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Conversation: newsletter Update

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CHAT VOLUNTEERS/COUNSELLORS

We have been getting complaints that people were writing to the Chat Volunteers & Counsellors, and not getting a response. Since most of the people who had volunteered for this ministry did so a couple of years ago, Jan sent out a letter to those listed on the website to update our information. Many of you did not respond to her letter, so we must assume that you have changed email addresses or lost interest in the ministry. Therefore I have removed those names.

If you are/were a Chat Volunteer or Counsellor and you would like to continue in this capacity but your name has been removed, please just send me another little blurb about your "qualifications".

Please specify if you were listed as a Counsellor or Chat Volunteer or both, and I'll be glad to update the information on the website.

Thank you so much for helping us with this much needed ministry!

NEW ARTICLE - Christian Fundamentalists

I am awaiting permission from the author to re-print this article on my website, and it will be removed if permission is not granted. In the meantime, I think it's an interesting and informative article that you may wish to read.

Excerpt:

Human beings, in nearly all cultures, have long engaged in a rather strange activity.

They have taken a literary text, given it special status and attempted to live according to its precepts. These texts are usually of considerable antiquity yet they are expected to throw light on situations that their authors could not have imagined. In times of crisis, people turn to their scriptures with renewed zest and, with much creative ingenuity, compel them to speak to their current predicament. We are seeing a great deal of scriptural activity at the moment.

To read the whole article, please go to <http://christiangays.com/articles/fundamentalist.shtml>

(Thanks Janina!)

TIME MOVIE

This is a nice little movie that is well done and has a good message. Check it out at <http://www.scottstratten.com/movie.html>

ABORIGINAL GREETING – More Aboriginal Culture from Bev

In my Aboriginal teachings, and in fact in my Algonquin language, when we greet someone we say Bhoozhoo! Ahnee!

Bhoozhoo is hello from my humanness to yours and Ahnee is hello from my spirit to your spirit.

(Thanks Bev!)

NEW LINKS ADDED

I have added a new section on the Gay Links page at <http://christiangays.com/links.shtml> for those who may be interested in "Immigration to Gay-Friendly Canada". There are six links for those of you who would like to investigate further.

Canada has some of the most gay and lesbian friendly immigration laws in the world. Many gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transsexual/transgender singles and couples move to Canada every year to enjoy improved civil rights, benefits, and the protections of a tolerant society. Same-sex marriage is legal in Canada.

There are two primary ways to immigrate to Canada - being sponsored by your Canadian partner or applying to immigrate based on your own merit to obtain permanent resident status. Once you become a Canadian permanent resident (landed immigrant), you could apply for Canadian citizenship in three years.

A third way is to immigrate under Refuge status. Refugees and persons needing protection, are people in or outside Canada, who fear returning to their country of nationality or habitual residence. In keeping with its humanitarian tradition and international obligations, Canada provides protection to thousands of people every year.

EXPLANATION OF GOD

This was written by an 8 year old, Danny Dutton of Chula Vista, CA, for his third grade homework assignment. The assignment was to explain God. (I just wonder if any of us could do as well?)

One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth.

He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers.. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this.

Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere. Which keeps him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.

Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church.

Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said OK.

His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.

You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God.

Don't skip church or do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can.

It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.

But...you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases. And...that's why I believe in God.

(Thanks Wenda!)

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God bless,
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