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**TITLE: Confluents: Children from interfaith and intercultural marriages ideal for the global village of today.**

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Children of intermarriage, with parents from differing religions and cultures, are increasing around the world and in our multicultural Australia. However, they are generally stigmatised and are too easily assumed to be 'confused' about their identity and labeled negatively as 'mixed' or 'half'. I have identified the need for a positive term for the collective identity of these children. I have termed them Confluents, as where two rivers meet. This paper will focus on Confluents with one Anglophone Australian Christian parent and one non Anglophone immigrant Muslim parent. My research has discovered that Confluents have a unique culture at home, created there from various possible combinations of their parents' cultures and religions. This leads to a positive experience which gives them the ability to possess and be confident in 'multiple identities' and to present different selves as the context requires. This more open choice of identity options enables them to relate to a greater diversity of people as they are not limited to one nation. Thus, such families will lead to a more open-minded and tolerant society moving towards the elimination of racial and religious prejudice ideal for the global village of today.