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Conversation: Update

NEWS! - COURT RULES FOR FULL MARRIAGE EQUALITY IN CONNECTICUT

Excerpt:

The Connecticut Supreme Court on October 10 ruled by a 4-3 vote that same-sex couples have the same right to marry under the state's Constitution as different-sex couples.

The ruling ended a protracted period of suspense that began on May 14, 2007, when the case was argued before the high court.

Justice Richard N. Palmer, writing for the court, found that the state's 2005 Civil Union Act, which provides same-sex couples with access to all the state-law rights of married different-sex couples, failed the state Constitution's requirement of equal protection of the laws.

Connecticut thus became the third state in which the highest court has ruled in favor of a same-sex marriage claim, following Massachusetts in 2003 and California earlier this year. Courts in Vermont and New Jersey had also found a constitutional violation in the state's denial of the benefits of marriage to same-sex couples, but left it to their legislatures to remedy the constitutional defect, resulting in the passage of civil union laws in both states.

Read the whole article at http://www.gaycitynews.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=20160405&BRD=2729&PAG=461&dept_id=568864&rfi=6

WEDDING BELLS - CONGRATULATIONS TO DARLENE BOGLE & BECKY LAKE

Who were LEGALLY married on Sept 27, 2008 in San Jose, California.

What a joy to have California acknowledge and affirm our equality. We were married at

the First Congregational Church by Rev.Dawn Peters with over 40 friends and family members present.

We chose Lemon Pie rather than a Wedding Cake, and everyone enjoyed the toast. "When life gives lemons, make lemonade, when life gives lots of lemons, bake a pie!"

See a pic of the happy couple at <http://christiangays.com/pics.shtml>

NEW ARTICLE – A PEEK INSIDE THE CLOSET: GROWING UP GAY IN CONSERVATIVE AMERICA by Rick James

This is a wonderful new Article, written as a letter to his mother. Everyone who is gay will relate to the experiences. This is a definite "must read".

Excerpt:

Childhood

Age 7 to 8 years - the gay boy knows he is different than the other boys, although he cannot necessarily decipher why, or what the condition is

- The gay boy knows instinctively that he identifies more with his female friends/relatives, but all the while does not understand why
- The gay boy desires greatly to identify with his male peers/relatives, but for some unknown reason is inhibited
- The gay boy fears that his parents (especially his Father) thinks less of him because of some perceived inferiority

*Read the whole **Article** at http://christiangays.com/articles/rick_james1.shtml*

*I have also cross-referenced this Article on the "**Education**" and "**Think We're Wrong?**" pages.*

NEW DOWNLOADABLE BOOK – AS I SEE IT: THE NATURE OF REALITY by GOD

Dr. Joseph Adam Pearson, PhD has written a most unique book (124 pages), written from the perspective of God. I have added it to the **Articles** page and also to the **Bible Study Tools** page because it is so educational.

On the (Social Group) **List Serve** we have been discussing the Roman Catholic perspective of Mary. Joseph's book approaches it from a whole different dimension. He also discusses the concept of Purgatory, among many other things that God might wish to talk to us about. I thoroughly enjoyed it and I know you will too.

You can **download** it to your computer by clicking this link: <http://christiangays.com/articles/AsISeeIt.pdf>

Or you will find it on the **Articles** page at <http://christiangays.com/articles.shtml>

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If you would like to engage in our discussions, please consider joining our **Social Group (List Serve)** from the "**Join Our Family**" page at <http://christiangays.com/subscribe.shtml>

PRESENTATION – JILL BOLTE TAYLOR: MY STROKE OF INSIGHT

This is an amazing 20 minute video about a woman, a brain researcher, who studied her own stroke as it happened, and the conclusions she drew from it.

If you know of anyone who has had a stroke, or if you want to understand the science of stroke, this is a must-see video. It has nothing to do with being gay or Christian but it is so exceptional that I wanted to share it with you.

http://www.ted.com/index.php/talks/jill_bolte_taylor_s_powerful_stroke_of_insight.html

NEW – EMAIL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Most of you will know that we have a new Bible Study happening on Sunday nights in the Chat Rooms at 9 pm Eastern time (6 pm Pacific time).

In conjunction with this we are also starting an Email Group Bible Study for any who may be interested. It will be based on the Sunday night Study but will be open to discussion of all Scripture.

If you'd like to read more about it, please go to http://christiangays.com/chat_study.shtml

If you'd like to participate, please subscribe at <http://christiangays.com/subscribe.shtml#study>

NEEDED - CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY GRAD STUDENTS NEED PARTICIPANTS FOR ONLINE STUDY

We are recruiting men who are attracted to men and are at least 18 years of age to participate in an online study of social beliefs and behaviors among gay men. Your honest responses to these questions will help us to understand the relationship between social events (including experiences of discrimination), social beliefs, and adjustment for men who are attracted to men.

This research project has been approved by the Institutional Review Board of the University of Georgia. We would like to assure you that this information is collected anonymously, and that we have no way to identify you. IP addresses will be neither solicited nor identifiable. Any identifying information will be provided at your discretion, separately from the body of the survey, and will be removed prior to data analysis.

There is absolutely no risk to you in completing these questionnaires. By clicking on the link below, you signify that you voluntarily consent to completing these questionnaires, are over 18 years old, and are doing so anonymously. You will be asked to submit a password on the initial screen before viewing the survey; this password is provided below.

If you are in a committed relationship with another man, we ask that either you or your partner completes the survey, but not both.

WEB ADDRESS: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=mc_2fJFXM3XwF0XsxcHiGdqQ_3d_3d

PASSWORD: impact

NEEDED – ONTARIO LGBT PEOPLES’ EXPERIENCE WITH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

We are looking for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and transsexual people who have previously used or are currently using mental health services to complete a brief online survey.

The goal of the research study is to learn about the experiences of LGBT people in mental health services settings in Ontario in order to identify areas needing improvement to better meet the needs of LGBT people.

Participation involves completing a short anonymous questionnaire.

In order to see how the experiences of LGBT people compare with heterosexuals, we will also ask you to forward the link for the survey to a heterosexual sibling, friend or colleague (but you are still welcome to participate even if you don't want to forward the link).

For more information please visit our website: <https://www.surveymk.com/mentalhealthsurvey>

or contact Dorina at 416-260-4138 or 1-866-371-6667.

This project is a collaboration between **Rainbow Health Ontario** and researchers at the **Centre for Addiction & Mental Health**.

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY – OCT 11

This Saturday is National Coming Out Day.

Unfortunately, there is one group of people we can't encourage to come out this week: our brave men and women in uniform. That's because "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is the only law in the United States that mandates an employer fire someone for being openly gay.

We can finally put an end to the 15 years of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," and make sure nobody is excluded from National Coming Out Day in 2009.

Make a commitment to repealing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" by signing up to make a \$10, \$25, \$50, or \$100 monthly donation to the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network:

<http://www.sldn.org/monthlydonation>

SLDN has provided free, confidential legal services to more than 8,500 service members harmed by "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and related discriminatory policies.

We're also leading the fight to repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and replace it with a non-discrimination policy.

This is a fight that won't be won overnight - but the momentum is on our side. With your sustained commitment to SLDN, we can strengthen our efforts and ensure that "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is addressed when the new Congress is sworn in next year.

We know that our country has fallen on tough economic times, and it's not easy for everyone to fund our efforts. But even for just \$10 a month, you can provide critical support to our campaign and put an end to "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" once and for all.

Thank you for your generous support. We look forward to celebrating National Coming Out Day next year.

Sincerely,

Aubrey Sarvis
Servicemembers Legal Defense Network

PS: If you can't commit to making a monthly donation, please consider making a one-time donation instead:

<http://www.sldn.org/onetimedonation>

VIDEO - "MANKIND IS NO ISLAND" by Jason van Genderen

A short 3 minute film shot entirely on a cell phone about the homeless of New York and Sydney, Australia. Please watch.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZrDxe9gK8Gk>

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TIDBITS

The Bible contains six admonishments to homosexuals and 362 admonishments to heterosexuals. That doesn't mean that God doesn't love heterosexuals. It's just that they need more supervision. ~ Lynn Lavner

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain.

I'd rather be Black than Gay because when you're Black you don't have to tell your mother. ~ Charles Pierce

If you can't be a good example, then you'll just have to be a horrible warning. ~ Catherine

If the purpose of heterosexuality is the continuation of the gene pool, then the purpose of homosexuality is to make sure it is Olympic-sized with nice tile and plenty of lanes, and with nice terry cloth towels for everyone.

~ Bo Young, taken from *Two Spirits Rising*

*If you want to enjoy many, many more Tidbits, visit the **Tidbits** page at <http://christiangays.com/tidbits.shtml>*

God bless,
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Gay AND Christian? YES! It IS Possible!

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