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Conversation: Update

[NEWS - OLYMPICS 2008 - "A Lab Is Set to Test the Gender of Some Female Athletes"](#)

Excerpt:

By the time they arrive in Beijing, most athletes have resigned themselves to the possibility of undergoing a battery of tests for banned substances, like anabolic steroids and certain cough medicines.

But some female athletes may find they are asked to submit to an entirely different examination - one that will test whether they are, in fact, women.

*Go to the **Trans / Intersex Info** page at <http://christiangays.com/trans.shtml> for the link to the full Article.*

[NEW ARTICLE - CATHEDRAL OF HOPE DEVOTION - "DO NOT BE AFRAID" - by Rev Dr Jo Hudson](#)

Excerpt:

You know, of course, that some of the most common words of scripture are: "Do not be afraid." I know for most of us that is easier said than done. Still, if I were to pick a phrase that I believe could be considered the "mantra" of our holy scriptures it would be, "Do not be afraid."

I've often wondered if God had angels and prophets begin their pronouncements with these words because they were getting ready to bring really challenging news or just the appearance of angels or the prophets speaking with the voice of God were enough to scare the pants off everyone.

Please read the whole thing at <http://christiangays.com/articles/hudson1.shtml>

GOOD ARTICLE - "Gay Relationships 'Comparable To Marriage', Anglican Leader Says"

Excerpt:

LONDON (AFP) - Faithful gay relationships are "comparable to marriage" in the eyes of God, the leader of the world's Anglicans wrote in private correspondence before he was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury, British newspapers reported Thursday.

According to The Times and The Daily Telegraph, Rowan Williams argued in the letters, written in 2000 and 2001, that biblical prohibitions on homosexuality were targeted at "heterosexuals looking for sexual variety in their experience."

"I concluded that an active sexual relationship between two people of the same sex might therefore reflect the love of God in a way comparable to marriage, if and only if it had about it the same character of absolute covenanted faithfulness," Williams was reported to have written

Read the whole article at http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20080806/wl_uk_afp/britainreligionanglicangay

(Thanks Sharon!)

ANOTHER POEM FROM "SANCTIFIED – AN ANTHOLOGY OF POETRY BY LGBT CHRISTIANS"

(I think this is my favourite of all.)

The Crayola Crusade by John Coons

The first time I saw a gray brick,

I knew precisely what I had to do.

My pudgy five year old fingers
plunged
into the crayon box,
rooting for a red
and were determined to set things right.

Nothing was ever broken... it was just colored the wrong way.

I didn't blame God for my new crusade,
my quest to BRICK RED conquer the concrete,
to GRASS GREEN govern the wheat fields,
to BARK BROWN bully the birches,
to SKY BLUE subdue the rainy days,

Clearly, to my superior five year intellect,
He had just forgotten.

Armed with cannons of Crayola,
I knew that the world would soon be
Picture book perfect.

Of course, it came as quite a shock
when I found out
He had not adorned me with
the popular palette.

How I longed to be colored
IN CROWD PERIWINKLE
or DUMB JOCK APRICOT
or DATING THE CHEERLEADER LAVENDER
instead of
GEEK MAUVE
AWKWARD NEON GREEN
and OH SO LONELY BLUE.

But the worst,
the most painful discovery
was when I discovered
that God had colored my heart
the wrong way.

You see, with all the
ROMAN CATHOLIC MAROON
and
SPARKLING FAMILY VALUES WHITE,
there was no room,

none,

for HOMOSEXUAL PEA SOUP GREEN.

Wrapped in wax garments,
I colored myself,
covered myself,
in 8-COLOR masks
and Yellow Cardboard Box Armor and
my tears were
BITTER AZURE
and
GOD BLAMING TURQUOISE.

I was surrounded by nonbrown birches
greenless wheat
cloudy skies
and anchored within,
a heavy Gray Brick
in the pit
of my stomach.

My last thought scribbled away in my mind
as I hit the gritty pavement,
and the box slipped from my fingers

and scattered around me in a halo of spear shaped shades,

"If only I had a
red single
crayon."

Please visit the **Amazon** pages at http://christiangays.com/amazon/amazon_books_title.shtml to find out more about this book.

OF INTEREST TO GAY LEFTIES - AUG 13 IS UNIVERSAL LEFT-HANDED DAY

As a leftie lesbian, this is significant to me. Don't feel obliged to read it. It's just some things I picked up off the internet. I'm sure that some of them could be disputed, but if you're a leftie too, you might enjoy.

Psychology Today reports that Dr. Kenneth Zucker of the University of Toronto has found that gay men and women are more likely to be left-handed than the general public at large. (Zucker analyzed data collected in 20 different studies over the past 50 years and discovered a correlation between left-handedness and homosexuality.)

The findings, reported in the **Psychological Bulletin**, lesbians have a 91 percent greater chance of being left-handed or ambidextrous than straight women, while gay men are 34 percent more likely than straight men to not be right-handed.

There does not seem to be a causal relationship between sexual orientation and handedness. The vast majority of left-handed people are heterosexual and the vast majority of gay people are right-handed.

Taken from: <<http://www.exgaywatch.com/wp/2006/01/gays-more-likel/>>

Left Handed Facts and Trivia:

- Sinistrophobia is the fear of left-handedness or things on the left side. (The English word sinister comes from the Latin word sinister, which originally meant "left" but took

on meanings of "evil" or "unlucky" by the Classical Latin era.)

- While many people are left handed, very few are 100% left handed. For example, many Left handers golf and bat right handed. On the other hand, there is a high percentage of righties who are 100% right-handed.
- Lefties are also called "southpaws". The term was coined in baseball to describe a left handed pitcher.
- Tuesdays are Lefties luck day. (I have no idea why)
- Only about 10% (some reports say between 5 – 15%) of the population is left handed.
- During the 1600's people thought left handers were witches and warlocks (and many were burned at the stake).
- International Left Handers Day was first celebrated on August 13, 1976. It was started by Lefthander's International.
- They say everyone was born right handed, and only the greatest overcome it. (hehehehe)
- It is believed that all polar bears are left handed. source: <http://www.blurtit.com/q497068.html>
- There is a rumor that octopuses have but one right hand. Scientists are diligently studying this issue.
- Left handed people are three times more likely than right handed people to become alcoholics, and scientists speculate that it is because the right hemisphere of the brain has a lower tolerance for alcohol than the left side of the brain.
- Left handed people tend to be more likely to be on the extreme ends of the intelligence scale than right handed people. Left handed people tend to have a higher portions of mentally retarded people and they also have a higher tendency to be people with high IQ'S. Left handed people who have higher I.Q.s tend to have an I.Q. of over 140. (True in my case)
- In many cultures children who were left handed were forced to use there right hands instead. (My mother and brother had their left hands tied behind their backs in school. My mother died being a "leftie" but my brother (now 72 yo) – a recognized professional artist – was "converted" but says that he feels it really inhibited a portion of his artistic ability by messing around with his brain.)

- Typing - Using a standard "qwerty" keyboard, and typing with both hands in the conventional manner, the number of words in English that are typed solely with the left hand is in the neighborhood of 3400. Around 450 words are typed solely with the right hand.

- *The **Lesbian of Darkness*** is author Joel Rosenberg's thoughtful essay exploring homophobia, by theorizing a world in which left-handedness had the same stigma as being a lesbian.

Interesting ballot - <http://www.bestandworst.com/v/115103.htm>

Humorous page – **The Declaration on the Pastoral Care of Left-Handed Persons** - <http://www.users.csbsju.edu/~eknuth/rehu/dextera.html>

God bless,
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