

FOR THE LOVE OF MUSLIMS

Lessons for Online Missionaries dealing with Muslims

Lesson 31: Pornography & Profanity

There may be times when you receive emails from internet contacts asking for pornography, or emails that contain profanity or abusive language. This lesson will help you know how to deal with such a situation. "I love you," "Do you love me," "Sex," and "Pornography" are quite common topics in emails from internet contacts – unfortunately, more so from Muslim countries.

How would you answer this email?

I am a young man from Pakistan. I just prayed to receive Christ as my Savior for the first time. Hello, how are you? Can I have your mobile number please? Email me your sex photo. Okay, goodbye. Thinking of you very much!

-Muhammad

Here is the response that an OM wrote:

Hello, I am Asha, a Response Centers staff member, and your email was assigned to me for a response.

Muhammad, I am disturbed that you are looking for sex. Our website was about the kind of true love you can experience with God. God's love purifies us from all sin. Sexual sin, including pornography, is a sin against God who created you to love and respect marriage, which is the foundation for a healthy society, to respect yourself, and to respect others.

There are some young men who come to our website seeking help to leave their pornography addiction. They have come to the point where they realize their addiction is controlling their life and they are helpless to get free from it. The good news is that there is power in the name of Jesus the Messiah, who is holy and pure, to stop sexual sin, to turn away from it, and to let him wash you pure and clean again. Muhammad, would you like to be free from pornography? If so, then please go to this website, www.settingcaptivesfree.com, where you can go through the online course called "The Way of Purity" to lead you out of bondage to pornography. I highly recommend it, but please also write back and let us talk together.

About me, I am married with four grown children. We have been Bible teachers for 31 years. I have read Qur'an, Gita, and many other books of other religions. I have never found a savior like Jesus the Messiah anywhere else.

Muhammad, I will be praying for you and expecting your email.

Regards,
Asha

This is a good response because the OM treats the subject sternly yet offers hope and practical help. Also, the OM recognized that indicating "receiving Christ" in this case was probably not meaningful. Addressing that or assuming it was true would have added to the confusion.

Here is the response an Online Missionary wrote to a contact whose email contained abusive profanity. As you can see, this one is even more stern, yet offers one last chance for meaningful dialog about spiritual things.

You visited our website in which you read a decent and good message about salvation in Lord Jesus Christ and your response was filthy language. Is this how you show me your religion? Lord Jesus Christ says to His followers, "Pray for those who abuse you." So I do pray for you, that the light of salvation will dawn in your heart and you will turn away from sinful ways and experience forgiveness and peace through the only God who came to earth to show love to humanity.

I am a supervisor with Response Centers and I have the authority to put your name and computer ID into a trash folder. This means if you write to any Response Centers website again, your mail will go into a trash folder which no one will see or respond to. I will do this in a few days unless you apologize and agree to speak respectfully. God created you for better things than trash.

Here is a small question for you: There are two buses at the station going to Karachi. The driver of the first bus was not sure about his route while the second bus driver was sure about his route and was guaranteeing to take people there safely and surely. He said that he was from Karachi itself. So which bus would you take; the first one or the second one?

First Bus:

Sahih Al-Bukhari: Volume 5, Book 58, Number 266:

Hzt. Muhammad (PBUH) said, "By Allah, though I am the Apostle of Allah, yet I do not know what Allah will do to me" (after I die).

Second Bus:

Jesus said to his disciple, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me" (John 14:6).

Choose wisely; you can be sure where you are going! Please visit this website:

www.allaboutqod.com/common/are-you-100-percent-sure-youll-go-to-heaven.htm. I invite you to share your views and reasoning, if you can speak respectfully.

In ARC2, you do have a reassign option in the case of pornography, which will send the email to a special community. However, using these templates, you can probably handle the situation

yourself. "Reassign to CL" is a way of dealing with abusive emails (profanity and other) but again, learning to handle it yourself is more ideal.

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