

But Its Not Really That Bad...Is It?

Below is an email that was posted on Brad Harrub's Facebook page. Please read the warning that he wrote prior to the email and read at your discretion, but, please read it. This is a problem that has plagued our society long enough and it is now tearing at the seams of the Lord's church. Far too many people are taken in by this allure of Satan's vomit. If one were to take a look at the statistics of ruined lives, not merely the participants or observers but the lives completely destroyed, by this "Elephant," he/she would get quite a shock. The troubling thing is that our Nation is leading the way to this disturbing atrocity ([Check Here](#)). So many do their dead level best to support and defend the porn industry (if it could even be called that), yet we call it an addiction, an illness, and support it with national hotlines and treatment centers. This "Elephant" could be described as monstrous, similar to the "Nothing" from The Never Ending Story with an appetite for destruction consuming all in its wake. Please, read Brother Harrub's comments and the following email from a Christian lady who's life has been utterly destroyed, physically, and psychologically, then consider if you were wearing her shoes.

(This information has been shared with the consent of Brad Harrub prior to posting)

THE ELEPHANT IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Yesterday I wrote an article on internet pornography that will appear in Think magazine in the future. I wish I didn't have to write it...but it has become the elephant in the room that we all know deep down is there but we don't talk about.

The following is an email from a Christian woman who contacted our office recently. I will warn you ahead of time there is some GRAPHIC LANGUAGE--and you will quickly sense her anger. [If you are under the age of 15 please stop reading now!] The original letter was 13 pages long...and will bring you to tears. I didn't feel comfortable sharing all of the details, but I hope you will read this and pass it along to others. Before you ask or question why I would post such a letter, she specifically requested we share her thoughts and her story with others. Her prayer is that other women will not have to struggle with what she is struggling with. I apologize if you find this offensive, that is not my intention. Rather, I want everyone to see what pornography is doing to Christian homes. This lady--or her story--may well be in your own church family. Brad

I started this email weeks ago but I don't have much computer access without my husband around. He doesn't know I'm writing you but I don't care, I'm in terrible trouble and need help and prayers. I've spent that last 8 months trying to work this out with just he and I, but it's not getting better. Quite the contrary and his philosophy is just to push forward. Well I can't push forward and drag rotten baggage along with me. He says to let it go, fine for him to say because it wasn't him that was made to feel like a piece of worthless crap for 10 yrs. It wasn't him watching me get turned on by other men, making him feel replaced in the most intimate setting, replaced not only in the physical but in his mind as well. I was never supposed to have to share him intimately in body or mind even if there was never another actual person in the room with him or us. We were supposed to be exclusive in body and mind, till death do us part.

Just so you know my husband and I have not viewed any porn together since late Nov 2011. Last July 2011, I told him I could tolerate it no longer, that I was feeling betrayed by him by us watching it together or if he did any watching by himself. Sometimes it was porn, other times it was highly sexualized movies with lots of sex & naked women. Even though I said I didn't want anymore to do with it we found that he was having some sexual dysfunction and low testosterone issues, and very foolishly I was the one that suggested using it to help aid that problem. Of course it only made things worse.

Maybe a little background is in order. My husband grew up in the Church, he's a preachers son and had very active, good strong Christian parents.

What really started to tear me to pieces was watching him enjoy this stuff more and more, here were all these very beautiful women willing to do absolutely anything and there was no way I could compete or compare to any one of them. My self-esteem was and is pretty non existent. Not only that but here was the man who I thought was SO different, but during this journey of evil I learned all the basest things about him, what he REALLY thinks about and wants. I realized I don't think I really know him at all, maybe I never did and I've just been THE biggest fool on earth. My heart is broken beyond belief, I don't know that I will ever feel the same about my husband and yet I love him with all my heart. He just doesn't seem all that upset by what we were doing, what is upsetting him is my inability to let it go and move on. I DO want things to be right, last summer I did everything to make it right but it seems worse than ever. How can this be? I've repented, I've stopped, I suffered terribly through all of it, haven't I paid the price??

But here I am!!!! And I am so beyond angry I'm about out of my mind. I truly feel like I'm going to snap! I can't even pray properly, I literally cry everyday, especially before falling asleep, most nights I don't sleep at all or only for a few hours. I've tried talking to my husband but it just turns into a screaming argument, which for us is so rare. We were honestly, the couple that never argued. It's torture to be so incredibly angry at someone you love so deeply. It's killing me! He doesn't seem to understand the level of devastation, he says that we put that all behind us so lets' move forward. But I can't, the unbearable pain of 10 yrs of it just doesn't move on and go away. It obviously hasn't effected him like it has me. In fact he was pretty upset when I finally confessed to him last summer just how horrible this has made me feel. HE was brokenhearted (his word) and said he felt foolish thinking that I was just as into as him and that this was something we were "sharing" as a couple. I ask you, on what planet does any Christian woman want to share what is supposed to be exclusively HERS with a bunch of porn whores??

So to top it off, in addition to all of that I notice him watching other women, ALL the time. When I complained he got irritated, saying that I was mistaking him just looking at or noticing "people" in general. This has happened numerous times since last summer, and EVERYWHERE we go women are dressed in tight revealing clothes with lots of cleavage available.

I have cried every day and night for 2 months, I am in a full depression and feel sick to my stomach and my heart races every time I even see an attractive woman. I have truly come to Hate all women! This is no joke, I cannot stand the sight of any of them, I truly hate them. I know how awful this sounds (again apologies to your wife) but his behavior has made any attractive or provocative woman a threat to me.

He was a leader and worker in the Church, he was and is at every service, meeting, singing and truly loves God and wants to be obedient and go to Heaven. I know he feels at least some guilt over the porn and what it's done to me but not nearly what I would expect from the man I thought I knew. If you had told me 20 yrs ago that this would have happened to us, (if I believed in gambling) I would have bet every dime I had and more that you'd be wrong! NEVER, in my wildest dreams would I have thought I'd be feeling like this about my marriage, my husband and other females. Never! The devastation to my soul, to my mind is beyond bearable right now.

So I want you, in your next public sermon about porn, try to make the men especially, understand that it devastates the women in their life even more profoundly than it does themselves AND it's their God commanded responsibility to protect their wives and themselves from it. Don't be so stinking weak, show them what happened to me after 28 1/2 yrs of marriage and don't let down your guard thinking it or something like it can't happen to you.

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