## Apologetics315.com Website Guidelines

Apologetics315 has a set of website guidelines that describes what type of content we will not allow on Apologetics315.com. Apologetics315 is an evangelical Christian ministry, and we expect users & content curators and creators to follow good Christian ethics online. These basic guidelines apply to everyone equally. Our policies aim to allow apologists and those interested in learning apologetics a broad freedom to discuss worldview issues in a constructive manner.

We expect all persons to be respectful, not to bully, harass, spam, or scam individuals, and not to produce or share sexually explicit content. We will not allow content with words commonly associated as swearing, slurs, or vulgar insults. We will not allow accounts that impersonate other people, ministries, or organizations. We require all users to identify themselves with their legal name (or otherwise closely identifiable name such as a nickname or middle name), unless operating from an IP address located in a governmental Christian-hostile country (e.g. country where Sharia law is enforced and a person's identity places their well-being at risk). We find no need for Americans to use pseudonyms, and believe it to be conducive toward a lack of accountability and integrity.¹ Any professional apologist seeking to teach or lead other Christians by being a ministry representative of Christ should be of such a character so as to place their public reputation in jeopardy (2 Timothy 1:8, 1 Peter 4:16, Romans 1:16)

No nudity or gory images allowed. We will make few exceptions to this if the material is strictly for formal, educational or documentary purposes (e.g. speaking about sexual organs to argue in support of traditional sexual relationships, showing images of warfare, etc.).

Plagiarism (taking someone else's research/content and promoting it as your own) will not be tolerated. We will allow clips from movies and music (with proper credit being given) under the terms of the Free and Fair Use doctrine of United States copyright law (e.g., analysis/critique of a pastor's sermon is clearly Free and Fair Use).

If you have any doubt as to whether your planned content would violate these guidelines, kindly contact us so we can review ahead of publication.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A stage name, on the other hand, is a common way to refer to someone without keeping secret their real identity. For example, "Apostate Prophet" would be a stage name for the person known as "Ridvan Aydemir." A stage name without a publicly known, legal name will be considered a pseudonym.

These guidelines may be subject to review at any time; when they are updated you will be notified. The receipt of these guidelines indicates your awareness of them, and your material will be subject to them moving forward unless you notify us of your disagreement.

If your content violates these guidelines, we will remove the content and send you an email to let you know. If this is your first time violating our guidelines, you will likely get a warning with no penalty to your channel. We reserve the right to terminate your channel or account for repeated, or any egregious case of, violations of the guidelines