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**NEW ISSUE OF "BACK" NOW AT CHAPTERS & INDIGO**

The newest issue of BACK magazine – Canada’s Premiere GLBT mag – is now available at all Chapters & Indigo stores in Canada. This edition has my article “*Jesus Loves Me. This I Know, For The Bible Tells Me So*”.

**BACK** is an excellent magazine – only \$4.99 – a steal for a high quality mag like this, so if you can pick up a copy, please do so. This is a new magazine with great integrity for quality articles, photography/graphics and advertising. Let’s help them get off the ground by spreading the word and buying lots of copies of the mag for your friends. ;-)

If you are not in Canada and would like to read my article that is in this month’s issue, you will find it at [http://christiangays.com/articles/jesus\\_loves\\_me.shtml](http://christiangays.com/articles/jesus_loves_me.shtml)

*(Thanks again Jeff for this wonderful opportunity!)*

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**ELLEN DEGENERES – A True American Hero** – by Wayne Besen

I remember well anticipating that episode when it was rumoured that Ellen was going to “Come Out” on her TV show. WOW! Now that was gay history/herstory in the making! What bravery!

Well our dear Wayne – Author, Activist, Columnist and Public Speaker, has given us another great article - this time about Ellen. Please read it at <http://christiangays.com/articles/besen8.shtml>

Wayne is an exceptionally talented man with many gifts. He has written a book called “***Anything But Straight – Unlocking the Scandals and Lies Behind the Ex-Gay Myth***”. I highly recommend anything that Wayne writes.

Please notice that there is now an ad for Wayne’s website ([WayneBesen.com](http://WayneBesen.com)) on the ChristianGays.com home page. Please click on Wayne’s link to take you directly to his

website where you may purchase his book.

His articles are insightful, and he has a wonderful sense of humour in almost everything he writes. You may even consider asking him to speak at a public event.

The link for **WayneBesen.com** is on the home page of ChristianGays.com at <http://www.christiangays.com>

*(Thanks Wayne!)*

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## **NEWS HEADLINES**

Along with the new **Advertising opportunities** on the Home Page, I have included **Gay News Headlines** directly from 365Gay.com, under the ads in the right column. So every time you visit the website now, scroll down to find out what's happening in our "Gay World". If a headline interests you, just click on it and you will be taken directly to the article in question. You will not lose ChristianGays.com if you click to move to another link. When you have finished checking out the news, ChristianGays.com will be in the background on your desktop waiting for you to explore the new articles, etc.

Check it out at <http://christiangays.com/>

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## **ONTARIO ENTICES GAY, LESBIAN DOCTORS**

Ontario will attempt to lure disgruntled gay and lesbian U.S. medical professionals to the province, Health Minister George Smitherman said yesterday, after finishing a two-day soft sell to a gathering of gay health workers in Montreal. Smitherman, who became the province's first openly gay cabinet minister in 2003, said Ontario was capitalizing on Canada's image for left-leaning values – which includes gay marriage legislation passed this summer. Smitherman spent two days shmoozing participants at the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association's annual conference, which wraps up tonight in Montreal. About 75 per cent of the conference attendees were American, he said, and the majority were physicians.

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## **NEW DEVOTIONS**

I have added three new wonderful Devotions called *Who Has Any Chance At All?*, *Hurricanes Katrina & Rita – Is God Angry?* and *Lessons From A Dog*.

To view them, please go to the Bulletin Boards at <http://www.christiangays.com/invboard/>

Scroll to the bottom Category – Mary’s Favourite Devotions -> (they are all listed there)

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## **NEW ARTICLE - UNREASONED IGNORANCE ABOUNDS** – by Archbishop Bruce J. Simpson, OSJB

Excerpts:

Everywhere I turned today, I read yet again another perversion of Holy Scriptures with a decidedly anti-gay twist. It is an epidemic of ignorance and misplaced righteousness.

First, the Vatican is at it again, or should I say still at it. What I predicted last year has come to pass: The Pope has banned gay men from becoming Priests and has launched a new inquisition which he is quite experienced at as he came from the Office of the Inquisition. This Pope has sent squads of clergy to visit all of the 229 American seminaries in order to ferret out any gay men; even those who might have a "close friendship," as observed by other seminarians and faculty.

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In another pathetic news story, Starbucks coffee has become a target of conservative Christian groups in New York because the company has started to put sayings on their cups from Americans such as Armisted Maupin. It was specifically his quotation that caused the beehive to go on red alert and the subsequent buzzing all around New York City.

Read Bruce’s whole article at <http://christiangays.com/articles/bruce4.shtml>

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## **INNER STRENGTH**

If you can start the day without caffeine,  
If you can get going without pep pills,  
If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,  
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,  
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,  
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,  
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment  
If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him,  
If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,  
If you can conquer tension without medical help,  
If you can relax without liquor,  
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,  
...Then You Are Probably The Family Dog!

*(Thanks Tami & Winnie!)*

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God bless,  
Mary

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