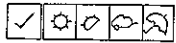


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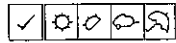
General Purpose Standing Committee No 2.  
Parliament House  
Macquarie St  
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22-2-2012.

To Whom it may concern,

My name is Claudia Cairns of the  
the above stated address. I am 46  
years old + I have two (2) children;  
Matthew 25 yo + Jesse 4 yo.

I'm writing to express my  
experience as a student in  
State Schools in N.S.W. from  
1975 to 1977 where scripture was  
the set subject, at a particular  
time each week, + the only



other option was Non-Scripture.

I am really thankful, that I had to attend scripture, at my parents choice, because I learned things that have been invaluable to my life, even to this day; things that have affected my "world-view" for the better.

I learned, by the way the Scripture teachers treated me, that Jesus loves, even me, a rebellious, selfish child that no-one-else liked or was able to like.

Scripture, (+ Sunday School) was the only place in my life where I was treated with love and care (+ loving correction) because of Jesus' love for children, not by how I behaved. I shudder to think where I'd be if I hadn't experienced this foundation block (Although the Lord is trustworthy) Jesus love for me

is my HOPE. Where as everywhere else in my life was a nightmare; these places were a drink of water to my thirsty soul, though I didn't realise the value of it at the time.

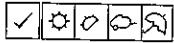
When I got the opportunity, I did choose non-scripture, as some children got to, because I was too young to make the decision that's best for me, but that's why we have parents + authorities to obey. (even the laws of the land is for our benefit, though we don't always agree or understand 'til later, except when they contradict God's Holy ways)

We're not meant to be island isolated, doing our own thing, but all in authority are responsible + accountable.

for the decisions we make that affect the lives of those who have been entrusted into our care. "GOD IS LOVE" (John 4:7)

Every child needs love and care + direction, but we know it's not always being given in the places where it <sup>seems it</sup> should be. It's truly our responsibility, if the power is given to us, to ensure support, + guidance to the weak ones who don't know any better yet, otherwise, we still have to give an account + wear the consequences,

It's not religion or who's religion, or fairness. It's what is best for the children who can't make decisions for themselves yet who are trusting us. We are in big trouble if we lead them astray, + never turn to the Only One, ~~who~~ because of great love for the crowning glory of His creation,



US, mankind, Jesus <sup>who</sup> died for the forgiveness of our sins, exactly as Scripture says it, was buried & on the 3 day, rose again from the dead, exactly as scripture says it. If we hold fast to this we will be saved.

Thankyou for reading my experiences & considering what you're saying; everything Humbly I trust God, you will do HIS will -

yours faithfully  
& Sincerely,

P.S. Please delete all my personal information for all lists.

22-0-2012.