

# Living to Win

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*Personal from. . .*

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## Outsmarting Our Enemies

A vast majority of Americans believe in God. A surprising majority actually pray, regularly, often more than once a day. What is disappointing is that more of them don't read the Bible, and I want to tell you why that is so important.

There is a small but determined minority in this country who want the rest of us to shut up about God. They may or may not believe in God. Some of them are deists. They believe there is a God, but they don't necessarily believe He has ever communicated with man. Deists hold "a belief in God as revealed by nature and reason combined with a disbelief in Scripture, prophets, superstition, and church authority." A deist is no better equipped to deal with the world than an atheist or an agnostic.

God, they think, has never seen fit to reveal Himself to man in any other way than the creation. Why God would create all this and then go off and leave it is not all that clear.

Deists explain that there are two basic features that distinguish

deism from either atheism or theism. These were summed up by Thomas Paine: "God exists, and there it lies." They believe the universe shows unmistakable evidence of conscious design, but they know nothing at all about the Designer.

What they seem to be saying is that God has only spoken to man one way – through creation – and it is left entirely to man's reason to understand God from creation. I searched the web in vain seeking from the deists the answer to one over arching question. Why? What is God doing here? Does He have something in mind or has He just created the biggest reality show imaginable?

Deism tells us that God made all this and then went off and left it without any explanation beyond the creation itself. So we get to wander on in the dark with no idea of what God is up to, if anything.

But the deists are not the only determined minority working to get God out of public life. There are also those who don't believe in God at all, and they have this in common with deists: They have no underlying authority for the way they live their lives and the way they treat other people. I wonder if that isn't the heart and cause of their belief system.

One reason this feisty little minority is as successful as they are is because so many people who do believe in God know next to nothing about the Bible. They don't read it, much less study it. Their exposure is limited to Sunday

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### *Gifts that are doubled . . .*

More than 100 companies across this nation will match a gift an employee gives to a charitable organization. Ask your company if they are one of them. This is an easy way to help more people hear the Gospel and come to know God. The only thing it will cost you is one question, and CEM and many people will benefit from your donation being doubled.

## Spring Mini-Feast

Make plans now to join us for the Spring Mini-Feast during the spring holy days, April 22-24, 2005. People came all the way from the state of Washington to attend this Mini-Feast last year and were glad they came. We extend a very cordial invitation to everyone. The highlights of this Feast will be inspirational and edifying sermons and great fellowship. It will be held at the Seascape Resort Conference Center in Destin, Florida. Ronald L. Dart is scheduled to speak as follows:

April 22, 7:00 p.m. - Passover Service  
April 23, 2:00 p.m. - Sabbath Service  
April 23, 7:00 p.m. - Night to be Much Observed  
April 24, 2:00 p.m. - First Day of Unleavened Bread

The following hotels and management companies provide discounted rates for those identifying themselves as being with CEM. Make your reservation as early as possible.

**Seascape Resort** - Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin, FL (five miles east of WalMart on Hwy. 98) 800-874-9106, [www.seascaperesort.com](http://www.seascaperesort.com). Seascape is a golf, tennis, and beach resort offering villas adjoining the golf course and tennis courts. All units are within walking distance of the Conference Center and the beach. Reservations require a three night stay. In addition to the rates, there is an additional nightly amenities fee of \$10 for one bedroom and \$15 for two bedroom units. This fee entitles you to a 40% discount off tennis and golf, two beach umbrellas, and 10% off food at the two restaurants.

1BR/1B golf villas \$90  
1 BR/1B lakefront \$113

**Sleep Inn**, 10775 W. Emerald Coast Pky., Destin, FL (Hwy 98, one mile east of the Seascape Conference Center, across from Silver Sands Outlet Mall) 866-298-2661 or 850-654-7022, [www.choicehotels.com](http://www.choicehotels.com). These units have just been completely redecorated. Sleep Inn offers discounted rates if you call the local number and mention you are with Christian Educational Ministries. These units include a microwave, coffee maker, and high speed Internet connection. In addition they offer a continental breakfast. If you plan to attend and this will work for you, make your reservations early. Discounted rates are good until April 30, 2005.

1 BR standard for \$59

**Holiday Inn Express**, 108 Hutchison St., Destin, FL (Hwy. 98 and Mid-Bay Bridge Road, three miles west of Seascape Conference Center) 850-654-9383, [www.hiexpress.com](http://www.hiexpress.com). Holiday Inn Express offers discounted rates if you call the local number and state you are with Christian Educational Ministries. The king size units have a microwave, coffee maker, small refrigerator, and high speed Internet connections. A continental breakfast is included with all units.

1 BR standard, queen or king for \$69

**Wingate Inn**, 117 Palms St., Destin, FL (Hwy 98, one block west of Big Kahuna Water Park) 850-654-4678. This hotel is located 6½ miles west of Seascape Resort Conference Center. Wingate Inn offers discounted rates if you call the local number and mention that you are with Christian Education Ministries. All units have high speed Internet connection, microwave, coffee maker, and small refrigerator. An extended continental breakfast is included.

1 BR standard, queen, or king for \$69

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School and church. If it weren't so they would immediately see through some of the nonsense being sold to them by the desists and the secular left.

For example: Are all men created equal? Really? Now I know that Thomas Jefferson, when he wrote, "We do hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal," did NOT mean that all men have equal IQs, equal physical strength. But there is a kind of radical egalitarianism that grips our society and dominates our political campaigns, not to mention our educational system.

We don't want to harm kids' self-esteem by holding them back a grade until they master the material. They might feel inferior to the other kids who are passed on to higher grades. So kids are passed through again and again, until sometime, later in life, much to their shock and chagrin, they finally have to realize they can't do the work.

Some time ago, two scholars published a book titled "The Bell Curve." The point of the book was that people are not equal in intelligence, and that IQ is destiny. The authors were roundly trashed and thrashed by the left for having the temerity to tell us that some people are simply smarter than other people and we should get used to the idea.

Now, what does this have to do with reading the Bible? Well, nothing is clearer in the Bible than the fact that all men are not created equal. They aren't equal in ability, and life does not deliver equal outcomes. Not only that, all men

aren't even equal in the eyes of God. Remember what Paul said: "Before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad – in order that God's purpose in election might stand: not by works but by him who calls – she was told, 'The older will serve the younger.' **Just as it is written: Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.**"

This is a troubling passage, but there is one *inescapable* truth found in it. God does not see all men the same, nor does He treat all men the same. Space doesn't permit me to explain further, but I have done so in a presentation titled, "Outsmarting Our Enemies." I would like to send you a *FREE* cassette tape of this program because it outlines the importance of not rolling over for these people who would deny God a role in our nation.

If we expect to be able to respond to the lunacy that is coming from some quarters these days, we are going to have to read our Bibles. Not just to prove this or that doctrinal nicety to other Christians with whom we may have a difference, but so we won't be caught off guard by the enemies of faith.

God bless you, and keep in touch.

Working to preserve the  
Christian faith,

*Ronald L. Dart*

P.S. If you haven't ordered your album of the Psalms or Isaiah, they are still available. Just contact our office for more information.

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**Abbott Resort**, 1096 Scenic Hwy. 98, Destin, FL (beach road) 800-336-4853, [www.abbott-resort.com](http://www.abbott-resort.com). Abbott has agreed to provide a group discount for condos and hotel rooms at Surfside Resort and condos at Majestic Sun. These condos have a coastal view of the beach. The hotel rooms include a refrigerator, microwave, and coffee maker. We are a "Call-In Group." You must call 800-336-4853 to make reservations and give them customer #1410497 and state you are with Christian Educational Ministries. The Seascape Conference Center is located in back of these condos.

Hotel room \$88  
2BR/2B condo \$128  
(Surfside)  
1BR/2B condo \$127  
(Majestic Sun)

For more information you may call Christian Educational Ministries at 1-888-BIBLE 44 or if you have questions regarding directions you may call Gary or Shirley George at (850) 837-0485.



## A Grandma Feeling Very Proud

I just wanted to say, if you have young children the YEA lessons that Ron and Allie Dart put out are very worthwhile. Even if you don't know anything about teaching, anyone can learn to teach from these lessons. They give you step-by-step details.

The YEA books give you a memory verse that goes with the story, short scriptures to read, and words to know. A list of materials you will need for each craft, that goes along with the story, is given. They tell you how to teach the Bible story in each lesson. Then they give you Review Questions to ask. A song that goes along with each lesson is included. Even a little prayer is given to help children learn how to pray.

I love the step-by-step details. It helps me out so much in learning how to teach. I have not really had any experience in teaching, so having step-by-step instructions help tremendously in my case.

The YEA lessons have been so much of a help to me that the main thing I want to tell you is. . . when we sit down at our evening meal, Baby Cash, who will be four years old in three months, now says the blessing for the meal. He loves doing it. I can't help but be proud of him. For his age he seems to do it so well.

I just want to thank Ron and Allie Dart so much for the lessons and the work I can see that goes into them. They have been the greatest help to me and will continue to be in the future. Baby Cash has grown so much from them and so will all the other little children I am now teaching.

Mary Martin

Editor's note: Age appropriate YEA lessons are available for five different age groups from three to 20. Call CEM at 1-888-BIBLE 44 to get a free full catalog and check out sample lessons on CEM's website at [www.cemnetwork.com](http://www.cemnetwork.com).

### Calendar of Events

**Pasadena, California**- You are invited to hear Ronald L. Dart at the Apostolic Christian Church building, 434 N. Altadena Dr., Pasadena, CA, 10:30 a.m., February 19, 2004. Mr. Dart will also conduct a seminar that afternoon. The Church of God Southern California is hosting this event and a noon potluck. For further information call Molly Antion at 626-585-0700, or Larry Watkins at 1-888-BIBLE 44.

**Modesto, California** - You are invited to attend a "Meet the Teacher," sponsored by CEM with Ronald L. Dart, the voice of the *Born to Win* radio program speaking at the Courtyard by Marriott, 1720 Sisk Road (Highway 99 at the Briggsmore-Carpenter exit), Modesto, CA, Saturday, February 26 at 2 p.m. For further information call Jan Oehlman at 408-739-7744 or Larry Watkins at 1-888-BIBLE 44.

**Family Bible Retreat** - You are invited to join us for a Family Bible Retreat sponsored by CEM over the Memorial Day weekend at the Bel Arco Resort, Bull Shoals, AR. It begins Friday evening, May 27, and ends at noon May 30, 2005. Bring your entire family for a full schedule of sermons, seminars, workshops, YEA classes, delightful activities, and adventure. Ronald L. Dart will enlighten, inspire, and delight you with God's Word. Other outstanding speakers will be heard as well. Reasonably priced accommodations at the Bel Arco Resort are limited, so call toll FREE today at 866-236-2726 to reserve your room and tell them you're with CEM. For information on an RV park and other accommodations in the area, call Larry Watkins at 1-888-BIBLE 44 or check out our website at [www.cemnetwork.com](http://www.cemnetwork.com).

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