

A dissapointing response

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Dear Lara

Your response is appreciated.

We have been awaiting (since Nov 2002) your reaction with great anticipation. Our meeting with Mr. Lamani breathed a spirit of understanding and a willingness to accommodate. We explicitly pointed out to Mr. Lamani that the standard answers do not suffice. If acceptable, this campaign would have been unnecessary. The fact that far more than 200000 people from all walks of life have already voiced their concern, the meaningful support from various theologians and respectable persons, indicate that standard responses are not enough .

We are deeply disappointed by your response.

To start with, the first paragraphs are merely a (almost word for word) repeat of letters that have been sent to us in the past. We get the idea that our integrity is not appreciated. We clearly pointed out to Mr. Lamani that this type of reasoning would not get us

anywhere. The whole process is contra productive and in no way a step closer to a solution.

The meaningful arrangement by Ster Kinekor and Nu Metro places you in a difficult position. If these concerns conceded that there was indeed a need to address the issue, how is it that you cannot, for the sake of the continued support by license holders, be more accommodating ?

Blasphemy per definition (irrespective of what a person's perception of God may be) is to use the Name of God (or divinity) out of context. Most instances where the name God is used in TV programs are by definition blasphemous. We disagree with your statement that the SABC does not screen programs with blasphemous content.

The L classification is broad and subjective. What was considered bad taste a few years ago is now acceptable - especially within the Afrikaans community . When it comes to the Name of God we deal with an entirely different issue. Fact of the matter is that warnings are not always given, and believers find it repugnant to listen to the abuse of the Name of God. Violence, language, nudity etc. can be judged within the context of the program. Sometimes it is substantiated. The same does not apply to the abuse of God's Name.

Freedom of choice can only be exercised if information is available beforehand.

The P sign is almost never used.

We also have a problem that the reasonable expectations of a significant part of your clients are simply ignored. Most programs after watershed time has a warning that abusive language is being used. As believers we have no alternative but to turn to another channel . . . often just to be confronted with the same issue. Not all your viewers enjoy immorality, blasphemy and violence. It is the principle that is at stake. Don't expect viewers to subsidize a system that contradicts almost everything believers stand for . Our government preaches moral regeneration but how can that be achieved if God (who an appeal is made to no less than three times in the opening statement of our constitution) is blasphemed and ignored.

We furthermore disagree with the remark that content cannot be censored. (refer Prof van Rooyen, chairperson of the BCCSA).

We appeal that you will reconsider. We will do anything to meet with you and discuss alternatives. We honestly believe our proposal for a special classification is the best possible solution to this problem. We seek no confrontation with the SABC but have a moral obligation to be true to our convictions.

Please help us with a prompt response.

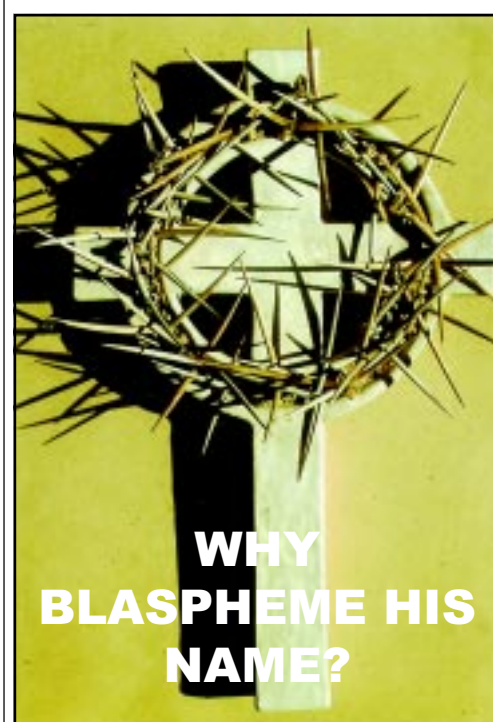
Yours - Rev Jannie Pelser

Also read letter on Page 6 and Page 1.

T hemde nou beskikbaar

Die Jesus Projek spog met 'n eie T hemp. Wit met die woorde "Die Jesus Projek" voorop, die woorde "Ex 20:7 sê nee" agterop, nou beskikbaar teen R40 pos en verpakking ingesluit .

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This touching poster available see page 8

Stand up for the Champion

This well known song communicates very important truths which are particularly applicable for the time we live in. We are a people of destiny. We have, like previous generations, been chosen by God to make a difference.

Universal and EMI gave permission for this song to be recorded within a Christian setting.

The organizers of Transformation further agreed for this song to be sung as runners enter the various stadiums on the 1st May. Brettian, a prominent recording company, recorded the song in English and Afrikaans. A number of other songs have also been included on the compilation CD. The main emphasis of all the songs is the holiness of God and the sanctity of His Name. Some of the songs include Your Majesty, Agnes Dei, Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrica, Blessed be the Name and My Redeemer lives. This winning CD is available from

Brettian (011 453-1432; 011 665-2516) or can be ordered from: The Jesus Project. PO Box 977, Rant en Dal, 1751. The cost of R100 include postage and package .

Stand up for the Champion
English words : Jannie Pelser

I was meant to be the best
Number one and nothing less
He leads me to my destiny
I have waited patiently
I have vision oh I believe
I know I can count on Him

Stand up for the Champion, for the Champion, stand up
Stand up, stand up, for the Champion,
for the Champion, stand up

Here I go, its getting close
I'll see His glory I want it most
Even though I fail the test
He'll lead and guide me to be the best
I have vision can you see

I'm on the move make way for me

Bridge:

When I fall down I know my God will pick me up.



Ondersoek wys misbruik duidelik uit

Die Jesus Projek is tans besig met 'n uitgebreide ondersoek na die omvang van misbruik op SABC en etv. Na twee weke dui voorlopige bevindinge op die volgende

- Die Naam van die Here is meer as 266 keer misbruik. Daarvan was minstens 73 keer op TV1, 90 keer op TV3 en 63 keer op etv.
- Daar was herhaalde misbruik in gesinstyd op TV1
- In die "Phat Joe Shoe" TV 1 het Johny Skidsmarks die Naam van die Here minstens 35 keer in een program misbruik.
- In die twee weke periode is die Naam van die Here minstens 66 keer in "The Bold and Beautiful" misbruik.
- Die program "Elevator" op etv het nie minder as 25 misbruike in een uur opgelewer nie - op Sondagaand!
- Daar was minstens 26 misbruike op Etv in sg. gesinstyd gedurende die periode.
- Op TV3 was daar minstens 31 misbruike in gesinstyd. In die program "My family" het dit 12 keer voorgekom "Survivor - Thailand" kon nie oorleef sonder 12 uitroep na God nie!

Dat die SABC volhou dat hulle geen misbruik van die Naam van die Here uitsaai nie gaan 'n mens se verstand te bowe.