

# **Young evangelicals differ from elders on gays, similar on abortion rights**

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A new poll says white evangelicals under 30 are just as opposed to abortion as their older counterparts, but more liberal in their views on same-sex marriage or civil unions for gays.

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# **Palin terms sexuality "choice," sidesteps abortion in interview**

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Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin described homosexuality as "a choice" while sidestepping policy questions about it and several other divisive social issues in a television interview aired Sept. 30.

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# **Evangelicals mostly silent in denouncing torture**

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Most evangelical American Christians remained silent about torture at Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo for some of the same reasons European Christians 70 years ago largely failed to resist the Holocaust, ethicist David Gushee told a national summit on torture.

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# **Human rights rooted in Bible, not political philosophy**

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Concern about human rights means biblically grounded compassion for oppressed people—not a selfish desire to protect one’s own property or prestige, Baptist ethicist Glen Stassen told the National Summit on Torture.

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# **Tortured suffer lasting effects**

## **in body & soul, experts say**

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Crises of faith are among the many long-term consequences victims of torture suffer.

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## **Declaration calls for presidential executive order on torture**

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Evangelicals for Human Rights, the National Religious Campaign Against Torture and the Center for Victims of Torture have drafted a declaration of principles its members want to see the next president include in an executive order on prisoner treatment, torture and cruelty.

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## **Not all coercive force is torture, Baptist ethicist insists**

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Debate over the morality of coercive force would be served better if

everyone involved quit using the word “torture” altogether, said Daniel Heimbach, professor of Christian ethics at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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## **Americans believe heaven’s gates open wider**

October 3, 2008

Many Americans no longer see heaven as an exclusive destination, according to a new survey from Baylor University.

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## **Faith Digest: Wall Street workers seek spiritual guidance**

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As the market mayhem rocks Wall Street, dazed employees in the financial sector who have lost their faith in the economy are turning to religious leaders for guidance.

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# **Survey: Megachurches more intimate, believers less gullible than stereotypes**

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A new survey by Baylor University researchers suggests that megachurches are more intimate, believers less gullible and atheism less prevalent than popular stereotypes would suggest.

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# **Diet-discipleship believers are convinced, 'We are what we eat'**

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A growing movement of believers from various traditions are exploring how to reflect their moral values in the ways they eat.

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# **Controversial novel proves an**

# unlikely success story

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*The Shack*, a novel of horror and healing rejected by more than a dozen publishers, has sold more than 2 million copies to become the bestselling religion book of the past year.