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Conversation: Update

NEWS – URGENT! PLEASE TAKE ACTION!

A few days ago the **American Psychiatric Association** announced who would write the new revision of the DSM-V, the **manual of mental disorders** that controls the diagnosis and treatment of gender and sexual difference. The "expert" just named to chair the revisions on sexuality and gender is Kenneth Zucker. Zucker is the major remaining proponent of "reparative therapy" to "cure" kids they think are LGBT.

If the APA doesn't change the committee, the next edition of the DSMV will probably prescribe reparative therapies as recommended "treatment" for LGBT people.

Zucker's named Ray Blanchard to the work group that will rewrite **Gender Identity Disorder**. Blanchard is connected with ex-gay organizations; his core theory is that transpeople are "really" sex offenders or homosexuals, and homosexuals are mentally ill.

Zucker's stated purpose for reparative therapy is that, without it, gay kids will grow up into transsexuals. So any version of Gender Identity Disorder the two of them write will not only put transpeople out of medical help and into conversion therapy, but also redefine GID from an independent diagnosis to a kind of homosexuality.

In other words, their goal is to put homosexuality back in the DSMV as a mental illness. We'd be back where we were before 1973. **We have to get the word out.**

If the community protests loudly and fast, the APA will probably have to remove Zucker and Blanchard. **Please help. Spread the word to everyone you know.**

Any contacts you have with LGBT political advocacy and media organizations, please light a fire with them to pressure the APA to remove Zucker and Blanchard from the DSM-V committee. It matters for all of us.

Contact the:

American Psychiatric Association

1000 Wilson Boulevard Suite 1825
Arlington, VA 22209

Contact APA Answer Center Call Toll-Free: 1-888-35-PSYCH

From outside the U.S. and Canada call: 1-703-907-7300

Email: apa@psych.org

NEW TRANS ARTICLE - "SPORTS SAVED MY LIFE"

Excerpt:

Kristen Worley, a woman who used to be a man, strives to make it to the Olympics, but the Canadian Cycling Association says she hasn't qualified

The Olympic dream of cyclist Kristen Worley - a 40-year-old woman who was once a man - is being crushed.

The Canadian Cycling Association says any chance to qualify for Beijing has passed.

"It's just not possible," said Lorraine LaFrenire, CEO of the CCA, who says Worley didn't compete in any of the Olympic qualifying events that could send her to the Games.

"It's about performance, and she just doesn't have it. She hasn't done any of the required events," she said. "I mean, you can train in your backyard and get results, but unless anybody sees it, unless it's at an official event, it's not going to happen."

Born and raised male, Worley grew up in Mississauga, Ont., as Chris, and began "transitioning" to Kristen in 1996. She took hormones for five years and in 2001, in her early-30s, had surgery to complete the process.

*Please go to the "**Trans/Intersex Info**" page at <http://christiangays.com/trans.shtml> for a link to the whole article.*

HATE CRIMES IN CANADA – INTERESTING FACT

“If someone kills me because I am lesbian, it's a hate crime. If someone kills me because I'm transsexual it is not.

This is why it's so important to get gender added to the charter of rights and freedoms.

This also adds a huge loophole. If someone actually kills me because I'm lesbian (a hate crime) they simply need to argue that it was because I was transsexual, therefore they really saw me as a man, therefore they saw me as straight and poof, out go the hate crime charges.”

(from a lesbian trans person on another list)

NEWS - "GAY MARRIAGE LEGAL IN ONTARIO FOR FIVE YEARS!"

Excerpt:

Five years ago today, gay marriage became legal in Ontario – and equality has lived more happily ever after

By MARTHA MCCARTHY

June 10, 2008 at 12:25 AM EDT

Five years ago today, I put on a white suit and my good luck shoes and went to the office of the Ontario Court of Appeal to pick up a judgment.

The case was Halpern et al v. the Attorney-General of Canada et al. The result: “The Clerk is directed to immediately begin issuing marriage licences to same-sex couples.” Within hours, our clients Michael Leshner and Mike Stark were married in a Toronto courthouse. I could barely stand up during the ceremony; I was so emotional, my co-counsel, Joanna Radbord, had to hold me up.

*Please go to the "**Gay GOOD News**" page at <http://christiangays.com/news.shtml> for a link to the whole article.*

NEWS - "GAY RIGHTS ADVOCATES SCORE WINS IN NY & CA"

Excerpt:

NEW YORK — Gay rights advocates had reason to celebrate on both coasts Thursday, with New York set to recognize same-sex marriages performed elsewhere, and California preparing to begin issuing marriage licenses to gay couples on June 17.

See the article at <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,359547,00.html>

TAKE ACTION! - PLEASE SAY THANK YOU!

You can call Gov. Paterson's office and thank the governor for issuing a directive to state agencies instructing them to revise their policies to recognize same-sex marriages performed in other states and countries, so that same-sex marriage, done elsewhere is now effectively legal in New York state.

The number is **518-474-8390**.

I just called and the phone was answered on the first ring by a live person. The entire call took under 30 seconds, and was logged with the thousands of other such calls the office has received in the past few days. It's so rare that anyone in Albany does anything brave on behalf of our community -- it's important to say thanks and keep it up when someone does!

All they ask is for your zip code.... and its important to state that you are in SUPPORT of what he did....

He's getting a lot of flack from the religious right.... so this is very important to let him know that you are giving him a thumb's up.

PLEASE FWD and Pass this along.... let's see if we can get the phones so busy the religious right won't be able to call in :)

NEWS – “BETTER COUNTING RAISES HIV RATE IN U.S. BY 25%”

Excerpt:

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) - Researchers have been undercounting new cases of HIV infection in the United States, meaning the rate is probably 25 percent higher at 50,000 people per year, the nation's top AIDS doctor said on Tuesday.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said the rate of infection was not increasing but that new methods of calculating the rate showed infections were more common than previous estimates.

Read the article at <http://www.sciam.com/article.cfm?id=better-counting-raises-hi>

(Thanks Scott!)

FRAUDULENT PROFILES – SCAMMERS

Please, please, please subscribe to receive notification of our Fraudulent Profiles!!!! I have just been informed that another one of our previous members has been scammed by someone who has been known to us for months. The scammer asked this person to unsubscribe from the Dating Service so that they could be exclusive. This is a BIG MISTAKE! This scammer is listed on our Fraud page but the “mark” was not subscribed to receive our notifications, and so he sent the guy money and was preparing to send him more when he wrote to me to check.

This particular scammer was going by the name of Michael Ross but is also known as Tom Turton. His email address is m_s4one@hotmail.com or tom_turton@yahoo.com

He claims to be from Chicago or NY but is in the UK and wants you to send money via Western Union. The story goes that someone steals his money and he has nothing to eat or pay for his bills blah, blah, blah. Yeah right. You may not think you’d ever fall for this but within a few weeks of his professing his love for you, it’s easy to think he’s sincere. Just know that he’s playing many, many, many other men with the same words of love at the same time he’s emailing and IM’ing with you.

DON'T SEND ANYBODY ANY MONEY UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES!!!! Write to me instead and tell me who's requesting it from you. Please send the actual email with the request so that I can confirm it.

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[NICK'S TESTIMONY – Life Without Limbs, Life Without Limits!](#)

An inspirational video. Please view at <http://christiangays.com/comfort.shtml>

(Thanks James!)

[NEW DVD NOW AVAILABLE IN THE CG.COM STORE - "FISH CAN'T FLY"](#)

A Documentary Film - 83 minutes

Are People Born Gay?

Can Gay People Be Cured?

Does Religion Belong To Just a Few?

While the whole concept of changing ones' sexual orientation may be viewed with a high level of skepticism, ridicule and even humor by some, these are the stories of those who tried. Taking a secular point of view, Fish Can't Fly explores the lives of Gay men and women of faith as they recall their journeys to put their sexuality and spirituality in harmony.

Finding that their strong religious convictions and faith seemed to be used against them, these are the personal stories of people who participated in "ex-gay" ministries and found no "cure". This film tells the stories of another side of the "ex-gay" debate

and the role religion can play in one's life. The stories they recall are sad, frightening, poignant and yet inspiring and enlightening. During our lives, each of us embarks on a journey to find our place in the world. Being Gay can make that process more difficult. Being Gay and having strong religious convictions can make that process doubly hard.

While Fish Can't Fly contains candid, fascinating and heartfelt discussions about God and being Gay, there are even some surprisingly humorous events in hindsight. With the current social and political climate, this feature length documentary by award winning filmmaker Tom Murray, is timely.

Bonus Material includes an additional 10 minutes of comments about the making of the film by the filmmaker along with additional interviews, outtakes and footage not seen in film festival screenings, including a brief interview with a well known "ex-gay" leader.

*To purchase this video, please visit the **Store** at http://christiangays.com/store/product_info.php?products_id=308*

CRACKED POTS

An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck.

One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water.

At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments.

But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day

by the stream. 'I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house.'

The old woman smiled, 'Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?'

'That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them.'

'For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table.

Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house.'

Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding.

You've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them.

(Thanks Dorothy!)

THE SECRET

One day, one friend asked another, 'How is it that you are always so happy? You have so much energy, and you never seem to get down.'

With her eyes smiling, she said, 'I know the Secret!'

'What secret is that?'

To which she replied, 'I'll tell you all about it, but you have to promise to share the Secret with others.'

'The Secret is this:

I have learned there is little I can do in my life that will make me truly happy. I must depend on God to make me happy and to meet my needs. When a need arises in my life, I have to trust God to supply according to HIS riches. I have learned most of the time I don't need half of what I think I do.

He has never let me down. Since I learned that 'Secret', I am happy.'

The questioner's first thought was, 'That's too simple!' But upon reflecting over her own life she recalled how she thought a bigger house would make her happy, but it didn't! She thought a better paying job would make her happy, but it hadn't. When did she realize her greatest happiness? Sitting on the floor with her grandchildren, playing games, eating pizza or reading a story, a simple gift from God.

Now you know it too! We can't depend on people to make us happy. Only GOD in His infinite wisdom can do that. Trust HIM!

And now I pass the Secret on to you! So once you get it, what will you do?
YOU have to tell someone the Secret, too!
That GOD in His wisdom will take care of YOU!

But it's not really a secret...
We just have to believe it and do it...
Really trust God!

Do your best; let God do the rest.
Today I pray your troubles be less,
May your blessings be more,
and May nothing but happiness
come through your door!!
Amen.

(Thanks Jack!)

And just on a personal note, I am going to Darien Lake this week with my kids and grandkids so will not be responding to any emails until next weekend. Please pray for a safe trip for us. Thanks!

God bless,
Mary

Gay AND Christian? YES! It IS Possible!

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