

THE PORN EPIDEMIC

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“...human brains are actually being merged with computer intelligence. Rather than viewing games on a screen, users can now experience the program from within their own nervous systems; as though it were an extension of their mind...procedure inserts nanobots...”

(“2039 Full Immersion Virtual Reality”, Future Timeline, Accessed January 4, 2016, http://www.futuretimeline.net/21stcentury/2039.htm#full_immersion_virtual_reality)

“When the user wishes to experience a simulated reality, ... suppressing all of the inputs coming from the real senses and replacing them with signals corresponding to the virtual environment...”

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“...from business to education, training, healthcare, engineering, design, media and entertainment.” (“2039 Full Immersion Virtual Reality”, Future Timeline, Accessed January 4, 2016, http://www.futuretimeline.net/21stcentury/2039.htm#full_immersion_virtual_reality)

“Tech giants are in an arms race to put this technology in your living room...” (Jennifer Booton, “Porn industry’s billion-dollar new frontier”, Market Watch, July 26, 2015, <http://www.marketwatch.com/story/how-the-future-of-virtual-reality-depends-on-porn-2015-07-15>)

“Samsung Electronics announced a partnership with the NBA to shoot behind-the-scenes and live-action footage that may one day bring the courtside-seat experience to the general population.” (Jennifer Booton, “Porn industry’s billion-dollar new frontier”, Market Watch, July 26, 2015, <http://www.marketwatch.com/story/how-the-future-of-virtual-reality-depends-on-porn-2015-07-15>)

“VirtualRealPorn, which has been producing virtual-reality adult films since January 2014, makes money by selling subscriptions: a 15-day trial for 5.95 euros, a month-to-month plan for €15.95, a three-month contract for €29.95 and a one-year contract for €89.95.” (Jennifer Booton, “Porn industry’s billion-dollar new frontier”, Market Watch, July 26, 2015, <http://www.marketwatch.com/story/how-the-future-of-virtual-reality-depends-on-porn-2015-07-15>)

“The initial filming struggles prompted VirtualRealPorn to build its own custom cameras to shoot in 360-degree stereoscopic 3D. ‘There are many things to change in the shooting regarding the actor and actress positions,

distances to the cameras, poses, etc.,” said VirtualRealPorn spokeswoman Linda Wells.” (Jennifer Booton, “Porn industry’s billion-dollar new frontier”, Market Watch, July 26, 2015, <http://www.marketwatch.com/story/how-the-future-of-virtual-reality-depends-on-porn-2015-07-15>)

“GoPro Inc. GPRO, +1.12% became the first mainstream consumer technology company to try and bring virtual-reality production capabilities to everyone when it announced a cube shaped mount in May that can hold six of its action cameras. The footage can be pieced together into 360-degree video segments using technology from Kolor, a virtual-reality production company GoPro bought at the end of April. But for what it’s worth, virtual-reality production remains in infant stages.” (Jennifer Booton, “Porn industry’s billion-dollar new frontier”, Market Watch, July 26, 2015, <http://www.marketwatch.com/story/how-the-future-of-virtual-reality-depends-on-porn-2015-07-15>)

“...designed to be so powerful and immersive it tricks people into believing they are fully present in a simulated world. The porn industry has taken that step further, partnering with makers of digitally-connected sex toys – a budding field known as teledildonics – to sync virtual videos with the physical movements of toys.” (Jennifer Booton, “Porn industry’s billion-dollar new frontier”, Market Watch, July 26, 2015, <http://www.marketwatch.com/story/how-the-future-of-virtual-reality-depends-on-porn-2015-07-15>)

“‘You’ll put on 3D glasses and the woman or man will proposition you. And in some cases it’ll be interactive – you could say ‘Take off your clothes’.” (Stuart Jeffries, “Psychologist Philip Zimbardo: ‘Boys Risk Becoming Addicted to Porn, Video Games and Ritalin’”, The Guardian, May 9, 2015, <http://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2015/may/09/philip-zimbardo-boys-are-a-mess>)

A popular cam site is hoping that our brave new world of high-tech lovin' has plenty of people in it that want virtual 'sex' with cam models. Next month, CamSoda is launching a new virtual-reality (VR) platform that will allow patrons to physically 'interact' with performers via teledildonics, a.k.a. connected and coordinating sex toys--technology that's long been bound by patent law, but which soon may finally be let loose.

The site aims to give visitors the fuller VR experience thanks to 'female'- and 'male'-designed stimulators from Kiiroo, which feed "pressure data" from a female performer's toy to a remote viewer's responsive male masturbator, or 'sleeve,' in real time. According to the company, "This

replicates a real life experience creating pulsating vibrations on each end with each person." CamSoda president Daron Lundeen explained in a press release, "We want to provide our users with a unique experience that constantly stimulates their imagination."

CamSoda already maintains a house-ful of brick-and-mortar chat rooms for VR-ready and more traditional performances, and promises to staff "a diverse team of models to entertain viewers at all times" with the new platform's launch. Tech-savvy fans of the site can also look forward to weekly "special events," the company boasts, "pushing the limits of virtual reality and bringing the user into the models' world."

In addition to previously unknown realms of self-pleasure, perhaps, the platform's launch may herald an era of new action in the teledildonics industry after years of drought. Over the past decade or so, sex-tech innovators such as FriXion, Vibease, LovePalz, OhMiBod, and Comingle have found their various forays into teledildonics blocked by a wide-ranging patent on such technology, Ars Technica explains. As The Verge points out, however, the rights held by one HasSex, Inc.-- "[which] seems to have been created solely for the purpose of licensing this very patent," according to the tech news site--is nearing its end.

The service launches August 1, and would-be participants can get the gear they'll need for remote stimulation from CamSoda's site. If VR cam sex doesn't pan out, of course, users can still utilize their Kiiroo Onyx or Pearl device for remote encounters with real-life partners, and with other strangers and performers via Kiiroo's own platforms (no word yet on female-focused virtual sessions in the CamSoda House).

According to Engadget, the company's current VR platform (sans teledildonics) leaves a fair bit to be desired, and has encountered such mood-altering glitches as connection problems, stream lags, and even a cameo from "a large, male crew member [stepping] on set to adjust a piece of equipment."

Only time and perhaps biofeedback data will tell whether such remote-controlled 'mutual' masturbation plays a big role in future sexuality, but the platform may have critics of VR-overloadworrying in the mean time that maybe T.S. Eliot was wrong--that our world does, in fact, end with a bang.

(Forbes, July 21, 2016, "This VR Platform Invites Users To Have Virtual Sex With Real Performers," <https://www.forbes.com/sites/janetwburns/2016/07/21/teledildonics-platform-lets-you-have-virtual-sex-with-performers/#4429631238c5>)

Ben Bennett



BEN BENNETT

SPEAKER | AUTHOR

Ben grew up in Virginia Beach, Virginia and met Christ at an early age. After being heavily involved in Cru throughout college, and developing a great desire to see college students transformed by the gospel, he joined their staff in 2011.

For over 10 years of his life, Ben battled a porn addiction and other forms of habitual sexual sin before coming to lasting freedom through a Biblical and clinical approach to sexual addiction recovery.

Ben currently resides in Dallas, Texas and serves with Josh McDowell Ministry as an author, speaker, and evangelist supporting the health and restoration of men and women struggling with woundedness, habitual sin, and sexual brokenness.

For more than fifty years, Josh McDowell has been at the forefront of cultural trends and groundbreaking ministry. Ben will serve alongside Josh, writing, speaking and shining the light of Christ into the darkest places, and helping believers be prepared to share with confidence, knowing the reason why Christianity is reliable, relational and relevant to our lives.

Ben is available to speak on:

iGen for Jesus | Overcoming Sin & Setbacks | You, Me, We | Wholeness In A Sex Saturated World | Relevant, Reliable, Relational: The Bible?



WHO'S TALKING ABOUT BEN?



"Ben speaks from personal experience of the freedom Christ offers each and every troubled heart. It is such a delight for me to hear Ben speak for his generation in such a relevant, reliable, and relational way."

-Dr. Ted Roberts // Pastor, Counselor, and Founder of Pure Desire Ministries

"While many young people today struggle with hurt, mental health issues, and addictions, few have a story of freedom to share like Ben's that renews hope, gives a roadmap to healing, and inspires next steps. I've personally benefited greatly from what Ben has to share and I think many people in all walks of life will too."

-Karl Armentrout // Cru National Conference and Events Director

"My hidden sin had me imprisoned in silence, guilt, and secrets for years. When I attended Ben's session, he shared his journey of liberty from sin, and I felt the Holy Spirit moving and convicting me. Through Ben's personal encouragement and passion for sharing the love of God, I shared my darkest sin with others and began the journey of healing and freedom through Jesus and His wonderful people. Thank you Ben."

-Marylyn // Texas College Student

Ben is the author of:

Living Free

FLESH SERIES: Sex, Lust, Porn and The Christian

Josh, Ben, and Jake are launching a movement focused on speaking, equipping, and connecting individuals to solutions to overcoming unwanted struggles.

Through interactive speaking, digital content, and practical next step resources, God is raising up a generation of young people who are passionate about following Jesus wholeheartedly and working through the setbacks and sin that hinder them.



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Jake was raised where the buffalo still do roam. His family owns a 3000 acre cattle ranch in Wyoming. His adventurous heart was pursued and captivated by Jesus as far back as memory serves. His passion to see Jesus bring life to all was bolstered in his master's degree thesis work on how pornography negatively affects the church.

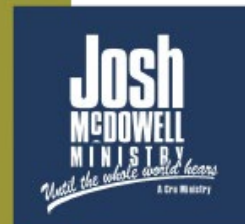
His 13 year journey with a porn addiction crushed his passion and compelled him to seek true freedom, which was found through Christian sexual addiction recovery.

Jake resides in Dallas, Texas and serves with the Josh McDowell ministry as a developing author, speaker, storyteller and evangelist, supporting the health and restoration of men and women struggling with porn and sexual brokenness.

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Jake is available to speak on:

When God Talks | Empowered to Live Life Fully Alive | Connections that Count
Wholeness in A Sex Saturated World | Unshakable Truth // Live for Love



WHO'S TALKING ABOUT JAKE?



Jake is wholesome, invigorating and smart. His ability to speak is only surpassed by his contagious love for Christ and the Scripture. He wins the hearts and minds of students through stories."

-Josh D. McDowell // Author/Speaker

Jake communicates with compassion for the wounded and broken and has an authentic desire to see people healed and set free. God's work through his message has been a beacon of hope that has empowered struggling students to find freedom and live wholehearted.

-Sherry Broesamle // Field Director of People & Culture, CRU

Jake's heart and passion is to participate in and see God heal wounds and restore people.

-Austin Adams // Family Pastor, Crossroads Community Church

Jake passionately plants seeds of gospel hope and invites people to live wholeheartedly for the glory of God. His message is culturally relevant, Gospel focused, and needed wherever young people are gathering!

-Kurt Sauder // Author, Speaker, Radio Host, Further Still Ministries

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Alex McClellan serves with Josh McDowell Ministry, a Cru ministry (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ). An effective communicator with international experience, Alex is passionate about engaging others with the gospel, and he has joined our team to share the truth of Christ – until the whole world hears.

For more than fifty years, Josh McDowell has been at the forefront of cultural trends and groundbreaking ministry. Alex will serve alongside Josh, writing, speaking and shining the light of Christ into the darkest places, and helping believers be prepared to share with confidence, knowing the reason why Christianity is reliable, relational and relevant to our lives.

Alex is available to speak on:

You Can Handle the Truth! | How To Find The Meaning Of Life
Reasons To Believe In The Resurrection | Will The Real Jesus Please Stand Up | How Do You Make Sense of Suffering? | Can We Trust The Bible? | Be Prepared to Share (1 Peter 3) | Be Prepared to Shine (Matthew 5) and more . . .



WHO'S TALKING ABOUT ALEX?



"Alex is a winsome and effective communicator who understands how skeptics view the gospel and the questions they raise...I enthusiastically recommend his work."

—Ravi Zacharias, Ravi Zacharias International Ministry

"Alex's ministry has been immensely beneficial to the church in helping to train, equip and prepare God's people for the task of bringing the gospel to the world and the world to Christ."

—Wayne Sutton, Senior Pastor, Carrubbers Christian Centre, Edinburgh, Scotland.

"Alex is gifted in providing a strong intellectual and culturally relevant expression of the Christian faith and this has been a powerful way for our students to build their own foundation in Christ and His Word."

—Peter Thomas, National Director, Capernwray Bible School, Australia

Alex is the author of:

A Jigsaw Guide to Making Sense of the World (InterVarsity Press, 2012)

A Jigsaw Guide to the Meaning of Life (JG2P, 2016)

A Jigsaw Guide to Sharing Your Faith (JG2P, 2016)

Alex and Sheryl have been married for over twenty years and have three children: Sophia, Moriah and Asher. The family lived in Scotland, UK, before relocating to the USA, and they currently reside in San Diego, California.



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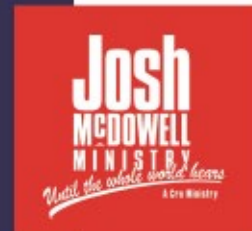
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Josh McDowell has been at the forefront of cultural trends and groundbreaking ministry for more than 54 years. He shares the essentials of the Christian faith in everyday language so that people of all ages and stages can know Christ, understand what they believe and why it is true, and learn how to live, share and defend their faith.

Well known as an articulate speaker, Josh has spoken to approximately 35 million people, in 140 countries. Josh has written or co-authored more than 150 books in over 100 languages including *More Than a Carpenter* with over 27 million copies distributed and *Evidence That Demands a Verdict*, named one of the twentieth century's top 40 books and one of the thirteen most influential books of the last 50 years on Christian thought by World Magazine. *Evidence That Demands a Verdict* also just won the 2018 Evangelical Christian Publishers Association award in the Bible Reference Book category.

Josh is available to speak on:

Relationships | Parenting | Reliability of Scripture | My Journey
Self Image | Sexual Integrity | Truth in Today's Culture



WHO'S TALKING ABOUT JOSH?



"This has helped me more than any other kind of seminar on speaking"
-Cru Staff Member, Young Communicators Seminar

"His message spoke to all of us but certainly impacted the hearts and minds of the teens the most."
-Alpha Women's Center of Grand Rapids Staff Member

"Youth leaders and teachers spoke to us for weeks after the dinner telling us his message opened paths to discussion of needs with their groups."
- Ministry Leader and Event Host

"Josh's message was a deep examination of God's truth made relevant for your contemporary, apathetic youth culture."
-Tim Rickman, High School Principal, Wesleyan Education Center

Josh McDowell is an award-winning author and international speaker. He has written or co-written more than 150 books--some in over 100 languages--and has spoken to approximately 35 million people in 140 countries.

Josh and his wife Dottie have been married 46 years. They have four children and ten grandchildren.



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