

# ***Porndemic***

***How the Pornography Plague Affects  
You and What You Can Do About It***

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“Every responsible adult, mother, father, grandparent, teacher, principal and pastor should read and own a copy of this book. The liberal laws in the country, and the progressive degeneration of morality, have led to the proliferation of a host of evils. The plague of pornography must be stopped, but can only be done through Biblical advocacy, education and a call back to holiness. We must preserve the future generations and fight this insidious evil – accurate knowledge is critical if we are to be taken seriously.”

- **Erin Georgiou, Editor – JOY! Magazine**

“Pornography is highly addictive and destructive material that harms individuals, families and society. At Focus on the Family, we encourage Christians and churches to begin talking about the harms of pornography and sexualised media and to proclaim the beautiful message of God's design for sexuality. This book is a wonderful tool that can be used powerfully to affect change in this regard. With specific focus and information relevant to this country, I would encourage every Christian leader in South Africa to have a copy.”

- **Graeme Schnell, CEO – Focus on the Family Africa**

“South Africa has very high levels of sexual abuse of women and children. I believe pornography contributes significantly to this scourge of society. **Pornademic** is a welcome contribution in the fight against pornography. Ms Hodgson is well known in Parliament for her valuable contribution to Godly governmental principles, particularly when it comes to the public making submissions on proposed legislation. It is, therefore, an honour to endorse this book, which will assist Christian apologists in fighting against the onslaught of secular humanism, which, in this case, is evidenced through the legalisation of pornography.”

- **Steve Swart MP (ACDP) and Member of the Portfolio Committee on Justice and Constitutional Development**

"**Porndemic** is an excellent, comprehensive reference on the harmful effects of pornography on individuals, families and ultimately society as a whole. It is a 'must read' equipping tool for every parent, school teacher and organisation wanting to make a difference in today's hyper-sexualised world."

- **Clive Human, Director – Standing Together to Oppose Pornography**

"Pornography is a multi-billion dollar industry that not only degrades women but puts vulnerable children at great risk. As a former principal prosecutor, I was appalled by the number of rape and murder cases that had been triggered by an addiction to pornography. The rate of sexual violence in South Africa is among the highest in the world, and much effort needs to be invested in reducing and eradicating such crimes. Well done to the authors of this book for providing a comprehensive and pro-active response to the pornography challenge. This book is solution-orientated and gives great direction to the Body of Christ and society as to how to respond to this challenge. In my view, this book is long overdue and I earnestly recommend that this book be distributed as widely as possible."

- **Pearl Kupé, Attorney At Law, pro-family activist, President – Hebrew Midwives Ministry**

"**Porndemic** is a must read book that will expose the fruitless works of the lust of the eyes through pornography and help people of faith and values to remove the blight of pornography from their lives and the culture at large. It is a powerful presentation of the corrupting influence of pornography. I urge everyone who cares to read it."

- **Dr. Ted Baehr, President – MovieGuide and The Christian Film and Television Commission, USA**

“An untreated pandemic of harm has swept across the globe since the advent of the Internet and its unending columns of pornographic content. Taryn Hodgson attacks head-on the false notion that porn consumption is without harmful effect, demonstrating the critical need to put pornography in its rightful place, the sewers of society. This book should be in the hands of parents, educators and activists everywhere.”

- **Patrick A. Trueman, Attorney At Law, President – Morality in Media, USA**

“This is a book which is coming at the right time when the morals have gone down, and the church of Jesus Christ has been compromised with the world. Our children have lost the Biblical teaching that can make them grow in the fear of the Lord. Porn is even in shops, on phones and open markets. I recommend that this book must be in the hands of all preachers of the Word of God and in Christian homes.”

- **Bishop Dr Peter Ndhlovu, Presiding Bishop – Bible Gospel Church in Africa, Zambia**

## **Dedication**

This book is dedicated to all those who are actively involved in fighting the good fight of Faith for the protection of families and the eradication of the pornography plague.

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## *How the Pornography Plague Affects You and What You Can Do About It*

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## Foreword by Dr Peter Hammond

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***"Be very careful, then, how you live, not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil."***

Ephesians 5:15-16

The family is the basic building block of society. The foundations for a successful society are laid in characters, minds and lives changed by the grace of God. In order to be successful, a society needs to be made up of individuals of integrity and compassionate families. For any nation to be strong, the families need to be strong.

Pornography is waging a war against the family. It is particularly targeting the men who are meant to be the providers, protectors and leaders of the family. It is devoted Christian husbands and dedicated fathers who are the bedrock of civilised society.

However, it is these men who are being targeted by the exploitative pornography industry. One would have thought that any responsible government would want to do everything in their power to protect families and those who hold families together, the husbands and fathers.

However, it would appear that many modern governments are hell-bent on not only imploding the economy, but undermining the essential foundations for civilised society. Those irresponsible individuals and parties promoting legalised pornography, prostitution and abortion are not offering us progress, but regression to the most base, vulgar and primitive societies that are the antithesis of civilisation.

Public nakedness, permissiveness, prostitution and human sacrifice were practised in every culture before Christian civilisation transformed their lives and communities. By legalising pornography and promoting permissiveness, secular humanists are destroying

centuries of progress and returning us to paganism. The exploitative industry of pornography (and the assorted sexually orientated businesses which flourish and fester around it) grows only at the expense of the general well-being of society as a whole.

Pornography is parasitic, it undermines the economy by wasting vast amounts of time, money, energy and productivity. It also erodes the essential foundation for any sound economy – the family. By glamourising adultery and encouraging promiscuity, pornography has played a key role in the break-up of many families. As family men make up the overwhelming majority of law-abiding, hard-working, tax-paying, stable and productive citizens, it is economic suicide for any society to tolerate this threat of pornography. It is also cultural suicide and invites the wrath of God in judgement upon any society which tolerates such abominable perversion.

Pornography is also a health issue. The flood of sexually exploitative magazines, videos and websites, which have been allowed to pollute morals, minds and marriages, has greatly aggravated the health crisis. By stimulating sexual promiscuity, pornography has had the effect of greatly accelerating the spread of sexual diseases, including HIV/AIDS. If the Ministry of Health is really serious about combatting the spread of AIDS, and other STDs, then it should do all in its power to persuade the Ministry of Home Affairs to effectively eradicate all pornography and shut down the disease factories of sex shops and brothels.

***"But if anyone causes one of these little one who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea."***

Matthew 18:6

In 1990, as Director of United Christian Action, I made a stand for family values at the National Conference of Churches Rustenberg

Conference. My proposal that the Rustenberg Declaration include the statement: *We oppose the exploitative pornography industry...* was shouted down by angry delegates who were incensed at my statements against pornography and abortion. The leader of the Association of Evangelicals, at that time, actually made the outrageous comment that if we wanted Bibles to be allowed, then we had to allow equal freedom for pornography!!

This led us to launch Africa Christian Action in March 1991. ACA initiated the first nationwide campaign against pornography in April 1991. Operation Clean Sweep included publishing ***Finding Freedom from the Pornography Plague***, which was so highly in demand that it quickly sold out and had to be revised, expanded and reprinted, many times.

By God's grace, Africa Christian Action's Operation Clean Sweep succeeded in persuading over 9,000 stores in South Africa to no longer stock pornography. By contacting advertisers in locally produced pornographic magazines, such as *Scope*, ACA succeeded in making these publications uneconomical. By the time *Scope* was finally closed down by Republican Press, they complained that *fundamentalist Christian groups* had caused their flagship publication, *Scope*, to put Republican Press several million Rand into the red!

Pornography can and must be beaten. This is a winnable war. You can make a crucial difference.

***"Who will rise up for Me against the wicked? Who will take a stand for Me against the evildoers?"*** Psalm 94:16

What we see influences what we think. What we think influences what we believe. Our values and beliefs affects our actions.

***"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things."*** Philippians 4:8

Pandemic shows us **why** we must all be involved in cleaning up our society from this threat to our families and to civilisation itself. More importantly, it shows us **how** to defeat it, on the personal and family level, all the way through to the national and international level. This is a winnable war.

Are you part of God's Army?

Are you one of those with a clear vision of a lost world in rebellion to its Creator?

Do you have the moral backbone to stand up against the immoral degeneration of our society?

Do you have the spiritual courage to step out and do something about it?

It is the responsibility of every believer to seek God's will for his, or her, life by studying God's Word, the Bible. Once we see the area where the Lord wants us to work, we are then responsible to boldly go and to put our Faith in action. You can make a difference!

***"But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain."***

1 Corinthians 15:57-58

Dr. Peter Hammond  
Director, Christian Action Network  
Cape Town

## Introduction by Rev Kjell Olsen

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The rape statistics in South Africa are horrendous. Some estimate that a woman is raped every 26 seconds and others believe it is even worse. Is it merely a coincidence that the rape rate increased as the availability of porn increased? After reading *Porndemic* you will be convinced that pornography has played a key role in fuelling the rape crisis in South Africa.

Most school-going children now own a smartphone. All manner of sexually explicit pictures and videos are freely available. To make matters worse, all these phones have cameras and it is becoming a common practise for children to 'sell' explicit photos of themselves. The price is often just R30 worth of airtime. The nature of the Internet has made it possible (and it is happening) to spread those photos with 'viral' speed. Gang rapes are often recorded on these phones and uploaded, then shared on social media.

Surely, our children, and adults, need to be protected from this smut. With exposure to pornography at a young age, children become oversexualised. Influenced by porn's brutal message and imitating its brutality, they become child-on-child sexual abusers. Many are being turned into 'the XXX generation'. Pornography has robbed many children of an innocent childhood leaving them scarred for life - mentally, physically and emotionally, whether they are the offender, or the victim.

*Porndemic* details how pornography destroys marriages and families. Women are degraded, debased and objectified. Suffering verbal and violent, physical aggression, pornography hurts women.

Dr Peter Hammond contributes a chapter which shows through Scripture how pornography is an abomination and violation of God's Law.

The scientific research on how addiction to porn harms the brain is conclusive. Porn has the same damaging effects as hard-core drugs on the brain.

There is also a message of hope and freedom for the porn addict. This book offers steps to freedom and advice for those wanting to overcome their porn addiction.

*Porndemic* adequately equips anyone who wants to make a difference and is willing to strive towards a porn-free South Africa. Comprehension of the current law is provided and how we may be an influence in changing the law. This book provides practical strategies on what we can do about porn in the media: magazines, films, TV and on the Internet. Be inspired by the victories of others to make a difference. If we will get involved in the fight, it is a winnable war!

As this book goes into print, the media in Europe reports that the European Union has introduced a proposal which "calls on the EU and its member states to take concrete action on discrimination against women in advertising... with a ban on all forms of pornography in the media." A Dutch left-wing MEP, Kartika Liotard, goes further in demanding that this ban includes "the digital field". The Icelandic government is considering Internet filters, such as those used to block China from the worldwide web, in order to stop people downloading, or viewing, porn on the Internet. We should be demanding similar measures in South Africa to protect women and children from the exploitative pornography industry.

Rev Kjell Olsen,  
KwaSizabantu Mission, South Africa

## Acronyms

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ACA:	Africa Christian Action
ASA:	Advertising Standards Authority of South Africa
BCCSA:	Broadcasting Complaints Commission of South Africa
CPU:	Child Protection Unit (now called the Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit)
FP Act:	Film and Publications Act
FPB:	Film and Publications Board
ICASA:	Independent Communications Authority of South Africa
NA:	National Assembly
NCOP:	National Council of Provinces
SAPS:	South African Police Service
SEM:	Sexually explicit material
SOB:	Sexually orientated business
STOP:	Standing Together to Oppose Pornography

## Yizo Yizo 'rated' as child porn

CHARLES PHILLIPS  
Parliament feature

THE film and publications board last night said Yizo Yizo could well be classified as child pornography, but public interest would have allowed it to be shown on television.

Members of the National Assembly's foreign affairs committee watched a 20-minute clip of a Yizo Yizo episode which revealed a prison sex scene and a sex scene in a school.

FPI chief executive Ntando Makanda said her board classifies videos, DVD's and cinema films but did not delve into television broadcasts — as was covered by the Independent Broadcasting Authority of South Africa (Ibsa).

To illustrate the law on films, FPI member Ivo Chetty said that broadcast systems were not allowed to show those that fell under Schedule 6 of the Films and Publications Act.

This schedule prohibits exhibition or distribution of sexual conduct depicting persons under the age of 18. It also prohibits showing "explicit effects of extreme violence".

Chetty said hypothetically he would have classified Yizo Yizo as X18 — child pornography — because it showed sex scenes of children in school uniforms, implying they were below 18. But Makanda said she would have classified it as R (Violence, nudity, sex and language).

However, the Act made provision for exemptions. If, for instance, SABC were to argue that in light of the Aids epidemic it needed to show such material.

But Makanda, chairperson of the commission on children, said issues of violence and sex raised by Yizo Yizo and children scenes shown on the news should be openly debated.

Ibsa was preparing a draft code of conduct on what should be shown on TV that would be tabled before members of the second term of parliament.

Democratic Alliance MP Dan Sirota caused a furore when the sole ANC members wanted to back to the old days of apartheid where politicians controlled what was shown on TV. He accused the ANC of being too hard on itself.

ANC members said Yizo Yizo was an affront to the traditional values of black people. ANC MP Ruth Bengoni said the programme failed to take into account the history of the behaviour — violence in black schools.

# Child on child violence out of control

KARIN MALDEN

Handwritten: Times 23/10/06  
Caption: People in three separate Childline studies in KwaZulu-Natal last year revealed that 80% of all rape incidents in Johannesburg and KwaZulu-Natal last year were committed by children.

## Cellphone child porn on rise, surveys find

### Schoolkids 'exposed to sex abuse videos'

## Young child abusers saw erotic TV series

HAZELA PEEN

FIVE Cape Town children under the age of 12, who have perpetrated sexual abuses against other children, are said to have been exposed to an erotic TV series.

The same programme, broadcast by five-to-six channel eTV, was ruled unsuitable for public television by the Broadcasting Complaints Commission (BCC) last week.

"Unsanctioned on eTV was definitely one of the programmes they watched," said five-line child sexual abuse investigation centre manager Elizabeth Jones.

During the past six weeks, social workers discovered in assessments that each of the children had watched the programme in the company of a parent, an adult sibling, or an uncle.

"All of us are sexual beings. A child is not mentally developed to digest this information and tries to play it out," said Jones.

But she believes that, with intensive therapy and co-operation from the family and the community, the children can be rehabilitated.

The programme was screened on Saturdays between February 3 and March 3 at 11 a.m. The initial broadcast was aired at 10.15pm, but the BCC instructed that it be rescheduled to a later slot.

eTV, which has until Monday to appeal the BCC decision, has been instructed to stop screening the series.

## TV, pornography link in explosion of sexual violence by children

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opera like *The Bold and the Beautiful*, others said they had been inspired by late-night pornography on eTV.

Soweto Protes Court prosecutors Nadine Nel and Louise Smit confirmed Childline's research and Omar's prelimi-

nary findings.

"Usually when you first ask a child why they did certain sexual things to another child, they shrug their shoulders... But later, they will tell you that they saw things on *The Bold and the Beautiful* and they wanted to try it," said Smit.

She added that, following the 2001 airing of the infamous Yizo Yizo prison rape scene, the Soweto Protes Court was hit with a spate of "little boys indecently assaulting other little boys".

Child victims of child sex abuse were usually "much

younger" than their abusers, Nel and Smit said, with some as young as two years old.

This made it very difficult for prosecutors to discover exactly what had happened to the child, because the child did not have the ability to describe his or her abuse.

SEX EDUCATION LAGGING

## SA children exposed to porn on DVD, cellphones

BY KAREN

SA children are being exposed to pornography on DVD and cellphones, a report says. The report, by the National Commission on Child Protection, says that children are being exposed to pornography through a variety of means, including DVD, cellphones, and the internet. The report also says that children are being exposed to pornography through a variety of means, including DVD, cellphones, and the internet. The report also says that children are being exposed to pornography through a variety of means, including DVD, cellphones, and the internet.

## Chapter 1

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### THE PORNDEMIC HITS SOUTH AFRICA

Liz Jones counselled hundreds of sexually-abused children in the years that she worked at Safeline as a counsellor. She dealt with countless incidences of porn-related abuse, but her heart sank each time she heard those familiar words – “I watched it on the TV,” or “I saw it in the magazine.” On one occasion she counselled a boy just entering puberty from a top-notch Cape Town primary school. The principal referred his parents to Safeline after complaints were made to teachers about the way he kept trying to touch the girls, grabbing them between the legs and talking about sex inappropriately with the other children. It eventually culminated in a blatant incident of child-on-child sexual abuse.

Normal reprimands and discipline from teachers and parents were not working, so his mother brought him in for therapy with Liz. “But why?” Liz said to him, “Why did you say that? What made you think of that?”

Eventually he admitted to watching a TV programme at a relative’s house. It was *Emmanuelle* on E-TV. He was not the only child to become “abuse-reactive” (sexually abusing other children) after watching *Emmanuelle* when the full series was broadcasted on E-TV in 2000, albeit late at night. Not all young people hit the sack when the clock strikes 9.30, or 11.30, or even 1.00 am.

Liz Jones explained that these children become over-sexualised. Now even watching soopies like *Days of our Lives*, or *Generations*, becomes a problem. “Children explain to me that when they see people kissing or lying in bed together, then they think of a porn movie they’ve seen and then they understand what is going to

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happen. I would love to see porn banned totally. Magazines are very easily accessible to children and they are circulating widely. There are also pornographic playing cards that they get at school. They say that the poor can't afford porn, but amongst our clients, there is a lot of it.

“It's difficult to change the behaviour of children who are abusing others, especially if they've seen it in porn. Then they think it is OK. If an adult has watched a movie with them, or they've found the material amongst a trusted adult's things, it is more difficult for them to see it as wrong – and that is the key to behaviour change – they have to see that it is wrong.”

***Emanuelle* was broadcast in 2000, just 4 years after pornography was legalised in South Africa. To many South Africans, it would seem like nothing serious compared to what children are accessing on their home computers and smart phones now, but the impact was just as devastating.**

Thirteen years later, South Africa has become more 'pornified' than anyone could have predicted; kids are not only viewing porn, now they're brazenly imitating its brutality by filming their 'exploits' and then spreading their videos on social media. They are imitating not only the same actions seen in porn, but also the same abusive, exploitive attitudes towards women.

In April 2012, an ugly incident sent shock waves across South Africa: seven boys gang-raped a mentally handicapped girl from Soweto, filmed the attack on a cell phone, then circulated the footage via social media.<sup>1</sup>

From 2010 to 2012, there were four prominent gang rapes of girls by teen boys (that we know of from news reports); and in each of

the four cases, the boys filmed the abuse and then spread the video via social media.

Clive Human, Chairman of Standing Together to Oppose Pornography (STOP), has come face-to-face with how kids are being exposed to porn from a young age. Clive has given dozens of talks at schools and churches on the dangers of porn and runs a Cape Town-based support group for men wanting to overcome their porn addiction. Just when he thinks the exposure of children to pornography can't get any worse, he hears of another frightening incident of a child who deliberately accessed porn on the Internet, or on his, or her, cell phone. "We have had calls from junior school parents who have discovered that their precious child had been accessing hard-core porn sites! The parents' anguish at knowing that their child's innocence has been stripped from them forever is heart-breaking!

"A parent phoned me distraught after she had checked the history of websites visited recently on her home computer and discovered that her 10-year-old daughter had accessed websites with bestiality images," says Clive. "The child's friends at school had discussed these sites in the playground and this had made her curious.

"What's scary is that in much of the mainstream hard-core material available today, women are humiliated and subjected to violent, cruel, degrading and painful acts, often by several men at once. They are referred to as 'bitches', 'sluts' and 'whores', to name a few, and this genre is increasingly becoming the most popular in porn websites and DVDs. This is what kids are accessing!

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"At a recent talk to grade 7s, I received two separate anonymous notes from kids in a mixed group of boys and girls saying they cannot stop themselves from watching pornography, no matter how hard they have tried. I truly believe that this current generation of kids, whom I like to refer to as the 'xxx generation' will face huge challenges in the future especially in the area of personal relationships and the unrealistic expectations many of them may have of themselves and their partners after being 'pornified' at such a young age.

"It's not just the fact that kids are being exposed to porn that we should be concerned about," says Clive. "I am getting several phone calls a week either from men who are struggling with porn addiction, or from wives who are desperate to know what to do about their husband's porn preoccupation. The consequences of all these incidents are so destructive to the individual, children, marriages and families."

Errol Naidoo, Director of the Family Policy Institute, has no experience counselling children who have been abused as a result of exposure to porn. His strong views against porn reflect the same concerns that the vast majority of South Africans hold. To him it is obvious that porn degrades and insults women, marriage and sex itself and raises the ugly head of lust that seeks

Debbie Coetzee, a South African police detective who specializes in rape cases said the situation for babies in South Africa will probably "get worse before it gets better. Did you ever read 'Heart of Darkness'?" she asked. "Well, we are way beyond that point and well on our way towards barbarism. Abortion, pornography, filthy TV shows and movies, lack of respect for women and children, coddling criminals and rapists, these have all contributed to this crisis."

Anthony C. LoBaido, *WorldNetDaily*, 26 December 2001

its fulfilment – often from innocent children and unsuspecting women as they become just another rape statistic.

Like other South Africans, he understands why people who don't use it feel threatened by it and why those who use it keep it hidden away. When he first heard that *Emmanuelle* was broadcast at 9.30 p.m. by E-TV, he was concerned and angry. A number of complaints were made by the public to the Broadcasting Complaints Commission of South Africa (BCCSA), of which his was one. When he and the others were invited to travel to Gauteng, at their own expense, to represent their case before a BCCSA tribunal, Errol went. At the tribunal he represented four major organisations that were all concerned about plans to flight further episodes of *Emmanuelle*. He describes the tribunal: "E-TV, like the other TV stations, all have the money to get top-flight legal advice while the man in the street has to take time off work and spend a lot of money just to get there. The public is really on the back foot when it comes to the BCCSA. The panel ruled according to this and that law, while we were just speaking from our hearts and giving common sense information about the danger of porn to society. We are the public after all, and these TV stations are meant to be a public service and to be accountable to the public.

"Never-the-less it was a victory for every decent citizen. The BCCSA ruled that E-TV was wrong to have shown the programme, as it included a rape scene and had been shown far too early.

"Yet despite the massive outcry from the public, E-TV defiantly announced that it was going to broadcast the full series (11 or 12 programmes), but after the watershed. It was as a result of broadcasting those programmes that these children were abused.

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The BCCSA in a later ruling, as a result of even more complaints from the public, gave E-TV the green light to broadcast the soft porn programme after the watershed. Dismissing the complaints from the public, with a twist of irony the Commission said, "The judgment should not be regarded as giving the green light to pornography on television."

Errol says that this is an issue not just limited to *Emmanuelle* or E-TV. SABC and DSTV are just as bad. "Talk about the fight against AIDS," he says, "They are just helping it along. Then there are the sex shops, and some of the material that is becoming standard fare in magazines."

The boy who abused his girl classmates after watching porn on TV, is but one tragic story of the effects of porn on young children when porn started to flood South Africa. Here are more:

- Nineteen-year-old **Elvis Jotamo** testified in court that it was while paging through a *Scope* magazine that he visualised a sexual fantasy with an acquaintance. Over a six week period his fantasy developed into an obsession. He testified of how he had strangled Linsey Boyd and then had sex with her corpse (*Die Burger*, 5 August 1993). He was sentenced to life imprisonment for rape and murder (*Cape Argus*, 21 September 1993).
- When the police found the blood-stained body of 7-year-old Raymonde Jacobs, of Mitchells Plain, they discovered – five metres away – **the pornography saturated room of the rapist who had murdered her**. The walls were covered with pin-ups from *Scope*, *Stag* and *Bunny Girl* (*Cape Times*, June 1991)



**SUSPECT'S ROOM . . .** This is what investigating officer Detective Constable Mike Kanne-meyer found when he entered the suspect's room. The walls were covered with pin-ups. **BELOW:** Detective Constable Kanne-meyer points to the spot where the body of seven-year-old missing schoolgirl Raymonde Jacobs was found. Her partly clothed body was found in a plastic bag under a pile of bricks.

Photo: SIBET 5000

## Body of missing girl found in Steenberg

By DANIEL SIMON

PICTURES of little girls and exotic pin-ups greeted police when they searched the dingy room of a 22-year-old Steenberg man who was arrested for the murder of seven-year-old missing schoolgirl Raymonde Jacobs.

Police made the discovery on Saturday afternoon after finding Raymonde's partly clothed body in the backyard of a house in Hartart Street, Steenberg, about 150 metres away from her alleged killer's bedroom. Raymonde disappeared



**MURDERED** Raymonde Jacobs.

on June 25 while playing outside her grandfather's house in Westart Street, according to the man where her alleged

killer lived in a makeshift room in the backyard of his family's property.

She was found clothed only in a track suit top with her hands tied and her face full of blood.

Indications are that she was raped before being killed.

A police spokesman said the man was arrested in Palmietrus Prison after police received a tip-off.

The man is expected to appear in Wynberg Magistrate's Court this week. A post-mortem will be conducted on Raymonde's body today.

# 'Fantasies became obsession'

Supreme Court Reporter

**MOZAMBICAN** - BORN Mr Elvis Jotamo yesterday told the Supreme Court that weeks before he murdered Rosebank auditor Miss Linsey Boyd he had paged through a girls' magazine and visualised a sexual fantasy with her.

The fantasy became an obsession and he developed an "all-consuming crush" on Miss Boyd, he said.

Mr Jotamo, 19, a former 582 7 pupil and resident at Fern Centre said this in detailed, 29-page statement he handed to the court in explanation of his plea.

He pleaded guilty to charges of attempted house-breaking with intent to rape, attempted rape, murder, stealing R20, a diamond ring, a guitar, her car and attempting to bribe the investigating officer.

Mr Justice, W G Cooper entered pleas of not guilty on all the charges



**ACCUSED** Mr Elvis Jotamo

Mr Jotamo said he became acquainted with Miss Boyd's sister, Janine, through a social worker and had often visited her.

"I recall that approximately six weeks prior to the fateful night I had been paging through a magazine when I visualised a sexual fantasy with the deceased."

The day before the fatal Saturday he learnt Janine would be away and realised it would be an opportunity to be alone with Miss Boyd.

After he failed to gain entry to her flat through a balcony door, he knocked on the front door and she let him in.

When she asked him to leave, he picked up a knife, thinking he could coerce her to have sex with him.

They started wrestling and fighting until "her body suddenly went limp".

"I was panic-stricken and realised I had to kill her to bring an end to everything," He throttled her and had sexual intercourse with her body.

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- 32-year old Isak Rardien, a soccer coach, was convicted in 1994 on 11 counts of indecently assaulting underage boys. He also **showed them pornographic videos.**<sup>2</sup>
- A man of 44 was convicted in the Pietermaritzburg Regional Court in 1994 of committing indecent acts with his daughter for 12 years from when she was six, having sex with her from the age of eight, and **watching a pornographic video** with his five-year-old son after fondling him.<sup>3</sup>
- At a 1995 “Eduex” education exhibition in Johannesburg, approximately 90 female teachers at primary schools, informed Horace and Pat van Rensburg that pornographic magazines were circulating in their schools and that it had given rise to marked increases in sexually-related crimes at these schools, such as sexual molestation, sexual assaults, rapes and gang rapes. One teacher recounted the sad story of an eight-year-old boy who, when asked to draw a domestic scene during art classes, produced an explicit drawing of the sex act between adults. When asked about the source of his drawing, he said he had seen it in a “book” shown to him by older boys at the school.
- A 39-year-old man was convicted in Durban Regional Court in 1994 of sexually abusing his daughter since she was in primary school and raping her when she was 16. **He showed her a pornographic movie and told her to emulate the actors, then raped her four times.**<sup>4</sup>
- **Reading a pornographic magazine** led a KwaMashu, KwaZulu-Natal man to rape an eight-year-old girl... Jacob Cele (30) said he was reading a copy of the explicit *Velvet* magazine at the relative’s house when he became aroused. “I tried to

dismiss this feeling of arousal, but it got the better of me. The girl was in the room and I admit that I had sexual intercourse with her without her consent.” (*Natal Witness*, 30 January 1996)

- The *Sowetan* reported that a farmer sexually molested six children between 8 and 11 years over a five year period. One of the girls told *The Sowetan*, “The man enticed us into his house and **made us watch pornography and then did the same things to us.**” (*Sowetan*, 19 February 1996)

This pornography-related abuse and rape has continued unabated since porn was first introduced into South Africa.

- A 32-year-old Cape Town man entered the boys’ toilets at Groote Schuur Primary in Rondebosch and attempted to molest a boy, who managed to escape. A week later the man was back at the school. Staff alerted the police who arrested him as he was heading towards Rondebosch Boys’ High. Pornographic material was found in his wallet. (*Southern Suburbs Tatler*, 14 September 2000).
- A 19-year-old Eastern Cape gardener tried to emulate pictures from a *Hustler* magazine of a couple copulating in a bath when he raped his 53-year-old employer (*Sunday Tribune*, 9 September 2000).
- A 51-year-old man from Lephepane Village, near Tzaneen, faced two charges of attempted murder after he allegedly physically and sexually assaulted his two stepdaughters, aged five and nine. The nine-year-old was, as a result, confined to a wheelchair. At the time, there was also a rape case of a

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mentally retarded woman pending against him. Miranda Friedmann, from Women and Men Against Child Abuse, said: **"We are talking here about two girls aged five and nine, two little sisters who were left in a shack covered with hard-core pornography... they were already visually assaulted with the pornography. They were then handcuffed and were then assaulted so severely that I don't know how long it's going to take for them to recover."** (SAPA, 10 May 2002).

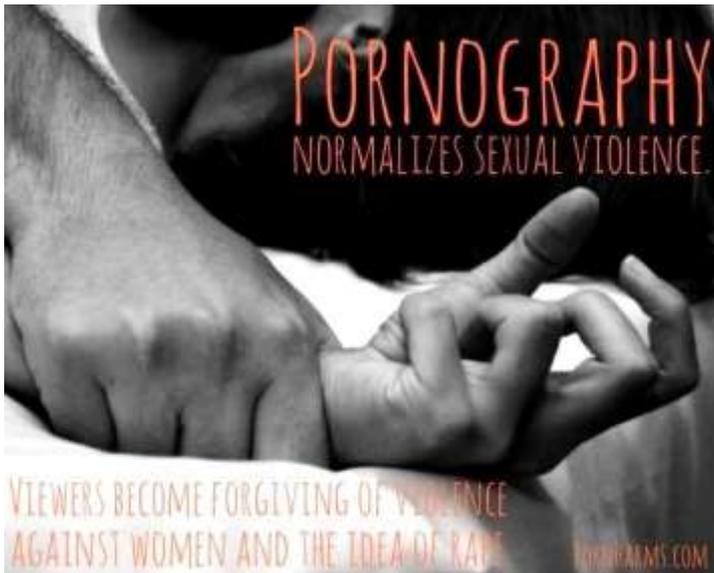
- A man appeared in the Bela-Bela (Warmbaths) Magistrate's Court in September 2002 after allegedly abusing three street children, aged between 12 and 15 for over three months. He and his accomplice were charged with child abuse and the possession of pornography. **Police confiscated pornographic material including video cassettes and sex toys.** (SAPA, 30 September 2002).
- A young man and his girlfriend were found guilty in the Johannesburg High Court in 2002 of murdering her father. The murder took place after the girl, Guinevere Denton, told her boyfriend that she wished her father were dead. Denton - whose parents were divorced – told him that she feared her father and his friends were going to rape her again that night. She said **her father and his friends watched pornography extensively.** (SAPA, 5 August 2002).
- Michiel Meintjies was convicted in the Pretoria High Court in November 2002 on 13 counts of sodomising three young boys and taking nude photographs of and showing pornographic material to several young children. According to testimony given, Meintjies had himself been **exposed to pornography from a very young age.** (SAPA, 19 February 2003).

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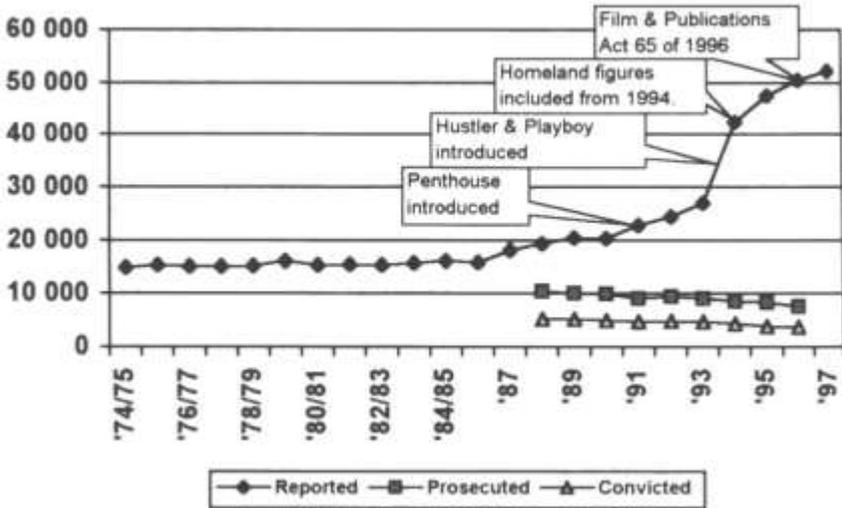
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- A raped and murdered 6-year-old was found in a field next to two bloodied rocks and pornographic material. (*The Star*, 2 February, 2007).
- A 27-year-old man raped his 10-year-old cousin which he admitted was a result of watching too much pornography. He said after watching pornography he went into his cousin's bedroom. "I did not plan to rape her, it just happened," he said. ([www.iol.co.za](http://www.iol.co.za), 1 August 2007).

Since 1991, when porn first flooded South Africa, the occurrences of rape, particularly of children, increased dramatically. SA Police records show that reported child rape increased from 3600 in 1992 to almost 15 000 in 1996. According to Doreen Meissner, founder of Standing Together to Oppose Pornography (STOP), "This is an increase of just over 400% in just four years. Is it mere coincidence that this escalation coincided with the flood of pornography that hit our country during these years?"



***Reported Rape Statistics in South Africa 1974-1997***



The graph above reveals several interesting factors. The graph starts in 1974, the year the previous Film and Publications Act was promulgated. For the next twelve years, the reported rape rate in South Africa varied very little:

**TAKE ACTION**  
We need to lobby for stricter laws against rape and the reintroduction of the death penalty for capital crimes such as rape and murder.

***“But if a man finds a betrothed young woman in the countryside, and the man forces her and lies with her, then only the man who lay with her shall die.”***  
Deuteronomy 22:25

South Africa varied very little: from 14 815 (1974/75) to 16 149 (1979/80), despite a large increase in the population. However, from 1987 the rate begins to rise. We have the years of intense political turmoil, rapid urbanisation, and a growing culture of crime, but we also have the floodgates opened for pornography. In a single year there is a 57% jump, from 27 037 (1993) to 42 429 (1994). This is

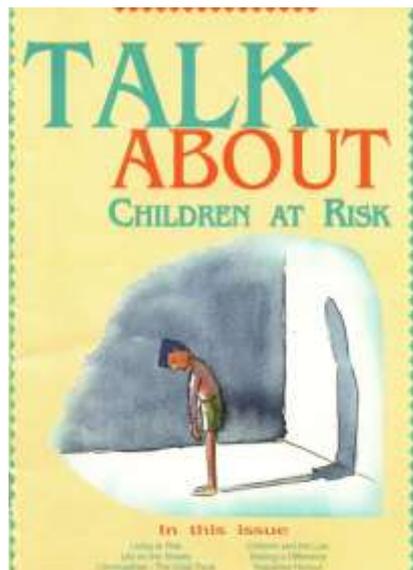
partially explained by the inclusion of data from the ten former Homelands areas.

However, as only about 44% of South Africans lived in the former Homeland areas, their inclusion cannot explain the extent of the rise. The question therefore must be asked: what influence has pornography had on the number of women raped? What is equally shocking is that as the rape rate rose, so the prosecution rate dropped, as did the rate of convictions.

**Despite these early horror stories and the dramatic increase in rape and child abuse, the government of South Africa proceeded to legalise pornography – and the possession of all forms of pornography, even child abuse images, graphic rapes and bestiality – in 1996.**

What has been the outcome of this decision? The statistics tell the story.

In a booklet, *Talk about Children at Risk*, written by the South African Police Services, their Child Protection Unit states, "In 1996 the Films and Publication Act was passed, legalising pornography for the first time in the history of the country. This made it possible for child abusers, rapists and paedophiles to obtain all the material they needed. Statistics tell the story as South African Police Service records show that child rape increased... over 400%!" The



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police report further stated that: ***"Research with child sexual offenders reveals that all have used child pornography."***

According to the Child Protection Unit, South Africa is "fast becoming known as the premier sex tourism destination of the world, particularly because children's bodies are plentiful and cheap. It is also common knowledge that this country is a world leader in the spread of HIV-AIDS." (*Talk About Children at Risk*)

According to Interpol, South Africa has the highest rate of reported rape in the world (among countries which have taken the initiative to collect statistics on rape), and some 50 000 rapes are reported each year. Although we find it difficult in South Africa to obtain disaggregated (i.e. they do not provide a breakdown of the ages of victims) statistics, it has been true for a number of years that approximately 40% to 50% of reported rapes are committed against children. Given that rape is under-reported in South Africa (as in other parts of the world) and that only one in 20 is in fact reported, RAPCAN estimates that between 400 000 and 500 000 children are raped in this country each year.<sup>5</sup>

On a daily basis, 147 women are raped in South Africa. Activists believe a woman is raped in South Africa every 23 seconds. Sam Waterhouse, the advocacy manager of Resources Aimed at Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (RAPCAN) says it is widely accepted that only one in nine rapes are reported. There is only a 7% conviction rate of reported rapes.<sup>6</sup>

This is of course exactly what Africa Christian Action warned about in its submissions and testimonies before the Parliamentary subcommittee that was drafting the new Films and Publication Act in 1995. There is a strong correlation between pornography addiction and rape, although in simplistic terms, pornography

does not *cause* rape. However, as Feminist academic, Robert Jensen, aptly puts it: **"Pornography is a form of propaganda for a rape culture."**<sup>7</sup>

The tragic result of the SA government's legalisation of the exploitative pornography industry is catalogued by the SAPS Child Protection Unit: *"The commercial exploitation of children includes... rape, murder, abduction, bribery, false marriages... bonded labour extortion, mail order brides... One out of every twelve prostitutes is younger than 17..."* This wholesale sexual exploitation of children has flourished because of *"corruption and collusion, the absence, or inadequacy of laws, lax law enforcement and limited sensitisation of law enforcement personnel to the harmful impact on children... and government officials who may, often unwittingly, be guilty through indifference, ignorance..."*

***"Why do people commit crimes so readily? Because crime is not punished quickly enough."*** Ecclesiastes 8:11

Even international experts are concerned about the situation in South Africa. Independent United Nations expert Juan Miguel Petit, said that the sexual abuse of children could become unmanageable in South Africa, if it is not addressed. He said a study found that young children "are exposed to every type of sexual abuse imaginable," and in some cases are severely beaten or killed during assaults. Another increasing concern to police, Petit said, is the flow of children being trafficked to South Africa. Children from Angola, Mozambique, Senegal, Kenya, Ethiopia and Uganda end up as prostitutes on the streets of Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town. Criminal gangs from as far afield as Angola, Congo, Nigeria, Bulgaria, the Thailand-Chinese triad, and even the Russian mafia are involved.<sup>8</sup> It was raised at the World

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Conference Against Racism held in 2000 that women and children migrants are facing particularly serious difficulties, as they are increasingly subject to trafficking, forced prostitution and pornography.

This porndemic has infected every area of our lives. How was this epidemic unleashed upon South Africa? How did it reach such a devastating level? Chapter 2 gets to grips with the beginnings of the SA porndemic.



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***"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves."***

Proverbs 31:8

### THE LEGALISATION OF PORN IN SA

In 1994, a task group was appointed by Home Affairs Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi to draft a new pornography law to replace the Publications Act of 1974, which had outlawed pornography. The new task group was not representative of the South African public. Only three of the 12 members were women and there were no religious groups represented, even though Christian and women's groups are the most concerned about pornography. There was not a single Christian representative, even though 78% of the population profess to be Christian. The chairman of the task group, Kobus van Rooyen, was by no means objective. In 1993, Van Rooyen had accepted payment from porn suppliers to write a booklet attempting to refute Africa Christian Action's book *Finding Freedom from the Pornography Plague*.

"We do not have the funds or services to continue to correct the damage the actions of sex offenders have inflicted on our society... Against the reality of funding cutbacks, lack of adequate resources and feeble laws to prosecute sex offenders, our society cannot afford to implement policies and philosophies which favour the interests of the perpetrators..."

Marcel Londt, who works with sex offenders in Pollsmoor Prison, warned the committee about the danger of legalising porn in South Africa.

Van Rooyen is now chairman of the Broadcasting Complaints Commission of South Africa (a position he has held for over 16 years), which is meant to deal with complaints from the public about sex and violence on TV. Advocates Tessa Heunis and Ronel Berg stated their concerns that the task force did not consider the particular characteristics of South Africa. They said, "*We have a dysfunctional society which can't be equated with that of any of the*

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In 1995, Horace and Pat van Rensburg warned in *Stop Pornography* (South Africa):

“We must be vigilant not to be duped by those who advocate the sale of pornography only in sex shops, wrapped in plastic folders, only to persons over 18, etc. Such measures will prove to be totally ineffective. Inquisitive and vulnerable children will still get their hands on pornographic magazines and videos. Pornographic magazines are in circulation at most primary schools. Children do not buy pornographic magazines and videos from shops. They get them from older brothers and friends, or find them where their parents leave them, or hide them. They also buy them from adults who buy them from shops to sell at a profit to children.”

*so-called First World countries. We have the highest crime (including rape and child abuse), illiteracy, unemployment and divorce rates, coupled with the problems of a lack of housing and immigrant labour, all of which will affect the dissemination of pornographic material and the likely effects on its readers.”<sup>9</sup>*

99.7% of the written representations from the public were against the legalisation of porn. Although only a handful of the 1600 submissions to the Parliamentary Select Committee dealing with the Bill (*The Mercury*, 1 February 1996) supported “relaxing the existing Publications Act which (forbade) access to pornographic material in any form”, Parliament passed the Film and Publications Act in 1996.

### **The pro-porn laws in South Africa**

The 1996 Film and Publications Act made the “possession” of all forms of pornography legal. That means you could legally keep in your home and view:

- Child pornography (child abuse images) which includes visuals of children and babies being tortured and even murdered;
- violence against women, even graphic visuals of all types of rape and torture;

- bestiality (sexual acts with animals);
- necrophilia (sexual acts with dead people);
- and a myriad of other mind-boggling material, including defecation, diapering, mutilation, etc.

### **Child porn made illegal**

As a result of the public backlash against pornography, an amendment in 1999 made possession of all forms of child pornography (child abuse images), including computer-generated images of child porn totally illegal. This amendment placed South Africa on the cutting edge of international moves to completely ban all forms of child pornography.

Nana Makaula, head of the Film and Publications Board (FPB) at the time said, "My knowledge of child porn was limited by my naïve imagination. I thought it probably involved men with children of about 11 or 12 who had matured early sexually. Now I know that toddlers are also involved." (*Cape Times*, 22 May 2000). If Makaula had read the many submissions against the legalisation of pornography, she would have come across repeated warnings of the kind of material found in child pornography.

Further amendments (2004, 2009) helped tighten up some of these laws against child pornography, especially to include clauses regarding new technology (Internet, cell phones, computer games) but have done little to stem the flood of child abuse images in South Africa. Despite the staggering statistics of child rape in South Africa, and the clear correlation between the use of porn and child abuse, the Human Sciences Research Council estimated that fewer than 20 cases of persons possessing, manufacturing, or distributing images were investigated in SA in the years 2002 to 2007.<sup>10</sup>

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### The rest stays legal

However, currently the possession of all these other forms of pornography, except for child abuse images (and anything that incites violence, war or advocates hatred) remains legal! Child porn is defined by the 2009 FP Amendment Act as “any image, however created, or any description of a person, real or simulated, who is, or is depicted, made to appear, look like, represented or described as being under the age of 18 years engaged in sexual conduct, or showing the body of such a person in such a manner that amounts to sexual exploitation.”

“Possession” (for private purposes) however is different from “distribution”, which is the sale, hiring out and public viewing etc. of the material. Currently the distribution (although it may be possessed privately) of the following is illegal, and should be rated XX by the Film and Publications Board:

- “explicit sexual conduct which violates or shows disrespect for the right to human dignity of any person”
- “bestiality, incest, rape or conduct or an act which is degrading of human beings”
- “Conduct or an act which constitutes incitement of, encourages or promotes harmful behavior”
- “the explicit infliction of sexual or domestic violence”
- “explicit visual presentations of extreme violence.”

It is outrageous that people can be allowed to legally possess films depicting women being tortured or subjected to humiliating acts – films where one can clearly see the ‘performer’ is experiencing physical pain (albeit pretending to ‘enjoy’ it)!

It is probable that those who possess XX material retrieve these images off the Internet, although undercover investigations have found that some sex shops sell these materials (including child porn) from under the counter.

The Film and Publications Board was set up in terms of the Act to classify and control the distribution of films and publications. All other types and varieties of porn should, in terms of the law, be rated X18 by the FPB, which means it may only be distributed to over 18s by licensed sex shops registered with the Board. The material and the shops must be clearly marked as only for over 18s.

### **The Sexual Offences Amendment Act 2007**

Section 19 and 23 of the Sexual Offences Amendment Act makes it a criminal offence to expose a child to pornography (as defined in this Act) whether intentionally or negligently. (This provision, however, cannot be applied to the mere display of 18-rated sexually explicit magazines in ordinary shops.)

### **Why pornographers get away with anything**

Even with the 1999 Amendment, which specifically dealt with the issue of child pornography and outlawed it, and the 2004 and 2009 amendments which created further minor restrictions, to say that the Act is *flawed* is a gross understatement. Among the problems are:

- Except for child porn and material that contains hate speech, or incitement to violence, anything may be possessed. Senior Executive Officer (Legal Services) of the FPB, Iyavar Chetty said at the STOP annual meeting in 2003, "With the exception of child pornography, there is no censorship in South Africa..."

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Most people are surprised to realise that bestiality, for instance, is not prohibited,” he said. “There is no prohibition on the possession of any type of material in South Africa, except child pornography.”

- While porn DVDs have to be submitted to the Board for classification before being sold, magazines are only required to be submitted for classification if a complaint is made about a specific image in a magazine. Iyavar Chetty said, “A publication does not come before the Board unless there is a complaint from a member of the public...” The problem is that the porn user who buys these magazines is highly unlikely to complain to the Film and Publications Board that something is too violent or possibly breaks the law. They are already desensitised. Decent, concerned members of the public do not purchase porn and certainly cannot buy hundreds of porn magazines to check for anything illegal. As can be expected therefore, there have been very few complaints about material in porn magazines. In Australia, magazines that regularly include sexually explicit material, e.g. *Hustler* or *Playboy* have to be submitted for classification before being sold. (The 2009 Film and Publications Amendment Bill attempted to introduce such pre-classification measures for 18 and above rated content, yet these were gutted from the Bill after the media launched a Constitutional Court case, claiming that this reintroduces “censorship”.) Such an amendment would ensure that more of these kinds of magazines would only be sold in licensed porn shops and not in chain stores.
- The FPB does not have an enforcement arm. There are no inspectors, for example, to ensure that children are not renting DVDs, or buying magazines that are age classified. Compliance Officers can only impose fines on distributors and

publishers, not individuals. They can only report their findings to the police. We need to lobby the Minister of Home Affairs to rectify this.

- The FPB's Classification Committee regularly downplays key aspects of the FP Act such as "sexual conduct which violates the right to dignity". Some of what is allowed in XX and even X18 material in SA would be refused classification (illegal) even in liberal countries such as Australia.
- Some films are only given an 18 classification instead of X18 because they are supposedly of "literary, artistic or scientific" merit.

The FPB is too lenient in its classifications. Iyavar Chetty said that a proper reading of the 1996 Act should outlaw (classify as "Refused Classification", i.e. illegal to possess or distribute) anything that condones non-consensual sexual acts, but in truth, the Classification Committees allow virtually anything.

Consider the following case studies. Please note that these are not specifically pornographic movies, but are movies for general release:

### ***Baise Moi*** ('Rape Me' in French)

This movie was censored in Australia. The FP Board first classified the film XX on 27 September 2002, because, in the words of the Board, the "sexually explicit and violent nature of the film amounted to gross prejudice against men and that it would incite viewers to cause extreme harm and pain, or even death, to men. The film, which is graphic in the extreme and includes images of explicit nudity, is problematised by the fact that its sexual scenes occur within the context of extreme and intense violence." This is exactly what the FP Act 1996 is meant to outlaw for distribution,



though private ownership and viewing of the material would not be illegal.

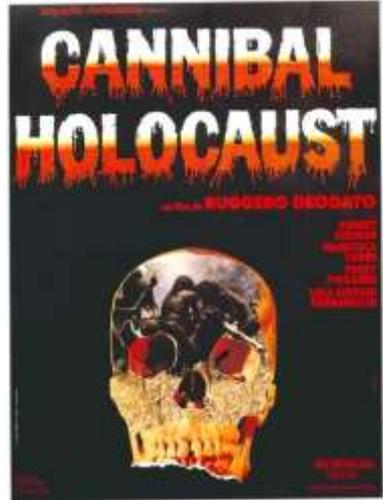
The distributor of the film appealed to the Board. The Appeal Board of the FP Board revised the decision and ruled that the film is "a bona fide dramatic or art film and therefore exempt from an XX or X18 classification". The film carried an 18 age restriction and was shown at cinemas around the country.

In this case it was decided that because it was an "art" movie it would be exempt from the XX status that it deserved, but other movies have been made 18 instead of XX because they are "junk" movies! An example of this is *Cannibal Holocaust*.

### ***Cannibal Holocaust***

According to the FP Board, the 1979 exploitation film, *Cannibal Holocaust*, "has long been quoted as one of the most extreme films ever made and features scenes of utter cruelty towards both humans and animals. Besides scenes in which various people are ripped apart, dismembered, tortured and castrated, the film includes the depiction of violent rape, including a horrific sequence in which a woman is sexually violated by means of 'ritualistic' rape with an oversized stone phallus. The examiners who had to endure the screening of the gruelling video all agreed that this was undoubtedly the most disturbing film they had yet encountered... gory layers of intense sadism, bloodlust and perverse sexual violence... The way in which the film has already

been advertised by its intended distributor further alarmed the Board. It is clear that the distributor had intended on exploiting the violence and carnage that pervade the film.”



On 3 May 2001, the Board therefore rated the film XX, which means not for sale or distribution. However by the end of that month the FP Review Board overturned the rating and allowed the film to be released with an age restriction of 18, which means it that any video store can stock it! And the reason for this? “The Review Board felt that the film is clearly a dated, low budget production with poor acting evident throughout and as a result is unlikely to be of mass appeal.” The Review Board also allowed the general distribution of *Holocaust II – Eaten Alive*, despite the fact that the film was found to include scenes of “explicit violent sexual conduct”, “explicit sexual conduct which degrades a person and which constitutes incitement to cause harm” and “explicit infliction of extreme violence or the explicit effects of extreme violence which constitutes incitement to cause harm.” Again, the reason given for the lax classification was that “it was felt that the degrading elements of the film have such a ring of amateurishness to them that it would be hard to conceive of any adult being traumatised and/or offended by them...”

Possibly the Review Board members are so desensitised that they would not be offended, but one can hardly imagine that the average South African would not be offended. Distributors can distribute what should be illegal in this country if it is described as

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“art” (as with *Boise Moi*) or if it is described as “junk” (such as *Cannibal Holocaust*).

If these are the kinds of films that are receiving an 18 age restriction, imagine what is being passed under X18, let alone XX!

Many countries such as Germany, Australia and New Zealand have on occasion refused to classify films and video games that they consider too harmful or offensive to society, irrespective of whether they contained elements of “artistic” or other merit. The South African FPB should at least do the same!

### **Problems with Broadcasting in South Africa**

- There are two different regulatory bodies for films and TV – respectively, the Film and Publications Board (FPB) and the Broadcasting Complaints Commission (BCCSA). In a knee-jerk reaction to the former government’s censorship, it was decided that the state would play no role in regulating broadcasting in the country. As a result the BCCSA was set up by the National Association of Broadcasters to oversee those broadcasters that voluntarily agreed to abide by its Code. The Commission is therefore appointed and funded by the broadcasters themselves! Many feel that, as a result of this, the BCCSA represents the interests of the industry and is not addressing the public’s concerns. The Standing Together to Oppose Pornography (STOP) Committee has described the BCCSA as a “broken reed”. According to the Family Policy Institute, “The BCCSA is not working. It is not representative of the public’s concerns.”
- The updated ICASA Code of Conduct for Broadcasters, published in 2011, which governs what TV stations are allowed to broadcast, allows the broadcasting of 18 rated films on television as long as it is “after 9:00 p.m.”! Thankfully, as of 2011, the new Code prohibits the

broadcasting of X18 material. This victory was only as a result of on-going public complaints.

- Some of the pornographic films screened on TV should be rated X18 – remember, X18 includes simulation. TV channels give films their own rating; this is why a film might be rated 18 by the FPB but be 16 on TV.
- According to the 2001 FPB Report, the Board often gets feedback that the public perceive broadcasters to be more liberal about TV violence, sex and offensive language than the general public.
- Another concern about the BCCSA is that it is headed up by Professor Kobus van Rooyen (a position which he has held for

"It should be stated quite frankly that wide-open pornography in post-apartheid South Africa did not bring liberation but dehumanisation."

Doctors for Life, 5 December 2001

over 16 years), who is a veteran in the battle to legalise the possession of child abuse images in South Africa. As Chairman of the 1995 task group that drew up the draft

legislation that ultimately legalised ALL forms of pornography in South Africa, van Rooyen argued that people should be legally allowed to possess child porn (child abuse images). Van Rooyen also defended Tasco De Reuck in the Constitutional Court in 2003. De Reuck was facing charges of the possession of some 3000 vile child abuse images, described as "some of the most disgusting child pornography images" in the history of South Africa. Van Rooyen argued that the law that found Tasco de Reuck guilty of possessing child abuse images is unconstitutional (De Reuck had claimed he was going to use the images to make a documentary on paedophiles). How can a man who should be adjudicating over the concerns of the public about sex and violence on television be spending his time fighting for someone's right

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to possess child abuse images? Thankfully, the Constitutional Court ruled that the possession of child pornography without a permit, would remain a crime.

- Although, the FP Act 1996 was described as amongst the most “progressive” in the world, its drafters did not even take pornography on satellite television, or on the Internet, into consideration. Prior to the 1999 amendment, South African child pornographers were taking advantage of this giant loophole on the Internet! There is little control over programmes broadcast from other countries into South Africa on satellite television. Again, the most the BCCSA can do as a self-regulating, non-statutory body, is to fine the offending broadcaster for contravening the BCCSA Code. Satellite TV companies, must however, apply to ICASA for a licence if they want to broadcast new channels in SA.

By default, the government legalised the possession of child porn in 1996, but by 1998 they were expressing disgust at it.<sup>11</sup> Instead of belatedly trying to take action, the SA government should have listened to the warnings of thousands of members of the public and Christian organisations. Instead it seems that the state authorities are continually doing all they can to be as “politically correct” and as “permissive” as possible. In a country where so much violence and abuse mar its history, how can the right to view and make money out of pornography take precedence over women’s and children’s rights to be free from sexual violence?

Sweden, which has long been touted as an example of emancipated sex by the pro-pornography lobby, has recently been seriously reviewing their extremely lax laws as a result of realising that the nation’s family life is collapsing. They amended the Constitution for the last time last century (outside of war times) in order to ban child abuse images. It was realised that the

argument that “legalising it will bring down the sex crimes rate” had been a horrible and expensive lie. Sweden has also taken the step of making buying sex illegal. Furthermore, the Swedes have banned porn from prison cells and Swedish government officials are no longer allowed to stay at hotels that offer porn TV channels. This is another area where our government needs to learn from international experience.

“Advertisers spend billions of dollars every year trying to persuade us to buy their products, in the firm belief that images can change human behaviour. We support and encourage the arts, in the belief that novels, films and such have the capacity to uplift and enhance society – in other words, that the arts have a capacity to influence people. Yet we are expected to believe that the increasing deluge of misogynistic pornography does not affect attitudes to women!”

Dr Marlene Goldsmith, former member of the New South Wales Parliament, Australia, 1993

The U.S., Canada, New Zealand and Australia are amongst the Western governments that have accepted that porn consumption results in negative effects. Ironically, although the South African government claim to be leaders in Africa, in this regard they are moving in totally the opposite direction to their brothers north of South Africa’s borders. There are no other African countries that have allowed this kind of sleaze to legally wreck homes and lives.

The fact is, pornography is harmful. In her edited compilation *Pornography: Women, Violence and Civil Liberties*, Catherine Itzin points out that papers by Eisendal, Weaver and Russell review over 300 pieces of research and that the majority of the studies reviewed provide support for pornography-related harm. There are well over 150 pieces of research currently available that establishes some of the connections between porn and sexual violence.<sup>12</sup> A meta-analysis (a statistical integration of all existing

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scientific data) published in 2002, which involved more than 12 000 participants has proven and reconfirmed what these previous studies have shown.<sup>13</sup> Problems linked to porn include sexual aggressiveness and sexually hostile and violent behaviours. Pornography viewers are at risk “for developing sexually deviant tendencies, committing sexual offences, experiencing difficulties in intimate relations, and accepting of the rape myth (the belief that women cause and enjoy rape). One of the most common psychological problems which developed as a result of regular viewing of porn is a deviant attitude towards intimate relationships... This included perceptions of sexual dominance, submissiveness... or viewing persons as sexual objects.” Behavioural problems include fetishes and excessive or ritualistic masturbation.

“Our findings are very alarming,” said Dr Claudio Violato, one of the co-authors of the study, published in the scientific journal *Mind, Medicine and Adolescence*. “This is a very serious social problem since pornography is so widespread nowadays and easily accessible on the Internet, television, DVDs and print materials,” added Violato, who is Director of Research at the National Foundation of Family Research and Education and a professor at the University of Calgary. “Studies have shown that almost all men and most women have been exposed to pornography. An increasing number of children are also being exposed to sexually explicit materials through mass media.” (*Cape Argus*, 5 March 2002)

### **“Porn does not affect me”**

A standard argument is that porn does not influence people. The pro-porn lobby claim that seeing visuals of people – usually attractive – having sex in all sorts of ways, does not increase the desire for that. In fact, some even claim that it satisfies the desire

for it. If that were true, why do companies spend millions on advertising, showing visuals of their product looking its best? People see it, they want it and they go out and get it. If showing a Coca-Cola looking cold and refreshing satisfied the desire for it, the last thing advertisers would do is show pictures of ice-cold Coke. But they do – because it stimulates demand for their product! It is the same with pornography – it shows something (sex, women or children) looking good and increases the desire for it. If pictures of something were enough to satisfy, food aid organisations would only need to be dropping recipe books over countries affected by famine to satisfy their hunger.

Dr Judith A. Reisman, a world renowned pornography researcher points out that the brain is designed to believe what it sees. When you watch a horror movie, even though you know that it is not true, that it is only 'fantasy', you still feel fear and that fear can linger, involuntarily, for months or even years. Similarly, the impact of porn remains with you, even if you are not aware of it.<sup>14</sup>

Julia Swain, a wife and mother says, "Our entire education system for centuries has been based on the principle of impartation. The brain takes information in and is influenced. How can porn be different?"

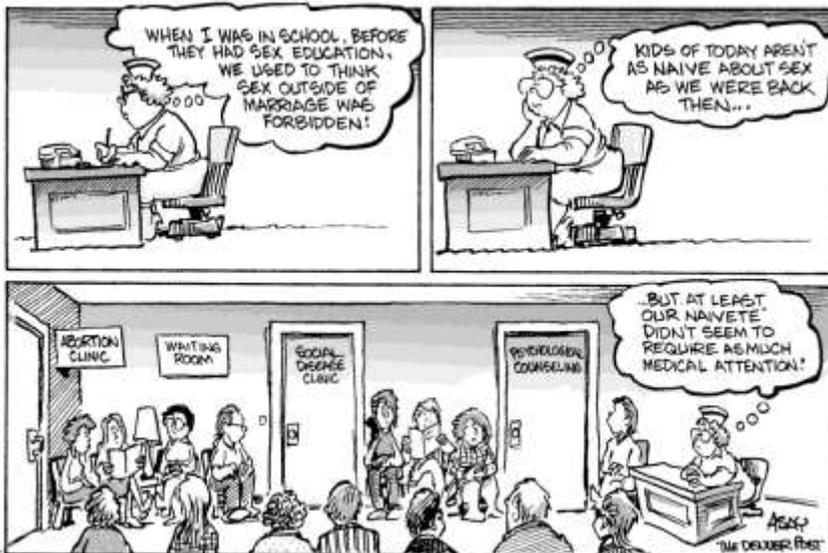
Naturally those who proclaim the loudest that it has no effect are its producers and users. South African sexologist Dr Angelo Grazioli says that he often encounters individuals who vigorously proclaim that they can use sexually explicit material (SEM) without consequences. But every one of those people cannot, he says, "readily present a rational universal definition or measure of what constitutes a good relationship... Also, they cannot give an accurate description of the possible negative effects of SEM besides the more commonly debated incitement to violence and

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disrespect for females. People's ability to determine the effect of SEM on them and their relationships is highly suspect."

### Porn – a threat to the nation

Researcher Judith Reisman warned South Africa in 1995: "So called frank sex education, allegedly candid sex talk shows, 'adult' pornography, or 'artistic erotica' and the like, all contribute to the erotic environment and as such, all trigger child sexual abuse and a concomitant rise in children sexually abusing other children and exponential increases in every form of sexual violence. The resulting AIDS and assorted other venereal diseases, illegitimate births, suicide, homicide, divorce, homelessness of children and women, will economically unravel the wealthiest society, and will predictably cripple the attempts of South Africa to rise economically and as a nation state."<sup>45</sup>



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Demonstration outside E-TV studios, Cape Town, 2011.



A site of modern-day slavery: Mavericks strip joint trafficks women from Eastern Europe. Pornography fuels this exploitative trade.

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### WHAT IS PORN?

Research released by the Film and Publications Board (2008) found that:

- 67% of South African teens surveyed have watched a porn DVD.
- A total of 45% reported watching pornographic films regularly.
- Most teens surveyed (64%) have been exposed to pornographic images on the Internet.
- 60% exchange pornographic Internet addresses with their friends.
- 81% reported knowledge of pornographic images on their friends' cell phones.
- 43% reported that they get and read pornographic magazines.
- 51% reported that watching such films made them more curious about sex.<sup>16</sup>

Porn is available to children everywhere, because computers are now everywhere and children go everywhere with their computers. With one mouse click or search on their smartphone, today's kids can access graphic hard-core images unimagined by their peers a generation ago.

The Film and Publications Board also surveyed over 604 children aged 10–12 years old and 13–15 years old on their exposure to sexual content on the Internet or on cell phones.<sup>17</sup> The research study found that:

“The problem with many of my compatriots from the sixties is that they think we are still talking about 1960s *Playboy* magazines. Since then, pornography has come a very long way, and its direction is denigration and debasement.”

Dr Marlene Goldsmith, former member of the New South Wales Parliament, Australia

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- 22% of the children who participated in the study have been exposed to distressing content on the Internet mostly of a sexual nature and nudity which made them feel uncomfortable.
- 14% of chat room users in the age group have been exposed to distressing content in chat rooms and have had sexual advances made to them on line.
- 12% have been exposed to distressing content on cell phones mostly of a sexual nature.
- 7% have been exposed to distressing email content which was mostly violent and sexual.

“We have information that indicates that sex shops are being visited by floods of young adolescents, many of whom are from areas where this was not possible prior to political liberation.”

Dr Albu van Eeden, Doctors for Life, 5  
December 2001

It would not be an exaggeration, therefore, to say that pornography is easily available to children, as are cigarettes, which are also prohibited by law for sale to children.

### **Porn has become mainstream**

The so-called ‘adult entertainment’ industry (including porn shops, strip joints and escort agencies) in South Africa is booming and could be one of the top five earning industries in the country, with millions of rands exchanging hands monthly.<sup>18</sup>

Considering that it is young people, and on such a mass scale, who are being exposed to pornography, we need to ask ourselves: what is porn, what is it that young people are seeing, what are they learning from it and is it harming them and society? Most people imagine that porn is mostly made up of attractive women posing in the nude or a man and woman having sex. This is far from the truth. What is the content of pornography today?

### **What is in porn today?**

In his personal comments on the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography, 1986 Dr. James Dobson, President of Focus on the Family International at the time, reported:

*Most American citizens have no idea that such gruesome scenes are common in the world of obscene publications today. When asked to describe pornography currently on the market, they think in terms of airbrushed centerfolds in the popular 'men's magazines.' But steady customers of pornography have long since grown tired of simple heterosexual nudity. Indeed, a visit to an adult bookstore quickly reveals the absence of so-called 'normal' sexuality...This is the world of pornography today, and I believe the public would rise up in wrath to condemn it if they knew of its prominence.<sup>19</sup>*

### **Aggression**

In a 2007 presentation, Robert Wosnitzer, Ana Bridges, and Michele Chang released the results of their study of the 50 top selling adult DVDs. After analysing 304 distinct scenes in these films, they found 3 376 acts of verbal or physical aggression — that's an act of aggression every minute and a half. About 90% of scenes contained at least one act of aggression. Verbal aggression, such as name-calling, was present in about half of adult video scenes. In 73% of instances, men were the aggressors, and when women were the aggressors, most of the time they were being aggressive to another woman. In 95% of the scenes, the person receiving the aggression reacted neutrally or positively to it.<sup>20</sup>

“It hurts to know that no matter who you are as a woman you can be reduced to a thing to be penetrated and that in many of those movies your humiliation will be the central theme. It hurts to know that so much of the pornography men are buying fuses sexual desire with cruelty.”

Testimony given at a Centre for Battered Women and Rape Survivors Centre, quoted in “The Cruel Edge: The Painful Truth About Today’s Pornography”, Robert Jensen, 2004

Robert Jensen, a journalist and researcher from the University of Texas, USA purchased DVDs from what was broadly representative of the 11 303 new hard-core titles released in 2002, according to the *Adult Video News*.

### **Abuse**

The fact is that much of mainstream porn today contains depictions of the performers being psychologically abused (often called derogatory names such as bitch, slut or whore) and physically

harmed (the harm of which is often real, as opposed to acting). In many of the films, Jensen says, you can see the expressions of pain on the performers’ faces. He explained: “Their facial expressions and voices conveyed that what was being done to them was causing physical discomfort and/or fear and/or distress.”

### **Violent**

Women are shown as passive sex objects who submit to any sexual activity that the exaggeratedly dominant male, or males, demand. They are depicted as sexually insatiable. Even at the so-called soft end of the market, women are shown being physically hurt and men are shown enjoying hurting them. At the ‘hard’ end of the market, torture, bondage and beatings are the norm and at the ‘extremely hard’ end is the snuff category, depicting the murder of women and children.

### **Degeneration**

Commenting on the slippery slope of porn addiction to harder and harder materials, Jensen notes, "Sex, of course, has an emotional component, and emotions are infinitely variable. There are so many ways people can rub bodies together, but endless are the ways different people can feel about rubbing bodies together in different times, places and contexts. When all emotion is drained from sex it becomes repetitive and uninteresting, even to men who are watching primarily to facilitate masturbation. So, pornography needs an edge. Pornography has to draw on some emotion, hence the cruelty."<sup>21</sup>

### **Watching porn is viewing bruised, drugged prostitutes**

Research indicates that about 60–80% of women, who work in the sex industry, were sexually abused as children. It is very rare to find porn stars who started out of a freely chosen 'love' of sexual exhibition. Along with poverty, broken families and lack of education, childhood abuse is very common. Many porn actresses admit they've experienced sexual abuse, physical abuse, and neglect by parents. Some were raped by relatives and molested by neighbours. Some of them ended up as teenage runaways and were picked up by pimps. They are taught at a young age that sex makes them valuable. They only escape one circle of abuse by entering another; they can't run from the pain so they go towards it. Fast forward a few years and they find themselves drunk and drugged on a porn set, as they re-live the same abuse they experienced growing up.<sup>22</sup> Ex-porn performer, Shelley Lubben, has documented how hundreds of 'porn performers' that she knows of, committed suicide.<sup>23</sup>

### **Porn survey**

The most comprehensive study of the imagery of pornography ever undertaken was in 1987 by Dietz and Sears.<sup>24</sup> They surveyed

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“Pornographic films have become nastier. It is no longer erotic material – *Playboy* glitz and glamour. They are very nasty stuff where women more often than not are drugged and they are made to undergo what really are unspeakable acts. When viewing one of these films, two Film and Publications Board (FPB) committee members left the room because what they saw made them retch.”

Iyavar Chetty, Senior Officer, Film and Publications Board

5132 magazines, books and films sold in thirteen randomly selected ‘adults-only’ pornographic outlets in four cities in the United States. This study is representative of what is sold in the US, and obviously worldwide. These were items on open display and excluded the child porn and most heinous torture and mutilation materials that are so often available under the counter. Only the pictures on the front covers were analysed which tended to make the material surveyed

appear less sexually explicit and more conventional than they actually are because the covers are usually less explicit than what is inside.

Some of the findings were:

- Less than 5% of the pornography showed one man and one woman having vaginal intercourse.
- About 12% of all images depicted sadomasochistic imagery (sexual bondage, forcible rape, the sexual use of piercing, whipping, or weapons, or sexual depictions of bruising or blood).
- 13% depicted violence.
- 10–15% depicted imagery corresponding with sexual deviance including corpses, enemas, urine, faeces, diapering, bestiality, transvestism, fetishism, childlike clothing, props etc.
- 12 of the 13 outlets sold books on child sexual abuse and incest that contained detailed and sexually explicit written

descriptions of sexual activity between children and adults.

- Sexually violent pornography accounts for about 10% of the market.<sup>25</sup>

### **The porn explosion in society**

- Every second 28258 Internet users are viewing pornography worldwide. Every 39 minutes a pornographic DVD is being created in the US. Every second \$3075.64 is being spent on pornography.<sup>26</sup>
- The pornography industry has larger revenues than Microsoft, Google, Amazon, eBay, Yahoo, Apple and Netflix combined.<sup>27</sup>
- Annual rentals and sales of adult DVDs top \$4 billion, and the industry churns out 11 000 titles each year – more than 20 times as many as Hollywood, according to *Adult Video News*, an adult industry trade magazine.<sup>28</sup>
- American media are thought to be the most sexually suggestive in the Western hemisphere. The average American adolescent will view nearly 14,000 sexual references per year, yet only 165 of these references deal with self-control, abstinence, or the risk of pregnancy or STDs. The so-called ‘family hour’ of prime-time television (8:00 to 9:00 p.m.) contains, on average, more than 8 sexual incidents, which is more than 4 times what it contained in 1976.<sup>29</sup>

### **Child abuse images**

The Internet has dramatically increased the demand for and the supply of child abuse images. In the UK, child porn crimes have risen by 1500% since 1988 according to a report by the British charity, Action for Children.<sup>30</sup>

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"Child pornography is a permanent record of the sexual abuse of a child. Adults victimise children – even in the earliest stages of infancy – in illegal photo shoots and videos featuring acts of molestation, child-peer sex and bestiality."<sup>31</sup> It is visuals of children being raped by men and required to perform sexual activities with women. Babies as young as two months are raped. Children are urinated and ejaculated on. Some material shows children being tortured and killed. **Pornography is progressive.** As people become desensitised by the porn they see, they seek

"You may think you know what the child pornography industry is but, no matter how cynical you are, you do not. Yes, it is naked children exposing themselves. But it is worse than that. It is adults having sex with children, even babies. But it is worse than that. It is the rape and torture of little children... **This is the very heart of darkness.** These are images that are more than shocking and repulsive. They kill your soul because you know that every poor child you see on those sites is dead. If not now at the hands of a sadist, then decades from now from alcoholism, drugs or suicide... The pictures first make you sick, then angry and finally homicidal..."

Michael S Malone, ABC News, "Silicon Insider: Dark World of Child Porn", 2003

out more shocking material. It is therefore no surprise that child porn is becoming so prevalent. Iyavar Chetty of the FPB described child porn as "very, very nasty... **it's not just child abuse, it is child torture.**"

### Inadequate and ineffective

However, this increase in the use of child porn is not reflected in the prosecution figures. This is due to a shortage of police specialising in this kind of work in South Africa and a lack of funding. A Human Science Research Council report on the use of children in pornography (2008), estimated that fewer than 20 cases of persons possessing, manufacturing or distributing images were investigated in SA between 2002 and 2007.<sup>32</sup>

The abuse leaves children scarred for life – sometimes physically and always emotionally and psychologically. It is very difficult for victims to put the crime and the pain in the past when there is a pictorial history that with the help of the Internet can easily be copied over and over again and disseminated across the world. In Australia, a 12-year-old boy committed suicide after discovering that photographs of him being sexually abused by an older man had been posted on the Internet.<sup>33</sup> The Internet has resulted in a massive explosion of child porn. Some of the porn sites are 'live' where viewers type in requests of how the adults must abuse the children. Pornographers hoard massive amounts of these pictures in their collections, some having been convicted for having 30 000.

The damage that child porn does and its use by paedophiles have been recognised internationally, resulting in even the most permissive countries strictly outlawing it. Banning child porn is protecting the image of the child. One of the aims is to prevent children being viewed by society in general as sex objects – as women so often are. After being on the forefront of the production of child porn, Sweden banned it in 1998. In England and Australia, 'watchdogs' keep an eye on cyberspace. In the United States, the FBI has established a specialist research service focusing on child porn.<sup>34</sup>

Often street children and runaways are targeted for sexual abuse and to make child porn because they are seen as expendable with no recourse to the law. They are often drugged to make them more compliant and many disappear having outlived their usefulness.<sup>35</sup> Iyavar Chetty of the FPB says South African children are being used in the production of child pornography. Well-

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known child porn prosecutor Brenda Roodt says that as paedophilia has developed, especially through the Internet, the need has developed for more “extreme forms” of child abuse images and a more “exclusive” collection. As there are fewer images of black children available, these are more “exclusive” and black children are thus at particular risk. She says that child porn is following the same trends as adult porn – there is a natural copying of adult porn.

### **Examples of child abuse images in South Africa:**

- The Hawks arrested a former policeman believed to head a national child porn ring which spread its material on the social media network, MXit. (*Rapport*, 14 August 2011.)
- Eight members of a Pretoria North family were arrested during a massive police operation that exposed the sordid sexual exploitation of children aged between four and 15 years. In what the police have described as one of the “most heinous sexual crimes committed against innocent children”, the children are alleged to have been raped by their relatives and groomed to have sex with each other – all filmed for distribution as child pornography. (*Sunday Times*, 5 December 2010.)
- A Limpopo police station has warned that people found in possession of home-made sex videos involving children will be arrested. This follows the growing number of pornographic videos being circulated in Musina, near the Beitbridge border between South Africa and Zimbabwe. ([www.news24.com](http://www.news24.com), 7 February 2012.)
- Three boys from Oudtshoorn High School were arrested on statutory rape charges after filming and circulating a sex video at the school. ([www.news24.com](http://www.news24.com), 18 October 2011.)

- Four Durban teenagers were arrested after gang-raping a schoolmate. The rape was filmed and the footage circulated among fellow pupils. (www.news24.com, 8 March 2012.)

### The link between child and adult porn

A serious concern is that "Fears of online child pornography have grown so great they have had an unexpected moral side effect, downgrading the adult variety to the humdrum. Paedophilia has done for the top shelf what crack cocaine did for cannabis, re-branding what was once considered vice into an innocuous popular pastime."<sup>36</sup> Yet the two are closely linked. While many producers of adult porn seek to disassociate themselves publicly from child porn, the links are evident:

- "In all adult pornography a standard feature is simulated child pornography, i.e. young women dressed and posed to look like children."<sup>37</sup>
- "A very large proportion of the now legal pornographic magazines and videos sold in so called 'sex shops' in this country allude to young girls and present child sexual abuse as something that is both natural and desirable." One need only look through the classified columns in the *Cape Argus* and *Cape Times*. "At least 30% of the adverts describe the women purporting to offer their services as "very young", "cuddly teenagers", "barely legal", "fresh young things", etc. Clearly youth is a big selling point for those looking to buy sex."<sup>38</sup>
- "Also the way to find genuine child pornography and/or sex with children is through Personal Ads or Classified sections of adult pornographic magazines."<sup>39</sup>

"Forget trust. Forget family. Forget commitment. Forget love. Forget marriage. Here, in this world of ultimate physical hedonism, anything goes."

Dr Jennings Bryant, University of Houston, Texas, USA

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- Under-18s can be used in 'mainstream' adult porn movies. Porn star Traci Lords starred in over 75 hard-core videos when she was under 18.

### **What does porn teach?**

- Violence does not hurt.
- Abuse does not matter.
- Women like rape.
- Women lie.
- Women do not know what they like.
- Women are not worth much.<sup>40</sup>

### **Degrading**

Julia Swain, a Capetonian wife and mother, became involved in the fight against pornography after realising that what is shown in porn directly affects her. After walking past a porn shop window display in Claremont that featured women strung up in bondage gear, she says that she realised that, *"Essentially all women are made the same. So if their body is displayed lewdly, it actually degrades me. Porn is a personal affront. In the mind of the porn consumer, who separates the woman that he views in that position from me? Who educates people on the difference?"* As a result of public protests organised by Africa Christian Action, these shop windows were blacked out.

### **Contemptuous**

Imagine a picture of a naked black man in a dog collar, on a leash, on all fours. The image is appalling. It would be regarded as racist by most South Africans. Yet this is a very common way women are depicted in porn.<sup>41</sup> Surely we should be as appalled when women are treated in this way in pornography? In 1996, a mere three years after the first issues of *Hustler* became available in South Africa, SA *Hustler* publisher Joe Theron was arrested in England for importing 470 porn videotapes, some South African-

made. At his London trial in March 1997, one of these videos, *Leather Looks*, was described as having a scene in which a woman is lashed while she is tethered to a wall by a cord pierced through her tongue.<sup>42</sup> Feminist Diana Russel describes this as an example of the effect of the Mandela government's toleration (and subsequent legalisation) of most forms of pornography.

### **Hypocritical**

Dr Marlene Goldsmith, former member of the New South Wales Parliament (Australia), said "We spend millions on affirmative action, we profess (at least publicly) horror at racism, and yet misogynistic visual images are, to many, sacrosanct." This observation of double standards is equally applicable to South Africa.

### **Respect and protect**

Those who are serious about promoting a racism-free South Africa should be equally concerned about promoting a society in which women are protected from exploitation and abuse.



Symbolically interceding for exploited and abused women in South Africa.

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Africa Christian Action has organised and mobilised many demonstrations against the exploitative pornography industry. This was in Parow, 1998.



Protest outside Sexpo, 2009. Cape Town International Convention Centre.

### THE HARM OF PORN

#### **Porn's impact on the individual**

Anyone who considers pornography to be a harmless, 'victimless crime' should consider the insidious 'slippery slope' of the continued viewing of pornography. Dr Victor Cline, a clinical psychologist at the University of Utah, USA, described the four-step process whereby a person becomes addicted to porn:<sup>43</sup>

**Step 1: Addiction** to the material and repeated return to it for sexual excitement. Cline says this addiction is so powerful, that his severely affected clients have to use medications such as Depo-Provera to try reduce the sex drive and eliminate sex fantasies, and may need to attend Sexaholics Anonymous for up to four nights a week to achieve sobriety and break the stranglehold of their addiction. Virtually no casual user/viewer of porn is exempt from the addictive effect of exposure to it. The accessibility and anonymity of porn on the Internet increases the danger.

**Step 2: Escalation** in the individual's need for more explicit, deviant and sexually shocking material to achieve the same level of sexual stimulation.

**Step 3: Desensitisation** towards initially gross and shocking material so that, in time, this material becomes acceptable and desirable to the viewer.

**Step 4:** Increased tendency to start '**acting out**' sexual activities seen in porn.

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Many people excuse their involvement in pornography by saying that they use material that is “not violent”. Dolf Zillman and his colleague Jennings Bryant who have conducted many studies on pornography say, “Our findings strongly support the view that continued exposure to **non-violent heterosexual pornography arouses interest in and creates a taste for porn that portrays less commonly practised sexual activities, including those involving the infliction of pain.**”<sup>44</sup>

“It is difficult for non-addicts to comprehend the totally driven nature of a sex addict. When the ‘wave’ hits them, nothing can stand in the way of getting what they want, whether that be pornography accompanied by masturbation, sex from a prostitute, molesting a child, or raping a woman. These men are consumed by their appetite, regardless of the cost or consequences. Their addiction virtually rules their lives.”

Dr Victor Cline, Clinical Psychologist at the University of Utah, USA

## **Desensitisation**

They exposed men and women to lesser and greater amounts of non-violent porn (“no exposure”, “intermediate exposure” and “massive exposure”) and then asked the subjects to recommend a prison sentence for a man convicted of rape. They found that people exposed to porn recommended much shorter sentences for rapists than those in the “no exposure” groups. Those in the “massive exposure” group recommended sentences only half as long as those in the “no exposure” group.<sup>45</sup> In the same study, Zillmann and Bryant discovered that people in the intermediate and massive exposure groups “grossly overestimated” the popularity of unusual sexual practices, such as group sex, sadomasochism and bestiality. They were also much less likely to judge pornography as offensive or to recommend restricting its availability, even to minors.<sup>46</sup>

“I remember working with an 11-year-old boy. In sessions where we dealt with sexuality he would constantly refer to women’s body parts in a very crude manner... he also seemed to be drawn to pictures of semi-clad women. When confronted about this he admitted that his father had many pornographic magazines lying around at home which he occasionally ‘browsed’ through. He answered that this was how the magazines referred to women’s body parts. I shuddered to think of this boy’s mindset by the age of 20.”

Lindie Wadhams, Safeline counsellor

### Trivialisation of rape

In another similar study by Neil Malamuth, subjects exposed to **common non-violent** pornography less than five hours over a six-week period, halved their previous assessment of sentences they thought appropriate for rape.<sup>47</sup> Rape is trivialised and the ‘rape myth’ – that women want to be raped – is promoted.

### Deception

Rapists use much the same logic. Lindie Wadhams, a former social worker and counsellor at Safeline says, “One of the many distortions abusers believe is that the child or woman seduced by them wanted to be abused/raped by them. Pornography often depicts women enjoying being raped, or encouraging it. The perpetrator lacks empathy for the victim due to the desensitisation effect of pornography, and therefore is not deterred from harming the person because he doesn’t perceive it as harmful.”<sup>48</sup>

### Impact

One of the most comprehensive meta-analyses regarding pornography’s effects on individuals is a study conducted by Oddone-Paolucci, Genuis, and Violato (2000).<sup>49</sup> For this meta-analysis, 46 studies published in various academic journals were analysed to determine the effect of pornography on:

- (a) Sexual deviancy (e.g. excessive or ritualistic masturbation);
- (b) Sexual perpetration (e.g. rape);

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- (c) Attitudes regarding intimate relationships (e.g. viewing people as sexual objects); and
- (d) Attitudes regarding the rape myth (e.g. believing women cause rape or rapists deserve lenient sentences).

In order to be selected for the meta-analysis, each study had to include a sample size of 12 or greater and include a comparison group.

The studies ranged in date from 1962 to 1995 and comprised a total sample of 12323 people. 85% of the studies (39) were conducted in the United States, 11% were conducted in Canada, and two studies were conducted in Europe.

One reason this study is particularly useful, is that nine different characteristics of the participants and the pornographic material consumed are taken into consideration: age of exposure, gender, socio-economic status, number of exposure incidents, relation of person who introduced pornography to the user, degree of sexual explicitness, subject of the pornography, medium used to consume pornography, and definition of pornography.

Oddone-Paolucci, Genuis, and Violato found that exposure to pornographic material puts one at increased risk for developing sexually deviant tendencies, committing sexual offenses, experiencing difficulties in one's intimate relationships, and accepting rape myths.

### **Risk**

In terms of the degree of risk, the analysis revealed a 31% increase in the risk of sexual deviancy, a 22% increase in the risk of sexual perpetration, a 20% increase in the risk of experiencing negative

intimate relationships, and a 31% increase in the risk of believing rape myths.

### **Dysfunctional**

The researchers acknowledged that while pornography is likely not a solitary influence in people's lives, exposure to pornography is one important factor that contributes directly to the development of sexually dysfunctional attitudes and behaviours.

### **Role models**

A particular concern is the impact on boys whose fathers use porn. These young men are placed in a position where they either have to admit that their father's involvement in porn is perverse or that there is nothing wrong with porn. Because of the natural desire of a young man to identify with his father, he usually chooses the latter. In a study conducted by Cornett and Shuntich in 1991, they found that college men who reported a greater propensity of some kind for sexual coercion/aggression, mentioned that their fathers read magazines such as *Playboy* and *Penthouse* frequently or watched X-rated movies frequently.<sup>50</sup>

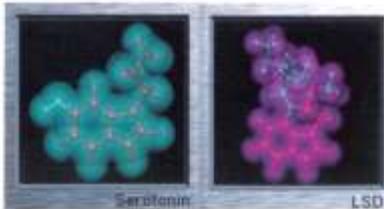
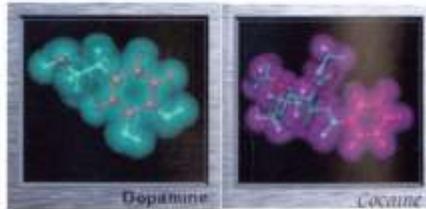
### **The effects of porn on the brain**

In *The Drug of the New Millennium*, Mark Kastleman<sup>51</sup> describes why porn addiction is so dangerous for the addict. In any sexual arousal experience, the brain goes into a 'funnel' effect, blocking out all distractions. However, in contrast to a married couple entering the 'funnel', porn is 'heartless' of design. With his heart and spirit disconnected from the funnel process, the porn-viewer's brain is in control and is totally focussed on 'me, mine and more'. With no heart and spirit to create balance, the brain is not restricted to narrow but to super-narrow. The release of natural chemicals by the body speeds the process on its way. Once into the narrowed focus of the porn funnel, **the addict no longer has the ability to think.** The overpowering flood of chemicals

# Why pornographic images cause arousal/are intense:

*"Cocktail" of poly-drug erototoxins*

When looking at pornography, the brain produces **Dopamine** = brain's own "**cocaine**" (responsible for a feeling of pleasantness)



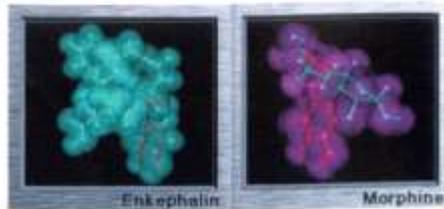
The brain also produces **Serotonin** = the brain's "**LSD**".

**Also:**

**Oxitocin** (bonding peptide)

**Norepinephrine** (The body's own adrenaline)

**Endorphines** = brain's own "**morphines**" (are also produced when watching porn)



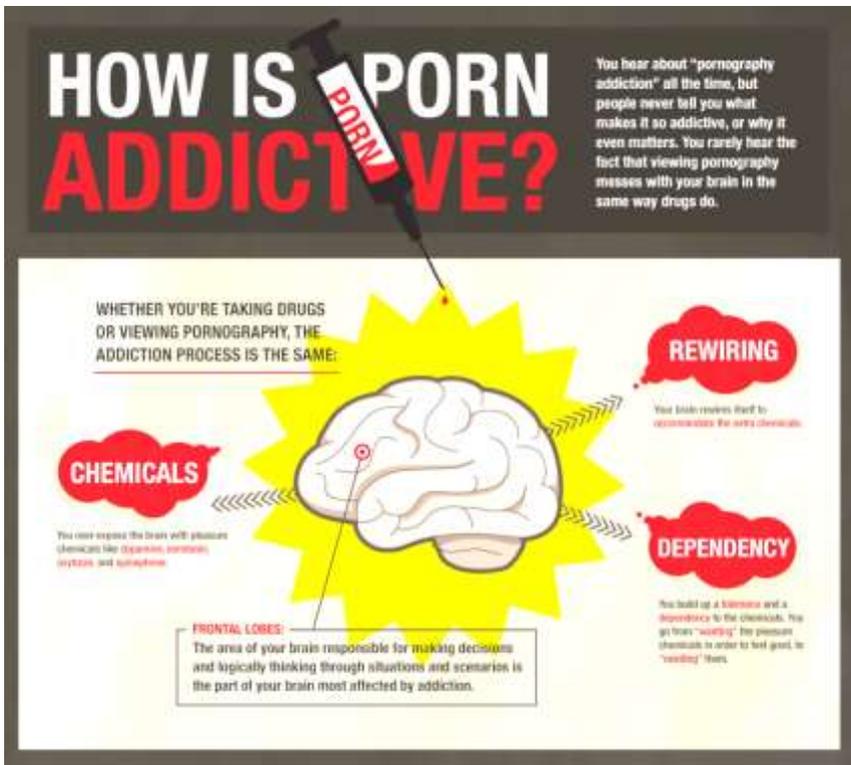
Pornography is an addiction to **multiple drugs**: to the brain's own cocaine, LSD and morphine.

Acknowledgements to Doctors for Life for the above summary.

centre of brain) are virtually shut down and the limbic system, which controls the pleasure/emotional centres take over.

### Mind-altering

Pornographic images cause secretion of the body's 'flight or fight' sex hormones. This triggers excitatory transmitters and produce non-rational, involuntary reactions, intense arousal states that overlap sexual lust – now with fear, shame, and/or hostility and violence. Addiction to pornography is essentially addiction to 'erototoxins' – mind-altering drugs produced by the viewer's own brain.<sup>52</sup> **Porn is as addictive as LSD or heroin.**<sup>53</sup>



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# OKAY IT'S ADDICTIVE, SO WHAT?

PORN CAN'T KILL YOU LIKE CHEMICAL DRUGS CAN, SO WHAT CAN IT DO?

## RUINS RELATIONSHIPS



Porn decreases your interest in a real relationship and increases your appetite for more porn.

**56%**  
OF DIVORCES

Involve at least one of the people having "an obsessive interest in pornographic websites."



**40%**  
Of addicts' marriages end in divorce.

**300%**  
**INFIDELITY**

Pornography use increases the marital infidelity rate by more than 300%

**CYBER SEX**  
**More than 50%**

of people involved in cybersex eventually lose interest in sex with their spouse.

## ALTERS BEHAVIOR



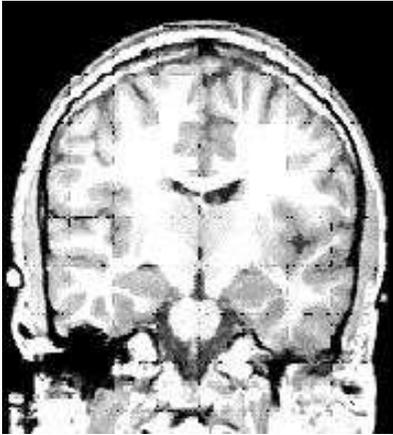
Pornography is directly related to **NEGATIVE PERCEPTIONS, ATTITUDES,** and **AGGRESSION** towards the opposite sex.



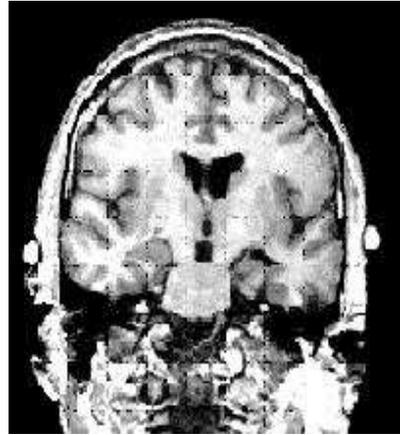
WHY RISK IT? IT'S JUST NOT WORTH IT.

# BECOME A FIGHTER!





**Normal brain**



**Shrunken brain**

Like cocaine and methamphetamine addiction, porn addiction causes shrinking of the frontal lobes of the brain.

### **Women and porn addiction**

Women are less interested in pornography than men. Women are more interested in relational connectedness and place a higher priority on the sensory package as a whole. For porn to be addictive to women, there must be tenderness, love and romance. This is why romance novels (including some that are explicit) are popular among many women. When it comes to sex on the Internet, they are therefore more easily drawn into Internet chat rooms. Chat rooms consist of informal groups of people who 'meet' on an Internet chat room page, then 'talk' with one another privately by typing messages sent via the page's instant messaging function. All this is behind a 'shield' of anonymity that may lend itself to full disclosure, beyond that of even some marriages. Over time her conversations may become more bold and explicit. Before the woman realises it, she has achieved an artificial intimacy that she perceives to be superior to that of her marriage. This will destroy a woman's marriage.

### **South Africans are prone to porn's messages**

Many factors contribute toward some people being more prone to pornography's message. As described previously, the use by their parents, or other authority figures, of the material is a primary influence. The age of the user, the amount of time he or she is exposed to it, past abuse, his education or lack thereof of its dangers, are other factors. A factor of particular concern is one described by Cape Town sexologist Dr Angelo Grazioli in his booklet *Pornography in South Africa* (1995). He writes, "As a sex therapist practising in South Africa I find that the exceptionally violent climate of the society, and the high incidence of broken family units, has left many individuals with a pre-established vulnerability to the most misleading and destructive effects of SEM... I observe large sectors of the society in transition from rural to urban settings, in transition from lower to higher socio-economic status, and in transition from disempowered to empowered class... Such transitory status renders individuals, hungry for success, to be particularly vulnerable to symbols of freedom, independence and maturity." Grazioli said that he "frequently encounter(s) individuals whose acceptance and use of SEM has more to do with a quest for such upward mobility than with a carefully thought out logic." South Africans, he said, therefore are relatively more vulnerable to the negative effects of SEM than 'first-world' societies.

### **Variables that determine porn's affect on individuals**

Why do some people get addicted to porn quicker than others? Why does addiction to porn lead some to commit rape or abuse and not others? Dr Angelo Grazioli, a sexologist, has identified five variables that determine the effect SEM will have on any individual<sup>54</sup>. In the same way that an advert on TV is more likely to influence one person more than another, the following factors

determine to what extent a person is affected by the consumption of pornography.

1. **Motivation to process material.** This can range from general curiosity, to entertainment, to desiring sexual stimulation for arousal. A teenager seeking peer group acceptance is not motivated to critically assess SEM shown at a party. Such a teenager will be primarily concerned with reacting in a manner which promotes peer acceptance and respect. A mother who finds SEM in her son's room will lead her to a careful criticism of the SEM concerned. A male viewing porn in order to arouse himself will process it in a different manner.
2. **Ability to process material.** Individuals vary greatly in their ability to process porn. One's moral upbringing, education or level of intelligence can all affect a person's ability to critically evaluate the messages sent through SEM. Arguments around "free speech" are grounded in the presupposition that all individuals have the ability to process effectively the SEM they choose to view, without consequent harm or danger to themselves or others. This is not a predictable factor and therefore one fraught with hazard. The young man raised permissively by godless, or distant parents, who never modelled true love in action, will lack the basic insight necessary to effectively differentiate between love and sex and/or genital versus non-genital expression of sexuality.
3. **Degree of sensitisation/desensitisation.** Repeated exposure to SEM desensitises a person to SEM's lies, that, for example, women enjoy pain being inflicted on them during sexual intercourse.

4. **Pre-established degree of vulnerability.** If a man has been sexually abused as a child, they may have a distorted view of sexuality. Someone raised with an extreme lack of parental love may try to combat his loneliness, or low self-esteem, through phone sex or interactive porn websites. Victims of child abuse are known to be more likely to abuse others when not adequately helped, or able to successfully process this trauma. Similarly, borderline, antisocial, or psychopathic, personalities are extremely vulnerable to the desensitising of all SEM. More commonly, well-adjusted, but extremely impulsive, individuals are more likely to engage in harmful activities.
5. **Degree of exposure to co-existing persuasion forces.** Another powerful influence promoting the uncritical consumption of SEM is provided by popular figures who belittle SEM's destructive potential, or actually promote its distribution. If a pornographic film, for example featured a celebrity (as did *Basic Instinct* with Sharon Stone) and was well made, this may give someone a greater interest to process the material and absorb its message.

"When my eldest daughter was about 16 years old, she was looking through her father's filing cabinet for pictures of plants for a school project. Unfortunately she found one of his pornographic magazines (which I did not know about or else I would have burnt it). She went hysterical and cried & cried and said she could not believe her own father would look at books like that, and 'what kind of a man was he?'"

Margo's story, testimony published in *The Pornography Debate*, 1998

### The impact of porn on the family

Dr James Dobson commented in the *Final Report of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography* 1986, "What is at stake here is the future of the family itself. We are sexual creatures, and the physical attraction between males and females provides the basis for every dimension of marriage and parenthood. Thus anything that interjects itself into that relationship must be embraced with great caution." Doreen Meissner, from the South African anti-porn organisation STOP, explains how porn can lead to the

"He was always a very abusive husband, abusive mentally, physically, sexually and spiritually. He always made disparaging and rude remarks about my body and sexuality. Always compared me to other women telling me I was not good enough... To him I was just an object (he never considered me to have human feelings or emotions) to be used for his pleasure and the rest of the time abused. He showed no respect, love, understanding or kindness. He also always had his guilt, which showed in an arrogant self-righteous attitude ready to explode at the wrong word. Living with him was like sitting on a time bomb knowing it will explode anytime for absolutely no reason."

Margo's story, testimony published in *The Pornography Debate*, 1998.

breakdown of the family: "Pornography attacks family life – exposure to it erodes and finally destroys family relationships. The mother is frequently portrayed as an object to be humiliated, ridiculed and abused. When respect for the mother goes out of the window, she can no longer fulfil her role as the cornerstone of the family. The wife and mother may also suffer so much physical and psychological damage from the deviant, frequently violent, sexual behaviour inflicted by a husband hooked on pornography, that she is degraded to the extent that she loses all motivation to function as a normal mother who cares for her children...

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Where a husband is addicted to viewing the glamorous models in their explicit poses in glossy pornographic magazines his own 'forty-something' wife no longer matches up to his expectations. Group sex, swapping of partners, even violent sex – all this becomes acceptable and the scene is set for divorce. The tragedy of divorce for children needs no elaboration... sadly the way is often open to neglect and even abuse – sexual abuse by step-fathers being particularly common.”<sup>55</sup> The spread of AIDS and other sexual transmitted diseases is also exacerbated by promiscuity, which is so often spurred on by porn.

Dr Grazioli said he often deals with men whose view of human sexuality was predominantly gained from the narrow picture given by porn and thus they “experience difficulties when faced with the reality of a spouse’s much broader needs and desires.”

He also encounters individuals (mostly women) battling for years to regain self-esteem and security following the discovery of their partner’s use of sexually explicit material.<sup>56</sup>

“Society suffers when men are not good fathers, husbands and responsible citizens.”

Concerned Women for America, 1998.

“Therapists report many individuals conditioned by repeated exposure to SEM who consequently are left unaroused, or even repulsed, by their spouse’s no longer youthful body.... SEM often portrays sexual activity involving three or more people as normal and enjoyable. Therapists report relationships damaged by a partner’s suggestion, or insistence, that they engage in partner swaps, or sex with a third party.”<sup>57</sup>

Marcel Londt, a clinical social worker who has worked with sex offenders in Pollsmoor Prison, says that “Violence against women and children is intertwined with the production and availability of

pornography. I have heard several personal accounts of and by perpetrators who have admitted to using pornography..." They use porn in order to "undermine their victims and the anticipated resistance to the abuse... Many of them excused their violence by referring to the 'blue movies' where women seem to want to please their partners."<sup>58</sup>

### **The impact of porn on communities**

The impact on the individual and the family has been considered, but what about the greater community? Many pro-porn puppets say, "If you don't like it, don't look, and it won't harm you." But just because you do not look at it, does not mean that it no longer exists. Even if you do not look at it, do not have it in your home, or choose not to have anything to do with porn, its insidious harm will affect your community and possibly you and your family directly. Will putting your head in the sand, as the pro-pornographers would have you do, mean it won't harm the society you live in? To say that all this can carry on and not poison the environment you live in, is ridiculous.



### **PORN IN PRISON**

#### **ENGLAND**

English paedophile John Bulloch, who abused more than 200 young girls, admitted as early as 1987, "I learnt so much in prison. I learn in particular how to use a modem; how to plug into a computer and tap into all sorts of interesting places – places that helped me get what I needed." (*Femina*, July 1995)

Meanwhile British prisoners will be allowed to receive hard-core pornography after a homosexual serial murderer used a European human rights law to overturn a ban by prison authorities. AP reports that the British prison service is now drafting new regulations giving wardens discretion to allow inmates to receive pornography. This follows a successful campaign by Dennis Nilsen, jailed in 1983 for murdering six young men, for the right to receive explicit homosexual pornography. (*Sunday Times* 17 November, 2002).

#### **SWEDEN**

Christian attorney Pat Trueman is applauding a decision by authorities in Sweden to ban pornography from prisons in that country. The ban will give officials at correctional facilities the power to prohibit certain pornography and other reading materials that is deemed "unbeneficial" for the prisoner.

Members of Swedish Parliament concluded debate on the proposed ban last week, which will take effect on April 1. The debate came after Parliament received complaints from correctional authorities, who previously had little power in regulating material for prisoners.

In Stockholm, a spokesperson from the Christian Democrat Party reportedly said it would not be reasonable to think a prisoner serving time for sex crimes should be given access to pornography. In contrast, the Social Democrat Party opposed the proposal, arguing it goes against fundamental human rights to ban pornography.

Pat Trueman, with the Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) in Arizona, says even though Sweden is known as a liberal country, officials there recognize the problem pornography poses to prisoners. "What they're seeing, apparently, is the harmful effects that everyone else in the world can see from pornography," he shares. "There's no positive effect – and so the Swedish Parliament decided that, despite their liberal views, they had to stop the harm from pornography."

Allie Martin, [www.onenewsnow.com](http://www.onenewsnow.com), 30 January 2008



A Christian Action protest outside parliament dramatising that "women need real protection and respect – Ban Porn! Execute Rapists!"

### Copy Cat Crimes

Copy Cat crimes involve offenders copying what they have seen in porn when they rape or abuse. 57% of serial rapists admitted imitating pornographic scenes in the commission of sex crimes (Marshall, 1985).

An 8-month old girl died after her 9-year-old brother sexually abused her with a pencil and coat hanger. According to their brother, the boys were imitating actions they saw in their mother's sex magazine. (Testimony in *U.S. Attorney General's Commission on Pornography*, 1986)

In 1983, *Hustler* magazine featured a picture of a woman being gang-raped on a pool table. After news reports of an actual re-enactment of this picture in a pool hall in New Bedford, Massachusetts, publisher Larry Flynt printed post cards of a naked woman on a pool table that said, "Greetings from New Bedford, Mass. The Portuguese Gang Rape Capital of America." For many pornographers, rape is a joke. This is no surprise considering that exposure to porn leads people to regard rape as not a serious offence.

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### Porn and rape

Porn is connected to all forms of sexual crimes. Lindie Wadhams, a former social worker at Safeline says, "About 80% of the perpetrators I worked with admitted to being involved with pornography, ranging from soft-core pornography to hard-core pornography..."<sup>59</sup>

"As an abuser I can say that pornography definitely played a role in my abusive patterns. Looking at material started my fantasising and from there I would show the pornography to my intended victim and watch their reaction. Sometimes I would get the victims to act out what they saw. I have no doubt in my mind that, from my experience, pornography should be banned and that it is harmful."

Convicted rapist interviewed by Lindie Wadhams, Social worker at Safeline, quoted in *The Pornography Debate*, 1998

Researcher John Court conducted a study showing the relationship between the availability of porn and the reported rape rate in five regions, one of them, South Africa. The study was done in 1979 when South Africa was clamping down on porn. Court believed that in South Africa "the desire for pornography appears to be much more pronounced among white people" and therefore limited his analysis of rape rates in SA to those committed by white

people. He compared the rape rates from 1960–1977 in three regions with permissive legislation on porn (the US, Denmark and South Australia) with those of Singapore and South Africa, both of which restricted porn. Complete data for 1960–1977 was available for these regions. From his study he concluded, "Countries adopting a liberal approach to pornography have, contrary to expectations, experienced major increases in rape reports in the years following the inception of that approach. By contrast, those jurisdictions taking a conservative stance have

experienced only minimal increases. It is not argued that the availability of pornography is the only relevant factor.” He described another important factor: “Where the probability of being sent for trial, and receiving sentence if found guilty, is low, a higher rate of offences could be expected.” He said, “Any proposals to liberalise the laws relating to pornography should be considered in the light of the adverse consequences which have now been experienced consistently where liberalisations has been tried.”<sup>60</sup> Incidentally, South Africa had the lowest rate for the increase in rape at that time.

### **Other research found that:**

- Rapists are 15 times more likely than non-offenders to have had exposure to hard-core porn during childhood, between ages six and ten.<sup>61</sup>
- 86% of rapists studied admitted regular use of porn.<sup>62</sup>
- 57% of serial rapists admitted imitating pornographic scenes in the commission of sex crimes.<sup>63</sup>
- Baron and Straus determined that there are “significant positive correlations between a state’s rape rate and per capita sales” of pornographic magazines such as *Playboy* and *Hustler*.<sup>64</sup>
- Research on 36 serial sex murderers revealed that 81% reported pornography as one of their highest sexual interests.<sup>65</sup>

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### **Porn and child abuse**

Another link is the connection between porn and child molestation. 87% of molesters of girls and 77% of molesters of boys studied in Ontario, Canada, admitted to regular use of hard-core porn.<sup>66</sup>

Former Safeline social worker, Lindie Wadhams, said that survivors of abuse often reported to her how the perpetrator used porn to lure them. "They would feel immense guilt and the pornography was used to assure them that if adults are doing this they shouldn't be reluctant to."<sup>67</sup>

Londt says of her work with rapists and child molesters in Pollsmoor Prison, "Child molesters in our programs have referred to various films and publications which they have used to force their child victims into compliance." Rapists and sexual abusers used pornography to make them feel 'okay' about what they are doing. Wadhams reports how, "a 42-year-old South African father of three children said that it was only after viewing pornography at an Amsterdam airport that he gained the courage to act on his impulse to sexually abuse his niece. The pornography made it okay for him and legitimised his deviant urges."

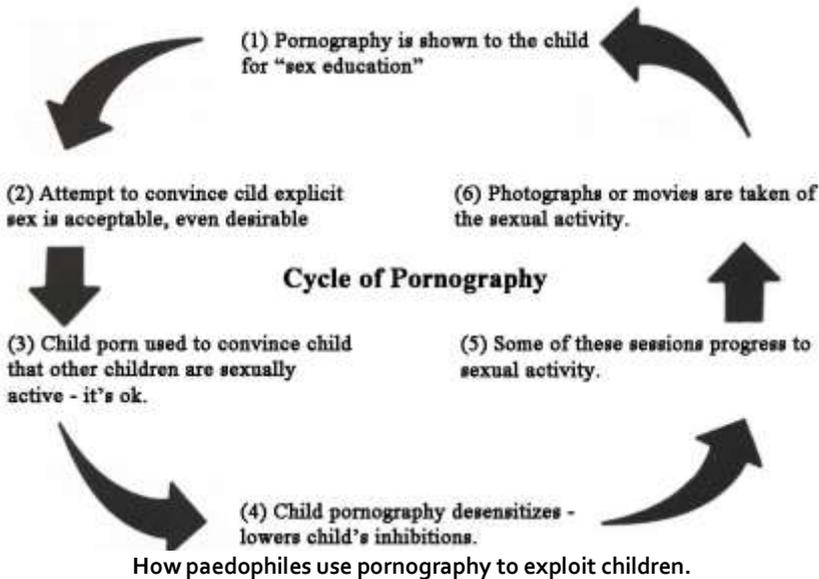
Pornography, especially child pornography, is used by paedophiles for three reasons:

- to stimulate themselves;
- to destroy the consciences and lower the inhibitions and resistance to sexual activity in their intended child victims; and
- to teach the child what to model in their sexual encounter with the adult.<sup>68</sup>



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There are strong moves to deal with child porn as the harm it does is recognised internationally. This is laudable, but if authorities are serious about protecting children, adult porn must be banned too.

### When children are exposed to porn

Dr James Dobson in the *Final Report of the Commission on Pornography*, 1986 said, "It appears extremely naïve to assume that the river of obscenity which has inundated the American landscape has not invaded the world of children... Obviously, obscenity cannot be permitted to flow freely through the veins of society without reaching the eyes and ears of our children." Marcel Londt of Safeline says that during interviews with school staff and principals, they often pulled out of drawers and cupboards porn confiscated from their pupils.

Death Metal rock star, Marilyn Manson, recalls in the opening chapter of his autobiography, *The Long Hard Road Out of Hell*, regular visits to his grandparents' house as a child. He would sneak downstairs into his grandfather's cellar, where he would find sex toys, grubby latex gloves, porn magazines and drawerfuls of women's underwear. As a teenager, Manson's first band, *Marilyn Manson and the Spooky Kids* quickly gathered a reputation for their outrageous live performances. Manson would regularly drag a girl across the stage on a leash, beating her and simulating sex.

The Internet and cell phones have made the exposure of children to pornography "10 times worse", estimates Clive Human, Chairman of STOP. Teachers he has spoken to at primary schools, have been shocked at the pornography children have accessed on their, or their friends', cell phones, or via the Internet. One mother even mentioned that her child had accessed bestiality images on their home computer. The child had been told about these images from friends at school and then had inquisitively gone and searched them out.

Exposing children to porn is a form of child sexual abuse and its effects are serious. A study by Drs. Davis and Braucht, funded by the U.S. 1970 Presidential Commission on Obscenity and Pornography, found that exposure to pornography at a young age was the strongest predictor of sexual deviance. The study found that "the amount of exposure was significantly correlated with a willingness to engage in group sexual relations (and other serious sexual deviance); and there were trends for the number of both high school heterosexual partners and total homosexual partners to be positively related to (pornographic) exposure."<sup>69</sup> Young children are not neurologically ready to process sexually stimulating information.

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Why is it that liberals who believe role models in third grade readers are of a decisive influence on behaviour when it concerns racism or male chauvinism, laugh at the assertion that porn may also teach rape? Every textbook in every government school in the nation has been overhauled in the last 15 years because it was thought that the blond, blue-eyed urban children once depicted therein taught little people a socially dangerous ethnocentrism. If textbooks can have such sweeping effects, what are we to surmise about the effects on the impressionably young of a sexually explicit movie with every device of cinematic realism?

Adapted from columnist Nicholas Hoffman quoted in John Harmer, *A War We Must Win*.

According to the CEO of Doctors for Life, Dr Albu van Eeden, the primitive brain (limbic system) matures in a child long before the thinking brain (neocortex and prefrontal cortex).

"That means the child can 'feel', and 'experience' sexual images and sexual touches from an adult before the child can even express him or herself. These memories are stored sometimes subconsciously and can lead to deviant behaviour later in life," he says.

"Pornographic images cause a combination of feelings of lust, fear, disgust, anger, etc. All these feelings form part of the addictive nature of pornography. However, in children fear is often the primary response due to the fact that they do not have the emotional, or cognitive, skills to handle the impulses," says Van Eeden. "The results are clear, life-long memories and mental scars."

Furthermore, Van Eeden notes that since children's ability to differentiate between fantasy and reality is very weak, they easily adopt attitudes and behaviour seen in pornographic material as

acceptable and normal, thus making them even more vulnerable to abuse.

Researchers Gill and Johnson have concluded that the exposure of children to pornography can traumatize them to such an extent that they cannot fully comprehend or assimilate the material:

“It is commonly known and is supported by research that if we do not provide sufficient protection and services to the many children who continue to fall prey to paedophiles before they reach their tenth birthdays, we, as a society, will need protection from them when they turn twelve years old.”

Marcel Londt, Presentation to the Standing Committee on Home Affairs on Film and Publications Bill, 1995

*A frightened four-year old who is forced to observe, or be part of, sexual intercourse between two adults cannot fully understand what is happening... (his) memory of the event may not be intact, yet he may suddenly repeat phrases he heard during the experience, have intrusive flashbacks... may suddenly become terrified in the presence of a male adult, or may refuse to go to bed, remembering on some level what occurred in bed... These are ways in which children re-experience fragmented aspects of trauma through behaviour, sleep disturbances, or post-traumatic stress symptoms, such as intrusive flashbacks. This is a very typical reaction of children who have been exposed to pornography.<sup>70</sup>*

Yet, despite this harm, porn is deliberately marketed to children by porn peddlers such as *Playboy*, *Penthouse* and *Hustler*. Judith Reisman in her book *Soft Porn Plays Hard Ball* documented how these magazines target children: “Examining the 683 magazines, the research team not only identified 6004 images that included

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children, but thousands of additional images which qualified as 'child magnets.' Child magnets are images with an identifiably special appeal to the average boy or girl: three dimensional pop-ups and cut outs, fairy tales, space ships, cowboys and Indians, dolls, brides, Mickey Mouse figures and other likely 'toys.' One of the staff noted a pull-out called: *The Playboy Colouring Book*, a fourteen page colouring book. The instructions read: *'These are extra playmates. Every playboy should have several to spare. That is because variety is the spice of life. Make one of the girls a redhead... a blonde... a brunette. It does not matter which is which. The girls' hair colours are interchangeable. So are the girls.'*<sup>71</sup>

### **When children abuse other children**

Marcel Londt, of Safeline says, "Pornography is available to young people and it does inform how they view, not only women and others, but also their younger siblings. The increase in sibling incest is not a coincidence."<sup>72</sup> Frighteningly, one study found that 97% of young sex offenders had been exposed to X-rated magazines or videos; while the average age at exposure was about 7.5 years. They also found that exposure to pornography at a young age was common.<sup>73</sup>

Doreen Meissner of STOP says, "An alarming trend reported by the South African CPU is the ever decreasing age of offenders and the increases in child-on-child sexual crimes. Could the circulation of pornographic magazines in primary schools (which even warranted the calling in of the CPU by a South Peninsula school principal) be responsible for this? Very likely. The 18 age restriction on pornographic publications is totally ineffective – it is available to children everywhere, mainly when it is left lying about by careless adults in their homes, but also from car boot sales, to school recycling depots, to second-hand book shops, etc."<sup>74</sup> Add

to this the easy accessibility of porn via the Internet and smartphones and you have a recipe for disaster.

Lindie Wadhams, a former social worker at Safeline, reported that, "As part of my work I often dealt with young boys between the ages of 12–17 years who had been accused of molesting a younger child."

### **Porn and racism**

Porn's insidious impact occurs in other ways. Racism, of serious concern in South Africa, is another problem with porn. *Hustler*, a popular men's pornographic magazine, has, for example, "portrayed black women with enormous lips and buttocks and with grotesque vaginal areas infested with crab lice and infected with venereal disease."<sup>75</sup> In South Africa, porn magazines have published the face of at least one black female politician in a urinal and invited readers to urinate in her face. Stereotypical representations abound in porn: the black male stud, the animalistic black woman, the sensuous Latina and the demure Asian geisha. Pornography vendors even have a special category, 'interracial', which allows consumers to pursue the various combinations of racist stereotypes.

The racism of the porn industry is so pervasive that it goes largely unnoticed. Researchers Gail Dines and Robert Jensen interviewed the producer of a DVD called *Black Bros and Asian Ho's*. He was asked if he was ever criticised for the racism of such films. "No, they are very popular," he replied.<sup>76</sup>

### **Pornographers' promotion of drugs**

Entire books have been written on this issue. Dr Judith Reisman did a study of *Playboy's* promotion of illegal drug use. Not only

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has *Playboy* pushed for its legalisation in countless articles and editorials, but the magazine even financed and underwrote the creation of an organisation to push for its legalisation.<sup>77</sup> According to the American Family Association, "*Playboy* has done more to promote the legalisation of drugs than any other single entity in America."

While pornography purports to show women voluntarily and happily performing in pornographic movies, this is far from the truth. Many women are drugged and forced into doing it. Some are even held as slaves, or are forced to pay back 'debts' as prostitutes to their pimps. Others are forced into it by poverty or desperation, are sold into the sex trade by their parents, such as in Thailand, or runaways who are promised all sorts of rewards if they become 'movie stars' or 'models'. At the very least, the women who enter it are broken emotionally. Many have been sexually abused, or are victims of tragedies resulting from parental divorce, or single parent homes.

"One of the very first commonalities we discovered as a group: we were all introduced to prostitution through pornography. There were no exceptions in our group, and we were all under eighteen... Pornography was our textbook. We learned the tricks of the trade by men exposing us to pornography and us trying to mimic what we saw..."

Testimony of T.S. given at Minneapolis City Council hearings, 1983.

### **Pornography, prostitution and sex trafficking**

In 2010, Former Senior Advisor on Trafficking for the Office for Democracy and Global Affairs US State Department, Laura J. Lederer, summarised the link between porn, prostitution and trafficking in the following four points:

### TAKE ACTION

Christians must protest against the legalisation, or decriminalisation, of prostitution and agitate for stricter laws against prostitution that target the pimp and the “customer”. Furthermore, these laws must be enforced by the police and prosecutors.

1. Some types of pornography actually use trafficked victims, some of which were recruited via fake job advertisements.
2. Some traffickers film the acts that their victims are forced to perform.
3. Pornography is used in sex trafficking and the sex industry to train women and children what to do.
4. Pornography creates, and provides rationalizations for, exploiters as to how and why their sexually exploitive behaviors are acceptable.<sup>78</sup>

The depiction of women as sexualised objects and as sexually available nymphomaniacs, in pornography and increasingly in mainstream media, contributes to the demand for prostitution. When there is a demand, somebody will see this as a profitable opportunity and supply the ‘goods’.

Pornography and prostitution are two sides of the same coin. Pornography is prostitution with the camera running.



Protest outside parliament.

### **There’s nothing ‘free’ about this type of ‘expression’**

There is nothing free about pornography – not for the performers, the victims of users and not even for the users themselves.

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**Pornography destroys minds, morals and marriages** but real freedom, joy, satisfaction and restoration can be found in Jesus Christ! Listen to this testimony from a Christian man:

*Although I was a professing Christian, I began to develop a secret life in which I became captive to the thrill of viewing pornography and gratifying my flesh. I hid my secret life from my wife, from my friends, and from my Bible study group.*

*This secret life took me into my own little world where I would begin to escape reality, where I could find love and instant 'sex', where I would never be bored or lonely, and where I would never be rejected. Oh, how exciting it was.*

*But this secret life of darkness also began to consume me, to crush me, and to overpower me. By that, I mean that over time I began to lose the ability to say 'No' to viewing porn, and would often be overwhelmed with the desire to give in and gratify my flesh. A year or so after I became involved in viewing pornography on a regular basis, I began sex-chatting on the Internet, which led to committing adultery and also into other areas of sin.*

*The deeper I became involved in sin, the more I became isolated from normal society and healthy friendships. I began putting on weight and became approximately 50 pounds overweight. I also began drinking during this time in my life. My relationship with my wife was soon to follow; she filed for divorce and moved to the other side of the country, taking our two children with her.*

*Several years after my divorce, I remarried. However, my bondage to sin did not change one bit. I continued viewing pornography, sex-chatting on the Internet, developing other*

*sinful relationships, and also continued in my bondage to alcohol and food. After just one year of marriage, my wife, Jody, had enough of the deception and hiding, the lies and critical spirit, and the secret life that had by now completely taken over. She began to look for help, and we found ourselves in the office of a pastor, who began to counsel me from the Bible.*

*This pastor shared the Gospel with me over a period of several months. He stated that God had made provision for even a deep sinner like me to find forgiveness through the Blood of Jesus Christ.*

*I did not think there was any hope for me. And yet, I now saw from Scripture that:*

***"In Him we have redemption through His Blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace" Ephesians 1:7***

*I saw that the Cross offered forgiveness for the guilty, and I found hope that even I might be forgiven and, not only forgiven, but given a new life in Jesus Christ. I saw that my slate could be wiped clean, that my guilt could be removed, that my sins could be covered, and I could be made new – if only I would repent. God graciously granted repentance to me; I turned away from my sins in great sorrow, and have not been back since (I've been free for 10 years). I continue to enjoy freedom in Christ, and I have the hope that God will keep me from falling, at least in these areas, for the rest of my life.<sup>79</sup>*

### What did God intend for sex?

Often the Christian view of sex has been thought to be some kind of prudery, a denial of the enjoyment and warmth of sexual pleasure. The world often sets up a caricature of Victorian pomposity and attacks that image, accusing Christians of trying to limit sex to a biological necessity, reluctantly permitted only for procreation, with as little enjoyment involved as possible. Michael Pearl (No Greater Joy Ministries) writes in his book, *Holy Sex*:

*The devil didn't create sex. God did. Sex is not the original sin; it is the original blessing. The first gift God gave to man was a beautiful, naked woman. The first commandment he gave them was "Be fruitful and multiply," which means "copulate and make babies." After placing the naked, married couple together in the garden, their Creator looked upon them and said "Behold, it is very good"... God gave us a whole book in the Bible that celebrates the beauty and passion of sex. It is frank, bold, lively and absolutely blushless in its freedom and freshness. Divine inspiration gave it the title – Song of Songs.<sup>80</sup>*

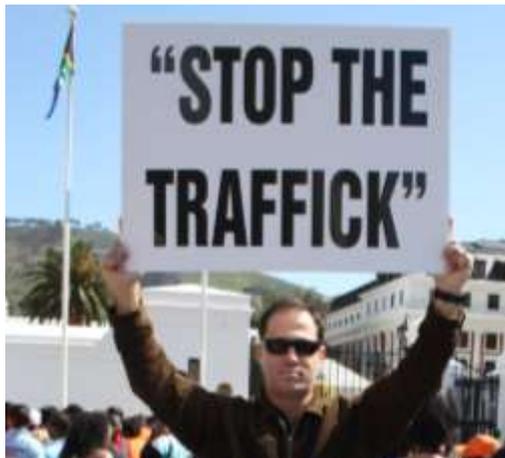
John Piper writes in *Sex and the Supremacy of Christ*, "God created us with sexual passion so that there would be language to describe what it means to cleave to Him in love and what it means to turn away from Him to idols".<sup>81</sup>

Joshua Harris writes in his book, *Not Even a Hint – Guarding Your Heart Against Lust*, "When we lust, we take this good thing – sexual desire – and remove from it honour toward fellow humans and reverence for God. Lust is idolatrous and an ultimately insatiable desire that rejects God's rule and seeks satisfaction apart from Him. God says, **you shall not covet**. (Exodus 20:17)."<sup>82</sup>

Jerry Kirk, founder of the US National Coalition Against Pornography and author of *The Mind Polluters*, summarises how Christian parents can model a Biblical Worldview of sexuality to their children:

*Children who grow up in a loving, affectionate home where the mother and father obviously respect and enjoy one another will learn to seek that kind of relationship in their own marriages. In a home where there is modesty as well as honesty and respect for one another's bodies, children will learn that there is a holy mystery to sex. Children will see and absorb their parent's concern for each other, their pleasure at being home again after separate workdays, or their excitement when coming together after a business trip. They see their parents sharing problems and sorrows together, and they learn the trust, security, and joy of the Christian home.<sup>83</sup>*

One can hardly believe how something God intended for our good, has been twisted for such perverted and exploitative ends.



Prayer vigil and protest outside parliament in Cape Town in 2011, called for effective legislation against the sex slave trade.



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### THE BIBLE AND PORNOGRAPHY

By Dr Peter Hammond

**The Law of God** forbids worshipping idolatrous images: *"You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in Heaven above or on the earth beneath..."* Exodus 20:4.

Pornography is at its heart **idolatrous**: *"For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened... and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man... therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies...since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, He gave them over to a depraved mind to do what ought not to be done."* Romans 1:21–28

*"Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming."* Colossians 3: 5–6

The Law of God forbids adultery, fornication and covetousness: *"You shall not commit adultery...You shall not covet your neighbour's wife... or maidservant..."* Exodus 20:14, 17

Our Lord Jesus Christ warned that: *"Anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell."* Matthew 5:28–29

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Pornography is addictive: "... *due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.*" Ephesians 4:18–19

Pornography attacks the image of God in people (Genesis 1:27).

You cannot continue using pornography and be 'saved': "*Do not be deceived; **neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders... will inherit the Kingdom of God...** The body is not meant for sexual immorality... Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit?"* 1 Corinthians 6:9–19

Pornography involves the **exploitation** of women and often leads to the **abuse** of women and children.

**"Whatever you did for one of the least of these... you did for Me."** Matthew 25:40

### **Samson and Delilah** (Judges 14–16)

Samson had great potential which was wasted through his lack of discipline. Samson had an eye for beautiful women. He loved to look. His roving eyes often got him into trouble with prostitutes. His weakness for women undermined his leadership for his people at a time of great crisis. Then his eyes settled upon a woman who eventually destroyed him. Her name – Delilah – has since been synonymous with both beauty and treachery.

Using both her body and her brains, Delilah was out to ensnare Samson. As Samson became captivated by her beauty, and because of lust, he began to lose discernment and control. Finally

he lost all his strength and was unable to resist. He realised too late that he had lost his freedom.

All too many people have roving eyes like Samson. They are never satisfied and continually lust for more. Before they realise it, they have lost the strength to resist temptation. Like Samson they find themselves in bondage and helpless to set themselves free. But God didn't give up on Samson. God heard his heartfelt prayer and accomplished a mighty work through him. Pornography doesn't have to have the final word in your life. Jesus Christ can deliver you from any bondage and destroy the power of pornography in your life.

### **King Herod and Salome** (Matthew 14:3–11; Mark 6:17–28)

Herod had a serious weakness for women. He had even taken Herodias, his brother's wife, to be his own. Yet he desired more. He lusted for Salome, the daughter of Herodias. Salome aroused the attention of Herod with her sensual and suggestive dance. This brought Herod much pleasure. What he saw, he wanted. And he was willing to give away anything to get it – to get her. Herod was hooked. He was even willing to give away half his kingdom just to be able to watch Salome dancing. This is an example of a man enslaved by his passions, without perspective or self-control – like a man trapped by pornography.

There are many men today like Herod – enslaved to a lifestyle of looking and lusting. They are addicted to pornography and many innocent people suffer as a result.

### **Achan's secret sin** (Joshua 7:1–26)

Achan was a member of the congregation of God's people. He seemed to be a respectable family man – but God pointed him out. God knew what Achan had done and what he had hidden. It

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was something Achan wasn't meant to have, and he knew it. But Achan's secret sin was discovered.

Many men today have secret obsessions. What they see they so desperately want that they take and hide it. And their families suffer the consequences. Yet there is still hope. You don't need to wait until you are discovered and your whole world comes crashing down around you. You can repent of your secret sin and destroy the cursed pornography. Jesus Christ can forgive and free you and give you peace of heart and mind.

***"He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work."*** 1 John 3:8

### **The flames of repentance (Acts 19:17–20)**

The people at Ephesus were truly converted. They had come to love God and to hate sin. They wanted to obey the Word of God and follow the Lord Jesus Christ. They wanted their lifestyles to be transformed. They didn't keep their old books hidden in the basement. They wanted to make a clear and clean break with the pagan publications of their past. They knew that if they kept these scrolls then they might be tempted to return to them. The Scripture tells us that the value of these offensive publications was 50 000 drachmas. A drachma was the equivalent of a day's wages. That's over 130 years of wages that was burnt. What a love offering to the Lord!

We need to show the same dedication today. Those who are Christians need to tear up and burn the pornographic books, magazines, posters and DVDs in their homes. Are you willing to destroy those things which are threatening to destroy your family

and yourself? It doesn't matter how much money all these things cost. They are accursed and you have to get rid of them. As the fire from those books went up so the fire of the Holy Spirit came down at Ephesus. Isn't that what you need in your life?

***"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the Law of the Spirit of life set me free from the Law of sin and death."*** Romans 8:1-2

### Keeping your marriage pure

***"Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral."*** Hebrews 13:4

Those who enter marriage with previous **pictures**, defile the marriage bed as much as those who enter marriage with previous **partners**. Pornographic magazines, or movies, leave an indelible mark on a man's memory and he then enters the marriage bed with impurity. He'll compare his wife to hundreds of other women

"I have not bought a magazine for about five years, but I am still an addict... Reading and looking at those magazines has put so much trash in my mind that I believe it has robbed me of a great deal of joy and love I could have shared with my wife. It is hard to put into words, but the visual images and sexual encounters described in the magazines are still in my head and I still have to deal with that every day, even when I hold my beautiful wife."

Testimony given in *The Case Against Pornography*, Don Wildmon

from videos and magazines. Many Christian men testify that even once happily married, they find it difficult to keep all the images locked away in their mind suppressed so that it does not interfere with their intimacy with their wives.

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***"You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love."*** Galatians 5:13

### **The zeal of Phinehas (Numbers 25)**

The Moabite women at Shittim enticed and seduced many of the men of Israel into sexual immorality. One man, Zimri, openly brought Cozbi, a Moabite woman, right into his home. Scripture records that this incited the Lord's anger to burn against them and a devastating plague hit the community.

One Israelite, Phinehas, had the courage to make a stand and put a stop to the degenerate wickedness that was destroying his people. He refused to be seduced by the Moabites. He was committed to uphold the Law of God and he was angry enough about sin to do something about it.

Rev Erlo Stegen, Director of KwaSizabantu Mission, comments further on this passage:

*"In response to Phinehas' action, God caused the plague to stop. We need more people like Phinehas today who will courageously fight against evil with the Sword of the Spirit."*

*We need to understand the times we are living in and take decisive action against the pornography plague in our own lives and in our communities. If we do not put an end to it, it will end us."*

Today we have many, including so called Christians, bringing immoral women into their homes – through their cell phone, Internet, DVDs, TV or magazines. The epidemic of sexually transmitted diseases bears testimony to the rampant immorality of our times.

We need more people like Phinehas today. Clean out your cupboards. Tear up and burn the pornographic posters, magazines and books. Crush the offensive DVDs. Install software on your computer or smartphone to block immoral websites. Cancel the television channels that air 'adult' films. But do not stop there. Speak to your local store managers that market modern Moabites. Mobilise other church members to clean up your community – and your country.

***"Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover up for evil, live as servants of God."*** 1 Peter 2:16

**Why fight porn?**

***"Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."*** James 1:15

Pornography glorifies what is in violation of the Law of God and an abomination to Him: **adultery** (Exodus 20:14; Proverbs 6:32), **carnal desire** (Matthew 5:28, Ephesians 4:17–22), **rape** (Deuteronomy 22:25–27), **incest** (Leviticus 18:6–9; 20:11–14), **homosexuality** (Leviticus 18:22; Romans 1:26–27), and **child abuse** (Matthew 18:6–10).

Every day many Christians shop in 'family stores' that promote pornography. Apparently neutral on this destructive trade, these Christians push their trolleys past magazine racks displaying morally offensive publications. That 'family stores' should market anti-family 'adult' magazines, or DVDs, is inexcusable. That Christian parents should silently support stores that sell smut is inconsistent with our calling to be the salt of the earth and light of this world.

***"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything,***

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*except to be thrown out and trampled by men. **You are the light of the world...** let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven.” Matthew 5:13–16*

Many Christians think that because porn is not their personal weakness, they do not have to do anything about it. But the Bible teaches us that **we are our brother’s keeper**. We all condemn rape and child abuse. Should we not work to **protect women and children** by freeing our society of those exploitative publications that help to form and fuel the thought patterns that can lead to such crimes? Nobody can justify pumping raw sewage into a public street or swimming area. Neither is the **moral sewage** being pumped into our minds through TV, DVDs, magazines and the Internet justifiable.



March to parliament in Cape Town to protest plans to legalise pornography in 1995.

*"Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the Word I speak and give them warning from Me. When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you will surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his ways, that*

*wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not do so, he will die for his sin, but you will have saved yourself."* Ezekiel 33:7–9

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### HOPE FOR THE PORN ADDICT

By Clive Human

In *The Secret in the Pew – Pornography in the Lives of Christian Men*, David Blythe, says: *"There are secrets sitting in the pews of our churches. This secret is a hidden lifestyle of sexual preoccupation and perversion within the lives of Christian men. It is fuelled by regular consumption of one of the most destructive forces of our time – pornography."*

No matter how pornography is packaged, and no matter how it is made to look, as if it's just harmless recreation, or a past-time, even a form of entertainment, it is a deadly poison that is killing us as a nation – spiritually, morally and socially.

Pornography destroys minds, morals and marriages. Surprisingly in this day and age there are still many people who are not aware that pornography is addictive and just how addictive it is! Research shows that a porn addiction is often more difficult to break than an addiction to cocaine!

Blythe says, *"Pornography has created such a stronghold within the body of Christ that many have become neutralized from being of any kind of force for the Kingdom of God. That is exactly where the enemy wants us – to be of no threat to him and his work."*

When I mentioned the issue of addiction to porn at a church meeting recently, one pastor commented, *"Oh, we don't have that problem in our church."* **But just how bad is this problem amongst Christians?**

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A survey conducted by the Maryland Coalition Against Pornography concluded that 40–60% of Christian men are involved with pornography in some way. That is four to six out of every ten Christian men! Promise Keepers reports that one third of the men who attended rallies in 1996 admitted to a personal struggle with pornography. Most disturbing were the results from a confidential survey amongst evangelical pastors, which found that 64% of pastors and lay leaders surveyed, struggled with sexual addiction, which included pornography and other secret sexual activity. Furthermore, 14% admitted to having illicit sexual contact short of intercourse and 25% confessed to having committed adultery. All of this occurred after becoming a Christian.<sup>84</sup>

Lest we think porn addiction is only a problem for men, more and more women are also admitting to being addicted to porn. Of churchgoing women, 34% said they have intentionally visited porn websites online.<sup>85</sup> One out of every six women who use the Internet, grapples with addiction to pornography.<sup>86</sup> Women, however are often more addicted to 'cyber sex' found in chat rooms because it feeds their fantasies of relationships. Some women start watching porn in order to please their spouse (who may be addicted) or out of fear of losing their spouse.

**What is pornography addiction?** Firstly, it is a freely chosen sin and is slavery to the obsessions and compulsions of lust. Often it is a false coping mechanism for the individual and is a false love. It is a sick substitute for God's love and is actually idol worship. It is a spiritual, emotional and psychological poison that leads to death.

Porn addiction can be defined as a dependence upon pornography, characterized by obsessive viewing, reading, and

thinking about pornographic and sexual themes to the detriment of other areas of one's life.

Research by psychologists indicate that online porn addiction is stronger, and more addictive than ordinary porn addiction because of its easy availability, explicitness, and the privacy that online viewing apparently offers, as opposed to 'adult shops' where others may recognise you. (Although nothing online is actually anonymous as all one's activity can be tracked!)

Some people can get almost instantly addicted, whilst for others it may take up to 10 years of erratic exposure to get hooked. But, like a latent cancer, it almost never disappears on its own, or reverses its course, unless there is some therapeutic, or professional, intervention.

I was exposed to pornography at the age of 11, at a time when there was no Internet and porn was still banned in this country. I was at boarding school in the Boland at the time. One of the boys found a book hidden in his father's cupboard and brought it to school. I was sexualised at far too early an age and this affected me as I grew up. In my teens and twenties, I really objectified women and saw them purely as sex objects, among other things. Getting married didn't take this behaviour away and I soon found out that my wife hated porn, so I continued to indulge on my own, or with friends 'for a laugh'.

Around the time that porn was decriminalised in South Africa, my wife, who was a very recent reborn Christian, got together with a few like-minded people and Standing Together to Oppose Pornography (STOP) was formed. Not yet a Christian, I used to accompany her to talks she was giving on porn and its effects and I soon realised that I was in the early stages of addiction. Soon

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after this I gave my life to the Lord. I realized that the Bible is very clear regarding sexual immorality, so I had to change.

With Michele's help and God's grace, He has brought us through this and has used us and our experiences to help others.

Generally, an addiction to porn is the 'bad fruit of a root cause'. It can be caused by quite a few things such as perceptions developed as a child in reaction to loneliness, abuse (emotional, physical, mental or sexual) or even an absent or domineering parent. Even A.D.D. or low self-esteem, as well as something like poor social skills can be a root cause. Some children are just born more vulnerable, with an addictive disposition in their personality. All of these can be some of the factors that can affect the person at a later stage. It's important that the addict's partner knows and understands that it is definitely not their fault, but that they can be instrumental in helping the addict on the road to recovery. Most addictions are an escape from pain and pornography is one of the methods used to deal with these unresolved issues.

We must also be aware that repeated exposure to soft or hard-core porn can lead to full-scale addiction. This addiction generally has four steps: <sup>87</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> step – **Addiction**: Characterised by repeated return to material. Once the consumer gets hooked, they keep coming back for more, and still more, of this powerful imagery. Once addicted, they cannot get rid of this dependency by themselves.

2<sup>nd</sup> step – **Escalation**: With the passage of time, the addict requires rougher, more explicit, more deviant, and 'kinky' sexual material to achieve the same 'high'. It is at this stage that, if their

wives or partners are involved with them, they eventually push their partners into doing increasingly bizarre and deviant sexual activities. In many cases, this results in a broken relationship when the partner refuses to go further or to participate. This often leads to much conflict, separation and eventually can lead to divorce.

*3<sup>rd</sup> step – Desensitisation:* This is when what was previously seen as gross now becomes an acceptable 'turn on'. Material that was taboo, repulsive, and even illegal, in time is seen as acceptable. The person really believes that this type of antisocial, or deviant, sexual activity depicted is normal – even if the activity is illegal and contrary to their personal standards and moral beliefs.

*4<sup>th</sup> step – Acting out:* This 4<sup>th</sup> phase is the increasing tendency to act out sexually the behaviours viewed in the pornography. Merely looking no longer satisfies the addict. The fantasies have to be acted out. The addict has been repeatedly exposed to compulsive promiscuity, exhibitionism, group sex, voyeurism, frequenting strip clubs and massage parlours, even having sex with children, rape, and inflicting pain on themselves, or a partner, during sex.

Some of the more serious effects of porn addiction, and often the most frequent consequences of being addicted to pornography, is not the probability, or possibility, of committing a serious sex crime (though this can and often does occur), but rather its disturbance of the fragile bonds of intimate family and marital relationships. This is where the most serious pain, damage, and sorrow occur. There is repeatedly interference and even the destruction of healthy love and sexual relationships between marriage partners. Porn addiction can even lead to the addict stealing from work to pay for more porn, or prostitutes, and can

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cause depression due to the feelings of shame and guilt. It can also lead to divorce and the disintegration of the family. It has even been known to lead some addicts to abuse their own children.

For those who are already ensnared in the compulsive web of pornography, it's not too late. Jesus said, "*The Lord has anointed Me to preach **good news**... to proclaim **freedom** for the captives and **release** for the prisoners.*" Isaiah 61:1

*"If the Son sets you free, you will be **free** indeed."* John 8:36

### Steps to freedom:

1. Join and regularly attend a Christ-centred and Bible-believing church.
2. Confess your sin to God and ask for His forgiveness. "**He who conceals his sin does not prosper, but he who confesses and renounces them finds mercy**" (Proverbs 28:13).
3. Destroy your pornographic magazines, DVDs, SMSs, electronic images, etc. that contain pornography. Discontinue any membership contracts with DVD shops that stock questionable material. Install an Internet filter on your computer, or subscribe to the accountability programme *Covenant Eyes* ([www.covenanteyes.com](http://www.covenanteyes.com)).
4. Make yourself accountable to a friend of the same sex, a mature Christian whom you respect. Confess your sin to him/her, ask for their prayers and ask them to ask you regularly about your spiritual life. From a human point of view, accountability is essential as it takes four to six weeks to form a new habit of thinking. Without the follow-up that accountability provides, breaking those old and evil habits is practically impossible. "**Confess your sins to one another,**

*and pray for one another, that you may be healed”* James 5:16.

5. Take practical steps to avoid temptation. Avoid going to DVD shops to browse. If your family wants a DVD, call ahead to reserve it and pick it up at the counter. Don't watch DVDs alone. Limit your DVD watching. Rather watch uplifting Christian films. Don't put your foot in 'adult' shops. Know before you go. Only watch films recommended by [www.movieguide.org](http://www.movieguide.org).
6. Don't view TV channels that screen explicit movies, and don't watch after the watershed, as 18 rated movies are shown after that time (21:00 on ETV and SABC channels, and 20:00 on M-Net).
7. In time, your memory can be reprogrammed in such a way that you gain confidence over the fear of memory. This is done in partnership with the Holy Spirit as you mature in grace.
8. The time you once spent viewing pornography must be redirected and restructured so that wholesome and godly activities take the place of the time once spent in illicit activities.
9. Cultivate God's attitude towards things you view 'on screen'.
10. Many people caught in porn's net need specialised counselling to help them break free. Some need emotional and spiritual therapy to deal with underlying problems. Don't give up, keep praying for God's help and He will help you find the way out. Seek help from a professional Christian counsellor. See Appendix 3 for contact details of counselling ministries.

Pastors need to deal with this issue in their churches both radically and compassionately. As with Phinehas (Numbers 25), if

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there's sin in the camp, it must be dealt with! Pastors, however, must also be approachable, so that men will feel they have someone who they can talk to confidentially. If we are to see Revival in our nation, it is **we**, God's people, who must turn from **our** wicked ways (2 Chronicles 7:14).

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### DEALING WITH OBJECTIONS

When trying to convince skeptics about the harmful effects of pornography, or when challenging Christians to clean up their communities, one often encounters the following objections:

- **“Pornography is protected by freedom of speech.”**

Pornography is not speech. In the United States, pornography, called obscenity, is not protected under the First Amendment of their Constitution. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled, “In our view, to equate the free and robust exchange of ideas and political debate with commercial exploitation of obscene material, demeans the grand conception of the First Amendment and its high purposes in the historic struggle for freedom.” *Miller v. California* (1973)

All rights are limited. As Dr Angelo Grazioli says, “The freedom of speech and press is designed to protect a free and safe society, but is never an absolute freedom. No-one has the right to falsely shout ‘Fire!’ in a crowded theatre. No one has the right to print lies about others... To argue that ‘if we allow them to censor *Teen Slut* today they’ll be burning the Mona Lisa tomorrow’, is as illogical as arguing that ‘if we allow them to prosecute traffic offenders today, they’ll be taking away cars tomorrow.’ Speech is limited in many ways. Copyright violations, false advertising and libel are just some of the limitations placed on the freedom of speech.” The liberals hysterically scream ‘freedom of speech’ when it comes to porn, but forget all about that freedom when it comes to censorship of racial slurs and hate speech.

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“And all of those who vow ‘no censorship’ want to censor child pornography. The truth is, then, that almost everyone believes in censorship, including newspaper editors who say they don’t... They just draw the line at a different point.”

U.S. political scientist,  
Dr Reo M Christenson

Furthermore, there is no right to engage in something that is harmful to others. There is no freedom for rape and child abuse, neither should there be freedom for an industry that fuels and encourages such anti-social behaviour. Drug dealers, for example, cannot claim freedom of

movement or workers’ rights! Pornography is as addictive and harmful as drugs.

- **“No-one can define pornography therefore you can’t legislate against it.”**

Pornography is not beyond **legal** definition. Many countries of the world have a legal definition for pornography. South Africa’s definition can be read on the first page of the next chapter (Chapter 8).

- **“Legislation against pornography would cover too much ground and limit the freedom of the press.”**

Man, being a sinner and possessing knowledge often faulty, will pass laws that are quite likely to be faulty also. This has always been the case and will continue to be the case. Should we abolish all laws as a result? Parliamentary review and court action are processes whereby errors in laws can be rectified. There is no reason to fear that a law, in and of itself, can remove our liberties. Unless a people have first lost interest in true Biblical freedom, no state can limit its liberties without thereby endangering itself.

- **“Such laws would readily be used by a tyrant to stifle dissent.”**

Tyrants do not need that excuse. They find it very easy to manufacture any number of grounds for whatever they do – if indeed they need any ground at all. Some of the worst tyrants have abused their populations despite fine constitutional safeguards that should have prevented that.

- **“You can’t legislate morality.”**

This smug cliché has been repeated so often that it has taken on an aura of natural law. But what about laws against theft, fraud, libel, rape, incest, or murder? Are these laws not legislating morality? Similarly, governments can legislate immoral laws, such as the laws that allowed slavery. (However, slavery was abolished throughout the British Empire in 1807.)

All laws codify moral values. The only issue is: whose system of morality will be the source and foundation of our laws? If we do not enforce Biblical Law against pornography, abortion, rape and murder, then in all likelihood we will experience the results of



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enforcing humanist law: legalised child killing and pornography, forbidding of prayer in school, special rights for criminals, especially murderers, and the resultant massive increase in crime, rape and murder. The law may not change the heart, but it can restrain the heartless.

- **“The ubiquity of the Internet and cell phones makes pornography impossible to control.”**

The claim that the Internet cannot be policed is false. Internet banking fraud and child abuse images are policed internationally and locally and it makes a real difference. Child abuse images are primarily distributed on the Internet and because it is illegal, its circulation is substantially depressed. Internet porn can be successfully blocked on a national level by requiring all Tier 1 Service Providers to filter websites being accessed by Internet users in the country and on a Tier 2 level by cloud-based ISP filtering systems. Yemen and United Arab Emirates block all porn at a Tier 1 Level and Australia has put measures in place to block Refused Classification material at a Tier 2 level. Several countries such as Mauritius have put technology in place to block child porn on a nation-wide scale (See Chapter 10 for more information). Iceland is considering such legislation in parliament at this time.

Even when porn was illegal in South Africa, some people managed to access it. While we cannot banish porn in every form completely, by making it illegal we can substantially limit its circulation and restrict its harm. Magazines still have a huge market for impulse buyers, especially at airport shops. As one big player in the porn shop industry claims, the Internet has not affected them at all. “We do not feel any difference in terms of demand. People will always want hard copy in their hands. We do not have people coming in saying, “We are seeing images on computer so we don’t want to buy DVDs and magazines.”

*Hustler's* editor insists that magazines will always have a major market share.

Banning porn magazines and DVDs would have a small impact on reducing the amount of porn in society, but blocking pornography on the Internet at a national level would have a substantial impact.

At the very least making porn illegal stigmatises it, and it is seen by much of society as something wrong and dirty, rather than a 'right'.

- **“Banning porn will only increase its circulation and appeal.”**

The belief that if you make pornography freely available, people will lose interest in it, is naïve and ignorant. In countries where pornography has been legalised for years, it has developed into a multi-billion industry. Not only has the porn industry increased in South Africa since its legalisation, one only need look at Holland and the Scandinavian countries to realise that porn has not decreased, but increased! These countries were historically the most permissive in the legalisation of porn and later became the “pioneers” in the child porn industry. “Between 1969 and 1979 Denmark led the way and legalised all forms of pornography including child pornography. The Danish Theander brothers became the biggest producers of both adult and child porn probably in the world at that time.”<sup>88</sup> Porn made during that period is still available on the Internet today. The children involved were pre-pubescent, generally between five and 10 years old. The titles of the magazines and films they made are revealing: “Incest Family”, “Schoolboys Orgy” and “Jo and his Uncle”. Incest and child abuse were made to appear normal.<sup>89</sup>

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Some of the most shocking child porn, which includes babies being raped and horribly abused, is produced and disseminated from Holland.<sup>90</sup> An adult porn producer, formerly based in South Africa, Rudy van Dijk said, "They have a different set of morals, as well as a lower age of consent, which means they can lure young people into porn movies."<sup>91</sup> Even pornography producers say they have low morals! So the interest in porn, has not waned there, but has become even more depraved. Increased exposure does not lead to indifference, but to desensitisation, which in turn demands greater stimulation in order to derive the same excitement or pleasure.

Many of us think these 'liberal' countries are fine despite the massive amount of porn they have historically produced and circulated in their own country, but we need to think again. The



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Netherlands and Scandinavia have very high rape rates. Sweden has the highest incidence of reported rapes in Europe — twice as many as ‘runner up’ the UK, a new study shows. Researchers behind the EU study, conclude that rape appears to be a more common occurrence in Sweden than in continental European countries. Over 5 000 rapes are reported in Sweden per annum, while reports in other countries of a comparable size amounted to a few hundred.<sup>92</sup> Amnesty International’s most damning criticism of Sweden relates to the considerable disparity between the number of rapes reported and the conviction rate. *Case Closed* highlights the damning evidence that, despite the number of rapes reported to the police quadrupling over the past 20 years, the percentage of reported rapes ending in conviction is markedly lower today than it was in 1965.<sup>93</sup> We need to remind ourselves that behind these horrible statistics are individuals and families scarred for life.

Holland has the highest juvenile suicide rate in the world and is the drug capital of Europe.<sup>94</sup>

“My grandfather showed me his pornography books and magazines during all those years. He made me pose in seductive poses like the women in them. He would show me the pictures and say ‘this is what I am going to do to you and this is what you must do.’” Counsellor Lindie Wadhams says, “It is stories like these which give me all the proof I need to say ‘NO’ to pornography and ‘YES’ to the sanctity of human life and human dignity.”

Quote from an incest survivor in *The Pornography Debate*, 1998.

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- **“More porn will result in a decrease in sex crimes.”**

Studies in the early 1970's by Bert Kutchinsky of the University of Copenhagen (Denmark), advocated porn as a “safety valve” for potential sex offenders claiming that when the Danish government lifted restrictions on porn in 1969, the number of sex crimes decreased. This has long since been disproved. In fact, the more serious types of sex crimes, such as rape, actually increased in number and rate following the legalisation of pornography in Denmark.<sup>95</sup>

The notion that sex crimes dropped, was illusory and due to the fact that a number of sex crimes, including homosexual prostitution, extra-marital affairs, incest between close relatives, voyeurism (peeping), and “indecent toward women”, were decriminalized at the time pornography was legalized, giving the appearance of a decrease in the overall rate of sex crimes. Because they were no longer counting any of those sex offences (which, of course, were still continuing to occur) in their new summaries of sex crime statistics, it appeared that the amount of incidents of sex crimes was dropping, while it was actually exploding.

Kutchinsky also grouped rape along with other lesser categories of sex crimes. The study thus obscured the fact that the more serious types of sex crimes such as rape actually increased in number and rate following the legalisation of pornography in Denmark.<sup>96</sup>

- **“There's no proof that porn causes harm.”**

This is a claim founded either in ignorance or wilful deception. Lindie Wadhams, formerly of Safeline says, “It would be unethical to expose human beings to large doses of pornography... monitor them and their behaviour to the point where the sexual crime is

committed and then analyse this process. This cannot be done on ethical grounds. Pro-pornographers capitalise on this.” Similarly, a researcher cannot give someone 30 cigarettes per day for 20 years and then monitor the process of them getting lung cancer, but there are many other ways of linking the causes and effects.

Edward Donnerstein, a leading experimental researcher in the field of pornography, points out, “the relationship between sexually violent images in the media and subsequent aggression is much stronger statistically than the relationship between smoking and cancer.”<sup>97</sup> Just one article by Catherine Itzin, reviews over 150 studies that prove the links between harm and pornography.<sup>98</sup>

Many who ignorantly believe that there is no evidence that porn is harmful, have imbibed the lies of the porn industry, which, with its massive financial resources, funds public relations firms to establish ‘anti-censorship lobby groups’ with a ‘freedom of speech’ argument.<sup>99</sup> For example the Free Speech Coalition in the U.S. has hired a former ‘porn star’ to lobby politicians and convince law-makers that porn is not just a matter of free speech, but an economic powerhouse. Backed by \$300 000 a year, the Coalition persuaded the California state legislature to halt a proposed 5% ‘sin tax’ on porn.<sup>100</sup> This same coalition recently won in the U.S. Supreme Court the right for pornographers to produce and sell pseudo-child porn.

“But I am angry that promoters of porn claim that it improves our sex life. It has had the opposite effect on ours; we were fine until it came on the scene! I used to feel secure and confident about myself. Pornography destroyed all that. Like packets of cigarettes, pornographic material should by law have to carry a prominent ‘danger’ notice, warning couples of the risk of damage to a healthy, loving relationship.”

Wife of a porn user, “Pornography is Ruining My Marriage”, *Fair Lady*, 20 September 1995.

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It is customary for pornography advocates to counter the findings on the harm of porn by overstating them. For example: "It is ridiculous to suggest that one look at *Hustler* magazine turns a man into a rapist." Of course that would be ridiculous; it's not what the research is suggesting. Or "pornography can't compel anyone to act in a particular way." True, and neither did cigarette advertisements compel anyone to buy their products. Or: "Pornography doesn't affect everyone in the same way." True, and neither did cigarette adverts – but their influence is still undeniable.



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There is a difference between causality and correlation. Dr Catherine Itzin explains:

*When evaluating scientific evidence, it is necessary to distinguish between causality and correlation. Although there*

*is evidence of causal links between porn and rape (in the case of copycat crimes, for example) there is an even greater body of research which consistently establishes correlation between porn and sexual violence. Correlation does not prove causality. It never can. Causality is a standard of proof that rarely, if ever, can be achieved, and is rarely, if ever required. However, correlation is itself evidence.<sup>101</sup>*

- **“There is a difference between porn and ‘erotic’ material”.** Some argue that not all pornography is harmful, but as South African sexologist Dr Angelo Grazioli says, “To offer allegedly socially redeeming SEM as a reason for unlimited access and distribution of SEM is similarly illogical. That is analogous to restaurant owners threatened with closure by a health inspector, attempting to justify their right to serve food by pointing to an edible carrot amongst the spoiled, disease-ridden offerings of their salad bar.<sup>102</sup>

The question is often posed, “Are you against erotica?” The difficulty in responding is to know what the questioner means. The word is used very loosely, some people might be thinking of a ‘soft’ pornographic magazine, others of a sex manual. Any material which encourages sex outside of marriage cannot be condoned. The term ‘soft-core’ pornography is also misleading. The pornographers want us to believe that their material is innocent and harmless, but the research as cited in Chapter 3 shows very differently.

What about works of art such as nudity on the roof of the Sistine Chapel? We must first recognise the importance of differences between various media. Photography is realistic. A real living woman leaps out of the page. Paintings or statues by comparison

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convey something deeper than 'surface realism'. Moreover, the physical beauty of a woman shown naked in a statue does not necessarily convey the same domination by men as is often shown by the facial expressions on faces of women in pornographic magazines, or on film, nor does it have the same titillating or provoking quality. Of course, there are exceptions which would fail the test because of their realism, explicitness and intention.<sup>103</sup>

- **“Pornography can improve your marriage”.**

Dr Grazioli is often consulted by people who, because of sexual problems, sought help from SEM. He says, “The misguided and ineffective conclusions and approaches this gained frequently lead to an aggravation of the original dysfunction.” In a seminar on sexuality he said, “Anyone whose sex life is improved by watching strangers copulating, had a very poor sex life to start with...”

- **“This is too dirty and negative an issue for Christians to get involved in.”**

Of course pornography is dirty. That is why Christians must get rid of it. What parent would use the excuse that because the baby's nappy is dirty they must leave it alone? By this view, apathy is 'clean', while involvement is 'dirty'. Rather than dirty our hands in responsible action, we choose to allow pornography to dirty our communities and eventually our families. A Christian must be active – with his or her sleeves rolled up, being willing to get his hands dirty doing what is right.

***“Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.” James 4:17***

- **“All we can do is pray.”**

While this answer seems quite spiritual, it's not Biblical. In Joshua 7, we read of the shocking defeat suffered by the people of Israel at Ai. Joshua tore his clothes, fell face down before the Ark of the Lord and remained in prayer until evening. The Bible then records God's response: ***“The Lord said to Joshua, ‘Stand up! What are you doing down on your face? Israel has sinned; they have violated My Covenant which I commanded them to keep... that is why the Israelites cannot stand against their enemies!’”*** Joshua 7:10–12

In effect, God rebuked Joshua – why are you praying? There is sin in the camp! Get up and consecrate the people. Root out the evil from your midst. Prayer is meant to be a foundation for obedient action, not an excuse for inactivity and disobedience.

- **“These are the End Times! This is another sign of the end, so it would be pointless to fight pornography when it's inevitable.”**

In this negative age of defeatism, Christians so often consider defeat inevitable. But Scripture teaches us that what is inevitable is the ultimate victory of the Kingdom of God (Daniel 2:34–35, 44). Christians are not doomed to defeat, but called to victory (Psalm 2:8, 9). It is an abuse of the doctrine of the imminent return of Christ to use it to excuse our apathy and inactivity.

God requires us to work regardless of external circumstances (Luke 12:37–48; 19:13–26). He defined the faithful servant as the one who was not influenced by the delay of his master but continued to faithfully carry out his master's business. By way of contrast, the unfaithful servant is the one who allowed his perception of when his master would return to excuse his inactivity (Matthew 24:45–51).

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***"We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies... As for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right."*** 2 Thessalonians 3:11–13

### **What are we afraid of?**

These excuses are probably not the real reasons why most churchgoers avoid the social issues and moral battles of our day. The real problem is within our own hearts. Most choose to avoid the tough moral issues and flee from the battlefields because of fear. Fear of laborious and unpleasant hard work. Fear of criticism, controversy and conflict. All too often we have let the fear of man keep us from honouring and obeying God.

***"Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ."*** Galatians 1:10

The Scripture declares that: ***"To fear the Lord is to hate evil"*** Proverbs 8:13. The Lord rebukes Christians who are lukewarm (Rev. 3:15), who tolerate evil (Rev. 2:20) and who compromise (Rev. 2:14–15). The Lord commends those who cannot tolerate wickedness and who hate evil (Rev. 2:2–6). We should fear God and not man (Luke 12:4–5). If we love God with all our heart, soul, strength and mind (Mark 12:30), then we will want to demolish every obstacle that sets itself up against the knowledge of God and take every thought captive to make it obedient to Christ (2 Cor. 10:4–6). Our love for God and for our neighbour should be our most compelling motivation to fight pornography in our community.

***"Submit yourselves, then to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."*** James 4:7

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Many argue that it is impossible to define pornography and so it cannot be policed. This is untrue. Legal definitions are different from dictionary definitions. The Sexual Offences Amendment Act of 2007 gives a good, broad definition of pornography, but it can only be used to prosecute those who expose children to pornography (a criminal offence according to Section 19 of this Act). This definition could inform the FPB Classification Guidelines and require materials with any of the aspects listed in the definition to be classified as 18.

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In the Sexual Offences Amendment Act 2007 (Chapter 1), Pornography means “any image, however created, or any description of a person, real or simulated, who is 18 years or older, of an explicit or sexual nature that is intended to stimulate erotic feelings, including any such image or description of such person:

- (a) engaged in an act that constitutes a sexual offence;
- (b) engaged in an act of sexual penetration;
- (c) engaged in an act of sexual violation;
- (d) engaged in an act of self-masturbation;
- (e) displaying the genital organs of such person in a state of arousal or stimulation;
- (f) unduly displaying the genital organs or anus of such person; classified as 18.
- (g) displaying any form of stimulation of a sexual nature of the female breasts;
- (h) engaged in sexually suggestive or lewd acts;
- (i) engaged in or as the subject of sadistic or masochistic acts of a sexual nature;
- (j) engaged in any conduct or activity characteristically associated with sexual intercourse; or

(k) showing or describing the body, or parts of the body, of that person in a manner or in circumstances which, within the context, violate or offend the sexual integrity or dignity of that person or any other person or is capable of being used for the purposes of violating or offending the sexual integrity or dignity of that person or any other person.”

### “Freedom of expression is not a pre-eminent right”

Jody Kollapen, Chair of the SA Human Rights Commission, believes the right to freedom of expression should also be weighed against other Constitutional rights. “Clearly the media rely on Section 16, media freedom, freedom of expression, and I think that’s important. But I think, in the context of South Africa, human dignity, equality, are just as important, and those are not just Constitutional rights, they are Constitutional values. They are found in Section 1 of the Constitution, that the Republic of South Africa is founded in the following values: human dignity, achievement of equality, and the advancement of human rights and freedoms. One of the problems is that we sometimes seek to elevate media freedom above those values. Justice Kriegler, in the *E-TV vs Mamabolo* judgment, said that in South Africa, freedom of the media or freedom of expression is not a pre-eminent right, and we have to debate how it relates to other rights of equality and human dignity.”<sup>104</sup>

Not only does pornography infringe on the Constitutional rights of children to be protected from harm, it also discriminates against the rights of women to dignity, equality and protection from hate speech. Pornography often depicts women in degrading, humiliating ways and as sex objects – existing only for men’s sexual pleasure. Women are also often called derogatory names and subject to violent acts.

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In 2010, the Justice Alliance of South Africa (JASA) drew up an Internet Pornography Draft Bill in response to a call from the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs to the Law Reform Commission to look into the possibility of banning pornography in the public sphere. The Bill proposes blocking all pornography on the Internet on Tier 1 Internet Service Provider level (highest national level). This Bill would need to be approved by the Minister of Home Affairs, tabled in Parliament, then debated and passed by the National Assembly and National Council of Provinces before it could become law. If it is tabled in Parliament, you would have an opportunity to present a submission in support of the Bill at national hearings.

In the Legal Opinion drafted by JASA in support of their proposed Draft Bill, John Smyth, QC, Director of JASA summarised the legal argument for the Bill, "Internet pornography is such a readily accessible evil for children, that the Constitutional Court, if the Bill were challenged, would be bound to hold that the Section 28 obligation to protect at all costs the best interests of children, would trump the rights to freedom of expression and privacy."<sup>105</sup>

JASA further argued, "Notably in the case of *De Reuck v Director of Public Prosecutions*, the Constitutional Court, while dealing with what freedom of expression entails, held, with (regards to pornography), that 'expression that is restricted is, for the most part, expression of little value which is found on the periphery of the right and is a form of expression that is not protected as part of the freedom of expression in many democratic societies.' The right to view/possess pornography has been regarded (by the Constitutional Court) as peripheral in nature, and thus the Internet Pornography Bill's effect of only limiting a portion of the access to this right must be viewed as even more permissible. It is

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a fringe right and not at the core of the Constitutional right to the freedom of expression."<sup>106</sup>

JASA's Internet Pornography Draft Bill and Legal Opinion can be read on their website: [www.justicealliance.co.za](http://www.justicealliance.co.za).

### **Working to change the law in SA**

As Christians we believe that pornography should be criminalised because it is first and foremost a violation of the Seventh Commandment, "**You shall not commit adultery**", in God's Law. The debate in the media, has unfortunately been restricted to debates around "freedom of expression" when, in fact pornography infringes on so many other rights such as the right to dignity and equality, and the right of women not to be discriminated against. Women also have the right to be protected from hate, exploitation, prostitution and violence. Porn is prostitution filmed. In much of mainstream porn today, women are called derogatory names, degraded and harmed in the making, and then in the use of this material. All our rights are limited, and government has the responsibility to protect society from the harmful effects of porn. Furthermore, the rights and protection of children in the Constitution is paramount. These are avenues in our current Constitution that could be used to criminalise pornography. In fact, we have a whole arsenal of angles that could be used to re-criminalise porn!

We need to work for changes to the law and not give up until porn is totally outlawed in South Africa, as it is in most other African countries. Until that is achieved there is still much that we can do:

- to use the law to protect our communities,
- to work against porn despite the law, and,
- to lobby to change the law, and our current pro-porn political dispensation.

### A new Constitution

Few people realise the extent of the influence of South Africa's current Constitution. For example, the BCCSA revised its code to allow the broadcast of porn on TV because of the type of "freedom of expression" granted in the Constitution.

According to the Constitution (Section 16):

- "(1) Everyone has the right to freedom of expression which includes –
- (a) Freedom of the press and other media
  - (b) Freedom to receive or impart information or ideas.
  - (c) Freedom of artistic creativity; and
  - (d) Academic freedom and freedom of scientific research."

All rights are limited however and this right is limited, according to the Constitution, as far as the following is concerned:

- (a) "Propaganda for war;
- (b) Incitement of imminent violence; or
- (c) Advocacy of hatred that is based on race, ethnicity, gender or religion, and that constitutes incitement to cause harm".

Note the gross failure to limit speech when it comes to pornography, to harming children and to inciting sexual violence against women or children. If women and children are ever to be protected from porn and the rape and

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Until porn is eradicated entirely it should have an extra 'sin tax', as does alcohol and cigarettes. This has been called for in Italy and France. South Africa's Dr Grazioli has called for heavy taxing of the marketing and distribution of pornography. Secondly, porn magazines and DVDs should come with a mandatory harm warning, as cigarettes do.

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violence it is associated with, the Constitution needs to be changed. We need to join the growing number of people calling for change to the Constitution. We need a Constitution that is based on entirely different values and premises from the current one – God’s unchanging Law. The Constitution is not unchangeable and the ANC has already demonstrated how easy it is to change it, for example, changing it to allow MPs to cross the floor to join their party.

### **A new government**

Jesus commanded us to “make disciples of all nations”, i.e. all people groups, this includes influencing nation states. Those nations that implemented Biblical principles such as the rule of law and the separation of powers in their systems of government such as the United States, Great Britain, Switzerland, and others, have in the past experienced God's blessing as a result.

We need government officials who are trustworthy, hate dishonest gain, fear God and obey His Law. Those who cannot control themselves are not capable of ruling over a city (Proverbs 16:32). Those who cannot manage their household well are not qualified to lead others (1 Timothy 3:4–5).

We need a decentralised government based on Biblical principles – one that respects the delegated authority and different responsibilities that God has given to the family, the Church and the state.

Christ's Kingdom is not of, or from, this world (it is not a political kingdom), but He is ruling from Heaven (Psalm 110) and is Sovereign over all areas of life. We are to submit to His Authority

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in every area and to apply Biblical principles to each area, including the area of politics.

***"But select capable men from all the people – men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain – and appoint them as officials..."*** Exodus 18:21

The current government, the ANC, has thoroughly demonstrated both its lack of political will, and its inability, to deal with the scourge of pornography in South Africa and its ever-increasing effects – rape, child abuse and murder. Christians need to be accountable before God for the kind of leaders they elect into office. Are they men who fear God and are committed to upholding justice, righteousness and truth?

Or will Christians elect people who allow pornography, rape and murder to flourish unabated? See the Christian Action Network's **Biblical Issues Voters' Guide** on [www.SAvotersguide.org](http://www.SAvotersguide.org) to see how the political parties voted on the porn legislation and other important Biblical moral issues.

***"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength... Love your neighbour as yourself."*** Mark 12:30–31

***"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."*** Proverbs 1:7



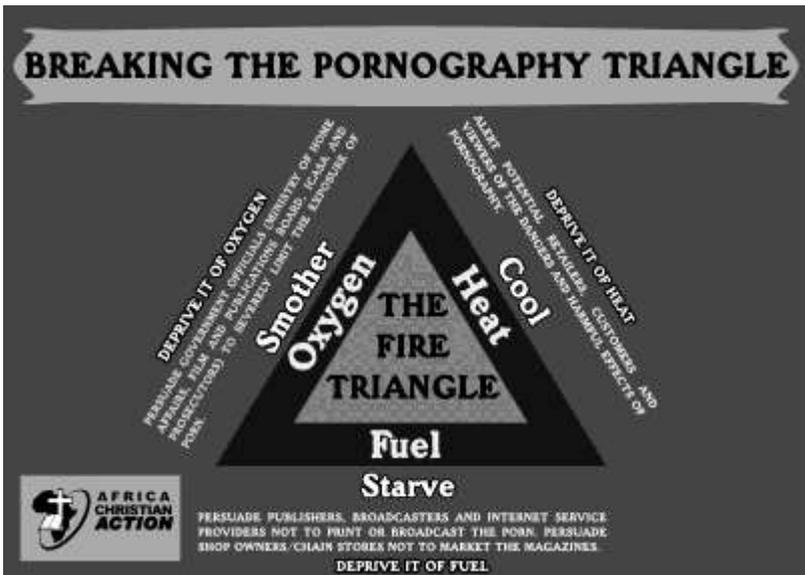
Steve Swart, ACDP Member of Parliament received a Memorandum on behalf of anti-trafficking demonstrators outside Parliament. The Memorandum urged Parliament to pass the Prevention and Combating of Trafficking in Persons Bill.



## Chapter 9

# WHAT WE CAN DO TO STOP PORN IN MAGAZINES, FILMS AND ON TV

**What can we do to fight the porndemic in South Africa today?**  
**To fight any fire** you need to break the triangle of fuel, oxygen and heat. Therefore you need to **smother it** (deprive it of oxygen), **starve it** (deprive it of fuel) and **cool it** (deprive it of heat). In the same way, we need to work to encourage the FPB, the Department of Home Affairs, BCCSA and local city councils to smother porn with legislation, regulations and restrictions. Secondly, we need to persuade the publishers and shop owners not to market such magazines/DVDs (starve it of fuel). Thirdly, we need to alert the public to the dangers of pornography and its role in encouraging child abuse and rape (deprive it of customers). In these ways we can smother porn with extensive restrictions, starve it of fuel (marketing outlets and availability) and cool it (by warning potential customers of its dangers).



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### **Porn magazines and DVDs**

The local porn magazine industry (porn magazines that were published locally) virtually collapsed by 1995, primarily as a result of the anti-porn lobby, which, through massive action at the time, limited most of their outlets. *Scope* is one of the magazines that folded. Africa Christian Action particularly targeted *Scope* as it was the largest locally produced pornographic magazine. By persuading many of their advertisers and outlets to stop supporting *Scope*, it went bankrupt. Because addiction to porn is progressive, people who continued at that time to use porn became more interested in harder core material. *Hustler*, which is more obscene than *Playboy* or *Penthouse*, survived the decline in sales and ultimate collapse of those titles.<sup>107</sup>

### **Where do we find porn in South Africa today and what can we do about it?**

Today in South Africa, the porn industry in terms of sex shops, and their sales, is very much alive. We managed to interview some of the smut purveyors in South Africa anonymously. According to a major player in the porn industry, there are two markets, a softer and harder market, which co-exist. He says that the market is now very “educated” and “informed”: “They know what they want” and will not buy just “any rubbish” such as a magazine that is five years old. They say that in the early nineties, there was a massive increase in the amount of porn distributed. This, they said, did subside somewhat because of the anti-porn movement and because of interest in it being “played out”. Sales are still increasing now although it has become more of a “normal market”. In the beginning many people were “just inquisitive”, but others have “incorporated it into their lifestyles.”

Most agreed that the magazines and DVDs have become more hard-core as “the different players fight for their share of the market”, “to keep up interest in the materials” and in an attempt “to expand the market”. The *Hustler* editorial assistant said the content has “grown up a bit” which means the “stuff has become a bit harder”. She says, “people are more open-minded.” The *Hustler* spokesperson insists that there is “a changing attitude to sex” and more people are accepting porn. She insists that it is all about “going back to basics about good healthy sexual relationships”. What a tragically distorted view!

Virtually all the DVDs and magazines are imported, except *Hustler* and *Loslyf*, which are published in South Africa by Joe Theron; and *Playboy* (re-launched in SA in 2011). Two versions of *Hustler* are produced and printed in SA, *Hustler* (also sold in CNAs), and *Hustler Gold* (sold in sex shops). *Playboy* and *Loslyf* seem to be the only magazines that feature South African women. The rest of the images are imported. All the other porn magazines sold in South Africa are imported. Most sex shops order a general variety of magazines, with certain things selling better in certain areas. Virtually all the mainstream commercial DVDs are imported. Apparently the reason for this is that South Africa does not have enough female performers, or the infrastructure to support such an “industry”.

A big dealer in the sex industry said that in recent years, black people have begun to buy into the market in a big way. He says, “We have a very big customer base with a lot of black people” and “They have come a long way and they know what they want.” Besides growth in the non-white market, another area showing massive growth according to a soft-porn magazine wholesaler, is the homosexual market sector. According to the wholesaler,

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“gays are more promiscuous”, “very physical” and it’s “more about looks and sex” so they are a very “strong market”. He says that many of them live a “straight lifestyle” but visit gay shops. Adult World, for example, sells much homosexual material. Their video booths are almost exclusively homosexual.

*Playboy* and *Hustler* are probably the biggest selling titles and the reason for that, according to some in the porn business, is because they have “better means for distribution”. They sell in a few bookshops, while the vast majority of the sales of the other magazines are only in sex shops. This is a very important reason for us to keep the magazines out of sight and away from the mainstream. Another magazine wholesaler, who sells ‘soft’ porn and other magazines, says that the convention in South Africa is to keep porn and other materials separate. This is without doubt the result of the anti-porn movement and we need to work hard to maintain that. Until we can eradicate porn entirely, we need to keep it out of the mainstream of life – away from normal shops where people can see it and think it is acceptable to the general population – and keep it stuck away in dirty sex shops.

Shop owners should not work with and buy from distributors, or wholesalers, who also sell porn. One major magazine importer, Magscene, for example, imports children’s magazines and on the other hand also imports the British porn magazine, *Nuts*, sold in some bookshops in South Africa.

### **Classified by the Film and Publications Board**

The FPB is a statutory body instituted by the same law that legalised porn. The aim of the Board is supposedly to balance the “right” of “adults” to read and view what they want and the rights of others not to be exposed to material they find offensive.

It is a serious concern when porn peddlers from *Hustler* describe the FBP as, “enlightened, relaxed and together”, “open-minded” and it is “a joy to deal with them”. Another major seller of porn DVDs describes them as, “very pleasant”, “reasonable”, “good to us”, but they are “strict on their standards” and “they have got a mission”. He says the classification of films is a “very, very large cost”.

Despite the pro-porn legislation and the lax view of many of those involved in the Board, some officers of the FPB are sympathetic to the concerns of those against pornography. No doubt direct witness of its continued decline worries them. Speaking at the Standing Together Opposing Pornography (STOP) annual meeting in 2003, former Senior Officer of the FPB, Iyavar Chetty stressed that unless we as the public complain to the FPB about the standards the Board uses, porn will continue to be as widely distributed as it is.

Chetty pointed out that members of the public “complain when they talk to us in meetings, but we don’t have enough follow up (where a specific complaint is made).”

He said that it’s vital that the community gets more involved in fighting pornography. Without public input, the Board’s response is limited. People need to complain to the Board in order to have a particular film classification or publication investigated. **“We do not get enough support and few follow-ups. Unless people are prepared to set standards for themselves, children will get their sex education from Hollywood, and that is exactly what is happening.”**

“We are certainly seeing an increase in violence against women and an alarming increase in violence against children... What are we doing to our children and what are we doing to stop what we are doing to our children? Children have a right to expect us to protect them and I don't think we are doing that... It is frightening what children are exposed to.”

Iyavar Chetty, former Senior Officer,  
Film and Publications Board

He stressed that unless people complain, the impression is given that the public is satisfied with what is being distributed, or how movies are classified. The number and type of complaints the Board receives is regarded as a measure of the standards of the community. The Board is required to apply “generally accepted community standards”. “Unless the public is prepared to take the matter of establishing the norms and

standards, it is going to be done by a Board that probably has no idea what the level or standard of tolerance of these materials is.”

Chetty said, “The Board will continue to make the mistakes it makes in not classifying in line with the level of tolerance of the community – as long as the community does not complain... The only way to ensure that the Board's decisions reflects the values we want is by pointing out to the Board that these are our values and these are the values you should be using in classification... we as the Board don't get enough of that.”

Not only do complaints contribute to the Board's understanding of community standards, but Mr Chetty promised that the Board responds to every single complaint. He also indicated that many in government are concerned about the impact of pornography. Christians need to take advantage of this.

### What can we complain to the FPB about?

All addresses and contact details needed to make complaints are given in Appendix 1. What can members of the public do?

- Complain to the Board about the age classifications given to films. Chetty says, "We must say we don't accept this level of nudity, or these sorts of sex scenes, for children." These age classifications are used in cinemas and marked on DVDs for hire in DVD shops. Contact Africa Christian Action for the Christian Action Network's Submission on the 2012 Classification Guidelines.
- If you see a magazine with articles, visuals or inserts that have close up shots of the genital areas, or are derogatory towards women, you need to make a complaint to the Board. Remember to state the name of the publication, the date and the page number. If possible, include a photocopy or scan of the article or image. When it comes to porn magazines, a vital project is to get every edition of them classified X18. We should complain and seek an X18 classification for every single edition of *Playboy*, *Hustler*, *Loslyf*, *Nuts*, etc. This will ensure that they are only sold in sex shops and not in supermarkets, bookstores and petrol station shops. If you see any of these magazines being sold in shops, note down the edition and complain to the FPB that it needs to be classified X18 and restricted to sex shops.
- *Cosmo* and *FHM* often contain 'sex manual' sections. An outrageous ruling on a *Cosmo* magazine by the FPB in 2008, found that "the presentations were considered within the context of sex educational material and were neither harmful nor disturbing". This was despite having depictions of explicit sexual conduct that were harmful and disturbing to both children and adults – that should have received an X18

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classification. We need to continue to complain that warnings and cellophane wrappers are not sufficient to prevent the harmful exposure of these images to children, especially considering that the covers are usually explicit. At the very least, all magazines and DVDs classified as 18, including those that might not as a whole classify as 18, but have sex manual inserts, should be required to have opaque covers.

- Magazines with nudity images and/or descriptions of sexual activities should get a 16 or an 18 warning on the covers at the least. Problematic magazines include *Playboy*, *FHM*, *GQ*, *Heat*, sometimes *People* and others.
- The Classification Guidelines should take into account the alarming trend of the sexualisation of girls.
- We need to continue to complain about material that is degrading to women and violates their right to dignity. Any material in which women are called derogatory and degrading names, or subjected to humiliating acts, should qualify to be submitted for classification prior to distribution.
- Report to the Board any form of imagery on the Internet, or anywhere else, showing children in sexual contexts, or child abuse imagery.
- Chetty pointed out that electronic games are also a problem. These are also classified by the FPB. He said, "*Games are very, very violent, racist, sexist and they are pornographic. In adult shops pornographic interactive video games are sold. There are games where you score more points for killing women or for killing Jews... And these are games which are openly available to the public... The public should make a fuss to the Board that its Guidelines are too lenient or too liberal.*"

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### Helpful FPB Regulations – What You Can Do About Sexually Explicit Magazines

The FPB has published regulations (No. R. 578, 25 April 2003, *Government Gazette*) that will help in our fight against porn, particularly in terms of keeping porn away from the mainstream. Warn any shops guilty of the following:

- Any publication containing sexually-explicit materials (images or written descriptions of a person or persons, whether real or simulated, engaged in sexual conduct) which is not enclosed in an opaque wrapper, may not be displayed within easy reach of children (under 18s) or next to, or among publications intended for children.

This is an extremely broad regulation. Obviously it targets *Hustler*, *Playboy* and other smut magazines that are sold in mainstream shops. However, issues of *GQ*, *FHM* and even *Cosmo*, often include material describing or showing sexual activity. Then there are also gay magazines such as *Gay Pages* and *Mate*. Issues that include sexually-explicit material have to be placed out of the way of the general magazines. Complain to the shop manager and the FPB if you ever see sexually-explicit material within children's reach.

- X18 materials “may only be distributed from premises licensed to conduct the business of adult premises...” If the materials should be classified as X18 (even if they are in an opaque wrapper), contact the FPB, as shops such as supermarkets, petrol stations, and bookstores do not have an “adult premises” license from the FPB.
- *Hustler* and *Nuts* magazines are being sold from some CNA stores. We need to keep complaining to the FPB if we see *Hustler* in any normal stores and campaign for *Hustler* to be classified X18.

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- If you go to watch a movie of, for example, a PG13 rating and a trailer before the movie advertises another movie of a higher rating, you must complain to the cinema and FPB as this is illegal.
- If a family DVD shop hires out porn movies (X18 or XX), it must be reported to the FPB. Only stores with the necessary license may distribute porn movies. Also they must have a sign at the door indicating that under-18s are not allowed in the shop.
- Every second year, the FPB releases its Guidelines for classifying films to the public for comment. Chetty says that each time they have made the Guidelines stricter as a result of the feedback from the community complaining about the lax standards. Christian Action will send out e-alerts each time the FPB invites submissions on the Guidelines. Make sure you are on the Christian Action E-mail list.

The FPB is hoping for an amendment to the FP Act that would require all magazines that regularly carry sexually explicit material (including magazines that currently should get a 16 or 18 classification) to be pre-classified by the Board. This is done in Australia. What would be the impact of pre-classifying magazines?

- It would ensure most of these magazines are only sold in sex shops.
- It would slow down the process of getting it to the public.
- It would cost the industry more, and provide more funds for the FPB to do its task.

All this would contribute positively to our goal of limiting porn in SA.

If possible, copy any complaint you make to FPB to the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs as it is that minister's task to oversee the FPB. You can also send general complaints to him/her about lax laws against pornography in South Africa and the problems with the South African situation (mentioned in Chapter 2). According to the amended Film and Publications Act, the Minister of Home

Affairs and the Film and Publications Board Council (which he/she appoints), can issue directives of general application and can issue Classification Guidelines. We can therefore lobby the Deputy Minister on changes we would like to see effected in the Guidelines.

The FPB has launched a child porn complaint hotline (Tel: 0800 148 148) and website: [www.Internethotline.org.za](http://www.Internethotline.org.za). Phone the child porn line if you see any child abuse images in magazines, tabloids, cell phones or on the Internet. Urge the Minister of Home Affairs to integrate Cyber-Safety information into the Life Skills Curriculum for schools.

In addition, we should warn those companies that support the pornography industry with their advertising money that we will not purchase their products if they continue to advertise in pornographic publications and on TV advert breaks before, during and after immoral and pornographic programmes.

### **Porn in the shops**

Christians need to use their **free market choices** to influence economics – by avoiding shops that peddle porn and by supporting pro-family stores that are not only concerned with profits but also principles.

Neil Gallagher, an American anti-porn campaigner, says that “If every Christian, every time he or she enters every store would praise, or complain to, the management (as is appropriate) about the sale of pornography, it would soon disappear.” Notice where pornography is sold around you – supermarkets, corner shops etc. Write to the Merchandise Manager at the Head Office of your

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**How to Speak to your Local Shop Manager about  
Pornographic Magazines and DVDs**

1. **Courteously speak to the store manager** and tell him that his display and sale of pornographic materials is offensive to you. Ask him to: (1) put these out of sight, and out of reach of children (2) seek a change in business policy which will discontinue the sale of this material. (3) Turn the offensive magazines upside down and conceal under other magazines and put Christian magazines in front, at eye-level. Unsold magazines are returned to their distributors.
2. After a short time, if he still continues to display and sell these products, again speak to the store manager and tell him of your concern. Ask whether he has communicated your concerns to headquarters and sought a change in corporate policy so as to discontinue selling the material; if he has not; **repeat your request** that he do so. Leave him a copy of a **courteous letter** stating your concerns, requests, and prior conversations with him on this issue. You could include a leaflet like ***“Finding Freedom from Pornography”*** with your letter. This tract is downloadable from the **[www.christianaction.org.za](http://www.christianaction.org.za)** website or available from ACA. Tell him you will stop patronising his store if he does not comply. Please see Appendix 1 for contact details of CNA, 7-Eleven, Spar and Pick n Pay Customer Complaint lines and/or headquarters contact details.
3. If the merchant persists in openly promoting and selling these materials, **write a letter to the headquarters office of the shop telling them of your concern**; send a copy of your letter to the shop manager. Enlist other friends to focus a stream of ‘Friendly Complaint’ letters at the local store, with copies to the corporate headquarters. You could also consider starting a petition with people from your church/community who live in the area, requesting that they no longer stock these magazines, or in the interim, make them only available from behind the counter.
4. If there is no change in the store's practices, stop buying at this store. Write to the headquarters office and tell them you will no longer patronize their business. As a ‘sermon illustration’ you can staple all your till slips from the past months to your letter to indicate the volume of trade they are about to lose. Get others to write similar letters. See Appendix 4 for an example of a letter.

supermarket, i.e. the person with the most authority in the situation to be able to deal effectively with the problem. In your first letter to a particular person, give them the benefit of the doubt. Assume that they don't know how bad the material is that they are selling and that once informed, they would be willing to remove it. Be polite, sincere, accurate and brief.

Boycotting can follow personal contact with the shop owner and a letter writing campaign. Inform him, in writing, that you will no longer be shopping there because he sells porn. Tell him that you will also be encouraging others to do the same. Then stick to it! Remind the porn-stocking owner every few weeks that you are boycotting his shop. **It is absolutely vital that in South Africa, we maintain the convention of keeping porn and other materials separate. Protesting about porn in shops where you shop is the key to this.**

As a result of the anti-porn activity, the vast majority of corner shops do not sell porn. Interestingly, the two chains that continued to stock porn, despite public protest, CNA and 7-Eleven, both went into liquidation back in 2002 (although they were bought up again by other companies soon after). In what shops (besides 'adult shops') do we find porn today?

- CNA
- Exclusive Books
- Some 7-Elevens
- Some supermarkets stock *Playboy*, *GQ* and *FHM*.

Whilst supermarkets have not stocked porn since the mid-nineties, they continue to stock explicit magazines such as *FHM* and *GQ*. Whilst these magazines do not qualify to be restricted to sex shops (according to the FPB), their covers and contents contain (almost) nude images and several explicit articles. These

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magazines have been moved to behind the cashiers' kiosk in several local supermarket shops, after requests were made to the manager from concerned parents and church groups (see Appendix 1 for contact details to complain to your local supermarket). Petitions signed by regular customers of that shop, requesting the above, have also been effective.

### Porn on TV

Scarcely a day passes without hearing complaints about sex, violence or blasphemy on TV. Many people are very dissatisfied with what is being shown on TV and how their complaints about it are handled. In just one incident, primary school pupils as young as six, have confessed to re-enacting scenes of rape and sodomy after watching a controversial TV series. The children in grades 1 to 7 in Madadeni near Newcastle in Northern KwaZulu-Natal, blamed their behaviour on an SABC 1 show *Yizo Yizo*, which depicted schoolyard mayhem, gang rape and sodomy (*Sunday Times*, 12 Aug 2001).



Cape Town protest against porn on E-TV.

Shaheeda Omar, therapeutic manager at the Teddy Bear Clinic in Johannesburg, has interviewed 100 child sex offenders and their mothers from across the social spectrum for her doctoral research project at the University of Johannesburg. She said that whilst some children claimed they had wanted to emulate love scenes in soap operas such as the *Bold and the Beautiful*, others said they had been inspired by late-night pornography on E-TV.<sup>108</sup>

“The Task Group appears to have been ‘pornography friendly’, strongly led and influenced by a ‘pornography friendly’ chairman (Prof Kobus van Rooyen)... The support of the chairman for the right of persons to possess child pornography, deeply shocked and alarmed us... Please attempt to grasp the frightening significance of this attitude in a person who led and apparently substantially influenced the Task Group, in the light of the fact that a typical child pornography video shows a two-year-old being raped and/or sodomised by an adult.”

Horace and Pat van Rensburg, *Stop Pornography*, South Africa, 1995

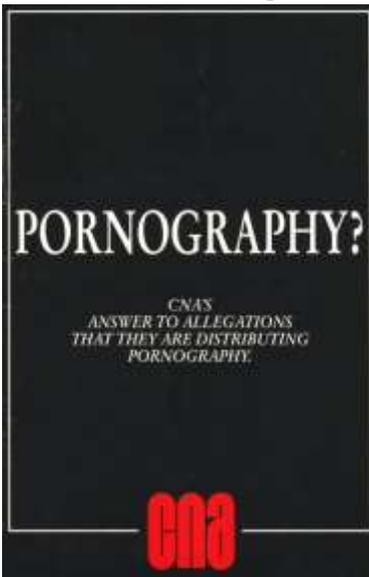
As mentioned in chapter 2, there are a number of reasons for this. Firstly there is no statutory body that oversees what is broadcast on TV. With SA’s history of government control of broadcasting, there was strong resistance to potential government control of TV and radio (although watching the SABC, one wonders whether much has changed). Unlike the FPB, which is a statutory body, the body set up to monitor broadcasting is a voluntary body. The Broadcasting Complaints Commission of South Africa (BCCSA) was set up by the National Association of Broadcasters of Southern Africa in 1993 to adjudicate and mediate complaints against a broadcaster that has voluntarily signed to abide by its judgements and the code of conduct published by the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA).

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A second reason seems to be the chairman of the BCCSA, Professor Kobus van Rooyen. His appointment by the industry was apparently due to his long-standing pro-porn views. He has been a willing ally of the pro-pornographers from the beginning. In 1993, he wrote a booklet for CNA validating their sale of porn. His booklet was primarily in response to the first version of this book, *Freedom from the Pornography Plague*. Van Rooyen stated in the booklet that, "... there is insufficient evidence to establish a link between sexually explicit material and anti-social conduct or crime..."<sup>109</sup> Van Rooyen conveniently ignored all the research and hundreds of case studies that demonstrate harm and the sexist and often misogynistic nature of the industry – that a substantial amount of porn amounts to nothing more than hate speech against women! It is sad that this was the view of a man appointed to represent and adjudicate the public's concerns and interests about sexually explicit material on TV.

Even more shocking, is that as Chairman of the Task Group that worked to draw up the FP Act in the early nineties – Van Rooyen, fought for the legalisation of the possession of child abuse images – and won! The Report of the Task Group: Film and Publications Control, page 20 states, "A majority of the Task Group (Prof Van Rooyen and Westra dissenting) propose that a possession prohibition should be imposed on child pornography. The minority (that is, Van Rooyen and Westra) believes that a distribution prohibition would be sufficient and that a possession prohibition would



be unreasonable as it amounts to an undue invasion of the privacy of a person.” At a Christian Broadcaster’s Association Conference in 1999 when people complained that no Christians had been represented on the Task Force, Van Rooyen declared that he had been a Christian representative!

Since then, van Rooyen has continued his pro-porn crusade and in 2003 represented Tasco de Reuck who was found guilty of the possession of “some of the most disgusting child pornography images” in the history of South Africa. Over 3 000 photos, videos and computer images were allegedly seized. Van Rooyen helped de Reuck in his plea to have the amendment to the Film and Publications Act, which outlaws the possession of child abuse images, declared unconstitutional. First De Reuck claimed that his right to “freedom of expression” and to “privacy” and “equality” was infringed. When the court rejected those arguments, he claimed that he was actually doing research and that all film producers, journalists and other “interested parties” should be able to possess child pornography if necessary. This despite the fact de Reuck could have applied to the FPB for special permission to possess child porn and failed to do so. Thankfully, the Constitutional Court ruled that the possession of child pornography without a permit, would remain a crime.

**Pray that Prof van Rooyen will come to repentance and be replaced by a Christian who fears the Lord and has Biblical pro-family convictions.**

A third and more important reason why complaints from the public about SEM on television is not dealt with seriously is the code governing the decisions of the BCCSA (most recent version published in 2011). The code can be viewed on [www.bccsa.co.za](http://www.bccsa.co.za). The code allows the broadcast of any pornographic material,

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except for “explicit sexual conduct”(X18) and XX material (incest, rape, bestiality, “explicit sexual conduct which violates or shows disrespect for the right to dignity of any person”, “explicit infliction of sexual or domestic violence” and “explicit sexual conduct which constitutes incitement of, or promotes, harmful behaviour”).

However, a loophole allows broadcasters to broadcast just about anything as long as it is broadcast late enough! Any porn, including XX material, may be broadcast if the film/programme is judged to be of a “bona fide scientific, documentary, dramatic or artistic nature”! This is so broad that just about any sexually explicit material could be justified. This is absolutely outrageous.

**At the very least, 18 rated movies should not be allowed on national television.** The definition of pornography given in the Sexual Offences Amendment Act of 2007 and Section 19 make it clear that **it is a criminal offence to expose (whether deliberately or negligently) children to any sexually explicit material** that meets the definition of porn in the Act. Thus, the BCCSA Code is out of step with current legislation.

This decision to allow the broadcast of porn on television was made without any public input and without the consent of the population which was already complaining about the amount of sexually explicit material on TV. The preamble to the first code stated that the protection of “freedom of expression” is “of paramount importance now that South Africa is grappling with the process of purging itself of those laws and practices from our past...” (Point 8) Unfortunately, this obsession with the past means many are blinded to the future and the harm they are causing it. Furthermore, the protection of freedom of speech is

“In our interventions with child-on-child abuse the young sex offenders have indicated that their first exposure to sex was via the television.

They also confirmed that they had mimicked what they had observed. It appears that because it appeared on the screen it was normalised and an element of grandiosity attached to it. As some of the children were rather young, below 12 years, they experienced a sense of confusion and were traumatised and hence re-enacted what they were exposed to order to assume a sense of power and control.

It seems that they suffered from Post-Traumatic Stress disorder as some of them were plagued by intrusive images of what they had seen and hence resorted to a maladaptive behavioural pattern by repeating the sexual behaviour. This seems to be the attempted solution to their confusion and hence trauma.”

Shaheeda Omar, counsellor, The Teddy Bear Clinic for Abused Children, Johannesburg

vital when it comes to the freedom of political speech. However, when it comes to right to peddle smut, that is a different matter. The code makes no reference to the need to uphold public decency and the potential harm of broadcasting pornographic material. Under its 11 guidelines for broadcasting to children (6.1 – 6.11), the code makes no mention at all of the harm to children from exposure to SEM, yet it discusses violence and its portrayal in six of the 11 points.

The TV film and programme classifications should take into account the alarming trend of the sexualisation of girls. Research of the prevalence and consequences of the sexualisation of girls has been well documented in the American Psychological Association Task Force’s *Report on the Sexualization of Girls*.

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**We need to lobby ICASA and the BCCSA to tighten the Broadcasting Code.** See Appendix 1 for ICASA’s contact details.

E-TV appears to be the TV channel that most of the complaints are made about. Unfortunately, far too many of the complaints from the public against it are dismissed by the BCCSA.

Other concerns about the BCCSA are:

- Most complaints about indecent material are dismissed and even when they are upheld, the Commission seldom imposes any real sanctions on the offenders. Usually they are only warned.
- Complaints can only be made after a programme has been screened, which is obviously too late to prevent any damage. If for example, viewers see that a film that contains sexually explicit material is going to be shown too early, they cannot ask the BCCSA to intervene. When they have asked for intervention, the BCCSA has just dismissed the concern.

**We need to keep the pressure up.**

### **How to complain to the BCCSA**

SABC channels 1, 2 and 3, E-TV, Multichoice and TBN are signatories to the BCCSA and complaints about those channels can therefore be made to the BCCSA.

The key to making a successful complaint is the “watershed periods”: These are times during which films and programming for over 18s may be shown. On SABC and E-TV, “adult programming” may be broadcast from 21:00 to 05:00 and on M-Net from 20:00 to 05:00. The reason for M-Net having an earlier time, according to the code, is that the “programme service is only available to viewers on subscription and offers a parental



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A complaint should thus be directed at the fact that a particular programme or film was shown at an incorrect time. Although movies with an age classification of 16–18 may technically be shown before 21:00 on SABC, for example, (which is despicable), one could complain that the material was too violent, sexually explicit or included too much offensive language for children and therefore was broadcast too early. Language inappropriate for children, we should argue, includes “**profanity, blasphemy and other religiously insensitive material**”.

**Despite this pro-porn stance of the code and the BCCSA, we need to continue complaining against its broadcast, no matter how late. Furthermore, we need to complain directly to the stations and state that we will not support those that broadcast porn.** Africa Christian Action has called on Christians to real action if things do not change, "While we are so often loathe to sacrifice our comforts for the Kingdom, the time has come for Christians to cancel their TV licenses and no longer access TV until something is done."

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**Complaints** must be made to the BCCSA in writing and it is important to provide full details. If you see or hear something that concerns you, write down the following details:

- **the date, time and channel of broadcast**
- **the name of the programme, and**
- **a short detailed summary of what caused offence.**

A complaint must be made as soon as possible, but not later than 30 days after the date of broadcast, unless there is a very good explanation for the delay.

Contact details for the BCCSA are available in Appendix 1.

### **Satellite television**

**Multichoice** (owned by DSTV) is now submitted to the BCCSA. In a shocking decision from the BCCSA (May 2010), Multichoice was not fined for broadcasting a sitcom which depicted simulated bestiality (a clear contravention of the Broadcasting Code), because they claimed they had no way of knowing what was in the programme. Since much of their content on their channels comes from overseas, they claim ignorance of the programmes' contents. What if a programme contains child porn, could Multichoice then claim that they "did not know what was in the programme"? This again shows that the BCCSA has no teeth in dealing with complaints. Multichoice does, however, decide which movies it is going to broadcast on some of its channels (e.g. Mnet).

In 2010, DSTV surveyed their subscribers' opinions on introducing a porn channel. In response to overwhelming public pressure, they rejected the idea. Outrageously, in 2013, ICASA granted the satellite TV company, Top TV, a licence to broadcast three pornographic channels, reneging on their refusal of a licence in 2012. The licence was granted despite expert research on the harmful effects of pornography presented at the hearings and hundreds of submissions from concerned citizens opposing the channels. The Christian Action Network, along with other Christian ministries, are urging concerned citizens to cancel subscriptions to Top TV in protest.

### **TV, print and billboard adverts**

Complain to the Advertising Standards Authority if you see any advert on TV or in print or on a billboard that is sexually explicit, uses under 18s, or people portrayed as under 18 (for example, wearing a school uniform), in sexually suggestive ways, or

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demeans women. Key clauses in the Advertisers' Code to mention are:

- Clause 1.2 of Section 1 – Responsibility to the consumer
- Clause 1 of Section 2 – Offensive advertising
- Clause 3.5 of Section 2 – States that gender stereotyping or negative portrayal is not permitted unless reasonable and justifiable in an open and democratic society.
- Clause 14 of Section 2 – Children
- Section 4.19 of Section 1 defines gender stereotyping as “advertising that portrays a person or persons of a certain gender in a manner that exploits, objectifies or demeans”.

The Advertisers' Code of Practice can be viewed at: [www.asasa.org.za](http://www.asasa.org.za).

In a 2004 judgement, the Advertising Standards Authority ruled that, “In the context of the abuse of women, it is imperative that advertisers are sensitive to this reality and do not find themselves as promoting that a woman’s body is a playground.” In another important judgement, the ASA ruled that “where a woman’s breasts were compared to an edible object, namely fried eggs, the image of two fried eggs on the bikini top suggested that women’s breasts are food. Women and food are thus consumable objects. In this manner the billboard objectified and exploited the female body.”

Christians were able to get a Teazer's billboard removed depicting a coconut that resembled a woman’s thighs and pelvic area. The ASA ruled that “the focus of the advert is on an object very closely resembling a woman’s genital area ...and disembodies the woman to only represent her groin area. In effect, the image communicates that the only part of a woman that is of relevance is her genitals...”



Cape Town - Action against the nefarious Mavericks.

The ASA ruled against a Sexpo billboard in Durban as it, “reinforce[d] a stereotype that women, especially provocatively dressed women, primarily serve as ‘eye-candy’ and should only be regarded as valuable for their sexual potential” and that “the only area of her body focussed on effectively reduces her to a sexual object.” (ASA ruling, 28 September 2008).

Another victory was won against an offensive billboard showing a half-naked woman performing a lap dance. In its ruling, the ASA said the billboard depicted “activities reserved for adults only” and that it is situated on a busy public road. In another judgement, the ASA ruled “Billboards are a less discriminating medium and therefore has broader exposure, because every person that travels past the billboard has to see it. As such, the content must be acceptable in all aspects.”

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These judgements reveal that the most successful judgements are those that have ruled on images depicting disembodied women's body parts, a focus on the genitals, or objects resembling a woman's genitals, and where a woman is depicted as a consumable object such as food. Complaints against billboards with obvious depictions of sexually orientated activities (such as lap dancing) near to schools are also ruled in favour of the complainant.

The ASA ruled favourably against a The Grand strip club billboard that was posted on Rivonia Road in 2009 as it was near to a primary school.

Clause 14 of Section 2 of the ASA Code states, that advertising should not cause children mental, moral, physical or emotional harm. It must also be noted that the Code regards children as "persons under the age of 18".

Local City Councils can be lobbied to change their outdoor advertising by-laws. The Johannesburg Outdoor By-Laws include a helpful clause about material that is offensive to religious groups.

### **Indecency in newspapers**

Several tabloids consistently feature their 'page 3 girl', a topless woman. Other more mainstream newspapers such as the *Sunday Times* and the *Cape Argus*, regularly publish photos of bikini-clad, and sometimes topless women in sexually suggestive poses.

Complain about offensive articles and photos to the editor of the newspaper, Film and Publications Board and Press Ombudsman. Even if you are not successful, the FPB and editor will at least get a sense of public opposition. Newspapers are distributed widely

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and are available to children and therefore should not be harmful to them. Such tabloids should receive at least a 16 classification. See the magazines section for more info on how to approach your local shop manager about the sale of indecent tabloids.

A British member of Parliament describes how when she launched her Parliamentary Bill against photographs of topless women appearing in newspapers, she received a huge mailbag full of letters. Women from all backgrounds shared how they were affected by these photographs. Many testified how these images made them feel self-conscious about their bodies and some felt degraded when friends compared them to the 'page 3 girl.'<sup>110</sup>



***"Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them." Ephesians 5:11***

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Africa Christian Action's annual Women's Day Outreach at Malls in Cape Town.

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The Internet promises so much, yet is such a threat when it comes to porn. Porn on the Internet is very easy to find. A search using a search engine on words related to sexual activity will produce a list of pornographic websites to view in seconds. Many of the free porn sites are bait



sites that tempt people to enter and then ask money for more hard-core material. Absolutely anything is available on the Internet. Some websites contain hundreds of images of children and women being raped. "Authenticity is at premium in cyber-porn, and many sites promise their rapes are 'real life'."<sup>111</sup> The FPB's Iyavar Chetty explains, "Given the nature of the Internet, an increase in child pornography (or any type of porn) anywhere in the world, is an increase everywhere in the world... so you can't think, well it's not happening to that extent in South Africa." With the increase of Internet access through smartphones, more and more children, and adults from poorer communities, who would not previously have had access to the Internet, are now accessing porn both accidentally and deliberately. Because Internet porn is so accessible, it has taken much of the porn magazine market. The publishers of *Penthouse* recorded debts of R450 million in 2002.<sup>112</sup>

- There are 4.2 million porn websites and 420 million porn web pages on the Internet; and it grows every day.<sup>113</sup>

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- Some one billion people are online worldwide, and some studies place pornography at 42% of all Internet traffic.<sup>114</sup>
- “Sex” is the number 1 topic searched on the Internet.<sup>115</sup>
- Approximately 40 million people in the United States are sexually involved with the Internet.<sup>116</sup>
- The largest consumer of Internet pornography is the 35–49 age group.<sup>117</sup>
- 2.5 billion emails per day are pornographic.<sup>118</sup>
- 25% of all search engine requests are pornography related.<sup>119</sup>
- 72 million Internet users per month visit pornography websites.<sup>120</sup>
- One study recorded 98 million visits per month, to the top five free porn sites, and 19 million per month to the top five paying sites.
- About R870 million a year, it has been suggested, would be a conservative guess at the annual revenue generated by Internet porn.<sup>121</sup>
- A U.S. survey of 1031 adults conducted by Zogby International and Focus on the Family in March 2000, found that 20% of the respondents admitted visiting a sexually-oriented website. Of males between the ages of 18–24, 37% admitted they had visited sex sites. Almost 18% of those who identified themselves as Christians and 18% of married men also admitted viewing these sites.<sup>122</sup>
- The most common ways people have accidentally accessed pornographic content on the Web are through pop-up windows (55%), misrepresented links (52%), misspelled URLs (48%) and auto links within emails (23%).<sup>123</sup>

### **Kids viewing porn on the Internet**

- Of children surveyed in the USA, 40% accidentally accessed Internet porn through innocent word searches such as “water sports”.<sup>124</sup>
- A survey of South African school-aged children in 2006, conducted by the FPB, found that 64% had been exposed to porn images on the Internet.<sup>125</sup>

### **Child exploitation online**

- Another danger is paedophiles who visit chat rooms and use social media to befriend children, arrange meetings with them and then exploit them.
- Of 1588 youth surveyed (USA), 15% reported an unwanted sexual solicitation online in the previous year<sup>126</sup>;
- 4% reported an incident on a social networking site specifically.
- Among targeted youth, solicitations were more commonly reported via instant messaging (43%) and in chat rooms (32%).<sup>127</sup>

Dr David Finkelhor, the Director of the Crimes Against Children Research Centre, says: “The offenders lure teens after weeks of conversations with them, they play on teens’ desires for romance, adventure, sexual information, understanding, and they lure them to encounters that the teens know are sexual in nature with people who are considerably older than themselves... What puts kids in danger is being willing to talk about sex online with strangers or having a pattern of multiple risky activities on the Web like going to sex sites and chat rooms, meeting lots of people there, kind of behaving like an Internet daredevil.”<sup>128</sup>

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The popular practice of revealing personal information about oneself on social websites, puts valuable intelligence into predators' hands. "I can understand who you are, what you like and what you value — and attain that information very quickly," says Adam Mikrut, founder of Digital Stakeout.

New services such as Foursquare and Gowalla are triggering further fears: They offer incentives for using a smartphone's GPS locator to post on Facebook and Twitter where the user is located. This makes it easy for predators to discover a potential victim's whereabouts.<sup>129</sup>

### **Child abuse images on the Internet**

"The Internet has given birth to a 'virtual world' with 'virtual communities' of 'netizens' with shared interests. It provides a supportive context, for paedophiles and child abusers. In the real world, the child abuser, or paedophile, is usually a lonely figure, not able to share his interest with his neighbours or colleagues. And, if discovered, is generally shunned and even hounded out of the neighbourhood and workplace. In the 'virtual world', he is among like-minded 'netizens', free to express and share his deepest desires among 'friends',"<sup>130</sup> says former FPB senior officer Iyavar Chetty.

He says that there are "millions of images of abused children" on the Internet. One child porn ring, the Wonderland club, which was bust by the FBI and Scotland Yard, required prospective members to post 10 000 original images of child porn. That gives us an idea of how many of these images there are in circulation. As Chetty says, "...One of the sad things is that that image is there forever. It follows that poor child forever."

Until recently, most child abuse images were of actual child-victims. Sophisticated modern technology, however, has made it possible to create child abuse images without using actual children and which are, except to the trained eye, indistinguishable from actual child-victims. SA, Canadian and United Kingdom laws do not distinguish between “real-child” pornography and “virtual-child” pornography. However, a U.S. Supreme Court’s ruled in the *Ashcroft v Free Speech Coalition* case that “virtual-child” pornography is Constitutionally “protected speech” in the U.S. as real children are not harmed in its production. This has delighted the porn businesses and dismayed the law enforcement agencies.

Since that ruling, defendants in child pornography possession cases have consistently claimed, successfully in a number of cases, that the images in question could be “virtual” and not real children. Consequently, prosecutors had to prove that the child depicted is real. However in South Africa, child porn “whether real or simulated” is illegal.

### **Sexual addiction and the Internet**

- MSNBC.com’s Cybersex Survey results showed that almost one in 10 respondents indicated they are addicted to sex and the Internet. The online poll although now over 12 years old, is still the largest Internet study of online sexuality to date, having received responses from over 38 000 users in the USA.
- It found that people who engage in online sexual activities are spending a substantial amount of time on these pursuits to break away from their daily routines, explore fantasies, relieve stress and spice up their sex lives. MSNBC website surveys are however self-selected, not the random samples utilized by polling organizations.<sup>131</sup>
- According to Focus on the Family, “Almost one of every seven calls we receive on the Focus on the Family Pastoral Care Line is regarding Internet pornography... Some pastors

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are just dabbling, some are headed down the road to addiction and some are crying for help, trying to break free from the addiction.”<sup>132</sup>

Internet porn can be described as the “crack cocaine of pornography addiction”, says Sean McFarland, a leading therapist specialising in sexual addiction, who has produced the well-received documentary *Addicted to Sex*.<sup>133</sup> In the U.S. alone, there are an estimated 200 000 online porn addicts, the majority of whom would not have become hooked on any sort of porn if they hadn’t come across it on the Internet.<sup>134</sup>

Meetings of Sex Addicts Anonymous and Sexaholics Anonymous in the UK are full of Internet users, and a U.S. centre for online addiction provides counselling by email to addicts all over the world. ‘These are people who go to church each Sunday’, says the centre’s founder. ‘These are not freaks. They are the people you live next door to.’<sup>135</sup>

Psychologists suggest the ‘Triple A Theory’ – accessibility, anonymity and affordability – for cyber-porn’s appeal. Dr Patrick Carnes, who runs the world’s leading Sexual Disorder Treatment programme in Arizona, says there is no way of knowing who will have a problem with cybersex. “This is one of the unique aspects of cybersex. In other sexual disorders it’s possible to detect patterns or common points – such as childhood sexual or emotional abuse, or a family history of addictive disorders.” Not so with cybersex. “Everyone”, he claims, “is at risk of becoming an addict.”<sup>136</sup>

### **MXit declares war on porn and cyber criminals**

MXit announced in March 2010 a zero-tolerance policy against offenders who abuse its online community. Anyone posting explicit or offensive material in public areas within MXit will from now on be banned from its systems without warning.

“For too long, a group of less than 0.1% of our user base has tarnished our reputation with their continual abuse of our community through unsavoury, and sometimes criminal, behaviour,” says Herman Heunis, CEO and founder of MXit.

“Until very recently, we had great difficulty in identifying and tracking these degenerates, but with new developments, we are now in a situation where they leave a definite electronic footprint. Our users’ right to privacy is, and will always be, of paramount importance. We have no intention of imposing censorship on communication between users as their privacy is a Constitutional right, just like private communication via letters, SMS, MMS, emails and other mediums. However, when someone publishes offensive content or uses our platform to prey on innocent people, we shall remove them from our system.”

“Furthermore, any suspicious behaviour indicating possible criminal intention will be handed over to the Cybercrime Unit of the SAPS as currently required by law.”

“Our foremost responsibility is to protect our 19+ million registered user base that makes up our community, and as such, we will do everything in our power to identify these offenders and help the authorities bring them to book,” says Heunis.

All Internet users must install filter software. See the “Tips for protecting your family online” in this chapter for more information about this. All those who are more prone to temptation in this area, need to maintain a lifestyle of **contrition**, **confession** and **accountable relationships** with mature accountability, or prayer partners.

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### **Porn and the workplace**

20% of men and 13% of women admitted to accessing pornography at work.<sup>137</sup> 70% of porn traffic occurs between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the U.S.<sup>138</sup> This means that the most porn browsing occurs during work hours. This must have a massive impact on productivity. Two companies in Cape Town recently fired several employees, after discovering that they had been downloading large amounts of porn on company computers during work hours. It is vital that companies install filters on their computers that screen out pornographic material, to ensure that they are not being defrauded of their employee's time and energy. This is becoming commonplace in most workplaces.

### **What can we do about porn on the Internet?**

The Internet is very difficult to police. Because of its polymorphous nature, it is often difficult to pinpoint the source of material and because it is international, it is impossible to control what is happening in other countries. Another reason is that porn on the Internet is a massive money-spinner. One couple made U.S. \$1.5 million in just one month on child porn. Furthermore, the Internet industry does not want 'hard prevention' – that is policing and censorship. Instead we usually have to use what is termed soft prevention – educating and creating awareness. Before we use the Internet and introduce it into our homes we need to know how to protect ourselves and our families.

The FPB has set up a hotline and website for the public to report child porn on the Internet. If you do find child pornography, or any illegal porn content such as bestiality or explicit sexual violence, in any place or format, report it to the FPB. If you come across child abuse images, do not email them to the FPB as you may find yourself falling foul of the law by sending them on. Rather

carefully note the website and send that information to the FPB straight away. All contact details are provided in Appendix 1.

### **Porn websites hosted in SA are illegal**

Pornographic websites, hosted in South Africa, that meet the definition of X18 are illegal, as this is considered “distribution” (X18 material may only be distributed from a licensed sex shop). Shockingly, porn websites in South Africa host porn images and videos made by South Africans of themselves, sell South African produced porn and even recruit performers for South African porn films through their website. We need to pressure the FPB to take action against these websites!

### **Porn in your pocket**

Of concern to you as a parent, is that your child can create, access, or be sent, porn on his or her phone – without you knowing about it.

### **Kids accessing porn on their phones**

The *Saturday Argus* (5 November 2005) reported in a headline story “Kids In Phone Porn Shock” that “young children accessing hard-core porn via cell phones and the Internet have escalated to such an extent that the child protection organisation Childline, is taking emergency steps to deal with the problem.” The report went on to say, “Childline staff were alarmed that children are increasingly emulating sex acts, such as oral sex, because of their exposure to porn.”

The FPB’s 2006 survey of learners found that 81% reported knowledge of porn images on their friends’ phones and would therefore have seen such images.<sup>139</sup>

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Since 98% of high school learners in South Africa own a cell phone and 75.4% of these learners access the Internet via their cell phone<sup>140</sup>, it is no wonder that so many children are being exposed to pornography.

### **Blocking porn websites on cell phones**

Using the Internet in secrecy has never been easier with the advent of smartphones. There are 4 ways that porn is accessible via a cell phone. The first method is through a phone's Internet server. The user would do a purposeful search or website address entry. As on computers, you can also unwillingly receive pornographic spam emails. **Here the same principles would apply to protecting yourself and your children from Internet porn. Consider only purchasing phones for your children WITHOUT an Internet connection.**

Porn websites can be blocked from a Vodacom phone by dialling \*111\*123# from the cell phone you want to block and from an MTN phone by dialling \*101# and following the menu prompts. (Cell C, Virgin and 8-ta do not yet have porn website-blocking features). These only block websites and not SMSs or MMSs.

Parents should not give their children BlackBerry handsets using a BIS (Blackberry Internet Service) subscription. As BlackBerry uses their own private network which encrypts the data, this will render both Vodacom's and MTN's parental controls useless.

Visit [www.cellphonesafety.co.za](http://www.cellphonesafety.co.za) for useful information on blocking porn websites on all types of cell phones, disabling apps, cell phone addiction and more.

### **Porn MMS**

The second method is by receiving pornographic images/video clips through MMS. The user requests these MMS/SMSs by SMSing a number advertised on TV, or in a magazine. Adverts for such SMSs are sometimes broadcast during the late hours of weekends. After many complaints from Christians, E-TV agreed to only broadcast these ads after 11:00 p.m. at night and before 6:00 a.m. If you see these adverts on TV at any other time of day, complain to the Advertising Standards Authority. SMS Porn can also be accessed through links in spam SMSs and malicious JAVA applications.

The Wireless Application Service Provider was formed by South Africa's cell phone operators to govern the code of conduct of cell-phone networks and to protect against bad practices. According to the Film and Publications Board, porn SMSs or MMSs are deemed "films" by the Film and Publications Act and therefore must be submitted to the FPB for classification. It is therefore illegal for E-TV to advertise such SMS pornographers, as they have not submitted their content to the FPB. All adult content clients (SMS porn senders) need to be members of WASPA and need to abide by their code. If you or your child are receiving pornographic SMSs, report to WASPA (fax: 086 606 2016 or send an online complaint at: [www.waspa.org.za](http://www.waspa.org.za)) and insist on feedback.

### **Sexting**

The third method is when individuals create porn images or video clips of themselves and send it to their friends, or contacts, via email or social media. This has been dubbed '**sexting**'. These may be used by immoral people for dares, blackmail, revenge or perverted thrills. This is becoming an increasing phenomenon in

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some high schools where teenagers have reportedly filmed other teenagers having sex, or posing naked, and then have sent or shown the clip around the school. Producing pornography of anyone under the age of 18 is considered child porn and is a criminal offence. **The only way parents can deal with this type of porn is to make their children aware of it and insist that they refuse to have any part in the viewing or production of such immoral practices. It is illegal.**

### **Instant Messaging**

The fourth method is again similar to Internet porn. Paedophiles can interact with children via chat rooms or chat services such as **Whats App, MXIT, Facebook or BBM**. Children should be warned against arranging meetings with strangers, or sending photos of themselves to strangers.

**Parents need to be aware of what functions or apps their children have on their phones and what sites they are accessing.**

### **Tips for protecting your family online<sup>141</sup>:**

- Keep the computer in a family room where Internet activity can be monitored.
- Limit the amount of time children may spend online. Monitor your child's time online and sites visited, just as you should their time viewing television.
- Pure Hope has created a simple document – a *Safe-Use Agreement* – for parents to use as a communication tool with their teens. By reviewing and signing this agreement together, parents and children can arrive at a meeting of the minds regarding the privilege of technology use, the expectations and duties surrounding that privilege, and the

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consequences of abuse of that privilege. In taking this one, simple step and following it up with consistent dialogue, parents are taking a giant leap with respect to equipping their kids to walk with wisdom, discernment, and integrity in the sexualised, technology-driven age they are living in.

- Place a good filter on your computer that can prevent them accessing or stumbling on, porn sites by mistake. There are many unsuitable sites, including some that promote drugs and cults etc. South Africa's only family friendly Internet Service Provider that uses the best filtering software available is [www.virtuenet.co.za](http://www.virtuenet.co.za). There are many kinds of filters that work in different ways, some of which are free. Virtuenet recommends [www.kgwebprotection.com](http://www.kgwebprotection.com) as the best free web filter.
- Internet Explorer also offers ways to censor sites that feature pornography. Click on "Start", go to "Control Panel". Click on "Internet Options" and click on the "Content" tab. Click on "Family Safety". Follow the prompts or click on the info links. The "Approved Sites" tab allows you to list websites that will be blocked on your computer. Android and Apple computers and iPads/tablets have similar browser restriction settings.
- Internet accountability services (which track the websites visited and send these to an accountability partner) can be downloaded from [www.covenanteyes.com](http://www.covenanteyes.com).
- Download the excellent free booklet from Covenant Eyes: *Parenting the Internet Generation* which details what you as a parent need to know about Cyber-bullying, Gaming, Internet Pornography, Online Predators, Sexting, Social Media, YouTube and "The Seven Habits of Online Integrity".
- See [www.purehopeblog.net](http://www.purehopeblog.net) for excellent short articles on cultivating a pure lifestyle for, and with, your family.

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- Subscribe to Covenant Eyes' Pure Minds Online monthly free e-newsletter: ***www.covenanteyes.com***.
- Check up regularly on the sites that have been visited on the computer. Click on "History" in your web browser (on Internet Explorer).
- Children must never give out their personal details online.
- Instruct your child NEVER to arrange face-to-face meetings with someone they 'met' online and not to respond to messages or bulletin board postings that are suggestive, obscene, belligerent or harassing.
- They must not order anything online without your permission, or accept offers for presents, money or free offers.
- Ask children to talk to a parent if they see anything online that they don't like, or think might be wrong.
- Find out what safeguards are used at your child's school, the public library and at the homes of your child's friends. These are all places outside your supervision where a child can encounter an online predator.
- Know your children's online 'friends'.
- Inform schools or other parents if you hear about children accessing porn on their computers or cell phones. Remember that allowing children to view porn is a form of child abuse. It is illegal to create, or distribute, pornographic images of anyone under the age of 18. The Sexual Offences Act 2007 makes being negligent in preventing a child from being exposed to porn a criminal offence. This targets those who for example, save porn images on their computer or leave their porn where children can find it.
- Introduce your children to Christian websites and sites especially set up for children.

### **Blocking Internet porn at a national level**

Legislation could be introduced requiring Internet porn to be blocked at Tier 1 level Internet Service Providers (ISPs). (Tier 2 ISPs are what most people purchase their Internet access through). With this type of filtering, Tier 2 ISP's do not need to provide their own filtering, as all incoming/outgoing data will eventually pass through the Tier 1 ISP before it enters/leaves the country.

However, there are some Tier 2 ISP's that are evolving into Tier 1 ISP's, but the principle is the same – wherever there are ISP's who purchase their own capacity on international links (which ultimately terminates in a datacentre), they would be obliged to provide filtering.

Tier 1 service providers control all entry/exit points for data to enter or leave the country – these are also referred to as flag points or landing points. They are, in effect, the data gateways where international fibre and satellite links terminate, and the first approach would be for government to identify these landing points and filter all requests that pass through them by using multiple web filtering appliances at each point. This technology has been successfully implemented in many countries such as the United Arab Emirates and in Yemen.

Internet technology experts say that the blocking pornography from the Internet on a national level in South Africa would only affect a tiny proportion of the revenue generated by the SA Internet industry. Fears that filtering costs for Internet Service Providers would be relayed to the consumer are unfounded as consumer Internet costs are due to drop significantly by 2012 with more international bandwidth available to ISPs via new submarine

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cables. Deployment costs would only amount to R2 per year for the consumer and this could be covered by the ISPs.

These appliances are basically high-powered computers (with CPU's, hard disks, and memory) that are loaded with web filtering software designed to process thousands of web requests and check them against a global database of millions of known websites that resides in the Internet cloud – they may also provide additional page content analysis that scans unknown webpages not held in the database to determine the nature of the content before the site can be accessed. Depending on the volume of data passing through each datacentre, the number of web filtering appliances would vary, but it would be safe to say, that either way, numerous high-end filtering appliances would be needed.

The Internet filtering specialist, Watchdog International, is a tech organisation has blocked child porn from the Internet in many different countries. In Mauritius, it installed a national Internet filtering system to block access to child sexual abuse websites for all Internet users in their country as it is illegal. This system uses technology from NetClean in Sweden called the Whitebox and URL block lists provided by both the Internet Watch Foundation in the UK and Interpol. Its filtering techniques ensure that the system can be very effective with no adverse effect on Internet performance.

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determine the nature of the content before the site can be accessed. This technology is also used to block known child abuse sites in countries such as the UK.

The Australian government is working on measures to block all Refused Classification material, also at an ISP level, which includes child sex abuse content, bestiality, sexual violence, including rape and the detailed instruction of crime or drug use. ISPs can filter their customers' connections without them having to install expensive equipment within their own networks. The proposal is that government funding will be made available for ISPs to implement systems which offer an additional, optional level of 'family-safe' filtering to their customers.

Five of the top ISPs in the UK have implemented measures to automatically block all porn for their users. Subscribers to those ISPs who are over 18 and want to view porn, have to "opt in" by entering a password and their ID number.

There are many options that South Africa could consider in its bid to prevent images of the abuse of women and children being accessed in the country.



*"Who will rise up for Me against the wicked? Who will take a stand for Me against evildoers?" Psalm 94:16*

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The impact of porn shops on a community is also detrimental. Porn shops are magnets for sex-related crimes. When a thriving sex shop moves into a neighbourhood, an array of 'support-services' typically develops around it. Prostitution, narcotics and street crime proliferate.

The evidence shows that wherever a sexually oriented business (SOB) locates, harmful problems follow. JP Smith, formerly the Ward Councillor for Sea Point and now Cape Town City Councillor for



With devilish horns and flames, this den of iniquity is quite blatant.

Safety and Security, has seen for himself the detrimental effect SOBs had on the Sea Point area: "SOBs discourage the confidence of investors and residents' pride in their neighbourhood." He notes further "Recently council has seen first-hand how these dealers [pimps and brothel owners], who own land and assets all over the city, move into politics. And if they cannot be stopped, the city is in danger of falling in to the hands of organised crime."<sup>142</sup> Sexually oriented businesses include sex shops, strip clubs, 'escort agencies', 'massage parlours', and illegal brothels. Harmful problems include:

- plummeting property values and therefore tax revenue;
- urban blight;

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- increased crime rates (studies in 32 U.S. cities show that both property crime (theft and robbery) and rape are much more common in areas near SOBs);
- sexual harassment;
- spread of sexually transmitted diseases;
- increased traffic cruising/kerb-crawling; and
- littering – discarding of used pornography, drug-needles, condoms, waste products, etc.<sup>143</sup>

Studies elsewhere show that:

- Between 1984 and 1990, due to vigorous community action, more than 150 sexually oriented businesses were closed in Oklahoma City. During that period, the rape rate in Oklahoma County decreased 27% while rapes throughout the state increased almost 19% during that same period.<sup>144</sup>
- A land use study in El Paso, Texas, (September 1986) showed that the average crime rate in areas with SOBs was 72% higher than the rate in the control areas with no SOBs.<sup>145</sup>
- In Phoenix, Arizona ( May 1979), a land use study found that on average, the number of sex offences was 506% greater in neighbourhoods where sexually oriented businesses were located. In one neighbourhood, the figure was 1 000% above the corresponding control area. Of the sex offences, indecent exposure was the most common offence. The number of other sex crimes, such as rape, lewd and lascivious behaviour, and child molestation, was 132% greater than in control areas without SOBs.
- In Los Angeles, California, a 1977 study found that more crime occurred in areas of SOB concentration. Compared to city-wide statistics for 1969 to 1975, areas with several SOBs experienced greater increases in soliciting (340%), murder (42.3%), aggravated assault (45.2%), robbery (52.6%), and handbag snatching (17%). Street robberies, where the

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criminal has face-to-face contact with his victim, increased almost 70% more in the study areas. South Africa has enough of this type of crime without the aggravation made by SOBs such as sex shops.

- In terms of a decrease in property prices, estate agents, brokers and realtors, overwhelmingly agreed that adult entertainment establishments had negative effects on the property market values (82%), saleability/rentability (78%), and rental value (76%) of properties located near these establishments (Las Vegas, March 1978). Phoenix and Indianapolis land use studies indicate that "the negative land use impact of a single adult use extends for up to three blocks". In Oklahoma City (March 1986) 32% of the respondents said that an "adult shop" selling porn within one block of the residential area would decrease home values by at least 20%. The level of depreciation is greater for residents than businesses.

Sadly the impact of the crime and decrease in standards of living is felt most strongly by women and children. The impact on family life is also tragic.

There are other problems with porn shops:

- An Arizona land use study (1990) police found puddles of semen on the floor and walls in the peep booths of 'adult shops'. Virtually all sex shops have these booths. If customers had used tissues, these were usually on the floor or in the hallway. 'Glory holes' in the walls between adjoining booths facilitated anonymous homosexual sexual activities between men.

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"So-called adult bookstores often become cesspools of disease and homosexual activity," said Focus on the Family's Dr James Dobson (and member of the 1986 Attorney General's Commission on Pornography).<sup>146</sup> Again, the average citizen is not aware that the primary source of revenue in sex shops is derived from DVD film booths. "The tiny video booths in these shops are used for private sexual behaviour and become filthy beyond imagination. Holes in the walls between booths are provided for anonymous sexual encounters between homosexuals. In this day of



Claremont placard protest and outreach.

concern over AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, it is difficult to understand why local health departments have refused to close down these foul businesses."<sup>147</sup> The situation is the same in South Africa. A former cleaner of a Cape Town porn shop has testified to the disgusting state of these booths.

### Changes needed to the Business Act

National legislation has legalised the 'adult shops' selling porn, so local town councils cannot ban them. Currently there is nothing a community can do to stop a SOB from opening in their neighbourhood. There are licensing conditions and zoning policies which allow municipalities to block, for example, a strip club from opening in an area if they do not meet certain requirements (e.g. if the owner has a criminal record), but communities are not given the opportunity to participate in this process. In South Africa, we need to lobby the Minister of Trade and Industry to have the Business Act (71 of 1991) amended to allow for consideration of

location (proximity to schools, churches etc.), proximity to other 'adult' businesses e.g. night clubs, liquor shops (so that the area does not become a magnet for crime) public participation and discretionary powers for local municipalities. The Business Act became law in 1991, before pornography was legalised and thus does not deal with the issue of SOBs. Local governments, acting with public participation, should be responsible for regulating the adult entertainment industry in their own areas. The pre-emptive tone of the Act: "a licence **shall** be issued..." should be removed. As Cape Town Safety and Security City Councillor, JP Smith says, "The current pre-emptive tone of the Business Act makes the whole of South Africa into a potential red light district". Public participation in local licensing decisions should be mandatory and notices publicised widely in the media and in other advertising.

Local councils need to be lobbied to put in place very strict laws to limit their operation. This has been done throughout the world and can be achieved through:

- **Licensing provisions:**

As with casinos, there should be limited licenses, which are only granted after consent from the community is given. Licenses should not be granted to those with criminal records or who have ties to organised crime. Licences should be renewable after each year, once again, based on community consent. The license should indicate exactly what type of activity may occur on their premises.

- **Regulations**

Besides the usual fire, health, structure and safety regulations governing all businesses, council should make special regulations governing parking, window displays, delivery times, ablutions,

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lighting, noise, hours of operation etc. Also important are special rules about the structure of the inside of the shop to ensure that the whole shop can be seen at all times to eliminate illegal activities such as prostitution. There should be no doors on the booths or holes between them.

- **Zoning**

Council should zone porn shops away from protected areas frequented by families and children (under 18s). These include residential areas, schools, libraries, churches etc. and the "corridors of activity" around them. Council should also prevent SOBs being located near to each other – to prevent the levels of crime found in 'red light' districts. They should also not be visible from well-known tourist areas and sights to protect the image of our country as family-friendly and prevent prostitution-related 'sex tourism' as this will lead to an increase in the trafficking of women and children who are used in the SOB world.

The Sex Workers Education and Advocacy Taskforce (SWEAT) (pro-prostitution organisation) literature admits that strip clubs are fronts for prostitution. Massage Parlours lure teen girls, and in some areas, boys, into prostitution through false advertising. Also, where there is just an individual's telephone number given in a Classifieds advert for 'adult' movies, they may be selling pornography illegally (porn must be sold from a licensed premises). If it can be proven that the premise is indeed operating as a brothel or the advertising is false (e.g. they advertise secretarial work, but they are really a 'massage parlour'), a complaint can be sent to the editor of the local newspaper and the Advertising Standards Authority (see Appendix 1 for details). Also report to the police.

### Report porn shops to the FPB

Porn shops are also regulated by the Film and Publications Act and the Board can suspend the license of a shop for one year for any of the offences below. The Board, however, has a limited number of compliance officers, and the police do not regard it as a priority, so we as the public need to police the sex shops. Only Cape Town Metro Police have a Vice Squad. Inexplicably, the SAPS no longer operate vice squads. You can report sex shops to the Film and Publications Board for any of following offences:

- (a) If there are not clear notices at all entrances to the premises stating that no person under the age of 18 years may enter or be within such premises;
- (b) Any person under the age of 18 years is allowed to enter the premises;
- (c) An X18 publication or film is displayed or exhibited within the shop or in a display window in such a way that it can be seen from any point outside the premises; or
- (d) Any X18 publication or film is delivered from a porn shop to any other person (this means that licensed premises may not provide a mail order service to customers);

#### **TAKE ACTION**

If you police a sex shop:

- Pray for protection before and after you go in.
- Go with a Christian friend for protection and accountability (Ecclesiastes 4:9–10).
- Guard your motives.
- Know what information you want before you walk in. Gather the information you need and leave speedily.
- Do not become curious and expose yourself unnecessarily to porn.

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Furthermore:

- Does the shop have a license? Check to ensure that the shop is registered with the FPB as an exhibitor (where there are booths) or distributor of films.
- Report the shop to the police and FPB if XX films and books are made available from the shop (only X18 may be distributed).
- Report any porn shop that distributes films without indicating on the cover and packaging the classification, age restriction and consumer advice.
- No sex shop may distribute or exhibit any films which have not been classified by the FPB.
- Any display, distribution or advertisement for any form of child or simulated child abuse images (e.g. computer generated images or adults made to look like children) should be reported to the Child Porn Complaint Hotline, FPB and Child Protection Unit of the police immediately.

### **Public pressure on sex shops**

If a sex shop springs up near where you live or shop, complain to the management of the building or centre where it is situated, to the surrounding stores and to your local ward council. According to one South African porn seller, many landlords will not allow adult shops in their buildings. That is positive.

The police do not give much co-operation in helping to shut down these places so one has to resort to other means. Organise a delegation to your provincial Police Commissioner, or local police chief, to remind them of their duty to actively police porn shops.



Demonstration outside Mavericks in Cape Town.

Speak to the managers of businesses surrounding the sex shops and courteously ask them to write a letter confirming incidents of litter, criminal activities, or prostitution, occurring in, or around, those SOB's.

Arrange a meeting with your local ward councillor and give him/her these letters. Contact your City Council to find out about local zoning regulations and city bylaws that could potentially be used to issue fines for non-compliance. Make these known to the ward councillor and the police and persist with polite pressure until they take action.

Get your local Neighbourhood Watch or Community Policing Forum involved in advising residents of safety measures and alerting the police to incidents.

Try to get pastors in your area on board. Mobilise prayer support, then organise cell/home groups, youth, women's, men's groups etc. to protest outside the SOB.

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Remind people in the area that what is happening in the shop is **unacceptable** and **harmful** to the public, remind shop owners that you have not forgotten about them and discourage patrons from entering. Sometimes the embarrassment is all that is needed to make someone think again. Placards are available from Africa Christian Action. We also have stickers that can be placed on bins and other suitable places nearby.

People can protest, pray and sing Gospel choruses and hymns outside the SOB. Encourage local Christian community radio stations and community newspapers to conduct interviews with those involved in the campaign and to devote several articles/programmes to the subject of Freedom from Porn – both for individuals and the community. Encourage them to report on the criminal activities happening in, and around, these places to help galvanise support for your initiatives.

In some areas, photographs have been taken of patrons and their car number plates. Apparently this has been successful in reducing the amount of customers frequenting the premises. Residents fed up with SOBs in the suburb of Glenwood, Durban set up an email picture campaign called “Do you know this man?” They have captured prostitutes and their “clients” on camera and then emailed these photos to everyone in their address book. The campaign was also advertised on a Community Policing Forum blog.

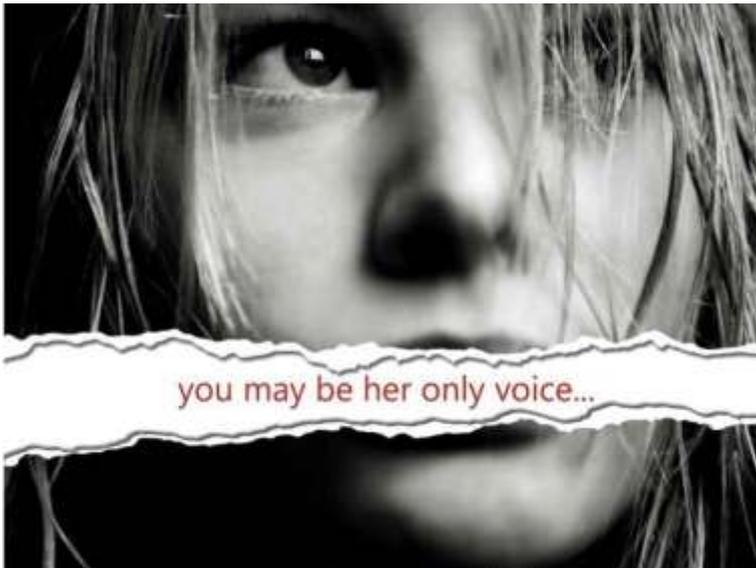
Keep up the pressure. Continued, sustained protests could bankrupt the sex shop!

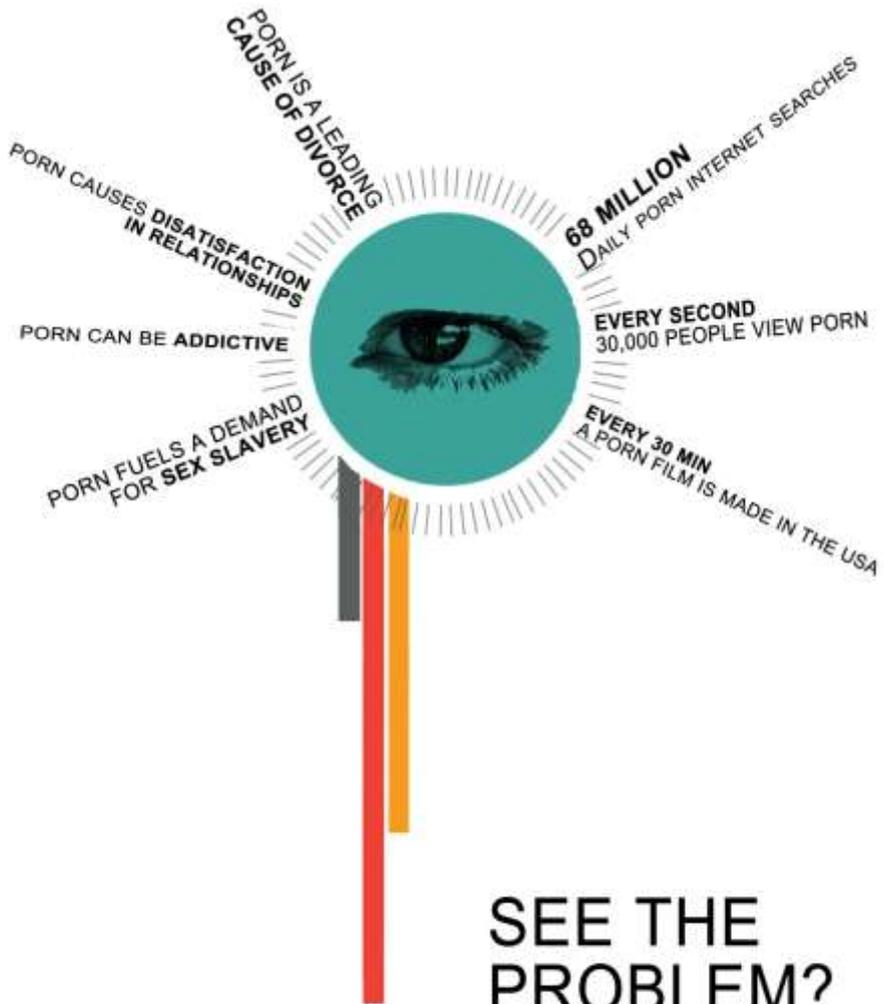
This battle will not be easy. Long-term commitment is required. If Christians are going to enter this fight, they must fight until they win and the giant falls.

## WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT SEX SHOPS



After sustained demonstrations, this SOB closed down and moved elsewhere.





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### A PORN-FREE FUTURE

Is a porn-free future possible? For this vision to be achieved there is much we will need to demand from government, national, provincial and municipal, and from ourselves.

#### **A one-stop help line**

It is obvious that the official channels that we have to use are far too complicated. It is not designed to aid the man in the street who sees something that he is concerned about. What we need is one body to deal with all porn-related complaints, with an easy to follow procedure. The authorities need to provide a hotline and a website, with an ombudsman to help the man in the street file his complaint and get results. Furthermore, we need a public awareness campaign to highlight the dangers of porn and the channels through which to deal with it.

Not only should we copy every letter of complaint we make to the Minister of Home Affairs, the Minister of Communications and the President's Office, we need to use every opportunity we have to complain about the laws in the country that favour pornography and the complicated procedure for making complaints. This includes letters to the editor, radio phone-in programmes and social media.

#### **Prevention is better than cure: "porn-proofing" your children**

Too many young children today have seen porn at their neighbour's house, while their parents were at work. We need to be spending far more time with our children and teens if we are serious about keeping them away from evil influences, including that of porn. We need to be the primary influence in their lives if we don't want them to learn about sex and morals from 'silicon valley'.

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Child therapist Joan Campbell, who counsels children that have been abused, believes children need to be given a brief explanation about porn before they reach adolescence. She says:

*There are so many different children from different backgrounds on the playground. There is always a child that has been abused or exposed to porn. A child can easily become a victim of another sexually-reactive child. To protect your children, they need to be told that porn is out there, that many of these sex acts are not normal and they need to be given your perspective on it. They must know that you don't want them to look at it. That way, even if they see it, they know that Mom and Dad do not condone it. Parents need to take a strong stand in the home environment, regardless of what's out there. Have a stand. Children will respect that. Make sure children do not have access to porn in your home environment.*

### **Resisting the Pornographic Worldview**

Mark R Rushdoony in his Foreword to RJ Rushdoony's book, *Noble Savages: Exposing the Worldview of Pornographers and their War against Christian Civilization*<sup>148</sup>, writes:

*Pornography is more than images on paper and film. It is also more than an industry whose principal motivation is an opportunistic attempt to capitalize on man's baser urges.*

*Pornography is a necessary consequence of a specific worldview, a view of man and his relationship to the world, a perspective that guides and shapes his perceptions of his origin and place in the world. Those who peddle pornography for gain may defend their right to do so and perhaps protest that their product is harmless and/or*

*victimless. However, those who believe, in the pornographic worldview go much further than its mere defence – they justify it as essential to true freedom and consequently vilify Christian ethics as the true evil.*

*Pornography is more than what you see, it propagates a specific view of man, morality and life. It is not, at its root about titillation, though that is how peddlers market it to consumers. There are intellectual props on which pornography rests, a philosophy of perversion, the worldview of man freed from God and His Law. The real horror of pornography is its positive declaration of a new moral ethic.*

*Pornography cannot be dealt with in isolation from its accompanying worldview, one that seeks not simply to excuse rebellion from God, but to defend it as true freedom.*

*Pornography is a symptom, a particular manifestation of the humanistic, evolutionary worldview. It is one aspect of a worldview that sees power as coming from below. In the case of pornography, it sees a vital aspect of sex as its aggression and exploitation. People are used as objects, but exploitation and manipulation prove insufficiently satisfying. Violence is a purer exercise of raw power.*

*Pornography... involves 'paper sexuality', wherein people desire to voyeuristically observe more than they are capable of practicing. Pornography prefers the inner world of the imagination. Pornographic images are intended to satisfy the inner world of the imagination, a fantasy world where*

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*people can be manipulated and violated without consequences.*

*The modern mind resists all attempts to control evil, particularly evils that it characterizes as 'self-expression.' It is ready to oppose all censorship as a matter of principle and defend such opposition to standards as a moral stand in itself. All forms of sexuality are considered natural and therefore normal and good. Whatever man imagines, or desires, is seen as natural and therefore permissible.*

*The Christian worldview however, is based on a supernatural perspective and cannot be defended by naturalistic argument. Truth and ethics must be grounded on God's revealed Word, not on man's perspective of what is normative. Neither can we oppose evil by tradition or community standards. We cannot stop pornography merely by opposing it... by removing it from the Internet, shops or television. The worldview that justifies evil and demands the right to debase and pollute, must be opposed by its sole antithesis, the Biblical Worldview.*

*The modern faith in man and the ultimacy of his urges must be countered with the claims of God as the Sovereign dispenser of Law and grace. Man must approach God in faith and respond to Him in faithful obedience. The choice for man and his culture is life or death, the Kingdom of God and His Christ or the kingdom of man.*

## **Prayer**

We are involved in a spiritual war (Ephesians 6:12). Prayer is our most powerful weapon against the pornographers. Pray for the

victims of porn: the children, the rape victims and those who have been manipulated into prostitution. Also pray that God's justice will prevail and that this wicked industry will be bankrupted.

***"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds..."*** 2 Corinthians 10:4

Author of *The Mind Polluters*, Dr Jerry Kirk, one of the founders of the National Coalition Against Pornography in the USA, has learnt from hard experience that the success of the anti-pornography movement is dependent on God's grace given through prayer. He says:

*Prayer is the power cell for everything that we want to see happen. We cannot salvage one life through our own strength, let alone pick up the pieces of a generation already ravaged by the sexual revolution. Nor can we protect the next generation in our own strength. When we honestly and realistically face the true dimensions of the task ahead we are driven to pray. When we know that we cannot accomplish the task, cannot fix it, cannot make it happen in our own strength, we are driven by God's Holy Spirit to pray with new intensity and new consistency. God is calling us, His people, to righteousness. God is calling His people to the kind of prayer that produces righteousness within, and righteousness through, us.*

*We must not only face the depth of the problem, we also need to grasp, and be grasped by, the love of God and the greatness and power of God. We need to see His willingness to use us and our prayers to make a difference. We need more than quick-off-the-cuff prayers of the moment, more than conscience-easer prayers at the end of the day. We*

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*need people of prayer, people who are committed to becoming prayer warriors. We need people who are dissatisfied with the shallow and superficial experience of prayer that they have known in the past.<sup>149</sup>*

Perhaps one of the reasons God has allowed the pornography plague in South Africa to spread, is to make us face the seriousness of our own sin, to break our hearts by revealing the desperate need for righteousness in our own lives and in our churches.

***"My eyes are spent with weeping; my soul is in tumult; my heart is poured out in grief because of the destruction of the daughter of my people."*** Lamentations 2:11

### **National Repentance**

***"If My people who are called by My Name will humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."*** 2 Chronicles 7:14

God is looking for intercessors. ***"So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land that I should not destroy it..."*** Ezekiel 22:30

In the Bible we see Moses, Ezra, Nehemiah, Jeremiah and Daniel identifying with the sins of their people and repenting on behalf on their nation.

Daniel prayed:

*"O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His Covenant and mercy with those who love Him and with those who keep His commandments, we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even departing from Your precepts and Your judgments. Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets who spoke in Your Name... O Lord, to us belong shame of face, to our kings, our princes and our fathers, because we have sinned against You... we have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in His Laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets. Yes, all Israel has transgressed Your Law, and has departed so as not to obey Your voice; therefore the curse and the oath written in the Law of Moses, the servant of God, has been poured out on us, because we have sinned against Him... Let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people are a reproach to all those around us... O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act!" Daniel 9:4-19*

If we are faithful to humble ourselves, pray, seek His face and turn from our wicked ways, God has promised that He will hear from Heaven, forgive our sin and heal our land.

### **Subscribe and support**

Support pro-family organisations such as Africa Christian Action, Concerned Young People, Doctors for Life, Family Policy Institute and STOP. Find their details in Appendix 2. They will keep you up-to-date on changes in South Africa and will equip you to get practically involved in working for Reformation. Keep yourself informed by receiving our newsletters or E-updates and get

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involved in making a positive difference. 'Like' and share our pages on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter.

Use every opportunity you have to educate those around you and speak up about the danger of pornography. Start, or join, an Action Group and obtain a *Starter Pack* from Africa Christian Action. Do what you can do distribute this book.



May 1995, Christian Voice march to Parliament to oppose the secular state and the legalisation of abortion and pornography.

### HEROES MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Concerned Christians have used many different ways to make a difference in the war against porn. We should not focus on the magnitude of the problem, but rather what we can each do to stop porn. This book is full of ideas of things urgently needing action in South Africa today.

#### **Igniting a movement – Operation Clean Sweep**

Dr Peter Hammond's missionary travels since 1982 alerted him to the moral decadence and abortion holocaust which we in South Africa were soon to be targeted by. On overseas speaking tours he also learned of the positive work done by Dr Jerry Kirk's National Coalition Against Pornography, Dr David Noebel's Summit Ministries, Missionaries to the Pre-born, the American Family Association, Dr James Kennedy's Reclaiming America for Christ and others.

Then, as the National Party government began to discuss legalising abortion and pornography, he realised that the time had come to launch Christian Action groups. As overseas pornographers, *Penthouse* and *Playboy*, established offices in South Africa and began publishing their degenerate magazines here, Peter presented the vision for ACA at a Christian Action Network workshop in February 1991.

***"Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them."*** Ephesians 5:11

The initial vision was based on the Biblical book of Nehemiah.

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*"See the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem and we will no longer be in disgrace."* Nehemiah 2:17

This **Operation Nehemiah** involved: **Intercession, Information, Involvement, Investment and Implementation**. This was put into practise by our local Prayer, Strategy and Action Groups.

Through rallies, radio programmes and local Action Groups, thousands of Christians were mobilised to complain to and request local shop managers such as corner cafes, Pick n Pay, Shoprite/Checkers and petrol station shops to no longer stock porn magazines. Christians for Truth distributed posters saying "This is a family-friendly store" to shops that refused to stock porn magazines.

In 1993, under Rev. Fano Sibisi and Rev. Kjell Olsen, CFT organised a week-long protest against CNA. CFT's 50000 members phoned CNA stores around the country demanding that the magazines be moved from public view. The Weekend Post in Port Elizabeth (29 October 1993) reported that "Protesters welcome change: Magazines were moved off the shelves of some shops and others will soon be in opaque wrappers as a result of a country-wide campaign against pornography." In 1994, the nation-wide boycott of CNA continued and thousands more were mobilised to call the CNA head office to object.

At one outstanding youth rally in Parow, where Peter Hammond spoke, over 900 young people attended. Many young men came forward for prayer and counselling afterwards saying that no-one had ever told them that pornography was sinful. One pastor in Brakpan mobilised over 30 congregations in the anti-porn fight. Through letter-writing, phone calls and confrontation they saw porn removed from over 90% of all shops in Brakpan.

## HEROES MAKING A DIFFERENCE

In 1995, Joe Theron of *Hustler* said that the government should put the new Act in place and “We won’t publish magazines that are illegal. But no-one knows what is acceptable.” (*Financial Mail*, 4 August 1995) Obviously he has no sense at all what is acceptable as two years later (1997) he was on trial in the UK for importing South African made videos that included scenes of a woman lashed while she was tethered to a wall by a cord pierced through her tongue and another of a woman chained like a dog crawling out of a small metal cage before being slapped around.

“SA *Hustler* man in court on porn charges”, *Sunday Times*, 12 March 1997

In September 1995 Christians marched to the Constitutional Court in Pretoria to protest against the proposed legalisation of porn.

On 30 May 1995, 30 000 Christians marched to Parliament in Cape Town to register their opposition to the removal of “In humble submission to Almighty God” from the Constitution and the pending legalisation of abortion and pornography.



National Women's Day 9 August 1995, Peter Hammond led Christian Action protests against CNA's marketing of pornographic magazines. This action made prime time SATV news that night!

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In August 1995, Nationwide "Family Chains" were held in five cities on National Women's Day. In Cape Town after the placard demonstration, a large group went to the Tygervalley Centre to complain to the manager of CNA about the sale of porn in his store. This was well-reported on national TV.

Over 10 000 copies of the two editions of the first *Finding Freedom from Pornography Plague* book were sold out. Later it was translated into Afrikaans and that edition also sold out.

By 1995, the *Financial Mail* said that the audited circulation of 'men's magazines' had collapsed. *Playboy* South Africa was launched in November 1993. Its circulation peaked at 97 000. But by June 1996, its circulation has plummeted to 14 905 and the South African version was closed down. The drop in circulation was blamed on the "fundamentalist Christian" anti-pornography lobby, which knocked its distribution points from 12 000 to 3 000! The withdrawal of advertisers pressured by Christian Action groups, also made these magazines uneconomical.

*Scope* editor Dave Mullany said that the main reason for the slump in 'men's magazines' was the refusal of cafés and small platteland outlets to stock the magazines because of anti-porn activists. (*Financial Mail*, 4 August 1995) He described them as "vigilante groups", which is laughable. *Playboy* publisher Giselle Wertheim-Aymes said in 1995, "In every outlet we are in there is some form of pressure, even if it is only to restrict us to a particular display area. The most frightening has been the extreme accelerated pace at which it has happened." *Penthouse* commercial director Jeremy Gordin said there had been an incredible reaction from the "vociferous minority" and that "The churches have become extremely active." (*Financial Mail*, 4 Aug



Christian Action protest in Fish Hoek, 2002.

1995) *Hustler* publisher Joe Theron said in '95 that he had spent more than R1 million in legal fees in the previous year fighting the pressure groups. He said, "You can't really take any action," because if Christians threatened to boycott a café, there was nothing pornographers could do, as it was ultimately up to the café owner whether he would continue stocking them. Theron of *Hustler* says they kept a "low profile" and "stopped all radio, TV and outdoor advertising, hoping that the opposition would subside. *Scope* Editor Dave Mullany said about anti-porn activists, "These people are vociferous and aggressive, but they are in a minority" (*Financial Mail*, 4 Aug 1995). This is not necessarily true. Firstly, thousands of concerned South African signed petitions against pornography and thousands of letters and faxes protesting pornography were sent to parliament, government leaders, church leaders, business and community leaders (*Die*

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*Kerkbode*, 1 Sept 1995). In 1995, Shoprite-Checkers made the decision to remove pornography from their shelves.

By 1995, ACA's campaign had succeeded in removing porn from 9000 stores nationwide!

The majority of South Africans do oppose pornography. The anti-porn lobby must be aggressive in its drive to rid society of the porn that is fuelling rape and child abuse in SA, but it has never been aggressive, in the sense of violent, in its methods. The massive impact of pro-family groups is an encouragement and we need to continue to keep the pressure up. Ironically, CNA and 7-Eleven, the two shops that both, despite public protest, refused to rid their shelves of porn completely, faced severe financial difficulties, and were both liquidated in 2002!

### **One person can make a difference**

This testimony was shared by Ingrid Pickard:

*I have always opposed pornography because I realise what it does to children. Once when travelling overseas with my husband, I was shocked to read about a ten-year old raping an eight-year old. I thought that this must never happen in South Africa...In the early 90's I was concerned about the porn, including Scope, being sold in big chain stores that called themselves 'family stores'. I and two friends decided to go and see Raymond Ackerman of Pick 'n Pay about what was being sold in their shops. We prayed about it a lot beforehand. We realised that if we could get Pick 'n Pay to do something about the porn, it would have a big influence on the other shops.*

*We were quite nervous, even though I knew Mr Ackerman personally. But we were just three housewives you know... I*

*showed him the cover of Scope and asked, 'Would you like your grandchildren to see this when they come into a family supermarket?' He said no. We are both grandparents. The good thing is that he did something about it straight away and Pick 'n Pay has always had an open door to public complaints about sexually-explicit material.*

*Mr Ackerman ordered that all pornographic magazines be removed from Pick n Pay stores and made sure that his stores would no longer stock them. More than this, he made public statements that as an environmentally conscious family chain of stores, Pick n Pay, could not condone pornography and would never stock or sell anti-family materials!*

***"When I say to a wicked man, 'You will surely die,' and you do not warn him or speak out to dissuade him from his evil ways in order to save his life, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood."*** Ezekiel 3:17

### **STOP porn**

In 1995, Doreen Meissner was in her late sixties – a retired nursing sister. She had never personally been affected by porn, but she was stirred to action after she heard an SABC *Woman's World* programme. Advocate Tessa Heunis who was working in the Western Cape Attorney General's office was being interviewed about the envisaged Act which would for the first time, legalise pornography in SA. Doreen says, "Tessa was deeply concerned about the effect on children and family life. Comment was being invited and people were being asked to help with petitions against the proposed Act. I thought it would be good if Tessa came to speak to our church's Mothers' Group about it." That was the start of a significant multi-pronged work against porn in South Africa led by Doreen.



Clive Human from STOP helps lead the march to the E-TV studios in Cape Town to protest the broadcasting of pornographic programmes.

A short while later, Michele Human, who says she was a 'baby Christian' at the time, felt God calling her to do something about the pornography issue. She says, "After a sermon one Sunday about being available to God, I prayed to the Lord and offered myself fully to be used by Him'. Very soon after this I felt God speak to me through the Scripture Ezekiel 3: 17-19, directing me to be a watchman and warn Christians, the public and government about the destructive repercussions the legalisation of pornography would have on this country. I hated porn and knew it was dangerous. I knew that children could go into cafes where it was openly for sale. Generally, I hate confrontation and public speaking. I was petrified, but in obedience I visited our local cafés to see what was already for sale and to encourage them to remove it from their stores. I also approached the local schools for support."

It was in the early days that Michele met Doreen at a women's meeting at her church. Michele and Doreen then teamed up to start STOP, which has made, and continues to make, a major impact. Together with ordinary people and pastors they worked to encourage local shops not to stock porn. "28 out of 30 shops in Tokai and Westlake said 'No' to porn and we advertised these shops in local papers and in schools as 'Family Friendly'. We also worked with the nationwide petition against legalising porn and Advocate Tessa Heunis provided friendly legal advice."

They began their wider efforts by organizing a community meeting in the Meadowridge Presbyterian hall. With help from the church and speakers from the ACDP – including Barbara Muna who was passionate about the 'cause' – and the principal of Rondebosch Boys Preparatory School, the stage was set for future action.

The meeting was very well attended and the fledgling group obtained permission to take over the STOP logo from former MP Horace van Rensburg and his wife, Pat, the stalwarts who had originally traveled nation-wide to inform about the potential dangers of the Act and had, in fact, obtained 250 000 signatures on a petition. With their invaluable experience they were able to advise STOP in the earlier years.

In addition to support from the general public, particularly parents, STOP has gained support from schools, churches of various denominations and other religious groups, like-minded NGO's and organisations. They continue to lobby national and local government in the formulation of appropriate legislation to reduce the availability of sexually explicit material and to effectively control it. Through talks to interested groups and on radio and television shows they raise public awareness of the dangers and harmful effects of adult porn in particular, as well as

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child porn. They continue to facilitate the establishment of support groups for the increasing number of addicts and victims of porn addiction.

Clive (Michele's husband) was not initially involved as it was only after Michele had experienced a few years of studying research and having personal interaction with porn addicts and/or partners of addicts that she realised that Clive was in the beginning stages of addiction and that she herself was in fact a victim of pornography and had been deeply affected by it. After Clive became aware of this, he joined the 'team' and became STOP's spokesperson. In 2009 Doreen stepped down as Chair and Clive took over as Chairman. He is now working for STOP on a fulltime basis and Michele is focusing on family responsibilities. Together, with the invaluable help of their Committee, they all continue to "soldier on!"

### **No to porn on TV**

Through mobilising public pressure and boycotts, Africa Christian Action and Family Policy Institute have successfully stopped the satellite TV company, DSTV from broadcasting pornographic channels.

In 2010, DSTV issued an online survey, to gauge their customers' interest in a porn channel. After Africa Christian Action issued a press release opposing this channel, most newspapers and radio stations across the country published quotes from it, and opposition to the channel mounted. Other groups, like the trade union Solidarity, mobilised thousands of their members to sign a petition. In response to this immense negative publicity, DSTV decided not to include the pornographic channel as part of the Multichoice offering.

Dr Peter Hammond, Director of the Christian Action Network says, "These successful campaigns show once again how so often, officials need to feel the heat, before they see the light."

### **American action**

There are literally hundreds of examples of local citizens successfully closing down local pornographers, or persuading local shop owners to stop marketing offensive magazines or DVDs. These campaigns usually started with less than a dozen committed volunteers and usually mushroomed to several hundred participants.

Richard Enrico, of Virginia, formed Citizens Against Pornography (CAP). Within a short time CAP enlisted 300 churches, which succeeded in pressurising Dart Drug and other chain stores to stop selling offensive material.

Joseph Chambers, of North Carolina, mobilised enough citizens to pass a law which resulted in the closing down of over 500 'adult' bookstores.

### **Powerful partnership of public, police and prosecutor**

Dr Jerry Kirk organised a "STOP" (Standing Together Opposing Pornography) campaign that cleaned pornography out of Cincinnati, Ohio. Then Dr Kirk went on to establish the National Coalition Against Pornography (NCAP), now called Pure Hope. NCAP so mobilised public opinion in America against the pornography industry that they have succeeded in cleaning up over 26 cities. NCAP attributes their victories in Cincinnati, Oklahoma City, Dallas, and other cities, to building up community support and developing co-operation with the local police vice squad and the state prosecutor. This triangle of **public, police and prosecutor** is a proven strategy to defeat pornography.

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***"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled by men. You are the light of the world... in the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven."*** Matthew 5:13-16

### **Fight the New Drug**

Youth driven and youth-orientated Fight the New Drug (FTND) uses the language of science, multi-media presentations and personal testimonies to present the medical facts on how pornography addiction affects the brain and impacts individuals and society. They are provoking hundreds of teens and young adults across the world to talk about the issue of pornography addiction, warning them of its dangers and encouraging those who are addicted to get help.

In college, Clay Olsen, Cam Lee, Ryan Werner and Beau Lewis started a young entrepreneurship group called E.D.G.E (Entrepreneurs Dedicated to Great Endeavours). During one of the weekly meetings one of the members indicated that he wanted to raise money to put up an anti-pornography billboard. This triggered a deep conversation on the issue. Many members of the group had seen the harmful effects of pornography in their own life as well as in the lives of their friends and family members. They wondered why nobody was talking about it. They wondered why it was an issue that was pushed aside and why those that did stand up against it were viewed as radicals.

After extensively studying the research on the harmful effects of pornography, they were determined to educate others. From there a movement was born, Fight the New Drug. Since then, they have spoken at hundreds of school assemblies in America, on college campuses and have been interviewed numerous times in

the media. They use Social Media extensively, particularly creative videos. Their Vimeo/You Tube short video "We need to talk" has been seen by over 10 000 people. Visit their website: [www.fightthenewdrug.org](http://www.fightthenewdrug.org).

Africa Christian Action will be partnering with other organisations in launching Fight the New Drug South Africa! Contact Africa Christian Action to invite FTND to speak at your school assembly, or youth group.

### **The pornification of South Africa**

Unless we fight porn vigilantly, like these brave heroes, it will become even more prevalent in South African society. Errol Naidoo, director of the Family Policy Institute says, "What the media makes acceptable becomes acceptable in society, simply because the impression is created that it's all over the show. Most people do not realise that porn has already seeped into their daily lives through the media. Also by the general media pushing the envelope, it opens the door for the smut merchants to go further and further.

"E-TV started with soft-core porn and got away with it. Now they are airing more and more indecent material without people realising it. Before we realise it, and unless we take a stand, we will have full-blown porn on TV.

"We are like the frog in water. The temperature slowly goes up to boiling point. And we don't realise that our society is headed for spiritual death because it happens gradually."

We have to take a stand against the sexualisation of society all around us. Local newspapers often advertise strip shows and brothels. Magazines such as *FHM* and *Cosmo* are also pushing the boundaries of social acceptance.

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Some of the shop window displays and posters of clothing shops are also unacceptable. Tell the manager you find it degrading and that they should rather use something intelligent and creative to show off their wares. Say that it puts you off entering their shop.

Many hotels overseas have porn channels, for example, Holiday Inn and Sun International. If you are planning to stay at a hotel, find out if they have a porn channel, and if so, stay somewhere else, and tell them that that is the reason for cancelling your booking. At the very least, request that the channel be disabled and voice your complaint. According to a Holiday Inn spokesperson, it is "international standard with Holiday Inn that a Book of Faith be placed at reception due to the fact that not all guests are Christians and those who are not, object to only Bibles being placed in the rooms." **They no longer keep a Bible in hotel rooms, yet they insist that porn must be available in each one!**

In 2003, ABSA bank sponsored an art competition from which 'works of art' depicting orgies, bestiality, rape and genitals were chosen. These were put on display in different centres in South Africa, including a Library. After complaints were made, the display was taken down early. The question is how many people walked past that art before something was done?

A former editor of *Hustler* said that they had a broader group of people responding and ordering from their catalogue after being on Radio 702's sex talk show.<sup>150</sup> If we hear porn or promiscuity being promoted on radio under the guise of 'sex advice' we need to phone in and voice our opinion, always pointing people to a better way – God's way.

### **What will happen if we don't stop it?**

As Christians we need to think outside of the norm and not accept what is happening around us. We are our brother's keeper. The

on-going promotion of women as sex objects and the cheapening of sex has not only contributed to the increase in AIDS and other STDs, divorce, promiscuity, rape, and depression in adults, it is also affecting children. There is an increase in child rape, child sex abuse and child-on-child sex abuse across the world.

The increase in the very real problem of child sexual abuse can be partly attributed to the sexualisation of children in the media, fashion and the cosmetics industries. It's all around us. Underage girls are used to pose provocatively, usually with legs wide open and breasts slightly exposed to promote jeans, lipstick, or even ice-cream! Jon Silverman and David Wilson in their book, *Innocence Betrayed: Paedophilia, the Media and Society* say, "Dressing up small girls as adult women, or dressing adult women as small girls, is clearly working at a sexual level, whether we choose to acknowledge it or not. To deny that this is true... allows us to deny our responsibility for them, rather than seeing them as a product of our own society."<sup>151</sup>

The abuse of children in porn films is starting to infiltrate our society in the same way that the violation of women, men and sex in porn films has permeated our society and changed it radically.

Iyavar Chetty (formerly) of the Film and Publications Board, speaks of the need to protect the image of the child. The Church needs to rise to the challenge.

### **Can't others fight porn?**

Some liberals and feminists who have seen the harm in porn, albeit belatedly, are seeking to bring in restrictions against porn with "harm-based sex discrimination legislation". That is, laws that outlaw porn, not because it is obscene or morally wrong, but because it is discriminatory against women. Any moves against porn are to be desired and encouraged, but these attempts are

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often unsuccessful. The main reason is that the logic behind them is flawed. Not wanting to censor all obscenity and say that it is morally wrong, they say that "if it is not harmful, it is OK". The problem is, who determines what is harmful?

They claim that as long as it is respectful of those involved in the material, it is fine. Some feminists have even gone so far as to say that bestiality is fine as long as the animal is treated with respect! (Could an animal give consent to be violated, or filmed, in a porn movie?) Judgement is obscured when one rejects the Bible as the basis for Truth.

Others argue for the "rights" of children and women, these rights being defined by mankind. The "rights" philosophy is empty because rights are changeable, depending on who is in power. Also, whoever has the most money, or is most able to fight for his own "right", will ensue that his "right" prevails. This is well illustrated by the Virtual Child Pornography decision in the U.S. The child porn producers had the money and expertise to argue for their rights in the Supreme Court, while the children who are being abused and tortured do not have the money, or the expertise, to fight. One of the major reasons why porn is so prevalent in our society today is that the porn producers have millions and millions of rand from smut profits on their side to fight for their industry, while those against porn make no profits from their fight.

Only Biblical morality has the rationale to eradicate the evil of porn. Only Biblical Christianity, securely rooted in the Word of God, can successfully take up the fight against porn. The Word of God is the only sure measure of what is right and what is wrong. It is only on the Word of God that a nation can base moral laws that will protect the innocent and fight evil.

Most Christians think porn is somebody else's problem. But we cannot really expect the politicians, or corporations, to bring about change and transformation. Only the Church can do it. The Church is equipped to do it because there is no other institution ordained by God to bring about lasting change in society. If you are not making a difference in society, then you are not the Church. If you are not transforming society for Christ, you may be a social club but you are not a church. The Church has a purpose. We are called to be Salt and Light. If we are not salty, we will be trampled underfoot. If the media and homosexuals can intimidate the Church, then we are not being the salt Christ called us to be.

Christians should use all the resources they have to fight porn. We should use our civil duties and voting power. Too many Christians abdicate their responsibilities before God. But God commands us to love our neighbour, to oppose evil and to be salt and light in society.

Unfortunately most people are like sheep who just follow fashion and trends. We need to be different. It is every Christian's responsibility to stand up, step out, speak out and fight the good fight of faith.

***"Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand."*** Ephesians 6:13

***"I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before Me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it..."*** Ezekiel 22:30

***"They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations."*** Isaiah 61:4

## RECOMMENDED BOOKS FOR FURTHER READING

**Biblical Principles for Africa**, Peter Hammond, Christian Liberty Books, South Africa, 2nd edition, 2013.

**Big Porn Inc: Exposing the Harms of the Global Pornography Industry**, Melinda Tankard-Reist and Abigail Bray (eds), Spinifex Press, Australia, 2011.

**The Drug of the New Millennium: The Science of How Internet Pornography Radically Alters the Human Brain and Body**, Mark B Kastleman, Power Think Publishing, 2007.

**Holy Sex**, Michael Pearl, No Greater Joy Ministries, USA, 2002.

**Make a Difference: A Christian Action Handbook for Southern Africa**, Miriam Cain, Africa Christian Action, South Africa, 1999.

**Noble Savages – Exposing the Worldview of Pornographers and Their War Against Christian Civilization**, RJ Rushdoony, Ross House Books, USA, 2005,

**Protecting Communities from Sexually Orientated Businesses**, Len L Munsil, USA, 1996. Available as a free e-book from [www.communitydefense.org](http://www.communitydefense.org).

**The Power of Prayer Handbook**, Peter Hammond, Frontline Fellowship, South Africa, 2007.

**The Secret in the Pew – Pornography in the Lives of Christian Men, Breaking the Bondage of Sin**, David Blythe, Winepress Publishing, USA, 2004.

**Sex and the Supremacy of Christ**. Edited by John Piper and Justin Taylor, Crossway Books, USA, 2005. Available as a free e-book from [www.desiringGod.org](http://www.desiringGod.org).

**Sex is Not the Problem (Lust Is)**, Joshua Harris, Multnomah Books, USA, 2003.

## RECOMMENDED DVDS

**Every Young Man's Battle: Strategies for Victory in the Real World of Sexual Temptation** (90 minutes), produced by Stephen Arteburn and Fred Stoeker, USA.

**Somebody's Daughter – 5 People Share Their Journey to Freedom From Pornography** (62 minutes), produced by Storytelling Pictures. Available from [www.christianlibertybooks.co.za](http://www.christianlibertybooks.co.za).

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### IMPORTANT CONTACT DETAILS

For complaints about the sale of sexually explicit magazines in supermarkets, 7-Elevens, CNAs, and Exclusive Books. These companies also have Facebook pages on which you can post comments, feedback and complaints.

#### **7-Eleven Head Office**

Merchandise Manager

PO Box 3251

Rivonia, 2128

Tel: 011 - 807 8992, Fax: 011- 807 7638

Email: [consumer.care@711.co.za](mailto:consumer.care@711.co.za).

#### **CNA Head Office**

CNA Executive Marketing Manager

PO Box 100

Crown Mines, 2025

Tel: 0800 203 925, Fax: 086 522 7726

Email: [customerrelations@edcon.co.za](mailto:customerrelations@edcon.co.za).

#### **Exclusive Books Head Office**

The General Manager

Tel: 011- 798 0166

Email: [info@exclusivebooks.co.za](mailto:info@exclusivebooks.co.za).

**Supermarkets:** For requests to remove sexually explicit magazines, or at the very least to move them to behind the cashiers' kiosk in your local supermarket.

**Spar** Customer Care line: 086 0313 141 or

Email: [intcontact.us@spar.co.za](mailto:intcontact.us@spar.co.za).

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For **Pick n Pay** stores, please contact the Director of General Merchandise: [customercare@pnp.co.za](mailto:customercare@pnp.co.za) or phone the Customer Care Line: 0800 11 22 88.

**For complaints about a film, magazine, DVD or computer game contact the Film and Publications Board:**

Tel: 012 - 661 0051.

E-mail: [clientsupport@fpb.org.za](mailto:clientsupport@fpb.org.za) or complain online at: [www.fpb.org.za](http://www.fpb.org.za).

You can also check the classification of any film on their website.

**Anti-child porn hotline:** (021) 447 9762 and 0800 148 148.

Website: [www.Internethotline.org.za](http://www.Internethotline.org.za) or [www.fpbprochild.org.za](http://www.fpbprochild.org.za)

For complaints about **programmes on TV channels and radio programmes** contact the Broadcasting Complaints Commission of South Africa (BCCSA):

BCCSA, PO Box 412365, Craighall, 2024.

Tel: 011 – 325 5755. Fax: 011 –325 5736.

E-mail: [bccsa@nabsa.co.za](mailto:bccsa@nabsa.co.za)

Website: [www.bccsa.co.za](http://www.bccsa.co.za)

**Complaints about advertising** – these are dealt with by the Advertising Standards Authority of South Africa (ASASA). Their contact details are:

**ASASA**, PO Box 41555, Craighall, Johannesburg, 2024.

Tel: 011- 781 2006, Fax: 011- 781 1547.

E-mail: [complaint@asasa.org.za](mailto:complaint@asasa.org.za)

You can also register your complaint online at: [www.asasa.org.za](http://www.asasa.org.za).

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**Complaints about articles/photographs in the press** and other publications – these are dealt with by the Press Ombudsman. The contact details are:

Press Ombudsman of South Africa, 7 St. David's Park, St David's Place, Parktown, 2193

Tel: 011 - 484 3612/8, Fax: 011 - 484 3619

E-mail: [pressombudsman@ombudsman.org.za](mailto:pressombudsman@ombudsman.org.za)

Website: [www.presscouncil.org.za](http://www.presscouncil.org.za)

**Independent Communications Authority of South Africa** – is responsible for updating the Broadcaster's Code of Conduct.

Phone: 011 - 566 3000

E-mail: [info@icasa.org.za](mailto:info@icasa.org.za)

Website: [www.ICASA.org.za](http://www.ICASA.org.za)

Lobby the **Deputy Minister of Home Affairs**,

(personnel change after every national election) about the lax pornography laws in South Africa or to urge him/her to push through to Parliament the Anti-Internet Pornography Bill.

Private Bag X741, Pretoria, 0001 or Private Bag X9102, Cape Town, 8000.

Tel: 021- 469 6519 or 021 - 469 6766

Email: phone the Deputy Minister's office to get the email address of the Deputy Minister's PA.

Website: [www.dha.gov.za](http://www.dha.gov.za)

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### ORGANISATIONS PROVIDING INFORMATION

#### **Africa Christian Action**

Address: PO Box 23632, Claremont, 7735,  
Cape Town, South Africa  
Tel: 021- 689 4481 Fax: 021- 685 5884  
Email: [info@christianaction.org.za](mailto:info@christianaction.org.za)  
Website: [www.christianaction.org.za](http://www.christianaction.org.za)

#### **Christian Action Network**

Address: PO Box 23632, Claremont, 7735, South Africa  
Tel: 021- 689 4480 Fax: 021-685 5884  
Email: [info@christianaction.org.za](mailto:info@christianaction.org.za)  
Website: [www.christianaction.org.za](http://www.christianaction.org.za)

#### **Christian Liberty Books**

Address: PO Box 358, Howard Place, 7405, South Africa  
Tel/Fax: 021 - 689 7478  
Email: [admin@christianlibertybooks.co.za](mailto:admin@christianlibertybooks.co.za)  
Website: [www.christianlibertybooks.co.za](http://www.christianlibertybooks.co.za)

#### **Coalition on Revival**

Address: PO Box 1139, Murphys, CA 95247, USA  
Tel: (+1) 209-728-2582  
Email: [admin@churchcouncil.org](mailto:admin@churchcouncil.org)  
Website: [www.reformation.net](http://www.reformation.net)

#### **Concerned Young People in South Africa**

Address: PO Box 2643, Stanger, 4450, South Africa  
Tel: 032-481 5742  
Email: [cypsouthafrica@gmail.com](mailto:cypsouthafrica@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.preciousyouth.org.za](http://www.preciousyouth.org.za)

### **Covenant Eyes USA**

Tel: (+ 1) 989-720-8000

Email: [info@covenanteyes.com](mailto:info@covenanteyes.com)

Website: [www.covenanteyes.com](http://www.covenanteyes.com)

### **Doctors for Life International**

Address: PO Box 6613, Zimbali, 4418, South Africa

Tel: 032 - 481 5550 Fax: 032 - 481 5554

Email: [main@doctorsforlifeinternational.com](mailto:main@doctorsforlifeinternational.com)

Website: [www.doctorsforlifeinternational.com](http://www.doctorsforlifeinternational.com)

### **Family Policy Institute**

Address: PO Box 4743, Cape Town, 8000, South Africa

Tel: 021 - 462 7888

Email: [info@familypolicyinstitute.com](mailto:info@familypolicyinstitute.com)

Website: [www.familypolicyinstitute.com](http://www.familypolicyinstitute.com).

### **Focus on the Family - South Africa**

Address: Private Bag X7023, Hillcrest, 3650, South Africa

Tel: 031 - 716 3300 Fax: 086 567 1535

Email: [correspondence@fotf.co.za](mailto:correspondence@fotf.co.za)

Website: [www.safamily.org.za](http://www.safamily.org.za)

### **Focus on the Family Abstinence Curriculum**

*No Apologies* - A character-building, abstinence only programme.

Six one-hour lessons.

Focus on the Family - South Africa

Address: Private Bag X7023, Hillcrest, 3650, South Africa

Tel: 031- 716 3300 Fax: 086 567 1535

Email: [noapologies@fotf.co.za](mailto:noapologies@fotf.co.za)

Website: [www.safamily.org.za](http://www.safamily.org.za)

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### **JOY! and JUIG! Magazines**

Address: PO Box 2990, Somerset West, 7130, South Africa

Tel: 021 - 852 4061 Fax: 021 - 852 5781

Email: [info@joymag.co.za](mailto:info@joymag.co.za) and [info@juig.co.za](mailto:info@juig.co.za)

Website: [www.joymag.co.za](http://www.joymag.co.za) and [www.juig.co.za](http://www.juig.co.za)

### **Justice Alliance of South Africa**

Address: 1 Ruskin Rd, Bergvliet, 7945, Cape Town, South Africa

Tel: 021 - 713 3259 Fax: 086 672 7474

Email: [office@justicealliance.co.za](mailto:office@justicealliance.co.za)

Website: [www.justicealliance.co.za](http://www.justicealliance.co.za)

### **Movieguide (Movie reviews from a Biblical Worldview)**

To subscribe to *Movieguide* magazine, or to subscribe to their free E-updates, write to: 2510-G Las Posas Road #502, Camarillo, CA 93010, Phone: 091-805-383-2000, Fax: 091-805-383-4089, or subscribe online at: [www.movieguide.org](http://www.movieguide.org).

### **PURE Hope**

Address: 800 Compton Road, Suite 9224, Cincinnati, Ohio 45231, USA

Tel: (+001) 513 521 6227

Email: [info@purehope.net](mailto:info@purehope.net)

Website: [www.purehope.net](http://www.purehope.net)

### **Reformation Society**

Address: PO Box 74, Newlands, 7725, Cape Town, South Africa

Tel: 021 - 689 4480 Fax: 021 - 685 5884

Email: [info@ReformationSA.org](mailto:info@ReformationSA.org)

Website: [www.ReformationSA.org](http://www.ReformationSA.org)

Website: [www.Reform500.org](http://www.Reform500.org)

### **Standing Together to Oppose Pornography (STOP)**

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Address: PO Box 461, Bergvliet, 7864, South Africa

Tel: 021 - 715 3216 Fax: 086 629 6008

Email: [stop@stop.org.za](mailto:stop@stop.org.za)

Website: [www.stop.org.za](http://www.stop.org.za)

### **Watchdog International Ltd (Internet Filtering Specialists)**

Based in New Zealand

Tel: (+64) 9 424 9060 Ext 777

Website: [www.watchdoginternational.net](http://www.watchdoginternational.net)

### **Virtuenet (Family-friendly Internet Service Provider and filtering solutions)**

Tel: 0861 222 488

Email: [markk@virtuenet.co.za](mailto:markk@virtuenet.co.za)

Web: [www.virtuenet.co.za](http://www.virtuenet.co.za)

### **Voters' Guide**

Website: [www.SAvotersguide.org](http://www.SAvotersguide.org)

### **Other useful websites:**

[www.pornharms.com](http://www.pornharms.com)

[www.enough.org](http://www.enough.org)

[www.shelleylubben.com](http://www.shelleylubben.com)

[www.fightthenewdrug.org](http://www.fightthenewdrug.org)

[www.truelovewaits.com](http://www.truelovewaits.com)

### **Resources to help overcoming an addiction and help for those impacted by a loved one's addiction:**

Covenant Eyes Resources for Wives:

[www.covenanteyes.com/category.wives-of-porn-addicts/](http://www.covenanteyes.com/category.wives-of-porn-addicts/)

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Online support group for women impacted by a loved one's pornography use: [www.newlifepartners.org](http://www.newlifepartners.org)

The [www.pureintimacy.org](http://www.pureintimacy.org) website offered by Focus on the Family, looks at how pornography impacts all sorts of relationships, as well as giving a Biblical perspective on sexuality.

Covenant Eyes free e-books: *Hope After Porn* and *Porn-Free Church: Raising Up Gospel Communities to Destroy Secret Sins* – [www.covenanteyes.com/ebooks](http://www.covenanteyes.com/ebooks).

## **SA Legal and Political Information**

### **Parliamentary Monitoring Group**

An information service and archive providing minutes on proceedings of SA Parliamentary Committees. Documents handed out at committee meetings such as public submissions, Bills and briefings on government policy and draft legislation are also made available. They also send out email alerts as to when the public have an opportunity to make submissions on Draft Bills. Address: 307 Westminster House, 122 Longmarket Street, Cape Town, 8001

Tel: 021 - 465 8885 Fax: 021 - 465 8887

Email: [info@pmg.org.za](mailto:info@pmg.org.za)

Website: [www.pmg.org.za](http://www.pmg.org.za)

### **South African Law Reform Commission**

A statutory body set up to research and advise on the "modernisation" and reform of all SA laws. Draws up discussion documents and Draft Bills.

Address: Private Bag X668, Pretoria, 0001

Tel: 012 – 622 6300

E-mail: [reform@justice.gov.za](mailto:reform@justice.gov.za)

Website: [www.justice.gov.za/salrc](http://www.justice.gov.za/salrc)

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### COUNSELLING MINISTRIES

**KwaSizabantu Mission** – have branches in several provinces in South Africa and throughout Europe.

Tel: 032 - 481 5500 Fax: 032 - 481 5510

Email: [mail@ksb.org.za](mailto:mail@ksb.org.za)

Website: [www.kwasizabantu.com](http://www.kwasizabantu.com)

**Standing Together to Oppose Pornography (STOP)** – run a support group for men in Cape Town.

Address: PO Box 461, Bergvliet, 7864, South Africa

Tel: 021- 715 3216 Fax: 021- 715 6706

Email: [stop@stop.org.za](mailto:stop@stop.org.za)

Website: [www.stop.org.za](http://www.stop.org.za)

**Living Waters** – an in-depth, Christ-centred discipleship programme for people seeking healing in areas of sexual and relational brokenness.

Tel: 082 447 6854 or 021-712 7107

Website: [www.livingwaterssa.org.za](http://www.livingwaterssa.org.za)

**Plane Acre** – An interdenominational Christian counselling house, counselling the sexually and relationally shamed, rejected, abused and addicted.

Address: 2 Pearson Rd, Bedfordview, Johannesburg

Tel: 011 – 024 5390

E-mail: [info@planeacre.com](mailto:info@planeacre.com)

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## Appendix 4

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### EXAMPLE OF A LETTER TO A SHOP MANAGER

29 Apple Rd  
Fish Hoek  
email@hotmail.com

The Executive Marketing Manager: CNA stores  
PO Box 100  
Crown Mines  
2025  
Fax: 086 522 7726  
[date]

Dear Mr/Ms [surname]

***Concern over sale of Hustler, Loslyf and Nuts magazines in CNA stores***

After browsing in CNA in Fish Hoek, on Wednesday, I noticed magazines on the magazine shelf that, openly and in full sight of all, appeared to contain pornographic material. I have also noticed *Hustler* magazines at the CNA at the Blue Route Mall (Tokai). I am well aware that only licensed sex shops may distribute this kind of material, and only under specific conditions. I was so concerned, that I decided to buy one to see exactly what was in it.

This particular edition of *Hustler* had a very explicit section slotted in at the back of its plastic seal as well as a DVD. The covers of these magazines, let alone the content, clearly contravene Section 19 of the Sexual Offences Amendment Act: "displaying or exposing or causing the display or exposure of pornography to children" - provisions which came into effect in 2007. The publishers/distributors appear to accept that the material was pornographic by placing 'adult' stickers on them.

The material in the publication and DVD not only fell within the definition of pornography in the Sexual Offences Act, but also amounted to X18 material in terms of Section 16(4) of the Film and

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Publications Act, and therefore may only be sold from 'adult' shops. We realise that classification is the responsibility of the Film and Publications Board examiners and thus we will also be laying a complaint with them.

It is unacceptable that *Hustler* is being sold from a family store such as CNA. Any child wandering past magazine racks would be exposed to these magazines and DVDs.

These magazines and other so-called 'men's magazines' such as FHM, degrade and objectify women, promoting harmful attitudes that underpin discrimination and violence against women and girls.

Reducing women to sex objects sends out an incredibly dangerous message that women are constantly sexually available and displaying these publications in everyday spaces normalises this sexism.

In the light of the magnitude of women and child abuse in this country, and the requirements in the Constitution and Promotion of Equality Act to promote the dignity and equality of previously discriminated against groups, I would hope that CNA would choose not to stock material of this type at all. Those who wish to purchase such degenerate material may do so at an 'adult' store.

Sir, I therefore, ask you, for the safety and dignity of the women and children of our nation, and to comply fully with the spirit and letter of the law of the country, to permanently remove *Hustler*, *Loslyf*, *Playboy*, *Nuts* and similar exploitative magazines from your shelves.

We do not tolerate raw sewage in our streets, nor should we tolerate such moral filth in family stores.

Yours Sincerely

Mary Smith  
Home Executive

## Appendix 5

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### BRING BACK BIBLICAL GIRLHOOD

– Taryn Hodgson, Africa Christian Action

Parents around the world were recently shocked to see pictures in the UK Daily Mail online of girls, some as young as eight, dressed in red and black lingerie performing a racy dance routine to Beyonce’s “All the Single Ladies” at a dance contest. Yet even more shocking, was that the parents of the girls involved approved.

Other examples are just as alarming. A Sketchers’ “naughty and nice” ad featured pop star Christina Aguilera dressed as a schoolgirl in pigtails, with her shirt unbuttoned, licking a lollipop. Bratz and Barbie dolls come dressed in sexualized clothing such as miniskirts, fishnet stockings, and feather boas. G-string panties sized for 7 to 10-year-olds, are printed with slogans such as “wink, wink”. T-shirts for girls display slogans such as “hot chick” and “boyfriend material”.

In the movie and TV series Hannah Montana, very popular amongst tweens and teens, the heroine, Miley leads a double life as pop star Hannah Montana. As per usual in the movies, she has the perfect body and hooks a ‘cool’ boyfriend in the end.

Girls get this message repeatedly: What matters is how ‘hot’ they look. It plays on TV and across the Internet. You hear it in song lyrics and music videos. You see it in movies, electronic games, and clothing stores. It’s a powerful message.

Whatever happened to the days when girls used to wear pretty dresses and play with dolls?

Most of us are concerned about the intrusion of pornography into every facet of society, yet we should be just as concerned about the portrayal of girls and women as flirtatious sex objects which fuels the pornography and prostitution industries.

Research links sexualisation with three of the most common mental health problems of girls and women: eating disorders, low self-esteem, and depression or depressed moods.

Frequent exposure to media images that sexualize girls affects how girls conceptualise femininity and sexuality. Girls who more frequently consume mainstream media tend to accept sexual stereotypes that depict women as sexual objects. They also place appearance and physical attractiveness at the centre of a woman's value.

Why have parents uncritically accepted these sexually immoral messages marketed at their children?

Are we perhaps like the proverbial frog in the slowly heating pot, that we haven't noticed just how sexually immoral our society has become? Or is it that we have failed to study and obey God's Word?

What does God's Word say? A woman is first and foremost valuable because she is made in His image. "*Unfading beauty*" comes from a "*gentle and quiet spirit*" (1 Peter 3:4). "***Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised***" (Proverbs 31:30).

Vision Forum, a ministry dedicated to rebuilding the Christian family, sums up the vision of bringing back Biblical girlhood beautifully, "In a world that frowns on femininity, that minimizes motherhood, and that belittles the beauty of being a true woman

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of God, we should dare to believe that the Biblical vision for girlhood is a glorious vision. It is a vision for purity and contentment, for faith and fortitude, for enthusiasm and industry, for heritage and home, and for joy and friendship. It is a vision so bright and so wonderful that it must be boldly proclaimed.”

### **Here’s what you can do to bring back Biblical girlhood:**

Teach your daughter that her value comes from who she is in Christ, rather than from how she looks.

Help her to understand that the images of women in the media are usually unrealistic.

Don’t buy your daughter clothes that have sexual connotations or slogans. If you don’t like a TV show, CD, video, pair of jeans, or doll, say why. A conversation with her will be more effective than simply saying, “No, you can’t buy it or watch it.”

Support campaigns, companies, and products that promote positive images of girls.

Complain to manufacturers, advertisers, television and movie producers, and retail stores when products sexualise girls.

Parents must teach boys to value girls as friends and sisters in Christ, rather than as sexual objects.

Remember, your children will copy the way you dress and what you watch. What kind of an example are you setting for your children?

Women need real protection and respect. Let’s bring back Biblical girlhood. Please join Africa Christian Action in praying and working for true justice, righteousness and truth in South Africa.

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### RECOVERY FOR THE WIFE OF A PORN ADDICT

– by Prodigals International

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Getting someone free from the bondage of pornography and sexual addiction also means providing care to others who are caught in its wake, ***especially the wife of an addict***. Here are nuggets of wise counsel you can give to these hurting people.

- **Draw a line in the sand.** *Don't ignore his behavior*, it will only get worse. Let him know gently but firmly that he must seek help.
- **Find support.** As soon as possible, *the spouse should begin meeting with a counselor* and a support group. The spouse may say, "Why should I see a counselor? I'm not the one with the problem." But the offended spouse must not decline to seek help. The wounds might be just too deep.
- **Educate yourself.** Read Marsha Means' book, *Living With Your Husband's Secret Wars* (Revell, 1999), or other books written for the spouses of sexual addicts.
- **Deepen the relationship with God.** Encourage people to begin spending time daily with God, if they are not already doing so.  
Praying, reading the Bible or other devotional literature *will give the strength* to face the months ahead.
- **It's not about you! It's not the wife's fault** that the husband uses pornography. His behavior is about a broken place inside him.
- **Ask him to account for his time.** While it's not healthy for the marriage to become the spouse's primary accountability partner, it is appropriate to ask that he now

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account for his time. Ask him to keep in touch by phone during the day, and to say when he'll be late from work. The spouse may resist this level of accountability, but it is a ***legitimate request to help begin to rebuild trust.***

- **Release revenge.** While it's completely appropriate for you to feel and express both hurt and anger over the addiction, avoid being punitive or abusive, either verbally or physically. ***Forgiveness should be the ultimate goal.***
- Be supportive of your spouse's recovery. But don't try to manage it. **He needs another man to hold him accountable.**
- The use of porn by a one partner in a relationship can often be a pattern of abuse that includes other negative behaviours, including violence or using prostitutes. If so, don't hesitate to **seek professional help.** Many women cannot convince their partners that porn is wrong; and some men do not care that their spouse is hurt by it. If you are in a relationship like that, you need to seek outside help. The same is true if children in the family are being negatively affected. They need to be protected and that may include separating yourself from the porn addict.

### Sexual addiction warning signs

These are indicators that a person may have a secret problem with pornography, cybersex, or other forms of sexual addiction:

- Preoccupation with **looking at the opposite sex** or other visual, sexual stimuli.
- ***Flirtatious behaviour*** and talking with sexual innuendos.
- ***Evidence of pornography usage on the computer,*** or with videotapes or magazines.
- If married, ***insisting on an individual Internet account and email address.***

- **Unexplained credit card bills** or having a separate credit card that only one spouse uses.
- **Unexplained absences or patterns of late-night working**, especially when the reasons given are inconsistent or contradictory.
- **Having a separate post office box** to receive correspondence from affair partners or people they met in chat rooms.
- **Staying up late**, after everyone's gone to bed, so he or she can log onto the Internet privately.
- **Emotional and spiritual distance** between the husband and wife.
- **Sudden increase in demands for sex**, especially sexual practices that make the other spouse uncomfortable.
- **Sudden decrease in interest in sex**. If the addict is channeling all sexual energy into pornography, fantasising, and masturbation, the result may be low or no interest in physical intimacy within the marriage. Treatment specialists call this behavior sexual anorexia.
- A sense that the spouse is "**not there**" **mentally and emotionally** during lovemaking.
- **Increase in moodiness, anger** and harsh blaming.
- **Loneliness** and never having learned to have healthy relationships. This often stems from having been deprived of healthy love, touch and nurture when the person was young.
- Having been **abused as a child**: physically, sexually and emotionally.
- Coming from a family in which at least one other addict (not necessarily a sex addict) was present.

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### A quick guide for action

Urgent care situations often require an immediate **response from church leaders or professional counselors**. This overview outlines major steps you should take in addressing pornography and sexual addiction. These action steps can be explored in greater depth and detail.

### Immediate concerns

1. **The emotional stability of the addict and his family** demand first attention. Deep pain, anger and/or hurt will be in play.
2. You may need to **try to forestall permanent “solutions”** (quick divorce, violence, rash acts) born in anger or despair.

### Keep in mind

1. **Lies foster addictions**. Truthfulness may hurt like an incision, but it begins the healing process.
2. **Lust has its attraction**. It *needs to be replaced* with something better rather than preached into submission.
3. **Spouses and families** must be **involved** at some point in the recovery process.
4. **Addicts are great liars**.
5. **Addicts** often need to be **referred to professional caregivers**, who are better equipped to ask the right questions and remain objective.

### Things to say

1. Insist on the **whole story being told**. Buried secrets have a way of returning and destroying tentative new trust.
2. **Stand for righteousness**, but in an inviting way that makes the right more compelling than the wrong.
3. **Use the power of prayer, Scripture and worship** to reach deeper than the intellect.

4. **Radiate hope** for the ability to make things right. Believe in the people even when they no longer believe in themselves.
5. Do not be afraid to **advise your friend to seek professional counseling**.

### Things not to say

1. Do not denounce persons, only sin.
2. Do not allow confidences to be broken.
3. **Do not tell someone that confession to a spouse solves the problem then and there.**

### Plan ahead

1. Do not expect an easy solution. Sexuality is difficult to master.
2. Have a plan in place to make a referral to a counselor specializing in sexual addiction.
3. Establish an **accountability group** for the recovering addict.

### Battle strategies

A Christian leader who fought a battle with lust, shares the strategies he uses in the combat against lust.

1. **Recognize and name the problem.** If it's lust, ***call it lust***. You must confess and repent of your sin for healing and restoration to begin.
2. **Stop feeding lust.** Cutting off desires through diversion, not dwelling on them when they begin, and trying to eliminate some of the mystery can help in the early stages of lust.
3. **Demythologise it.** Sexual stimulations ***promise a lie***. *Playboy* centerfolds and other pictorial subjects represent an unrealizable ideal of sexuality that does not include feelings of impotence, awkwardness, monthly menstrual periods and many other reminders of humanity. ***Life is far different*** from what porn portrays it to be.

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**4. Confess its real price.** All the time lust was demanding its tribute from me, in the form of irritation with my wife and in the subtle and progressive *loss of intimacy with my wife and with God*, my own self-respect also was gradually deteriorating.

**5. Trace its history.** For some people, lust comes from trying to win back the love of a distant parent, or earning vengeance against a disappointing God, or overcoming feelings of physical inadequacy by feeding myths. Friends and, sometimes, professional counselors can help you identify the cycle of lust by exploring its history with you. *Seek the root cause!*

**6. Study sex in perspective.** From God's perspective, sex is a powerful dimension of humanity, but it was never meant to preoccupy or gain dominion over the creation. Getting a Biblical perspective won't tame the obsession, but it can be a picture to remember when the obsession flares, providing a counterpoint, a balance leading to alignment.

**7. Build fantasies on God's ideal.** It may help to *channel your fantasy life toward your spouse*. As you become creative and loving and healthful when thinking about sex, the obsession lessens. When a fantasy pops into mind, try to direct it and control it.

**8. Work on some positive addictions.** Tennis, maybe, or scuba diving or hang gliding. When I'm tempted to go to a sexually explicit movie, I seek out a safe, constructive film to occupy my evening. *The obsession fades*, at least temporarily.

**9. Recognize the humanity of your victims.** As long as the obsession can make you blind enough to care about satisfying only your needs, you will continue. But once you *realize what you are doing to others*, including the very real objects of your lust and your own family, obsession becomes more difficult.

**10. Obsession comes out of a legitimate set of anxieties; follow them to their authentic source.** I need a father. I need female

friendship. I need to be hugged. I need to be loved and to love. Let these real needs be met when the obsession arises, and the sexually based substitute may lose its grip.

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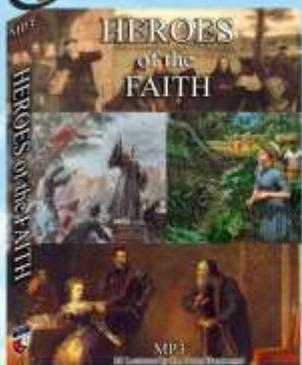
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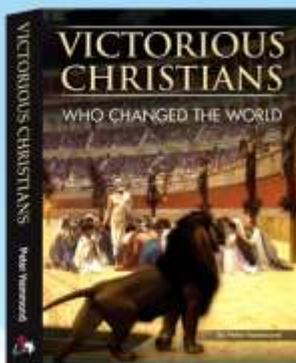
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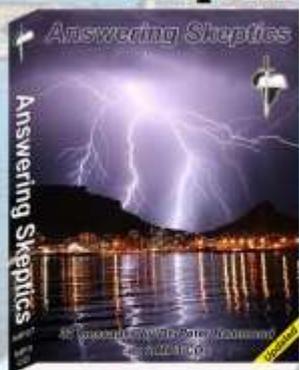
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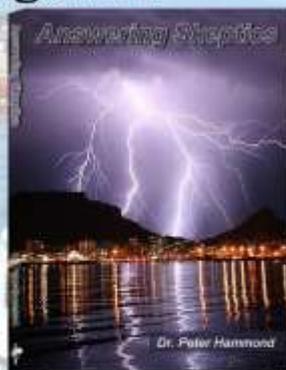
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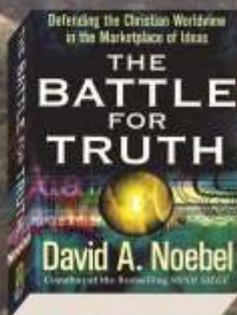
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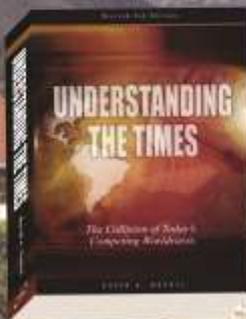
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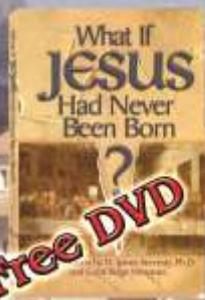
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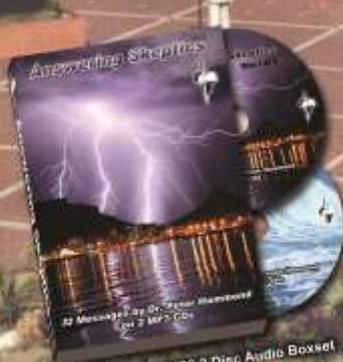
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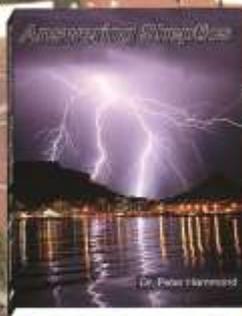
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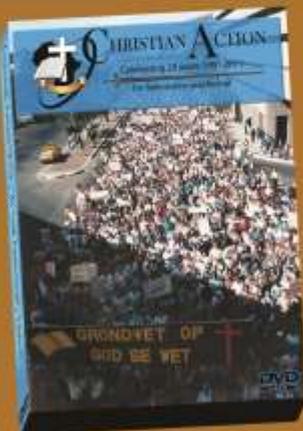
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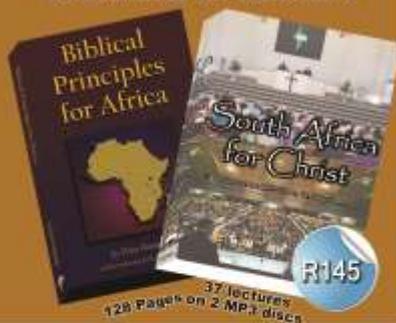


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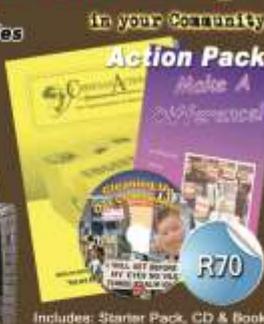
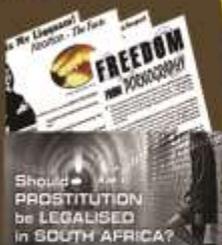
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