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REFLECTION FOR HOLY WEEK

One of our bloggers is Rt. Rev'd, Dr. Paul Gibson of St. Sebastians Inclusive Ministry.

He has been kind enough to post several sermons for Holy Week.

Please read them at <http://christiangays.com/blog/revpaul.php>

FREE OUTDOOR SCREENING OF "FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO" - MOVIE - Fort Worth TX, Apr 26, 2008

Soulforce invites you and your friends to join us at 8:00pm on April 26th for free dessert and a special outdoor screening of this prize-winning film in General Worth Square, Fort Worth, Texas (corner of Main and 9th Street - adjacent to the entrance of the Fort Worth Convention Center where the United Methodist delegates are meeting).

For The Bible Tells Me So producer, Daniel Karlake, as well as the Rev. Dr. Mel White, Rev. Jimmy Creech, and The Wallner Family (all featured in the film) will be in attendance.

Come enjoy this important film and help us educate the Methodist delegates about religion-based discrimination at the same time!

HERNDON DAVIS DIVERSITY REPORTS - Television, Radio, Print/Internet

Coretta Scott King, widow of slain civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dedicated the remainder of her life to keeping Dr. King's dream and legacy alive. In fact she became the world's foremost human rights leader by championing the voices of the underrepresented, mistreated and the downtrodden.

But there was another man in Mrs. King's life who wielded enormous power and influence, but from behind the scenes, as her personal assistant. This man was Lynn Cothren, a white and openly gay, then a teenager from Tennessee, who eventually worked for over 23 years at the foot of Mrs. King learning and applying the principles of Kingian Nonviolence.

View Herndon Davis' exclusive one hour TV interview at <http://christiangays.com/articles/herndon.shtml>

HEY HETERO

Hey Hetero! returns the gaze at heterosexuality: the privileged sexuality which makes gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender movements both possible and necessary. In the form of simulated mainstream 'advertisements', the artwork invites heterosexuality into public discourse.

An interesting website to check out http://tinafiveash.com.au/hey_hetero.html

(Thanks Bev!)

NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS - March 15 - March 31

March 15: Transgender author and activist **Kate Bornstein**, 1948

March 17: Homosexual falsely charged with the assassination of President Kennedy **Clay Shaw**, 1913; ballet dancer **Rudolf Nureyev**, 1938

March 19: Controversial British explorer and author **Richard Burton**, 1821

March 20: Influential historian of homosexuality **John Boswell**, 1947

March 21: Actress, and television personality **Rosie O'Donnell**, 1962

March 22: Innovative talent of musical theater **Stephen Sondheim**, 1930;

March 24: Openly lesbian American Colonel **Margarethe Cammermeyer**, 1943

March 25: Rock musician **Sir Elton John**, 1947; basketball superstar **Sheryl Swoopes**, 1971

March 26: British poet **A. E. Housman**, 1859; playwright and writer **Tennessee Williams**, 1911

March 28: Handsome British actor **Dirk Bogarde**, 1921; novelist and critic **Jane Rule**, 1931

March 31: Actor **Richard Chamberlain**, 1935; openly gay U.S. Congressman **Barney Frank**, 1940; award-winning lesbian comedian **Suzanne Westenhofer**, 1961

(from glbtq.com)

"You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you."

~ Dale Carnegie

(Thanks Jack!)

WHAT KIND OF DAY SHALL I HAVE TODAY? - Author Unknown

I woke up early today, excited over all I get to do before the day ends. I have responsibilities to fulfill today. I am important. My job is to choose what kind of day I am going to have.

Today I can complain because the weather is rainy or ...
I can be thankful that the grass is getting watered for free.

Today I can feel sad that I don't have more money or...
I can be glad that my finances encourage me to plan my purchases wisely and guide me away from waste.

Today I can grumble about my health or...
I can rejoice that I am alive.

Today I can lament over all that my parents didn't give me when I was growing up or...
I can feel grateful that they allowed me to be born.

Today I can cry because roses have thorns or...
I can celebrate that thorns have roses.

Today I can mourn my lack of friends or...
I can excitedly embark upon a quest to discover new relationships.

Today I can whine because I have to go to work or...
I can shout for joy because I have a job to do.

Today I can complain because I have to go to school or...
I can eagerly open my mind and fill it with rich new tidbits of knowledge.

Today I can murmur dejectedly because I have to do housework or...
I can feel honored because Life has provided shelter for my mind, body and soul.

Today stretches ahead of me, waiting to be shaped. And here I am, the sculptor who gets to do the shaping.
What today will be like is up to me. I get to choose what kind of day I will have!

Have a GREAT DAY ... unless you have other plans.

(Thanks Jack!)

THE SECOND TEN COMMANDMENTS – by Ruth Bourdon

1. Thou shall not worry, for worry is the most unproductive of all human activities.
2. Thou shall not be fearful, for most of the things we fear never come to pass.
3. Thou shall not cross bridges before you come to them, for no one yet has succeeded in accomplishing this.
4. Thou shall face each problem as it comes. You can only handle one at a time anyway.
5. Thou shall not take problems to bed with you, for they make very poor bedfellows.
6. Thou shall not borrow other people's problems. They can better care for them than you can.
7. Thou shall not try to relive yesterday for good or ill, it is forever gone. Concentrate on what is happening in your life and be happy now!
8. Thou shall be a good listener, for only when you listen do you hear ideas different from your own. It is hard to learn something new when you are talking, and some people do know more than you do.
9. Thou shall not become "bogged down" by frustration, for 90% of it is rooted in self-pity and will only interfere with positive action.
10. Thou shall count thy blessings, never overlooking the small ones, for a lot of small blessings add up to a big one.

~ By Ruth Bourdon ~ Visit Ruth's Web page at: <http://hometown.aol.com/gypscat9/myhomepage/profile.html> <http://hometown.aol.com/gypscat9/myhomepage/profile.html>

(Thanks Jack!)

THE DUCK AND THE DEVIL

There was a little boy visiting his grandparents on their farm. He was given a slingshot to play with out in the woods. He practiced in the woods but he could never hit the target. Getting a little discouraged, he headed back for dinner.

As he was walking back he saw Grandma's pet duck. Just out of impulse, he let the slingshot fly, hit the duck square in the head and killed it. He was shocked and grieved! In a panic, he hid the dead duck in the wood pile; only to see his sister watching! Sally had seen it all, but she said nothing. After lunch the next day Grandma said, "Sally, let's wash the dishes". But Sally said, "Grandma, Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen." Then she whispered to him, "Remember the duck?" So Johnny did the dishes.

Later that day, Grandpa asked if the children wanted to go fishing and Grandma said, "I'm sorry but I need Sally to help make supper." Sally just smiled and said, "Well that's all right because Johnny told me he wanted to help". She whispered again, "Remember the duck?" So Sally went fishing and Johnny stayed to help.

After several days of Johnny doing both his chores and Sally's he finally couldn't stand it any longer.

He came to Grandma and confessed that he had killed the duck. Grandma knelt down, gave him a hug and said, "Sweetheart, I know. You see, I was standing at the window and I saw the whole thing, but because I love you, I forgave you. I was just wondering how long you would let Sally make a slave of you."

Thought for the day and every day thereafter?

Whatever is in your past, whatever you have done... and the devil keeps throwing it up in your face (lying, cheating, debt, fear, bad habits, hatred, anger, bitterness, etc.)...whatever it is... You need to know that God was standing at the window and He saw the whole thing. He has seen your whole life. He wants you to know that He loves

you and that you are forgiven.

He's just wondering how long you will let the devil make a slave of you.

The great thing about God is that when you ask for forgiveness, He not only forgives you, but He forgets. It is by God's grace and mercy that we are saved.

Go ahead and make the difference in someone's life today. Share this with a friend and always remember, God is at the window!

When Jesus died on the cross; He was thinking of you!

(Thanks Janina!)

God bless,
Mary

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