

**Please note the following
new stations:**

London, KY
WGWM 980 AM
Monday - Friday
12:00 noon

Wisconsin Rapids, WI
WFHR 1320 AM
Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Who's Who in Prophecy?

When you read the prophets, it is plain they are often speaking of the last days of man before the return of Christ. But when they start speaking of nations and people, how can you know who they are talking about. Are these references to the same geographical areas, or are they talking about the ethnic identity of peoples? In truth, the prophets speak of nations and people at the end times, and they identify them in five different ways. Ronald Dart has done two radio programs titled, "Who's Who in Prophecy?" These programs have never been aired, but they are now available free of charge on one cassette tape. To get a *free* copy for yourself, just check the box on the enclosed card and return it to us.

Daily Radio

The *Born to Win* broadcast can be heard daily on these stations:

- Birmingham, Alabama**
11:15 a.m. daily - WDJC 850 AM
- Huntsville, Alabama**
3:30 p.m. daily - WBXR 1140 AM
- Mobile, Alabama**
9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. daily
WMOB 1360 AM
- Montgomery, Alabama**
8:30 a.m. daily - WAPZ 1250 AM
- Little Rock, Arkansas**
5:30 p.m. & 5:15 a.m. daily
KAAY 1090 AM
- San Francisco, California**
1:00 p.m. daily - KCBC 770 AM
- Denver, Colorado**
5:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. daily
KLT 670 AM
- Deland, Florida**
6:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. daily
KLT 670 AM
- Pensacola, Florida**
7:00 a.m. daily - WASG 550 AM
- 7:00 a.m. daily - WZNO 1230 AM
- Atlanta, Georgia**
10:30 a.m. daily - WGKA 1190 AM
- Augusta, Georgia**
5:30 p.m. & 10:45 a.m. daily
WFAM 1050 AM
- Morrow, Georgia**
7:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. daily
WSSA 1570 AM
- Kansas City, Kansas**
4:00 p.m. daily - KCNW 1380 AM
- London, Kentucky**
12:00 noon daily - WGWM 980 AM
- Richmond, Kentucky**
12:30 p.m. daily - WCBR 1110 AM
- Gretna, Louisiana**
4:30 a.m. daily - WLNO 1060 AM
- Denton, Maryland**
8:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. daily
WKDI 840 AM
- Jackson, Mississippi**
7:00 a.m. daily - WTWZ 1120 AM
- Omaha, Nebraska**
3:30 p.m. daily - KLNG 1560 AM
- Buffalo, New York**
4:30 a.m. daily - WDCX 99.5 FM
- Asheville, North Carolina**
4:00 p.m. daily - WSKY 1230 AM
- Mount Olive, North Carolina**
11:00 a.m. daily - WDJS 1430 AM
- Portland, Oregon**
12:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. daily
KKPZ 1330 AM
- Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**
4:30 p.m. daily - WWNL 1080 AM
- Anderson, South Carolina**
9:00 a.m. daily - WRIX 1020 AM

CEM Internships Available

CEM is prepared to offer three to six month internships to qualified applicants. Work will involve the entire gamut of tasks performed in the office from making tapes, to stuffing envelopes, to data entry, to letter answering, to research for CEM publications and broadcasts. Since wages will be low, applicants should be financially able to handle their own transportation to and from Tyler and to maintain themselves while here.

Serious enquiries should be accompanied by a resume and addressed to CEM, attention Ronald Dart.

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- Charleston, South Carolina**
7:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. daily
WZJY 1480 AM
- Greenville, South Carolina**
4:30 p.m. daily - WELP 1360 AM
- Chattanooga, Tennessee**
5:00 p.m. daily - WLMR 1450 AM
- Knoxville, Tennessee**
5:00 p.m. daily - WITA 1490 AM
- Dallas, Texas**
10:30 a.m. daily - KSKY 660 AM
- The following stations
broadcast daily at 2:30 p.m.**
- Moses Lake, Washington**
KTAC 93.9 FM
- Pasco, Washington**
KGDN 101.3 FM
- Spokane, Washington**
KSPO 106.5 FM
- Wenatchee, Washington**
KTBI 810 AM
- Yakima, Washington**
KYAK 930 AM



**Tune in for the latest
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February 22 - February 28

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The Wages of Violence

March 8 - March 14

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