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Against Evil

As some of you may know, we lost a few stations recently because of the determined, but misguided efforts of a self-appointed cult watcher who doesn't seem to realize that CEM can't be a cult because we have no membership as such. But never mind, when God closes one door it is because he is taking us in another direction. As we have begun to systematically replace these stations (see elsewhere in this newsletter) we came upon a Christian station in Falls Church, Virginia that covers all of Washington, D.C. with a good, strong signal. So now, I can speak to the leadership of the country, six days a week, should God move them to tune in.

Being the sort of speaker who remains aware of his audience, I could not be unaffected by this, and so I reflected on some things I thought the leadership of the country ought to think about. For example, I remember when they were searching high and low across Iraq for one Saddam Hussein, I fervently wished that they would capture him alive. I thought trying him in a war crimes trial might be a good thing.

Never let it be said that I don't

admit to being wrong from time to time. After watching reports of the man's trial, I find myself wishing that they had just rolled a hand grenade into his spider hole, and identified him from the remains. From time to time, evil has to be dealt with harshly, or it will find a way to win in defeat. How can that possibly be? It is a reasonable question. And in the first program I recorded after learning of the new station, I set out to answer the question from both a biblical and a secular perspective.

Mind you, I am assuming we know we have got our man and we know what he has done. In the case of Saddam, there is no doubt about either. Saddam should have

had a dead or alive warrant out for him. Such a warrant asserts that a man is guilty and deserving of death.

Consider the matter from a practical point of view. Through this period of reconstruction in Iraq, a subtle fear of the man still prevails. Failing to deal firmly and finally with a man like Saddam encourages a belief that *Americans won't act* – that we aren't strong enough. The trial is arguably a waste of time, and the end result of his execution will be the same whether he is executed early or late. But in the delay, an impression of weakness is conveyed across the Islamic world.

Let's play a little mind game. Imagine that we are writing a novel that proceeds on the assumption that, when the Iranian students invaded the American Embassy in Tehran on November

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Thank you for your overwhelming support for the *Born to Win* broadcast. The following is one letter among many: "I just received your recent newsletter and read about the problem you were having with some of the radio stations taking your program off the air. HOW TERRIBLE! . . . I recently discovered your radio archives and I was like a kid in a candy store. . . You continue to preach and my family and I will pray for your ministry! . . . Please accept this donation towards your ministry. I will continue to send as I am able." God is continuing to open more and more doors for the *Born to Win* program. For CEM to go through these doors, we need your support.

A Feast to Anticipate – A Feast to Attend

By Skip Martin

There are few areas in this country as beautiful as the Smokey Mountains. Early morning fogs combined with sunrise, paints a breathtaking scene overlooking the picturesque Tennessee River snaking through the valley. Views along the riverbank are sensational.

Chattanooga has been voted by readers of *Southern Living Magazine* as third in the country for “Weekend Destination with kids.” After a \$120 million waterfront revitalization project, Chattanooga has redefined family fun, scenic beauty, culture, history, and outdoor recreation.

“America’s Most Amazing Mile” has delighted guests for more than a century. As the Incline climbs historic Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga’s surrounding mountains and valleys come alive as the trolley-style railcars carry you cloud high. The Incline has the unique distinction of being the steepest passenger railway in the world. It’s open year-round and makes three to four trips per hour. The round trip takes about an hour and a half. Imagine viewing seven states from one scenic overlook.

Put the Tennessee Aquarium on your “must see” list. It’s the world’s largest freshwater aquarium with spectacular saltwater adventure. Ten-foot sharks, fierce barracuda, and graceful stingrays can also be seen. Other exciting outings include seeing the country’s finest collection of American Art. The Chattanooga Zoo at Warner Park features animals from all over the world and is a fun adventure for all ages.

Perch high in a crow’s nest. Splash in water creating dams and channels for floating boats. Feel the sand between your fingers as you dig for dinosaur bones in an excavation site. Create your artistic masterpiece, or take the fun sky high and blow soap bubbles in the new Rooftop Fun Factory. Children (and adults!) will discover a whole new meaning to art, music, science, and technology in a world made especially for them at the children’s Creative Discovery Museum.

Getting around downtown Chattanooga is a breeze. Electric buses run daily about every five minutes from the Chattanooga Choo Choo to the Tennessee Aquarium with stops every block in between. It provides convenient access to the Convention Center, attractions, shopping, and hotels in the downtown area. All shuttle buses are wheelchair accessible and they are *FREE!*

Sit back and enjoy the beautiful scenery along the Tennessee River. Savor delicious food while listening to the Rambler Band on the Southern Belle Riverboat that provides a variety of thematic lunch, dinner or sightseeing cruises. There is so much to do and see for every age group that space does not allow me to elaborate on such things as Ruby Falls, whitewater rafting on the Ocoee River, the Rock City Gardens, The Mystery Dinner Theater, etc.

Best of all will be the inspiring daily sermons with outstanding speakers and relevant Christian living seminars. Inspirational and uplifting music will also be a highlight. Again, children between the ages of 3 to 20 will have action-packed classes and seminars they will long remember as they are anchored to Christ. If you’re looking for excitement for the entire family, a Spirit led Feast, an opportunity to bond with others and grow in God’s grace, you’ve found it!! Make your plans *NOW!* For more information, call 800-322-3344 or visit chattanewgafun.com.

Sparkling Interest in Youth Day 2006

By Lisa Gregor

Just as spring leads to summer, and summer leads to autumn, so God’s Spring Holy Days point us toward the joyous Feast of Tabernacles, which is now just six months away! Though that may seem far off, there are many preparations taking place behind the scenes for another awesome Feast.

Planning for Youth Day 2006 is well underway. But there are still opportunities for you to get involved! All children, teens, and young adults are invited to participate. This is the time for you to

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4, 1979 and held 70 Americans hostage for 444 days, that the President of the United States (Jimmy Carter at the time) had reacted differently. Imagine that on that very day, he had ordered two of our major fleets to Iran along with the necessary troop support, say, an initial commitment of 100,000 men with all the marines we could muster.

Imagine that then the President had gone before congress and delivered a speech similar to FDR's "Day of Infamy" speech, calling on Congress to declare that, since the American Embassy is considered American soil, Iran had engaged in an act of war against the United States, and therefore, from the day of the taking of the hostages, a state of war existed between Iran and the United States. (Yes, I know it was "students" who invaded the embassy, but everyone knows the Iranian government connived with them in the deed.)

Then imagine that the President of these United States had issued an ultimatum to the government of Iran to release, safe and unharmed, all Americans held in Iran and to do so immediately. Failure to do so would result in American troops coming into Iran to bring them out, or to bring out their bodies if necessary. The ultimatum would also state that if any of the hostages were harmed, then we would also bring out the bodies of the responsible government officials, starting with the Ayatollah Khomeini. Then, imagine that Americans began reconnaissance

overflights of the Iranian mainland with fully armed aircraft.

How would your novel proceed from this point? Dead hostages? Very possibly. But we cannot afford, as a nation, to let evil men think we are afraid to fight and die. They need to learn that hostages don't work. The Israelis adopted this policy long ago. Hostages are immediately considered soldiers, and soldiers lives are on the line. They may be killed, but no one is going to buy them out. We will come and get them if we have to, and you will wish we had not.

In almost any scenario you can imagine, the government of Iran would be very different today from what it is. It is entirely possible that the whole atmosphere in the Middle East would have been different. Neither the Afghan nor the Iraqi wars might have been necessary at all.

But now, the Iranian government believes, based on statements by congressmen and their reading of the American press, that we will not act against them. We simply are not willing to risk the casualties.

Now back to Saddam Hussein. The man is evil, through and through. A hand grenade in the hole would have been a merciful end for him. If not that, a quick trial before a military tribunal and a public hanging. Any man as possessed of evil as he is, has to be in torment inside.

I found an interesting ally in my point of view on this. His name is Winston Churchill. He understood that evil must be crushed, brutally suppressed, or it would arise again and again. So

did Harry Truman, who cauterized the evil sore in Japan with two nuclear devices. Hardly anyone in the modern world has a clue how evil that sore was. Before you criticize, you should inform yourself. Japan is a very different nation today from what it would have been if Harry Truman had lacked the nerve to do what he did.

I think men like Churchill, who struggle against an evil man like Hitler all their lives, cannot be unaffected by the struggle. I am beginning to understand why Winston Churchill did not want the war crimes trials. A military tribunal and a summary execution gets the evil off the table and out of sight. This need not preclude a thorough investigation of the crimes after the fact. The bizarre trials of men like Saddam or Zacarias Moussaoui grant an impossible dignity to such evil men. In the case of Moussaoui, he is actually enjoying the accounts of the evil he conspired to do. It would have been better to have put him before a military tribunal and to have hanged him shortly thereafter.

Now, in answer to the obvious objection that this is not a very Christian thing to do, we have to get something straight. You can't rule prayer out of the schools and God out of the Pledge of Allegiance, and then insist that our foreign policy operate on Christian principles. If we are not a Christian nation, and if we are to be governed by utilitarian principles, then common sense would suggest that we should just get rid of evil men as expeditiously as possible.

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On the other hand, we perhaps should inquire as to whether we have our Christian caps on straight. It is this theme that I develop in the rest of this program titled, *Against Evil*. I would like to send you a *FREE* CD or cassette tape of the program. I am not sure how soon it will air, and I want you to hear it right away. Just check the box on the enclosed card and indicate whether you prefer a tape or a CD.

And thanks for your prayers and for keeping in touch. Together, we can make a difference.

Fighting to Win,

Ronald L. Dart

P.S. As you can see, we are now able to offer either a CD or a cassette tape of our programs and sermons. It isn't cheaper, but it is necessary. It is becoming more difficult to find replacement parts for our cassette duplicators. They are starting to phase out of the market, and we may soon find ourselves unable to offer cassettes. We are pleased to offer this to you *FREE* of charge, but if you can help with a contribution, we will be more than pleased.

Calendar of Events

Meet the Teacher - Chattanooga, TN, May 20, 2006 at 2 p.m. at the Sheraton Read House Hotel, 827 Broad Street, where Ronald L. Dart will bring an insightful message and be available for questions and answers. For more information or directions, contact Larry Watkins at 1-888-BIBLE-44, or lsw@cemnetwork.com.

Paris Landing, TN - Memorial Day Weekend, May 26-29, 2006. Come one, come all, and bring the kids for a fantastic weekend at beautiful Paris Landing State Park. Stimulating seminars, action packed YEA classes/seminars, affordable rooms, wonderful social events with plenty of food, and bunches of fun and fellowship for all to enjoy with God's people. For reservations call 1-800-250-8614 and give 3043 for the reservation number.

YEA Teen Summer Camp, June 25-July 2, 2006 at Wewoka, OK. To receive an application and early notice, please send your name, complete mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number and date of birth to Larry Watkins at CEM, or e-mail him at lsw@cemnetwork.com.

Chicago, IL - Christian Renewal Conference, July 15-16, 2006. See June's *Living to Win* for more information.

Radio Update

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proficient and equipped for every
good work.*

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share the gifts and talents that God has given you. Are you an artist, a stage manager, a dancer, a props assistant, a singer, an organizer, an actor, or a musician? Do you have the gift of communication or prayer? Are you involved in community service or an outreach program in your area? Would you like to share your story so that others may be inspired to do the same? Now is the time to let your light shine!

The theme for Youth Day 2006 is *Go Light Your World*. With that in mind, don't hide your light under a bushel; decide how you will share the message of God's presence in your life with others. Contact Chris or Lisa Gregor at c.l.gregor@mindspring.com or call 770-785-9890.

2 Corinthians 4:6: For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts. . .