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### **CHILDCARE & THE YWCA**

<http://www.adelaidenow.com.au/news/south-australia/ywca-wants-south-australian-child-carers-to-undergo-training-to-break-gender-stereotypes/story-fni6uo1m-1226807194195> **YWCA wants South Australian child carers to undergo training to break gender stereotypes** 21 January, 2013 (Edited by DCB) - In the state of South Australia a women's lobby group believes "CHILDCARE workers should undergo training in how to break 'gender stereotypes' to avoid pigeonholing boys and girls early in life". The YWCA is seeking "\$360,000 to conduct research and operate a pilot program to identify how such stereotypical ideas about men and women are re-enforced in childcare centres." This warped thinking is "based on Swedish research, which found carers of young children subconsciously treat boys and girls differently, such as offering them different toys, colours or options for play." Sadly the political conservatives in South Australia said that if they won office they would "consider any funding request that aimed to improve educational outcomes." If this programme is followed there will be more young people confused about who they are and where they fit into society. The answer is in the words of Jesus Christ as given in Matthew 19:4 "And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them **male and female.**"

### **KATY PERRY & CCM**

<http://www.charismanews.com/culture/42509-katy-perry-i-believe-in-aliens-and-astrology-but-not-god> Katy Perry: **I Believe in Aliens and Astrology But Not God** 22/01/2014 (Edited by DCB) Singer Katy Perry, whose parents are Pentecostal preachers, has openly confessed she doesn't "believe in a heaven or a hell or an old man sitting on a throne. I believe in a higher power bigger than me because that keeps me accountable". She adds "I believe in a lot of astrology. I believe in aliens. I look up into the stars and I imagine: How self-important are we to think that we are the only life-form?" However, unbelief and apostasy doesn't seem to matter to the CCM crowd. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VPSMcMP40qI> "Roar - Katy Perry (HILLSONG CHURCH ITEM) Celebrating Diversity in Hillsong Church Australia throughout the month of September. Tonight was African Night, and the Creative Team did this song justice! Enjoy."

## RELIGIOUS CLASSES IN STATE SCHOOLS

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/jan/27/state-students-fear-burning-in-hell-after-religious-instruction-author-says> **State students fear 'burning in hell' after religious instruction**, author says 27 January, 2014 (Edited by DCB) - In Australia “State school students have come home from religious instruction classes believing they would ‘burn in hell’ or be ‘eaten by the devil’, according to a new book on secular education in Australia.” Cathy Byrne is a Southern Cross University research program manager, who “argues Queensland now has the least secular education system in Australia, in contrast with 19th-century state regulations restricting religious instruction to before or after school hours.” “Byrne, who has a PhD in the sociology of religion education and a masters in religious studies, outlines the examples in her book, *Religion in Secular Education: What, in Heaven’s Name, are we Teaching our Children?*” Byrne believes students shouldn’t be segregated according to denominations but as a group “learn about different religions and beliefs”. It comes as no surprise that “Byrne’s book comes amid renewed debate over the extent to which religion should be taught in Australian schools.”

## WHO ARE YOU?

<http://www.adelaidenow.com.au/news/opinion/i-am-you-are-we-are-australian/story-fnj45fvd-1226813342744> **I am, you are, we are Australian** 29/01/2014 (Edited by DCB) - Should the Australian Federal Government push for the recognition in the Australian Constitution of the Aborigines as officially being the first Australians? Journalist Andrew Bolt says he is “an indigenous Australian, like millions of other people here, black or white. Take note, Tony Abbott. Think again, you new dividers, before we are on the path to apartheid with your change to our Constitution. I was born here, I live here and I call no other country home. I am therefore indigenous to this land and have as much right as anyone to it. What’s more, when I go before the courts I want to be judged as an individual. I do not want different rights according to my class, faith, ancestry, country of birth ... or ‘race’.” Bolt says “Changing the Constitution to divide Australians between the ‘first’ and the rest — on the basis of the ‘race’ of our ancestors — is not just immoral and an insult to our individuality. Worse, it is socially dangerous. This will not ‘reconcile’ us but permanently divide. It would do no good to a single Aboriginal in bush camps, but would concede a critical point: that Australians in our most fundamental legal document are now to be divided by ‘race’.” Bolt asks “What next? Well, Aboriginal leader Sol Bellear, chairman of the Aboriginal Medical Service, Redfern, spelled it out on the ABC: a future in which ‘no Australian court has the right to sit in judgment of my people.’” That is exactly what will happen if this change occurs. Changing a nation’s constitution should not be taken lightly. Andrew Bolt speaks common sense and even though Mr. Bolt claims no personal belief in God those who do should remember God’s Word tells us that He “...hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation” Acts 17:26.

Because of Calvary,  
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