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### **SCARY CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY!**

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/on-faith/wp/2013/10/28/five-christian-theologies-scarier-than-halloween-2/?altrack=mixedrec-1&tid=btm\\_rex\\_1](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/on-faith/wp/2013/10/28/five-christian-theologies-scarier-than-halloween-2/?altrack=mixedrec-1&tid=btm_rex_1) October 28, 2013 Five Christian theologies scarier than Halloween (Edited by DCB) - Susan Brooks Thistlethwaite is Professor of Theology and immediate past President of Chicago Theological Seminary. With these credentials is she to be trusted in theological matters? It depends on what you believe. She says “some Christian theological themes” are more “scary” than “Hollywood horror movies”. What are some of these “scary” theological themes?

1. Christian Dominionism This “is the idea that our nation should be governed by Christians according to a conservative understanding of biblical law, and was, I believe, the theology behind the recent government shutdown.” She doesn’t say what Christian group or groups believes this.
2. Hell and Damnation - She says “Theologies of hell and damnation that are used to make human lives a misery are truly scary to me because they help to create and sustain ‘hell on earth’ for many. They contradict God’s love and mercy. Christian Evangelical Rob Bell has argued this in his work Love Wins; Bell’s position continues to be controversial.”
3. Women Should “Submit” - Thistlethwaite says “Submission itself is institutionalized violence—a structure of unequal power that puts women in a vulnerable position in the home. The front door of such a ‘religious’ home becomes a doorway to violence.”
4. God versus Evolution - Thistlethwaite says one of the scariest places she has visited “was the Creation Science Museum in Kentucky.” Of course creation science is “a scary theology because it is used to deny the real science of evolution and undercut the genuine urgency to stop polluting human activities that are causing violent and abrupt climate change.”
5. God Doesn’t Love You If You’re Gay - If you believe sodomy and all that goes with it is a sin you are a “Homophobic Christian”. With “scholars” like this no wonder the world and the churches are like they are!

### **GO TO NEW ZEALAND NOT ONLY FOR THE SCENERY BUT GAY MARRIAGE!**

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/dominion-post/news/wellington/9367287/Married-gay-minister-celebrates-as-full-citizen> November 6, 2013 Married gay minister celebrates as 'full citizen' (Edited by DCB) -

In Wellington, NZ a “Presbyterian minister and her partner of 17 years, Clare Brockett, were married in a small ceremony at the Copthorne Hotel Wellington over Labour Weekend. The pair are now among 117 same-sex couples who have married since Parliament legalised same-sex marriage in April.”

### **NEW ZEALAND TEENS AND CONDOMS!**

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/dominion-post/news/hawkes-bay/9366049/Condom-card-aims-to-cut-teen-pregnancy> November 6, 2013 Condom card aims to cut teen pregnancy (Edited by DCB) - Now “Teenagers as young as 13 are being issued with 12-trip passes to safer sex, in an effort to drive down abortions and teenage pregnancies.” New Zealand has the second highest rate of teen pregnancy “in the developed world, with the latest census data showing more than 6000 teenagers became pregnant last year.” The world has been stark raving mad since Genesis chapter 3 but one would think common sense would sometimes prevail and that teaching morality would be seen to help alleviate a teen pregnancy problem better than handing out free condoms!

### **ECUMENISM THROUGH MUSIC**

<http://www.religionnews.com/2013/11/04/australias-hillsong-church-exports-influence-praise-pr-eaching/> 4 November, 2013 Australia’s Hillsong Church exports its influence through praise and preaching (Edited by DCB) - It doesn’t matter if the church is Baptist or Lutheran “The ubiquitous praise song ‘Shout to the Lord’ can be found in many U.S. churches on any given Sunday.” “Hillsong is part of the Australian Christian Churches, formerly known as Assemblies of God in Australia.” Hillsong’s pastor, Brian Houston says “We believe a basic charismatic/Pentecostal theology, but we don’t build strong on theology” rather “We make it about Jesus, about the grace of God, and we try to have a net so it’s broad, not narrow.” Houston believes ““People may be divided on doctrine and theology and other things, but worship tends to transcend all of that.” What is so sad is that many once conservative Baptist associations, fellowships and independent Baptists have or are going down this road of ecumenism through music.

### **GENDER EQUALITY TRAINING**

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/italian-teachers-must-receive-gender-equality-training-govern-ment> 5 November, 2013 Italian teachers must receive ‘gender equality’ training: government (Edited by DCB) - The homosexuals, trans-genders, bi-sexual and various other deviants are a loud voice in the global community. This is seen in Italy when the Education Minister “presented a Decree Law from the government that included the instruction that all teachers must receive training in ‘gender equality’ to pass on to their students ‘respect for diversity and equal opportunities and overcoming gender stereotypes.’” All this non-sense is funded “with public money and paid by the taxpayer.” Thankfully there are those speaking out and “saying that it could effectively forbid teachers from talking in class about the natural family.” One can only imagine this getting worse before the Lord comes back!

Because of Calvary,  
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