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Advice from God

I would not presume to advise the French on what to do about their Muslim populations. Since the riots of recent memory, since the French cleared their streets and towns of burned out cars, and as they begin rebuilding the burned schools, there has been no shortage of advice for the French coming from every quarter.

Frankly, I am getting a little tired of the worn out generals, colonels and ex-CIA operatives telling various governments how to solve their problems. If they are so smart, why aren't they running the country?

That said, there is one very useful book on the market: Tony Blankley's new book, *The West's Last Chance: Will We Win the Clash of Civilizations?* Blankley can't resist offering advice any more than any other pundit, but before he does, he offers facts and analysis I haven't seen anywhere else. I came away far less confused about what is going on than I was before I read the book. I consider this by far the most important book yet on the war with Islamic fascists.

Most Americans pay little

attention to what goes on in Europe, and our media does very little to help. When Islamic hoodlums were burning thousands of cars across French cities, including Paris, we got a lot of pictures of burning cars, but very little understanding about what was going on or why. In fairness to the media, they are in the business of making money. If we get bored and switch off, they can't sell their commercials. So they keep the news buzzing with action, but their analysis is more combative than enlightening.

That's what made Blankley's book a real eye opener. Recently, he wrote in *The Washington Times*: "When, seven months ago, I finished writing my book, *The West's Last Chance: Will We Win the Clash of Civilizations?*" (Regnery Publishing, Inc., Washington D.C., Septem-

ber 11, 2005), London had not been attacked by Islamist terrorists, the Tate Museum in London had not removed an art exhibit because it offended radical Muslim sensitivities, and France had not yet experienced the explosion of violence from elements of its Muslim population in its 'no-go zone' communities.

"The fact that I predicted all those events in my book was not the result of clairvoyance. It was merely the result of a normally intelligent person looking at the facts, and their rather obvious implications, without the blinding effect of a politically correct mentality."

And for me, it was those facts that were riveting. Part of the shock was realizing how much we in this country simply *do not know* about what has been happening in Europe. We don't read the European press, and it seems news hounds in this country don't either. They had to take notice when Paris was burning, but even then they left

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Tax Advantage

The end of the year is approaching and you'll soon be looking for every tax write-off you can find. CEM is a 501C3 tax exempt organization. What this means to you is that every contribution you make to CEM is tax deductible. Keep this in mind as you make your contributions and as you do your tax returns.

Our Middle Name

by Allie Dart

Ten years ago, Christian Educational Ministries (CEM) was chosen for the name of the ministry we were starting. The need for a different type of organization other than a church, seemed obvious. It would be redundant for every church and ministry to duplicate efforts. For each one to publish hymnals, youth and Christian educational materials and provide radio broadcasts would likely lower the quality and tax the church or organization beyond its means. So we saw a unique niche that we could fill – CEM’s mission became clear. It would be a service organization for churches, ministries, and individuals. The focus would be *education* – our middle name. Educating all ages in God’s Word has been a growing vision for CEM.

Shortly after CEM was organized, Mr. Dart went on the air with the *Born to Win* program. One of the most common remarks we hear about the *Born to Win* program is that “Mr. Dart is a great teacher – he makes the Bible so clear and understandable.”

On the heels of starting the broadcast, YEA began publishing biblically-based youth educational materials for children between the ages of three and 20. Our goal is to make our young people biblical literates. But our vision is bigger than that. We must bring them to conviction of sin, repentance, baptism, receiving God’s Spirit and becoming leaders in the church and community. These things require a systematic plan. Paul asked, “How can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?”

YEA publishes age appropriate lesson books for five different age groups spanning 17 years of a child’s life. Upon completion of the YEA curriculum, students will have had 952 different lessons. They should never repeat the same lesson. However some subjects will be repeated at a different age level. Active forms of learning are used to capture the minds and hearts of students and to anchor them to Christ. A Teacher’s Guide is available to go with each student’s book. The YEA lessons can be used at home or in church. We make it easy for parents to follow the command, “Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are sitting at home, when you are out walking, at bedtime, and before breakfast. . .” (Deuteronomy 11:19 TLB).

This ongoing project is about 75 percent complete. We encourage you to call 1-888-BIBLE-44 and request a *FREE* YEA catalog and check out sample lessons at www.borntowin.net.

No one should stop learning about God when they have their 20th birthday. Bible education is a lifelong project. So CEM recently began publishing a Bible Study Course with ten lessons in each book. The first book in this series is titled *The Breakout*. The New Testament, from Acts to Revelation, is the story of that breakout. This is foundational in understanding early New Testament history and hence, the Bible. Here are ways these lessons can be used to maximize this course.

- ▶ Individuals can use the Bible Study Course at home to learn more about God and His way.
- ▶ Churches can use these books for adult classes which are taught an hour before the worship service while the kids and young people are in their YEA classes.
- ▶ This course can be used most successfully as an evangelistic tool by inviting friends and neighbors to join you for about an hour each week to study the Bible together. Community Bible studies, such as the one CEM has published lessons for, are becoming increasingly popular across this nation. There has never been a better time to start a community Bible study.
- ▶ College students can use these lessons to form a dorm Bible Study group. How important it is to challenge young minds with a systematic study of the Bible!

Every student should have his own book to prepare for class. The insightful Leader’s Guide makes it possible for almost anyone to lead the Bible study discussion. For more in-depth background for this course, call CEM to order the *Christian Origin* CD or tape series. This ongoing Bible educational program is intended to be taught beginning with book one, lesson one, *The Breakout*, the very beginning of the Christian faith and walk, and continuing through the series of studies. Upon completion of lesson five, the next books in the series should be ordered from CEM.

We have a passion to teach the Bible with a view to helping people make their own lives work while they are a positive influence and blessing on those around them. As we’ve said, education is our middle name and our motto is: “That the man of God may be proficient and equipped for every good work.”

Advice from God

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us in the dark, perhaps because that's where they were.

Political reporters in this country pay attention to what heads of governments do overseas, but if they have a clue what the man in the street is thinking, they don't bother telling the rest of us.

The result is that they are a day late in understanding what is going on. Events in Europe right now, in the streets and coffee-houses, are telling observers that the people are not far from turning their governments out of office. The man in the street is fed up, and governments are already leaning to the right across Europe.

Even the most left-leaning news sources in Europe are having to face up to a stark truth. Multiculturalism has failed. It has failed, not so much because the Europeans are not accepting of Muslims, but because Muslims refuse to assimilate with European culture. It has been shocking how badly the American press has missed this. The leftist sources and some neocons are blaming the French for keeping Muslims in ghettos. Apparently they don't realize that it is the Islamists themselves who are creating "little Fallujahs" all over Europe.

Having come to grips with this issue, thanks to Tony Blankley, I wondered if there was some authoritative advice in the Bible as to how to deal with an alien population. After I thought about it a while, I came to realize that it was right there

before me. It was in two places. One was the instructions for the conquest of Canaan, and the other was the law about how to treat strangers in the land.

At first blush, there is a contradiction. Israel was told to drive out six particular tribes from the land of Canaan. They were not to be left in place. They either had to leave or be destroyed. But then, God tells the Israelites to not only be kind to strangers, but to love them. After all, they had been strangers themselves in Egypt.

What made the difference? Assimilation. The laws that told Israel to be kind to strangers also applied all the laws of Israel to strangers. Israel would be multi-ethnic, but not multicultural. Other religions were not allowed.

These themes are fully developed in a future release titled, "Advice from God," but we are making this *Born to Win* program available to you, *FREE*, right now. For a *FREE* cassette tape of this program, just check the box on the enclosed card and send it back to us.

Meanwhile, you might want to pick up a copy of Tony Blankley's book. It may turn out to be the most important book of the decade.

Watching and waiting,

Ronald L. Dart

P.S. Don't miss the announcement about the 2006 Feast of Tabernacles elsewhere in this newsletter. We are moving to Chattanooga, Tennessee. Make your plans now to be with us.

Serving Opportunities at the Winter Tournament

Would you rather serve than play sports? A group at the Winter Tournament is planning to serve the homeless at the local Salvation Army in Lexington, Kentucky, on Sunday, December 25. If you can give a few hours of your time, contact Sara Dunn immediately at sarathursts@yahoo.com so the Salvation Army will know how many servers to expect. A non-perishable foods collection will be taken at the Marriott Hotel over the tournament weekend.

The Winter Family Tournament begins Friday evening, December 23 and runs through Monday, December 26. Hear such outstanding speakers as Ron Dart, Guy Swenson, David Antion, Bill Jacobs, Jim O'Brien, Pam Dewey and Jeff Henderson, as well as Dr. Tom Roberts and Gilford Monrose from the Church of God Seventh Day.

For reservations at the Four-Star Griffin Gate Marriott Resort in Lexington call 1-800-391-6690. Mention the Church of God to get the special discounted rate of only \$48 per night.

In Memory

CEM gratefully acknowledges the generous donations made in memory of Jim Ross who died November 17 in Tyler, Texas.

Even though he was a Vice President for the Bank of America, he often shared his computer knowledge with CEM. He will be greatly missed by all, including those on the Forum and especially by his wife Brenda.

Feast of Tabernacles 2006 Chattanooga, TN

By Skip Martin

“If you build it, they will come.” These words are often quoted from the movie, *Field of Dreams*. They fit perfectly with the CEM Feast of Tabernacles. We have built one of the best Feasts ever. And you have come. People from all over the United States and other countries, have come to the CEM Feast of Tabernacles. . . many driving for 15 to 20 hours, or flying in from far away to be with us.

Now, CEM wants to make it easier for people to come. The 2006 Feast of Tabernacles is being moved out of Florida to a hurricane-free location which will make travel more convenient and less expensive for most attendees. The 2006 Feast will be held within a day’s drive of 75 percent of the population of the United States, in beautiful Chattanooga, Tennessee, at the Chattanooga Convention Center.

We are excited about this move. While we love the beach, the uncertainty of the weather has caused us to look elsewhere. Not only will there be no chance of a hurricane in Chattanooga, this move will cut travel time down by several hours for the majority of attendees. And this will mean a financial savings to many of you.

Chattanooga is a beautiful city. The downtown area received a \$120 million, 129 acre revitalization program. The Tennessee River runs through the city, providing wonderful views. The largest fresh water aquarium in the United States is there and has recently received a \$30 million expansion. A children’s museum, a carousel, theaters, shops, walking paths, numerous parks, and many other attractions are there. A *FREE* tram runs throughout the city every five minutes during the day. This will make sightseeing and getting to the convention center easy. Just outside the city is beautiful Lookout Mountain, with amazing views of the area. Check out www.chattanooga.com.

Several new activities are in the planning stages. We are discussing adding hands-on home fellowship demonstrations, more picnic-type activities, hospitality rooms to afford new attend-

Calendar of Events

Memorial Day Weekend, May 26-29, 2006 - Family Retreat at Paris Landing State Park, TN. For your affordable room reservations call 1-800-250-8614 and give 3043 for the reservation number. Great sermons, seminars, YEA classes and fun family activities. To help, e-mail smartin400@sbcglobal.net.

ees (and returnees) the chance to meet new friends, and possibly an evening concert. The CEM Feast has always emphasized Christian education – youth classes and seminars, music, and adult seminars. This year, we plan to add more opportunities for fellowship as well.

The CEM website at www.borntowin.net will have information on housing, travel, activities, etc. very soon. We will be adding information to the website as necessary, concerning the speaking schedule, seminars, and YEA classes. Please check the website often for new information on the 2006 Feast. Go to “Events,” then “Feast of Tabernacles” for information.

We hope that you will make plans *now* to come join us for a great Feast of Tabernacles in Chattanooga, Tennessee, October 6 (evening service) through October 14, 2006.

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