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**Conversation:** Update

**SPAM PROBLEMS**

Due to the inordinate amount of spam I have been receiving – as many as 5,000 letters a day – I have had to take drastic measures to secure my mary@christiangays.com email address.

For a while, I set up an autoresponder, that if the letter was coming from a real person, the address would need to be changed to ma3ry@christiangays.com, but I have since found another, better solution, called a Box Trapper Spam Trap, combined with SpamAssassin.

The way it works is that when you write to **mary@christiangays.com** for the first time, you will receive a letter saying "verification required". You just reply to that letter, and then your original letter is forwarded to me. Once you reply that first time, your address goes on my "white list", and all future letters are then passed to me without interruption. It's just a one time thing from your end.

The only possible problem that I have encountered is that some mail servers may identify the verification letter as being junk mail, in which case, you may not know that I didn't receive your letter.

Therefore, please make note of this temporary alternate address for me - **mary@mapenterprises.ca** (or you can find it on the Home page or About Us pages of the website). If you don't get a response from me within 48 hours, please contact me using that address. I will then add your email address to the "white list" for mary@christiangays.com and then you'll have no problem contacting me in the future.

**For those who changed my email address to ma3ry@christiangays.com, please delete that address.** It no longer exists. I apologize for this inconvenience.

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**INPUT NEEDED RE GLBTQ ORDINATION - Vaughn Roste**

Vaughn is a longtime friend of ChristianGays.com. He has written many articles that appear on the website. He needs a favour. He writes:

I've been tasked with writing a short article for the new Lutherans Concerned Canada website regarding reasons why people should vote for GLBTQ ordination. The ELCIC may or may not be addressing this possibility (again) at their biennial convention this summer.

The article should be readable (i.e. short!) and geared towards the moveable middle - those people who could be swayed with rational arguments.

I'm considering a "top ten" format as of now - it's worked well for me in the past. Here's where you come in:

- 1) What are the top reasons why your average [heterosexual] churchgoer and conference delegate should vote for glbt people to be ordained?
- 2) What reasons come to your mind first?

I just want to make sure that I've covered all the bases here. Feel free to send me a skeleton and I can flesh out the details, find the stats, etc - but I would like to make sure I've got several reasons, which is why I wanted to enlist your help. Or pass this on to anyone else that may come to mind - but a short email from you in the next few days would be very appreciated! Thanks in advance for any help you can give...

If you can help Vaughn, please write to him at Vaughn Roste <vaughnroste@yahoo.ca>

If you'd like to read any of Vaughn's articles, please go to the main website at <http://christiangays.com/> and type "Roste" into the Search box below the Navigation links.

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## **TORONTO LGBT YOUTH LINE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

The Lesbian Gay Bi Trans Youth Line is looking for volunteers to answer our peer support phone line. If you are 26 or younger, identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, transsexual, 2-spirited, intersexed, or queer, can commit to 50 hours of training from May 9th to June 17th in a downtown Toronto location, and want to get involved, contact Charysse or Karl by phone at 416-962-2232 or by email at [outreach@youthline.ca](mailto:outreach@youthline.ca).

Transgendered and transsexual people, Aboriginal people, people of colour, people with disabilities, intersexed people, people who are HIV-positive, women and youth are

especially encouraged to apply.

The Lesbian Gay Bi Youth Line strives to create a volunteer group that is representative of the community and a space that is free from oppression.

*(Thanks Julian!)*

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### **NEW ADDITIONS TO "HOPE FOR GAYS" PAGE**

Many thanks to Matthew and Trygve for the new additions of Hope.

*Please visit the page at <http://christiangays.com/comfort.shtml>*

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### **NEW CoH DEVOTION - "Change" - A Word of Hope**

Excerpt:

I've never really been a person who enjoys change. I got upset when they moved Grey's Anatomy to Thursday nights. However, for a person that doesn't enjoy change I have lived in over 30 homes, 13 states and I won't even tell you how many jobs I've had in the past 20 years. I may not like change but God does.

Throughout the New Testament, Jesus asked a multitude of people to change their beliefs, prejudices and lifestyles. One particular person was a personal friend of Jesus' Martha, the sister of Mary. Jesus gently rebukes Martha for being "worried and distracted" by her many tasks and her resentment of Mary's behavior. Jesus tells her that she has lost her focus; she needs only one thing. And what is that one thing? The answer is in the story of the Good Samaritan, which precedes this one. Martha needs to change focus on loving God and her neighbor as herself; to do this one thing is to choose the better part, to be a disciple of Jesus. . . .

To read the whole devotion, please go to <http://christiangays.com/smf/index.php?topic=102.msg251#msg251>

You may have to login and then come back and click on the link.

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## **CG.COM DEVOTIONS**

Matthew is back from his trip to the US and the **Daily Devotions** are in full swing again. They are an excellent way to start your day. If you wish to receive them, please go to the **Subscribe to CG.com** page at <http://christiangays.com/subscribe.shtml> and sign up to get them.

Remember to follow the process through until you get a Welcome Letter from CG.com. If you don't get the Welcome Letter, then you have not completed the process and you will not receive the Devotions. Please try again, or write to me and I'll add you manually.

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## **NEW MAIN LINK – "DO YOU NEED JESUS?"**

Matthew Royal has been extremely prolific of late. One of his writings is called "**Why Do You Need Jesus In Your Life?**" It seems like such a simple thing to those of us who know the blessings of being Bible-believing Christians, but I felt that there may be many who might visit the site who don't know what Jesus can do for them, and so I thought it was important enough to create a main link for it in the Navigation links.

On the same page, you will find "**If Jesus Had An Obituary**" - author unknown, sent to me by Bobby.

Please check out this new page at <http://christiangays.com/needjesus.shtml>

*(Thanks Matthew and Bobby!)*

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## **LOOKING FOR OTHER GAY CHRISTIANS**

James has posted an ad on the **Message Boards** that:

My partner and I would like to meet other Christian Gays in the West Mphs,Ar.-Mphs,Tn. area.

For fellowship and friends. You can contact us at [wjt4076@yahoo.com](mailto:wjt4076@yahoo.com)

If you have never checked out the **Message Boards**, they are at <http://christiangays.com/smf/>

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## **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

Matthew has also shared his "**Statement of Faith**" with us. It is very much as I believe also, and so I asked him if I could put it on the **About Us** page to show skeptics that we don't water down the gospel to fit our "agenda".

Excerpt:

1. We believe in one God, eternally existent in three persons; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
2. We believe that the Bible is divinely inspired and, therefore, is infallible and entirely trustworthy, and is the supreme and final authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
3. We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ who is God revealed in human form, and we believe in His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, and His atoning death.

To read the complete (what is now) the **ChristianGays.com Statement of Faith**, please go to the **About Us** page at <http://christiangays.com/aboutus.shtml>

*(Thank you Matthew!!!!)*

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## **NEW WEBSITE ADDED TO GAY LINKS – CHRISTIAN RESOURCES - "Gay Investigator"**

"The jury seems to be out on most of my questions about homosexuality. Why, what and even how seems to be largely unanswered as yet. I myself am both gay and Christian, which raises some additional points. So I decided to become a Gay Investigator, scouring the net for links and articles - and to collect them here under each of my different questions.

Maybe you'll get some answers yourself pursuing these pages. I myself found enough to get indications of answers to most of my questions. Maybe this site can be a good starting point for your own search for answers?

Good luck with your own Gay Investigation!"

To find the link to "Gay Investigator", please go to the **Gay Links** at [http://christiangays.com/links/christian\\_resources.shtml](http://christiangays.com/links/christian_resources.shtml)

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### **FAMOUS GLBTQ BIRTHDAYS Jan 15 – 31**

January 15: Songwriter and singer **Meg Christian**, 1946

January 18: Actor **Cary Grant**, 1904

January 19: Writer **Patricia Highsmith**, 1921; Rocker **Janis Joplin**, 1943

January 21: Fashion designer **Christian Dior**, 1905

January 22: Statesman and philosopher **Sir Francis Bacon**, 1561; poet **George Gordon, Lord Byron**, 1788

January 24: **Frederick the Great**, King of Prussia, 1712; **Gustav III**, King of Sweden, 1746

January 25: Writer **W. Somerset Maugham**, 1874; novelist **Virginia Woolf**, 1882; activist **Peter Tatchell**, 1952

January 26: Actress and comedian **Ellen DeGeneres**, 1958

January 29: Olympic diver **Greg Louganis**, 1960

January 31: Composer **Franz Schubert**, 1797

*(from [gltq.com](http://gltq.com))*

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### **RECALL NOTICE**

The Maker of all human beings is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to the serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart.

This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been technically termed, "Sub-sequential Internal Non-morality," or more commonly known as SIN, as it is primarily expressed.

Some other symptoms:

- [a] Loss of direction
- [b] Foul vocal emissions
- [c] Amnesia of origin
- [d] Lack of peace and joy
- [e] Selfish, or violent behavior
- [f] Depression or confusion in the mental component
- [g] Fearfulness
- [h] Idolatry
- [i] Rebellion

The Manufacturer, Who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this SIN defect. The Repair Technician, Jesus, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs.

There is no additional fee required.

The toll free number to call for repair in all areas is: P-R-A-Y-E-R. Once connected, please upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure. Next, download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, Jesus, into the heart component. No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, the Jesus will replace it with:

- [a] Love
- [b] Joy
- [c] Peace
- [d] Patience
- [e] Kindness
- [f] Goodness
- [g] Faithfulness
- [h] Gentleness
- [i] Self-control

Please see the operating manual, HOLY BIBLE, for further details on the use of these fixes. As an added upgrade, the manufacturer has made available to all repaired units a facility enabling direct monitoring and assistance from a resident Maintenance Technician, the HOLY SPIRIT.

Repaired units need only make Him welcome and He will take up permanent residence on the premises!

**WARNING:** Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids the Manufacturer's warranty, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For free emergency service, call on JESUS.

**DANGER:** The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The SIN defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility.

Thank you for your attention. Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall notice.

*(Thanks Sha-Sha! I have placed this on the Humour pages at <http://christiangays.com/humour.shtml> )*

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## **GOD INTRUDES**

"Despite our efforts to keep Him out, God intrudes. The life of Jesus is bracketed by two impossibilities: a virgin's womb and an empty tomb. Jesus entered our world through a door marked 'No Entrance' and left through a door marked 'No Exit.'" - Peter Larson

"God breaks into this world, even when He is unexpected and unwelcome. God joins us in our weakest and worst moments. There is a Divine Intruder among us." - James Edwards

The Lord did not wait for an invitation to enter our world. Clothed with humanity, He lived as our teacher, died as our sacrifice, and rose from the grave as our Saviour.

*(excerpts from Daily Bread, Dec 12, 2006)*

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## **PATTERNS IN GAY SPEECH? - by Henry Rogers, U of T Linguistics Dept.**

"Not all gay men sound gay, perhaps fewer than half, Rogers says. 'It was interesting

that the straightest-sounding voice in the study was in fact a gay man and the sixth gayest-sounding voice was a straight man. It's quite ordinary for gay men not to sound gay and every now and then you find a straight man who sounds gay."

*(I am in the process of trying to get permission to reprint the whole article. I'll let you know if I am approved.)*

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God bless,  
Mary

**Gay AND Christian? YES! It IS Possible!**

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