

Horace van Rensburg concludes his article on the damaging effects of pornography

Clear link between perverts and pornography

The direct link between the consumption of pornography and the heinous crimes of serial killers has been clearly and repeatedly established. American serial killer Ted Bundy declared in an interview given on the night before his execution (for murdering over 30 women and girls) that pornography was the common factor between all the serial killers and violent criminals that he had come into contact with during his eight years in jail.

And Bundy warned that the pornography that had led him on the addictive path to mass murder was mild compared to the material now available.

According to a 1985 FBI study in which jailed serial killers were interviewed, 81% reported that their biggest interest was in pornography. Mass murderer and cannibal Jeffrey Dahmer enticed his victims to his apartment by inviting them to watch

pornographic videos. When police searched Dahmer's apartment they found pornographic tapes strewn about the room, and pictures of naked men in various stages of dismemberment were displayed on the freezer in which skulls were found.

Why then do we as a society, and our government, tolerate the publication and sale of pornography, knowing that it contributes to the devastating social and criminal problems in our country?

The answer is that we have all been duped by a blatant lie, namely that publication of pornography is a form of freedom of expression and that the purchase of pornography is an exercise of freedom of choice. Nothing could be further from the truth. The great principles of freedom of expression and freedom of choice are fundamental to a democratic society, and must be protected at all costs.

Pornography is the unscrupulous,

unconscionable and abusive exploitation of these good principles for the purpose of making easy money. No freedoms are absolute: all freedoms have limits. We cannot and we must not allow the good provisions of our great new constitution to be abused to channel filth to our people by unscrupulous, money-grabbing enemies of decency and morality, who in the process corrupt our youth, and subject our children and women to degradation and sexual violence.

In the words of Martin Luther King: "Thank God Almighty, we are free at last." But beware that the achievement of freedom does not lead to the enslavement of our people by the evil tyranny of pornography.

The book *The Case Against Pornography* says: "The movement to legalise pornography is one with the movement to legalise drugs — and for motives that have little in common with John Stuart Mill's eloquent plea for liberty." It adds: "The last word must be with Plato, a man who

was more fearful of corruption through freedom than through tyranny".

David Mullany, editor of *Scope*, maintains in "Student Life" that one cannot speak of freedom of speech and outlaw hate or racist speech. "If ET says 'kill the kaffirs,' no one is really hurt. One should be free to advocate child porn and pederasty."

Pornographic magazines in South Africa publish photographs and materials imported from the US and other countries. South African money pays for these pornographic materials. In this way the production and sale of pornography is an insidious way of extracting money from South African citizens and transferring it into the pockets of organised crime bosses in other countries.

Pornography is a R70-billion industry worldwide, which is 85% controlled by organised crime. (It is these same crime bosses that control the international drugs trade which is currently flooding our country with

cocaine, crack, heroin, etc.)

We must be vigilant not to be duped by those who advocate, as a solution to the problem, 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.

Vulnerable and inquisitive children will still get their hands on pornographic magazines and videos. Paedophiles, rapists, sexual abusers of children, and serial killers, who have an insatiable and lascivious appetite for pornography as a sexual stimulant and as instruction manuals for their heinous crimes, will easily obtain all the pornography they need.

We must all, as decent and responsible South African citizens, together with our religious, community and political leaders, fight with all our might to cleanse our society of this threat to our stability, security and morality.

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