

leave in order to save themselves **from their dirty language** or from their transgression.”

Swearing is so bad that even the angels cannot tolerate it. Ibn ‘Abbas said, “Two men defamed one another. One of them reviled the other who remained silent. The Prophet (p), remained seated. Then the other man answered him back & the Prophet (p) got up. He was asked, “You got up?” He said, “The angels left, so I left with them. While this man was silent, the angels were answering the one who cursed him. When he answered, the angels left.”

“What should be done with a person who calls a Muslim a dog, pig, or other offensive word? Is it a sin?” Imaam an-Nawawi said: “It is a sin and he should be punished. He also has to repent.” Being punished for calling your Muslim brother ‘dog’! And yet, we hear our youth calling each other ‘dog’ and much worse, in every sentence, while they think nothing of it!

What to do? The Prophet (p) said: “Whoever believes in God the Last Day must speak good or keep silent.” Some children are so foolish as to imagine that it makes them look big and like men if they season their speech with profane words. This is the mark of a weak mind; for a modest, simple, and candid way of speaking is one of the most pleasing ornaments of youth. Stay away from foul language, cussing and evil words, because YOU are a believer and a believer does not utter filthy words. Equally important is to stay away from people who speak such bad language. Because the more you hear it, the more desensitized one becomes to its evil, until a time comes when its not bad anymore.

Bad words show disrespect to those being spoken to and a total lack of self-respect. The one who stays away from filthy language is not being a prude or old-fashioned; rather he/she is a Mu’min and a follower of the one with the best manners ever...that is, the Prophet (p). Use of such evil words is disrespectful, plain and simple. It is not to be tolerated nor is it an acceptable behavior in Islam.

“Truly a person utters words to which they attach no importance, and by them they fall into the Fire, and truly a person utters words to which they attach no importance, and by them God raises them into the Garden.” Profanity never indicates high station or a well bred person. It is an evidence of low breeding, of limited ideas and a weak mind.

“**Not a word do you utter but there is a watcher by you ready to record it.**” (Surah Qaaf: 18)

Vulgar displays are viewed on TV on a nightly basis. Unseemly squabbles, comedy routines based on crossdressing jokes full of bawdy suggestiveness, high-pitched melodramatic theatrics by reality show judges who are forever moving between tantrums, exploitative headlines in the name of investigative reporting, up-the-skirt camera angles used to cover a new sporting phenomenon called the cheerleader, the list is a long, long one. The kind of people who dominate our screens are obvious vulgar attention-seeking mediocrities, but we allow them to manipulate us into following their actions.

Many people today cannot utter a sentence without using an obscene word, and that kind of speech has no place among believers. Especially since Freud, some try to make everything into a **veiled sexual reference**, and that kind of **pervasive double-meaning** is also excluded.

To be living in swinish self-indulgence, reveling in foul thoughts, foul words and unclean surroundings, and to be satisfied with oneself is deplorable. Browsing social media, walking the city, watching youtube videos one feels trapped in a cloud of mental cow-y pastoral unending flatulence. An ear-boggling tour of verbal depravity...VULGARITY!!! One feels an urgent need to get far enough away for some peace and quiet to think and shovel out the mental stench.

There are occasions when only vulgarities can express our revulsion at evil or injustice; certain impersonal, selfish, violent sex acts can only be described with terms as vulgar as the acts are perverse. At the same time, there is no room to pepper everyday conversation with vulgarities, or to use vulgar speech, as some do today, as a badge of hipness or authenticity. Normalizing vulgar speech weakens its power, and robs us of the strong language we draw on when the occasion demands.

Of course extremes are always harmful & excessive exhibition of anger is pathological, just as excessive hilarity is pathological. Moreover the contention that the use of expletives under appropriate circumstances is physiologically & emotionally healthful does not apply to wanton profanity, which has no physiological basis other than a weak mind or coarse associations.

All things which aid in man’s refinement—such as music, painting, poetry, manners—are servants and messengers of progress. May we alter our lives.

Right & wrong are clearly identified, & vulgarity is WRONG...the choice is ours.

Vulgar behaviour will convert beauty into **grotesque ugliness**

Vulgarity

If you can’t be interesting **without obscenity & profanity**, then let’s face it:

you’re not that interesting...

Such language induces moral paralysis

The Blessed Prophet (p) whose lips were pure said: “Be careful of vulgarity, for God doesn’t like vulgarity or a style that leads to vulgarity & Paradise is forbidden for every loose talker.” Swearing/Vulgarity is

out-of-control & has become a way of life on social media (women & girls feel no shame indulging in vulgarity...as if it has no consequences). Quran: **“Every ATOM’S weight of our actions will be taken into account.”** To be coarse, brutish, and snappish

may be natural to the beast, but the person who aspires to be even an endurable member of society (not to mention the higher selfhood), will at once purge away any such bestial traits that may possess them. The line which defines what we consider to be “proper, ethical or moral” is becoming more & more faint. We degrade ourselves when we imitate the brute.

“Self-respect/modesty is from faith, and faith is in Jannah. Obscenity is from rudeness, & rudeness is in the Fire.” In the

world & especially on social media the goodness of God has become lost in a **fog of vulgarity**. “Vulgarity is the effort of a weak mind to forcibly express itself”. Those with a limited vocabulary tend to use curse words instead of more informative adjectives. They are just immature & indisciplined.

“A Muslim is not a person who slanders, curses, speaks obscene words or is abusive.”

There are TWO ways of dealing with an issue such as vulgarity. Man’s punishment and God’s wisdom. We need both!!!

Under Georgia law, it is **illegal** to use *“obscene & vulgar or profane language in the presence of a female or of a male **under the age of 14.**”* No mere remnant of the past, the law was enacted in 1968. Such a law needs to be implemented in Guyana. It’s shocking that men & women feel no shame in using obscene language in front of children ... with absolutely no fear of being punished. Quranic Guidance: **‘Verily, Prayer prevents from shameful & vulgar deeds and every kind of evil wicked deed.’** (Quran 29:45)

Besides language...Vulgarity is in the way women dress. They show off too much...like their tattoos which are on their boobs & butts. They don’t know where the line is between sexy & vulgar. Vulgarity, is in reality, nothing but a modern, chic, pert descendant of the goddess **DULLNESS**. And why women should be abominated is, that they have been gifted with an enormous power for doing good, and they let this power **run to waste** through vulgar porn. And also vulgar thoughts on social media which are deadlier than the deadliest poison, and far more soul-corrupting. **Vulgar women are infinitely more heartless** than men. The faults of men are chiefly due to them.

Obscenity is any photograph, figure, picture, write up, video or a public act which corrupts the minds & appeals to the prurient interests. The media has played a major role in promoting obscenity by way of semi-

nude ads, videography, news in the form of soft-porn. They are certainly putting at stake the moral values of an entire generation just for a little more circulation, readership, viewership & money. Those in “power” has pushed a culture of vulgarity in both the print and broadcast media, acting on the mistaken impression that they are giving the public what they want. The effect this subversion has had on the nation’s well-being has been extremely destructive.

Women & children are the worst hit by the growth & exposure to obscenity. There is a direct link between the violence being shown in media and the actual act of violence against women. The cases of molestation, sexual harassment & rape are on the rise because of the constant bombardment of sex, nudity & violence in the media. And its non-stop mind pollution.

The Quran (24:19) explains what happens to those who propagate nudity and vulgarity in the society: ‘Surely, those who like that **lewdness spreads** among the believers, for them there is painful punishment in this world & the Hereafter’. What is more painful that to have your name disgraced in this world...ask Harvey Weinstein whose films spread obscenity worldwide.

Obscenity is also leading to the young generation’s growing interest in indulging in sexual activities, further causing problems such as premarital sex, teenage pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases. Future threats because of this open show of obscenity is the harmful loss of ethics in the coming generations (if there is any future generation). One of the signs of the **LAST DAYS** is vulgarity.

Where marriage is considered a pure bond & sex serves a valuable purpose of sharing love and purity, obscenity is warping this bond with a grotesque meaning of an animal act, for the purpose of fulfilling one’s sexual needs – the female body becoming a mere object.

The Prophet (p) said: “The believer is not a slanderer, one who curses a great deal, one who indulges in obscenity or who engages in foul talk.” So how has foul language come to infect a Muslim’s life? “What the —!” “Hey you, —, how are you?” “Where in the — have you been?” WTF, LMFAO. FFS. IDGAF. HAF. POS. NFW. Social media has given life to vulgar acronyms which are used by men & women, boys & girls & Muslimahs. The

conversation of the average Muslim youth talking to each other is riddled with expletives, bad words and curses. In fact, foul language is often heard as part of their everyday life at school, universities & work place.

Using the words ‘hell’ and calling each other ‘dog’ and ‘gay’ like it’s nothing. And these are some of the more ‘decent’ words. There are other, much worse words that are totally unmentionable.

These Muslim youth, like their non-Muslim peers, seem to be completely desensitized to the use of foul and offensive words, including many that make others cringe with shame and embarrassment.

Yet, when you reprimand them for using such language, what do they say? “O come on! This is how everyone talks!” or “This is how I ‘express’ myself. or “We don’t mean it in a bad way, we’re just joking around with each other!” Calling each other bad names and using foul language! Since when did that become a ‘joke’? Since when did cussing become part of a Muslim’s vocabulary?

Tabdullah bin ‘Amr said: “The Prophet (p) never used bad language. He used to say ‘The best amongst you are those who have the best manners and character.’ There is nothing manly nor humorous in profanity or obscene language. It is an indication of a weak mind rather than a strong one. Cut it out!

What God says about cursing: “.....nor defame one another, nor insult one another by nicknames. How bad is it, to insult one’s brother after having Faith [i.e. to call your Muslim brother as: “O sinner”, or “O wicked”]. Whosoever does not repent, then such are indeed wrong-doers. (Surah Hujaraat: 11)

Using foul language is a sin, even in joke & this is a characteristic of the people of Hellfire. The Prophet (p) said: “The inmates of Hell are of five types....” And among them he mentioned “the miser, the liar & those who are in the habit of abusing people & **using obscene language.**”

Know that people who use bad words and have dirty mouths will be one of the worst people on the Day of Judgment. The Prophet (p) said: “O ‘Aisha! Have you ever seen me speaking bad & dirty language? Remember that the worst people in God’s sight on the Day of Resurrection will be those whom the people

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