

Cartoon Network Hits New Low With Blasphemous 'Black Jesus'

, an action-focused division of American Family Association, is urging Americans to contact the originators of new late-night programming on the Cartoon Network that portrays Jesus as a foul-mouthed, violent man with a message of anything but love.

Late-night shows on the Cartoon Network fall under the block known as "Adult Swim," and a new program in the lineup includes the non-animated show *Black Jesus*, which portrays the Son of God as a "black guy living in the hood." The blasphemous, irreverent and disrespectful show depicts him living in Compton Gardens and makes a mockery of the Lord.

Cartoon Network recently posted on YouTube a trailer for the show, which debuts Aug. 7, and frequent foul language in the trailer alone is shocking and disgusting. In addition, violence, gunfire, drinking and other inappropriate behavior completely misrepresent Jesus.

"The garbage that passes for entertainment continues to disturb us," said AFA President Tim Wildmon. "This new show is a complete misrepresentation of Jesus Christ and the message of hope and salvation He brings to the world. Even the three-minute trailer was too vile to watch, with multiple uses of the f-word by the actor portraying *Black Jesus*. Christians and anyone who believes in respecting faith must come together to make sure this program never airs."

Yesterday, One Million Moms Director Monica Cole sent an email alert urging concerned families to help stop the premiere.

"Adult Swim plans to blaspheme Jesus on a weekly basis. ...

(and) the entire program will be based on lies about Christianity.

"One Million Moms will defend our Savior, because He is Holy!" she continued. "Adult Swim is obviously not a family network, and this program is set to air later in the evening when children should be asleep, but that is no excuse. Adult Swim has crossed the line by belittling the Christian religion with foul jokes."

One Million Moms and the American Family Association are encouraging Americans to send a loud and clear message to Adult Swim, its owner Turner Broadcasting System Inc. (a Time Warner Company) and all potential advertisers on *Black Jesus* that this kind of programming is insulting and unacceptable.

"If we speak with one voice now, we can keep this program from ever seeing the light of day," Cole wrote. "Christians must take a stand and not be silent. Networks like Adult Swim continue to mock Christianity, and we will not stand for it. Christians should no longer sit idly by and allow this blasphemy to continue without speaking up in protest. 'Black Jesus' is another attempt to distort the truth about Christianity."

The online Action Alert enables visitors to send an email directly to Adult Swim and Turner Broadcasting, which reads:

As a parent and a member of , I strongly encourage Adult Swim and Time Warner Company to drop all plans to air the anti-Christian program Black Jesus. This show is another attempt to distort the truth about Christianity. Your network is making a mockery of my Lord and Savior. Your blasphemous show completely misrepresents the characteristics of Jesus and is based on lies about Christianity.

As a Christian, I feel you are attacking my faith. This type of programming is insulting and completely unacceptable. People of faith will not tolerate Jesus being ridiculed.

I am prepared to join thousands of other voices in urging advertisers to place it on their "do not advertise" list in protest of this anti-Christian bigotry. I urge Adult Swim and Time Warner to cancel this Christian-bashing program immediately!

I look forward to hearing from you regarding my concern.