

Subject: Our Move To The New Server

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UPDATE - OUR MOVE TO THE NEW SERVER

It's never a simple process to move from one web host to another, and the bigger we get, the longer it takes. The basics of moving the files is very simple – somewhat time-consuming but pretty simple. The challenge is making everything work.

The static pages like the Information and Support pages are never a problem. The problems come with the dynamic pages like the Chat Rooms, Message Boards, Dating Service, Store, and Blogging pages.

So far we have all the static pages loaded and looking good. We have the Music Player working, the Message Boards and Store are functional, Blogging pages are all working, and the Chat rooms are working (but we haven't been able to import the database yet so, worst case scenario, you may all have to re-register for Chat if we can't get that one fixed.)

So the big hold up now is the Dating Service. It is so complex, with so many components that it's really being a bear. We haven't got it working at all. Could use some prayers on this one.

Once we get the Dating Service working I will change the DNS (Domain Name Servers) to the new host and then it can take up to 72 hr to propagate. After that we'll be done!

Another HUGE THANKS to those of you who made it possible for us to get on this new server, all paid up for the next three years! I thank God for every one of you! You are so special to me!

NEW PERSONAL STORY - "UN-SYNC-ABLE"

Diagnosed with severe Gender Dysphoria, Scott White shares his/her story of transitioning into Ellie.

Read Ellie's story at <http://christiangays.com/stories/ellie.shtml>

NEW ARTICLE - "LOVE THE SINNER HATE THE SIN": PLEA FOR A NEW PARADIGM

This article was also written by Scott (Ellie) White

Excerpt:

This statement is so intrinsically flawed, particularly in its application to homosexuality that it deserves some treatment. So in good 'sermon' mode here are three simple points to get us thinking.

1. Why just homosexuality?
2. It puts the speaker on a pedestal.
3. Irreparable damage.

Read the article at <http://christiangays.com/articles/ellie1.shtml>

CHANGE - WOMEN'S NIGHTS IN CHAT

We didn't get a sufficient turnout on Wed night to have the Women's Nights on two nights, so we'll try just Fridays and see what happens.

ARTICLE - THE SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE OF PRIDE

Excerpt:

Traditionally, pride has been understood by Christians as the first, and thus most serious, of the seven deadly sins. Indeed, pride -- defined as the inordinate love of oneself -- was the sin that brought down Satan and the other rebellious angels. Pride was also responsible for the fall of humanity, which resulted from Adam and Eve's wanting to be like God and thus eating from the forbidden tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the Garden of Eden.

Read the whole article at http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rev-patrick-s-cheng-phd/the-spiritual-significanc_b_617545.html?ir=Daily%20Brief

(Thanks Scev!)

NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS - July 1 - 31

July 1: French writer **George Sand**, 1804; Anglo-American actor **Charles Laughton**, 1899; actor **Farley Granger**, 1925

July 2: Transgender activist **Sylvia Rivera**, 1951

July 6: Soldier and activist **Leonard Matlovich**, 1943

July 7: Director **George Cukor**, 1899

July 11: Movie idol **Tab Hunter**, 1931; designer **Giorgio Armani**, 1934

July 12: American writer **Henry David Thoreau**, 1817; agronomist and educator **George Washington Carver**, 1864; pianist **Van Cliburn**, 1934

July 14: Drag entertainer **Charles Pierce**, 1926; character actress **Jane Lynch**, 1960

July 21: Writer **Ernest Hemingway**, 1899

July 22: Indigo Girl **Emily Saliers**, 1963; singer and songwriter **Rufus Wainwright**, 1973

July 23: Novelist **Lisa Alther**, 1944

July 27: Religious leader **Troy Perry**, 1940

July 28: Poet and activist **Judy Grahn**, 1940; novelist and playwright **Sarah Schulman**, 1958

(from gltq.com)

WORRY

*"How much pain they have cost us, the evils which have never happened."
-- Thomas Jefferson*

Tip of the Day:

It keeps us up at night. Weighs our shoulders down. Hangs over us in clouds of doubt and furrowed eyebrows. Worry. There's nothing appealing about it, yet many of us find our minds entangled in self-doubt, uncertainty, and grappling with unknowns. But for Akaya Windwood, worry is a thing of the past. A few years ago, after her sister was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, Windwood made the decision to stop worrying.

"I began to understand that it was a habit of my mind... But it wasn't enough to just not worry; I needed to replace the habit of worry with something else, and I chose trust."

Looking back, her decision not to worry has freed her to be an increasingly creative, inspired, and effective leader. With a clearer head, challenges become opportunities, and fear falls off the wayside.

Submitted by: Adam Clark

Be The Change:

Embrace life's unknowns: Make a note of each worry as it arises, and replace it with an alternative emotion or act.

Note from Mary: This was sent to me by a very "spiritual" (not Christian) friend who I really cherish. She is a life coach and is all about helping the environment (she REALLY lives green!) and about improving ourselves as human beings. I thought what she sent was worth sharing with you but we are blessed to be able to know that our God is in the equation helping us to make the changes we need to make. We have the God of the Universe who wants the best for us, who wants us not to worry but to cast all our cares on Him.

If you're a worrier, please try to take this "tip", and also, call on God in EVERY circumstance of worry.

(Thanks Janina!)



(Thanks Frank!)

WORDS OF WISDOM

Watch your thoughts; they become words.
Watch your words; they become actions.
Watch your actions; they become habits.
Watch your habits; they become character;
Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

(Thanks Linda!)

God bless,
Mary

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