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Conversation: Update

ON TV TONIGHT – WAYNE BESEN ON THE O'REILLY FACTOR

Wayne Besen (*Truth Wins Out*) will be on the **O'Reilly Factor** tonight debating anti-gay **Bishop Harry Jackson**. The show will discuss Revs **Gene Robinson** and **Rick Warren** who will both offer prayers at Obama's inauguration.

Air time for the FOX inauguration special is 5:30 pm (I'm not sure what time zone this is so check your own schedule.)

For those of you who don't know Wayne, he's written about 30 articles on our website, and authored books "*Anything But Straight*" and "*Bashing Back*" about the Ex-Gay Movement. Check out his website at <http://waynebesen.com/>

UPDATE - BIBLE STUDY STARTING UP AGAIN TONIGHT SUN. JAN 18

Rev John Brown will be teaching.

Please join us in the Chat Rooms (Bible Study Room) on Sunday nights starting at 9 pm ET (6 pm PT)

POWERFUL VIDEO SEGMENT - THE "EX-GAY MYTH"

This 9 minute presentation is worth watching for EVERYONE!

Please view it at <http://christiangays.com/exgay.shtml>

(Thanks Wayne!)

TAKE ACTION – HELP JASON & DEMARCO GET ON OPRAH

If you saw Oprah last Wednesday, January 7th, you would have heard two ministers say that being gay is a gift.

On Oprah.com this has become a HUGE BUZZ! What a great angle and opportunity to be able to introduce the guys to Oprah and the world!

We are starting an email campaign to the Oprah show by going online at <https://www.oprah.com/plugform.jsp?plugId=220>

This topic isn't focused on them as a pop duo but more of how to reconcile spirituality with sexuality which has been a message from J&D for years. You can even reference Jason's letter on the subject at <http://spiritpop.ning.com/page/reconciled-a-note-from-jason-1>

RJN Music will be mailing a packet to the Oprah Show that includes a couple of their CDs and a copy of their documentary 'We're All Angels'!

So.. let's not waste this opportunity! Get writing. I've already written but we need lots of people to really get their attention. If you're familiar with Jason & deMarco, you'll know that they are great ambassadors for our community.

Please spread the word to all your friends.

Visit J&D Street Team at: <http://janddstreetteam.ning.com>

MOVIE - "GOD AND GAYS: BRIDGING THE GAP" - BACK IN STOCK

This movie explores sexuality and spirituality through the eyes and experiences of people wanting a relationship with the very religion that rejects them. Fortunately, many soon find it's God that brings them out.

Finally a documentary to break the silence and open dialogue on a major taboo subject.

God & Gays puts the face and heartbeat of humanity onto the emotionally-charged issue and answers:

What is the "gay agenda?"

Is being gay a choice?

What does the Bible say?

Is it possible to be gay AND religious or must we chose?

Note from Mary: I HIGHLY recommend this video!

*Buy it through the **ChristianGays.com Store** at http://christiangays.com/store/product_info.php?cPath=70&products_id=296 or directly through the Producers. You will find a banner ad on the ChristianGays.com website to go to their website.*

NEW PERSONAL STORY - "GAY AND CATHOLIC" by Darren Theoret

Excerpt:

I was 19 and had just experienced a wonderful touch on my life from the Holy Spirit and I believed everything that I was told; that as I turned control of my life over to God, He would fix my sexuality. The same-sex attractions never went away so I figured that I wasn't doing all the right things or saying all the right prayers. All I knew was that I could no longer talk about these feelings, as I was being groomed to be an ex-gay minister.

Read this wonderful inspirational story at <http://christiangays.com/stories/darren.shtml>

TAKE ACTION – TELL PEPSI THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR GLBT FAMILIES

In an extraordinary demonstration of its commitment to equality, progress and building allied communities, the **PepsiCo Foundation** has announced a record \$500,000 gift for **PFLAG's Straight for Equality** program. The Foundation's gift, which will be used to

expand workplace training, support chapter-based projects and for the creation of new Straight for Equality outreach tools, will be distributed over the course of the next two years.

Last week, the **American Family Association** launched a boycott of **PepsiCo**. The AFA boycott is based, in part, on the PepsiCo Foundation's support of PFLAG's Straight for Equality in the Workplace project.

Please let Pepsi know that you appreciate their support for our families and will support the company when you are shopping.

Please call PepsiCo's customer relations line at **1-800-433-2652** today. When you call, please be brief in your comments. Politely tell the operator that:

You want to thank Pepsi for its support of your GLBTIQ family, you plan to purchase Pepsi products whenever possible to show your support for the company's welcoming policies, and you support Pepsi and your area bottlers, and will refuse to participate in the boycott.

(Remember when you shop to buy Pepsi products, like Tropicana, Frito Lay, Quaker and Gatorade.)

For more information on Pepsi's generous gift to Straight for Equality, click here <http://capwiz.com/pflag/utr/1/JUJGJPDMMY/MFAJJPDMXP/2776634031>

(Thanks Bobbi!)

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Help support out family!

NEW TIDBITS

"When God takes something from your grasp, He's not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something better."

"To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did."

*For lots more **Tidbits**, go to <http://christiangays.com/tidbits.shtml>*

(Thanks Laura!)

JOKE - FLORIDA COURT SETS ATHEIST HOLY DAY!

In Florida, an atheist became incensed over the preparation of Easter and Passover holidays. He decided to contact his lawyer about the discrimination inflicted on atheists by the constant celebrations afforded to Christians and Jews with all their holidays, while atheists had no holiday to celebrate.

The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the long passionate presentation by the lawyer, the Judge banged his gavel and declared, 'Case dismissed!'

The lawyer immediately stood and objected to the ruling and said, 'Your honor, how can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and many other observances. Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah...yet my client and all other atheists have no such holiday!'

The judge leaned forward in his chair and simply said, 'Obviously your client is too

confused to even know about, much less celebrate his own atheists' holiday!' The lawyer pompously said, 'Your Honor, we are unaware of any such holiday for atheists. Just when might that holiday be, your Honor?'

The judge said, 'Well it comes every year on exactly the same date - April 1st! Since our calendar sets April 1st as 'April Fool's Day', consider that Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, in my opinion, if your client says there is no God, then by Scripture, he is a fool, and April 1st is his holiday!

(Thanks Frank!)

God bless,
Mary

Gay AND Christian? YES! It IS Possible!

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