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Conversation: Update

NEW LINK ADDED - "JOHN STEVENSON HALL SCHOOL OF MINISTRY"

The school was established to train individuals, regardless of sexual orientation or sexual identity to win people for Christ. Upon completion of training, the goal is for graduates to then plant churches and/or ministries everywhere to reach out to all people to spread the message of God's love and acceptance of ALL of his children.

Our goal is to gain accredited status as a theological seminary. Our first semester is now in session. We are 100% welcoming and affirming.

Located and affiliated with Drexel Hill (PA) Baptist Church.

Their new link can be found at http://christiangays.com/links/christian_ministry.shtml

(Thanks David!)

NEW LINK ADDED - "CHRIST EVANGELICAL BIBLE INSTITUTE" - Phoenix, AZ

"Finally, a place where all people can study the Word of God!"

Mission Statement: Christ Evangelical Bible Institute's primary mission is to train and equip disenfranchised Christians for responsible full and part-time ministry.

"Disenfranchised" here includes those who are economically deprived, disabled, minority, and/or discriminated against because of caste, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

CEBI's mission also includes spreading the gospel message to nonbelievers, especially those who have been disenfranchised, outcast and rejected by mainstream Christianity (i.e., traditional congregations).

CEBI provides on-site education at all of its campuses (i.e., branch and main) and

correspondence education through its main campus.

Their new link can also be found at http://christiangays.com/links/christian_ministry.shtml

(Thanks Ray!)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – TORONTO, ON CANADA

Pride Toronto is looking for a dynamic Volunteer Program Manager. A full job description and application details are available at <http://www.pridetoronto.com/> Read on for summarized information. Deadline for applications is Fri, Oct 26, 5pm.

The Volunteer Program Manager is responsible for the following.

- * Recruiting coordinators, committee members, and providing day to day direction and support to the over-all work of the committees
- * Developing short & long term goals and strategies for volunteer recruitment, assessment, and placement of year-round senior level volunteers.
- * Developing and managing the annual organizational workplan.
- * Training and skills building workshops for committees.
- * Management of volunteer database.
- * Ensuring that goals and strategies are developed and tasks managed throughout the year to recruit, train, schedule and appropriately manage the required number of week-end volunteers, and the week-end volunteer database.
- * As directed by the ED, recruit, assess and manage the work of co-op students, interns and office volunteers.

Qualifications:

- * Excellent people management skills, with demonstrated experience managing, coordinating and providing support to large working teams.
- * Demonstrated experience working with volunteers, particularly in the recruitment and management of senior level volunteers.
- * Excellent organizational, prioritization and multitasking skills.
- * Ability to work within a flexible schedule, including some evenings and week-ends.
- * Experience and knowledge of Toronto's queer communities a strong asset.

Remuneration: \$33,000 - \$36,000 plus a competitive benefits package

Send applications by Fri, Oct 26, 5pm to:

Chair, Volunteer Program Manager Selection Committee
Pride Toronto, P.O. Box 371, Station F, Toronto, ON, M4Y 2L8
Fax: 416.927.7433
Email: office@pridetoronto.com (cover letter & resume in one document)

PRIDE PARADE - PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA - SUN OCT 27, 2007

St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Barker Road, Subiaco invites all to join their congregation for Sunday services at 6 pm. They also invite you to join them for the annual Pride Parade.

Christians with Pride will again walk in the annual Pride Parade in Perth, on Saturday, 27 October 2007. We have been present in the Parade now for over ten years, and this year our goal is to get "200+ feet on the street".

We walk

- * to support gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans-gendered people in their ongoing hope for equality in every sphere of our community life
- * to affirm their full and rightful place among those who walk in the Christ way
- * to give witness to the larger community that many Christians support and do include and welcome gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans-gendered people in the Christian community.

We gather on Brisbane Street just off William Street from 7:15pm, and the parade steps out promptly at 8:00pm. Join us and bring at least two other feet so that we can achieve our goal to get "200+ feet on the street".

Please join us in our witness for justice!

For further information email max@siriol.net or visit the website at <http://www.siriol.net/Pride.htm>

This message is posted on the Message Boards at <http://christiangays.com/smf/index.php?topic=198.new#new>

ARTICLE - "AGING AND GAY, AND FACING PREJUDICE IN TWILIGHT"

Excerpt:

Even now, at 81 and with her memory beginning to fade, Gloria Donadello recalls her painful brush with bigotry at an assisted-living center in Santa Fe, N.M. Sitting with those she considered friends, "people were laughing and making certain kinds of comments, and I told them, 'Please don't do that, because I'm gay.'"

The result of her outspokenness, Ms. Donadello said, was swift and merciless. "Everyone looked horrified," she said. No longer included in conversation or welcome at meals, she plunged into depression. Medication did not help. With her emotional health deteriorating, Ms. Donadello moved into an adult community nearby that caters to gay men and lesbians.

Read the full article at <http://www.nytimes.com/2007/10/09/us/09aged.html?ex=1349668800&en=1ce207022eeb7775&ei=5124&partner=permalink&exprod=permalink>

(Thanks Bruce and Jack!)

ARTICLE - "STUDY SEEKS DNA CLUES ON HOMOSEXUALITY"

Excerpt:

CHICAGO - Julio and Mauricio Cabrera are gay brothers who are convinced their sexual orientation is as deeply rooted as their Mexican ancestry. They are among 1,000 pairs of gay brothers taking part in the largest study to date seeking genes that may influence whether people are gay.

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The Cabrerias hope the findings will help silence critics who say homosexuality is an immoral choice.

If fresh evidence is found suggesting genes are involved, perhaps homosexuality will be viewed as no different than other genetic traits like height and hair color, said Julio, a student at DePaul University in Chicago.

Adds his brother, "I think it would help a lot of folks understand us better."

Read the full article at http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20071015/ap_on_sc/gay_genetics

(Thanks Mike!)

"FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO" – MOVIE OPENS ACROSS THE USA

Go to <http://www.forthebibletellsmeso.org/screening.htm> for a full listing and links to the theaters for dates and showtimes - and be sure to tell everyone you know in each of those cities to go to the theater to check out the movie!

How You Can Get The Film To Your Area

If *FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO* is still not booked into a theater in your area, you should call your local independent movie theater and ask them to book it. If you do so and you ask your friends to do the same, we have found that theaters owners actually listen to their own customers and they very well may call our distributor, First Run Features in New York, to book the movie!

So spread the word and start making those calls!!

See the trailer for the movie by clicking on the banner ad on the left side of any page of the website directly under the Search Box. <http://christiangays.com>

NOTABLE GLBT BIRTHDAYS, October 15 - 31

October 16: Writer **Oscar Wilde**, 1854

October 17: Actor **Montgomery Clift**, 1920

October 18: Tennis champion **Martina Navratilova**, 1956

October 19: Actor and writer **George Nader**, 1921; actor **Divine**, 1945

October 21: Pioneer of the gay rights movement **William Dale Jennings**, 1917

October 22: Actress **Sarah Bernhardt**, 1844

October 24: Playwright and director **Moss Hart**, 1904

October 28: Artist **Francis Bacon**, 1909

October 31: Singer and actress **Ethel Waters**, 1896

(from glbtq.com)

A SIMPLE LESSON FROM A PENNY

Several years ago, a friend of mine and her husband were invited to spend the weekend at the husband's employer's home. My friend, Arlene, was nervous about the weekend. The boss was very wealthy, with a fine home on the waterway, and cars costing more than her house.

The first day and evening went well, and Arlene was delighted to have this rare glimpse into how the very wealthy live. The husband's employer was quite generous as a host, and took them to the finest restaurants. Arlene knew she would never have the opportunity to indulge in this kind of extravagance again, so was enjoying herself immensely.

As the three of them were about to enter an exclusive restaurant that evening, the boss was walking slightly ahead of Arlene and her husband.

He stopped suddenly, looking down on the pavement for a long, silent moment.

Arlene wondered if she was supposed to pass him. There was nothing on the ground except a single darkened penny that someone had dropped, and a few cigarette butts.

Still silent, the man reached down and picked up the penny.

He held it up and smiled, then put it in his pocket as if he had found a great treasure. How absurd! What need did this man have for a single penny? Why would he even take the time to stop and pick it up?

Throughout dinner, the entire scene nagged at her. Finally, she could stand it no longer. She casually mentioned that her daughter once had a coin collection, and asked if the penny he had found had been of some value.

A smile crept across the man's face as he reached into his pocket for the penny and held it out for her to see. She had seen many pennies before! What was the point of this?

"Look at it." He said. "Read what it says." She read the words "United States of America".

"No, not that; read further."

"One cent?" "No, keep reading."

"In God we Trust?" "Yes!" "And?"

"And if I trust in God, the name of God is holy, even on a coin. Whenever I find a coin I see that inscription. It is written on every single United States coin, but we never seem to notice it! God drops a message right in front of me telling me to trust Him? Who am I to pass it by? When I see a coin, I pray, I stop to see if my trust IS in God at that moment. I pick the coin up as a response to God; that I do trust in Him. For a short time, at least, I cherish it as if it were gold. I think it is God's way of starting a conversation with me. Lucky for me, God is patient and pennies are plentiful!

When I was out shopping today, I found a penny on the sidewalk. I stopped and picked it up, and realized that I had been worrying and fretting in my mind about things I cannot change. I read the words, "In God We Trust," and had to laugh. Yes, God, I get the message.

It seems that I have been finding an inordinate number of pennies in the last few months, but then, pennies are plentiful! And, God is patient..

(Thanks Allen. I found a penny myself in the road this morning, and although in Canada our coins do not mention God, I decided to pick it up, and will continue to do so from now on, each time remembering this lesson.)

FROM OUR DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR OCT 18 - "DON'T NULLIFY GOD'S GRACE!"

by Bob Gass of "The Vine"

*If a... relationship with God could come by rule-keeping... Christ died unnecessarily.
(Galatians 2:21 TM)*

Grace doesn't give anyone a license to live as they please. But the judgmentalism that comes from insisting that others live by our standards has caused untold damage. A well-known preacher writes, "Legalism spreads a paralysing venom... blinds our eyes, dulls our edge and arouses pride in our heart... Love is overshadowed by a mental clipboard with a long checklist... requiring others to measure up... Soon friendship is fractured by a judgmental attitude and a critical look."

Think you're not guilty? Observe your initial reaction when you meet another believer who doesn't think, act, or dress the way you do. Even when you think you're sophisticated enough to disguise your real feelings they come out in the stony stare and the holier-than-thou attitude. Jesus said, "Never criticise... or it will all come back on you" (Luke 6:37 TLB). When you throw mud you don't just get your hands dirty, you lose ground! "Let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!" (John 8:7 NLT).
Blowing another person's light out won't make yours shine brighter.

Paul writes: "If a... relationship with God could come by rule-keeping... Christ died unnecessarily." You say, "But what if someone is getting off track or deliberately sinning?" Paul answers "If another believer is overcome by some sin... humbly help that person back onto the right path... be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself" (Galatians 6:1 NLT). When you judge others you're in danger of nullifying the grace you may need yourself before the day is through!

(Thanks Stan!)

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JESUS AND MOSES – AN OLDIE BUT A GOODIE!

A burglar broke into a house one night. He shone his flashlight around, looking for valuables, and when he picked up a CD player to place in his sack, a strange, disembodied voice echoed from the dark saying, "Jesus is watching you."

He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off, and froze. When he heard nothing more after a bit, he shook his head, promised himself a vacation after the next big score then clicked the light on and began searching for more valuables. Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard, "Jesus is watching you."

Freaked out, he shone his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice. Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot.

"Did you say that?" he hissed at the parrot.

"Yep," the parrot confessed, and then squawked, "I'm just trying to warn you."

The burglar relaxed. "Warn me, huh? Who in the world are you?"

"Moses," replied the bird.

"Moses?" the burglar laughed. "What kind of people would name a bird Moses?"

"The kind of people that named the Rottweiler Jesus."

(Thanks Sharon!)

God bless,
Mary

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