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**NEW MUSIC – LISTEN TO JASON & DEMARCO**

I have changed the playlist now from Christmas Music to Jason & deMarco's "**Songs For The Spirit**" CD.

You will find the Christian Gays **Music Player** at the very top of every page of the website. Just click the triangle to start playing.

All music on the playlists can be purchased from the Christian Gays Store. To get to the Store just use the drop down menu at the top of the navigation list that says "**Shop At CG.com**". Select "Music".

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**NEW ARTICLE - "DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN'S SEXUAL AROUSAL"**

By Rev Dr Jerry Maneker, based on an article by Jeanna Bryner.

Excerpt:

If this finding holds true, it might well be that Gay sexual relationships might well be more compatible and satisfying than are many heterosexual relationships! When perception and reality are in synch, we can expect that sexual intimacy will be more satisfying and even more intense than when they are not in synch.

*It's a short article, worth taking a look at. You'll find it at <http://christiangays.com/articles/maneker3.shtml>*

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## ARTICLE UPDATE - "GAY AND CATHOLIC"

Darren Theoret shared with us two years ago why he decided not to become ordained as a Deacon. It's a fascinating story that will resonate with many, and includes research about what Darren has discovered about gays, ex-gays, gay Christians, etc.

It is now two years later and he has updated the article. I recommend this as good reading for all.

*You can find it at <http://christiangays.com/stories/darren.shtml>*

*NOTE: For anyone interested you can see a pic of Darren with his beloved Jacques on the home page of the **Dating Service** at <http://christiangays.com/osdate/>*

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## INPUT PLEASE - AFFIRMING CHURCH SURVEY – 2009

As 2009 has wound to a close we here at **GayChurch.org** <http://www.gaychurch.org/> wish you and yours a wonderful and blessed new year.

Before we 'close the books' and prepare the **2009 Affirming Church Survey** [http://www.gaychurch.org/The\\_Word/Welcoming\\_Church\\_Report/Welcoming\\_Church\\_Report.htm](http://www.gaychurch.org/The_Word/Welcoming_Church_Report/Welcoming_Church_Report.htm) report we would appreciate it if your church could scan our **Affirming Church directory** [http://www.gaychurch.org/Find\\_a\\_Church/find\\_a\\_church.htm](http://www.gaychurch.org/Find_a_Church/find_a_church.htm) to see if there is any welcoming Christian church in your area that we may have inadvertently left out?

Any changes, additions or deletions (church closers) can be sent directly to Elaine at [galipfoundation@earthlink.net](mailto:galipfoundation@earthlink.net).

Thank you for your help!

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## NEW BLOGGING WEBSITE – "PHILIP'S MANY THOUGHTS"

This blog contains Philip's many thoughts on the Scripture Readings taken from the Lectionary of the Episcopal Church. The Blog addresses daily the issue of the full inclusion of LGBT people in the Church and Society. Everyone is welcome to read.

*The link to his website can be found in the **Gay Links** section -> **Gay Christian Personal Websites** at [http://christiangays.com/links/christian\\_personal.shtml](http://christiangays.com/links/christian_personal.shtml)*

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## **INFO - CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS**

While Christian denominations such as the **Metropolitan Community Church** and the **Unitarian Universalists** welcome full participation by glbtq members and clergy, others are divided over glbtq issues, and some are ardent supporters of the most homophobic elements of the New Right.

Churches of the **Anglican Communion** include the **Episcopal Church** and the **Church of England**. The consecration of Reverend V. Gene Robinson, an openly gay man, as a bishop in the United States brought tensions within the worldwide communion into sharp focus.

The Bible is the foundational text of Christianity. Perhaps no other book has been more influential--for better or worse--in determining the construction of gay and lesbian identity in the modern world, as well as social attitudes toward homosexuality.

The socially and politically conservative **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints** has long been antagonistic to the rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people.

The core of **Evangelical Christianity** is its emphasis on convincing non-Christians to join the Christian faith. Evangelicalism is closely related to fundamentalism and tends to be both socially conservative and hostile to glbtq people and sensibilities.

Spurred by the gay liberation movement of the late 1960s, a number of religious groups--including specifically Gay and Lesbian Churches and Synagogues--have been formed to address the needs of gay and lesbian believers.

**Lutheranism** is riven into numerous denominations, which vary widely in their attitudes toward homosexuality and in their acceptance of gay men and lesbians as full participants in church life.

The **Metropolitan Community Church** was founded by Rev. Troy D. Perry in 1968 to minister to the glbtq community. Today, the denomination has more than 40,000 members in 300 churches in 18 countries.

The Christian group known as the **Quakers** is officially known as The Society of Friends. The Society of Friends, especially its conservative branch, has been a leader among Christian religious denominations in accepting homosexuality and gay and lesbian identity.

The **Roman Catholic Church** is the largest Christian denomination in the Western world. It may be the institution most responsible for the suffering of individuals involved in same-sex sexual relationships.

The **Salvation Army** is an Evangelical Christian sect founded in the nineteenth century, which has recently become an arm of right-wing conservatism. During the late 1990s, the sect campaigned in favor of sodomy laws and against glbtq rights.

The **Southern Baptists** have become the most intolerant of the major American religious denominations, especially (but not exclusively) for their opposition to equal rights for gay men and lesbians.

The **United Church of Canada** has been instrumental in the increased acceptance of glbtq rights, including same-sex marriage, in Canada.

The **United Church of Christ** has attempted to make its churches a "place of extravagant welcome" for glbtq people.

The **Unitarian Universalist** church in the United States has been outspoken in support of human rights--including, since 1970, those of the glbtq community. Though many of its members do not describe themselves as Christian, the church has Protestant historical roots.

*This information with associated links can be found on the website with images at <http://christiangays.com/links/denomination2.shtml> (used with permission from [glbtq.com](http://glbtq.com))*

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## **NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS - Jan 1 - 31**

January 1: FBI Director **J. Edgar Hoover**, 1895

January 6: French soldier and martyr to the Inquisition **Joan of Arc**, 1412

January 8: Rocker **David Bowie**, 1947

January 9: Feminist writer **Simone de Beauvoir**, 1908; singer and activist **Joan Baez**, 1941

January 10: Pop singer **Johnnie Ray**, 1927; actor **Sal Mineo**, 1939; drag performer **Craig Russell**, 1948

January 11: Actor, director, writer, and teacher **Charles Nelson Reilly**, 1931

January 12: physician to transsexuals **Harry Benjamin**, 1885

January 13: American writer **Horatio Alger, Jr.**, 1832

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 27: Actor **Alan Cumming**, 1965

January 29: Olympic diver **Greg Louganis**, 1960; actress **Sara Gilbert**, 1975

January 31: Composer **Franz Schubert**, 1797; Actress **Portia De Rossi**, 1973

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

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God bless,  
Mary

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