

# Born to Win

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Personal from. . .

**Ronald L. Dart**

Dear Friends,

I sat in a state of unbelief as I watched the story of Andrea Yates. I simply could not believe that a mother would drown her five children in the bathtub and then lay their little wet bodies out on the bed. Surely this is not real life. It is the stuff of horror fiction. What made it even less real was the lack of emotion, first from Andrea Yates herself, and then from her husband.

I didn't say much about it at the time, avoiding it in both radio and sermons, because I just couldn't get my mind around it. And then I didn't want to sound opportunistic in preaching about it while it was still echoing through the media circus. But as I thought about the tragedy and the waste of it all, I couldn't help wondering what our country is coming to. These deaths came on the heels of two heartbreaking deaths of babies who were cooked to death in hot cars after their parents forgot about them being there. How can a parent stick a child in the back seat and just forget the child is there? Something is dreadfully wrong with this picture.

I was still trying to figure out what to say about all this when another set of family killings took

place in California. Nicolay Soltys killed his wife, the mother of his son, with a knife. Then drove to the home of an aunt and uncle, slashing them to death along with their two nine year old grandchildren, Dimitriy and Tatyana. Bloody from the slayings, he returned to his mother's house and then made off with his three year old son, Sergey.

Everyone prayed for the safety of the boy, but we were all devastated when we learned the little fellow had been found in a cardboard box with his throat cut. I have no doubt a lot of people wept when they learned what had happened to him.

I sat and stared at the wall a long time after that, because it was apparent that this was not merely a matter of the decay of American society. These people were Russian, had only been in this country a short time, and they were killing each other too. How could parents suppress their natural instinct to love their children to the extent that they could kill, not one child, but several? And as I thought about it, the awful connection between Andrea Yates and Nicolay Soltys became all too clear.

There is nothing new in infanti-

cide. Children are weak and vulnerable. In their earliest months, they are completely helpless and dependent. At the same time, they are beautiful and lovable. In spite of this, down through history they have been neglected, abused, slaughtered, and destroyed, often as not by their own parents. But there is something very important to remember about this. *Killing or abusing children is contrary to human nature.* God did not make us to destroy our own children.

And that led to the next thought, that Andrea Yates may have had a point when she spoke of demonic influence leading her to kill her children. Yes, I know it is

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*Immortality 2*

**September 22 - September 28**  
*Planned Parenthood*

**September 29 - October 5**  
*All About the New Testament 1*

**October 6 - October 12**  
*All About the New Testament 2*

**October 13 - October 19**  
*All About the New Testament 3*

## Radio Update

Please note the following new stations:

**Jonesboro, AR**  
KBTM 1230 AM  
Monday - Friday at 6:30 p.m.

**Atlanta, GA**  
WGKA 1190 AM  
Monday - Friday at 10:30 a.m.  
& Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

**Anderson, SC**  
Monday - Friday at 9:00 a.m.  
WRIX 1020 AM

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED JULY 31, 2001

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$223645.34
CEM BOOKSTORE	12166.23
SUMMER CAMP TUITION	11025.00
INTEREST INCOME	<u>2828.75</u>
	\$249665.32
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
A/V SUPPLIES	\$ 7494.71
RENTS	8241.99
OFFICE & ADM. EXPENSES	2106.10
MAILING EXPENSES	8405.39
POSTAGE	17842.60
PRINTING	11931.80
RADIO EXPENSES	110193.26
TELEPHONE & UTILITIES	2592.25
YOUTH MINISTRIES	14324.32
CONFERENCES	4095.06
CEM BOOKSTORE	748.27
COMPUTER EXPENSES	2067.63
FOREIGN OPERATIONS	2964.50
FESTIVAL OPERATIONS	1624.43
EQUIPMENT	1991.29
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	10763.06
WAGES & PAYROLL TAXES	<u>*79866.83</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>287253.49</u>
DECREASE IN FUND BALANCE	( <u>\$ 37588.17</u> )
*TOTAL SALARY TO LARRY WATKINS = \$14375.00	
TOTAL SALARY TO RONALD DART = \$17250.00	

## Calendar of Events

### September 18<sup>th</sup> - Terrell, Texas **The Feast of Trumpets Services**

Ronald L. Dart will be speaking in Terrell, Texas for The Feast of Trumpets services on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Services will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church, 503 W. College, in Terrell. Services will begin at 1:00 and there will be a potluck meal immediately following services. If you need more information, please contact either Ralph Collins, in Forth Worth, at (817) 246-1874 or Faye Brown at the CEM office at (903) 509-2999.

### September 27<sup>th</sup> - Destin, Florida **The Day of Atonement Services**

Ronald L. Dart will be speaking in Destin, Florida for services on the Day of Atonement, Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Services will be at the Destin Community Center, beginning at 2:00 in the afternoon. For more information or directions to services, please contact Gary or Shirley George, in Destin, at (850) 837-0485.

### October 2<sup>nd</sup> - October 9<sup>th</sup> - Niceville, Florida **The Feast of Tabernacles**

CEM will be celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles in Niceville, FL this year from Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> through The Last Great Day, Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Services will be at the Okaloosa-Walton Community College in Niceville, Florida. See our web page for more information or call the CEM office at 1-888-BIBLE-44.

### November 3<sup>rd</sup> - West Palm Beach, Florida **Meet the Teacher**

Ronald L. Dart will be speaking at a "Meet the Teacher" session on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, sponsored by the Christian Church of God, in Lantana, Florida. The meeting will be held at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport Hotel, 150 Australian Avenue, in West Palm Beach and will be from 1:30 until 5:00 in the afternoon. There will be a break at 2:30 with coffee, tea and juice provided. Mr. Dart will be conducting Sabbath Services, followed by a Question and Answer period. For more information, please contact Neville or Joyce Gilbert at (561) 585-4580.

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too easy to blame everything on the devil to avoid our own responsibility for the wicked things we do. But there is one thing we must not forget. There is a devil. He is evil beyond our imaginations. He hates God and everything God is trying to do. And one thing he certainly hates is children and families. It is not unreasonable to lay the killing and destruction of children at the devil's door.

Close on the heels of this realization comes the corollary. If Satan is out to destroy children, then it should be the major business of the Church to save children. There was a day when some people brought their little children to Jesus that He might lay hands on them and pray for them. The disciples didn't think Jesus should be bothered with mere children, so they rebuked those bringing the children. But Jesus would have none of that. "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Literally, Jesus said, "for *truly this is the kingdom of heaven*" (Matthew 19:14).

In the light of this, it is hard to see how anyone could think that children are not truly a part of the Church, *and a major ministry of the Church*. Jesus loves little children. So should we. Jesus said that all men would know we are His disciples because we love one another. Well, if we have a hard time loving some of our crusty old brothers, could we spare a moment to love our children?

In a sense, this may be what

Paul is driving at in his letter to the Corinthians. Can we say, asked Paul, that one part of the body [say, the children] is not necessary? "On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty" (1 Corinthians 12:22-23 NIV). No part of the Church is weaker than the little children.

It is my conviction that one of the primary missions of the Church of Jesus Christ should be our ministry to children. And not only our own children, but also the children of the community around us. It is a ministry that is commonly neglected in churches, for reasons that are hard to understand. It is time for every church to come together and decide what they can do for the children.

CEM is a small ministry with limited resources, but we have a commitment to youth ministry. That commitment is expressed through YEA, the Sabbath School literature and Summer Camp. With the YEA books, we are providing a resource for teaching children the Bible, teaching them to love God and His Son Jesus Christ. Our books are full color, state-of-the-art lessons for five different age groups and will eventually provide a lesson a week for all youth from age three through nineteen. The lessons use active learning methods and they are relevant, fun and effective. YEA literature can make a real difference in a church's

youth program. We also recommend a book titled, "Youth Ministry in Small Churches," which will be available at a discount from the CEM Bookstore. For more information and for a catalog of YEA literature, call our office toll free at 1-888-BIBLE 44.

Every year at the Feast, we put forward a major effort in teaching children. We want the Feast to be a great experience in every way, not the least in learning more about God. Join with us year round in building a better ministry to youth. "Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD" (Psalms 127:3). See that we don't neglect God's heritage.

With love in Christ's service,

**Ronald L. Dart**

P.S. How much do you really know about spiritual gifts? Do you have one? If a spiritual gift were to come upon you, would you feel it? This is a much misunderstood subject, but it is crucial for the development of a church. For spiritual gifts are not given to us for our own sake. They are not given to make us feel good about ourselves. They are given by God with an objective in mind and that objective is usually the building of a church. How does God decide who will get a gift and who will not? Our tape offer this time is a Bible Study given in Tyler titled, "A Passion for the Spirit." It will reveal things about spiritual gifts that you have never considered. To get your *free* tape, 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:

- Huntsville, Alabama**  
3:30 p.m. daily - WBXR 1140 AM
- Jonesboro, Arkansas**  
6:30 p.m. daily - KBTM 1230 AM
- Little Rock, Arkansas**  
5:30 p.m. daily - KAAZ 1090 AM
- Denver, Colorado**  
5:00 a.m. daily - KLT 670 AM
- Pensacola, Florida**  
7:00 a.m. daily - WSAG 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. 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
- Richmond, Kentucky**  
12:30 p.m. daily - WCBR 1110 AM
- Gretna, Louisiana**  
4:30 a.m. daily - WLNO 1060 AM
- Denton, Maryland**  
10:00 a.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
- Asheville, North Carolina**  
4:00 p.m. daily - WSKY 1230 AM
- Mount Olive, North Carolina**  
11:00 a.m. daily - WDJZ 1430 AM
- Anderson, South Carolina**  
9:00 a.m. daily - WRIZ 1020 AM
- Charleston, South Carolina**  
4:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. daily  
WZJY 1480 AM
- Greenville, South Carolina**  
4:30 p.m. daily - WELP 1050 AM
- Chattanooga, Tennessee**  
5:00 p.m. daily - WLMR 1450 AM
- Beaumont, Texas**  
8:30 a.m. daily - KQHN 1510 AM
- Dallas, Texas**  
6:30 a.m. daily - KSKY 660 AM
- Jacksonville, Texas**  
5:30 p.m. daily - KLJT 102.3 FM
- Ephrata, Washington**  
6:00 a.m. Monday - Saturday  
KTRW 970 AM

## Your Letters

Dear Mr. Dart,

My husband and I pastor a Messianic Congregation in Mississippi. You can imagine the flack we get because we have returned to the Hebraic roots of our faith which of course includes worshipping on the Sabbath, honoring the feasts and living a torah observant lifestyle. This does not always go over very well in the Baptist belt, but one of our goals is to help restore the churches to the truth of the Word.

I just wanted to take the time to commend you on your teaching. Rarely do you find a Christian Ministry that is willing to straighten out the crooked paths and doesn't teach the Bible from an anti-semitic view! FINALLY!! I have found Bible study that I can listen to every day! What a blessing it is. . .and may I say, what a blessing it is to open your website and see "excitement grows with only 34 days until Feast

2001!" We are also excited! The community of believers who do not honor the Feasts of Adonai through Messiah are missing so much in their lives.

Thank you so much for all you are doing. I praise the Most High that the eyes of your understanding are opened! I just want you to know that not only are you teaching the Christian community things they have never heard before, you are feeding the Messianic Community. There is not much out there geared toward us! I intend to let our congregation know about you and your studies! Thank you so much!

In Messiah Yeshua,  
A. B.

## Daily Radio

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

**The following stations  
broadcast daily at 2:30 p.m.**

- Northeastern Oregon**  
KGDN 101.3 FM
- Central Washington**  
KGER 95.9 FM
- Moses Lake, Washington**  
KTAC 93.9 FM
- Northwest Washington**  
KTBI 810 AM
- Spokane, Washington**  
KSPO 106.5 FM
- Yakima, Washington**  
KYAK 930 AM

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